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To all Parents/Carers,   8.11.19

Welcome back to another busy half term at Markeaton!

What better way to end the week than with a few photos from our Connecting Classrooms project. For those of you that may have missed it, Mrs Beddington, Miss Hughes and Miss Gaskin are currently in Tanzania at Living Hope Primary, just outside Morogoro. It is all part of the British Council led project called 'Connecting Classrooms' – with the desired outcome being a wholesome and sustainable partnership being formed with a school in Africa. In around about June time, teachers from Living Hope Primary and other neighbouring schools will be visiting us at Markeaton and we cannot wait! So far, by all accounts, the experience has been incredible and we are looking forward to hearing all about it when they return. Please take a look at our Twitter page for more photos.

In other news, we found out just before half term that we have been successful with another lottery grant. We have received almost £10,000 and it will be used to create an outdoor gymnasium and sensory space by Bromley House. For as long as I can remember it has been a space which requires a little bit of 'TLC' so this will hopefully go a long way towards that! Watch out for more photos as the work progresses.

And finally, just a few more items to mention. Firstly, thank you to those parents/carers that have spoken to me about the Ofsted report. It feels like a lifetime ago now but all your positive comments have been very welcome. Secondly, next week is Parent/Carer Evening – if you haven't booked an appointment, it's not too late! Lastly, if you wish to contact your child's class teacher, **please do not email the teacher directly**. Please email the office (admin@markeaton.derby.sch.uk) and they will forward it accordingly as soon as possible.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr I. Johnson