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Michael Bargl, Susanne Crecelius from Rotary Club of Aschaffenburg after a monitoring meeting with Stella, headteacher of Tadala abc Primary School



A dance performance by Tadala abc Primary School dance crew.

COMING UP IN NOVEMBER

1. **MATCH Foundation Staff to Undergo Capacity Strengthening with Non-Profit Builder Africa**
2. **Launch of the School's Mental Health Clubs**

Tadala abc Primary School Celebrates 1st Anniversary

On September 20, 2024, Tadala abc Primary School marked a significant milestone as it celebrated its first anniversary. The school community, along with distinguished guests, gathered to commemorate the remarkable progress made in the past year. The event showcased the school's academic achievements, with students impressing the audience with their presentations and performances.



Standard 5 students bring stories to life through their engaging dialogue performance

Susanne Crecelius, representing the Rotary Club of Aschaffenburg, from Germany delivered an inspiring speech emphasizing the importance of hard work and dedication. She shared the story of Tadala Ngosi, our founder and executive director who achieved her goals through a combination of academic excellence and athletic pursuits.

The headmistress, Mrs. Stella Pungulani, highlighted the school's impressive academic growth, attributing it to the implementation of effective after-school programs and availability of resources. She also acknowledged the positive impact of the newly established library and upcoming feeding program. A representative from ministry of education praised the Rotary Club of Aschaffenburg for through the Rotary International for their funding towards the school construction and thanked the MATCH Foundation team for providing access to quality education to vulnerable students in the rural area.

One of the students Chinsisi Chimchere who was formerly a school drop-out expressed his heartfelt appreciation for the support, emphasizing how it has transformed his life by providing access to quality education and opportunities for personal growth. The anniversary celebration concluded with a sense of accomplishment, highlighting the 75% pass rate from the previous year as the major milestone compared to 45% from the surrounding schools.

MATCH Foundation Hosts National Fundraising Tennis Tournament



Our talented MATCH Athletes with their international partners

The one-year anniversary charity tennis tournament at Tadala abc Primary School on September 28, 2024, brought together players from across Malawi and international tennis enthusiasts. The event aimed to raise funds for vulnerable students at the school, supporting feeding programs. As the matches unfolded, audiences witnessed exceptional talent and sportsmanship, with fierce competition balanced by a strong sense of companionship and friendship among participants.

Ramesh and Ivy emerged as the tournament champions, followed by Mathews and Angella in second place, with Ronald & Tadala and Tingo & Patricia securing the third spot. Beyond the competitive aspect, the event was a resounding success in terms of attendance and charitable contributions. The generous support from audiences and donors ensured that the tournament would have a significant impact on those in need.

As the day concluded, a sense of accomplishment filled the atmosphere. The organizers, lifted by the event's success, immediately began planning for the following year's tournament. They expressed their gratitude to all participants and supporters, promising to deliver an even more impactful and memorable experience in the future. The event stood as a testament to the power of community and the positive influence of sports in bringing people together for a worthy cause.

MATCH Foundation Welcomes Funders from Germany.

In the warm heart of Africa, we say, "a home that welcomes visitors is a blessed home." And in the month of September, we felt the warmth of this ancient wisdom as it was graced by the presence of friends and funders from Germany.

On the 14th of September, with a lot of excitement we welcomed our dearest friends Urs and Fabian who were visiting for the third and 1st time respectively. Their visit was a whirlwind of joy and lots of learning from each other. They spent time with our student-athletes at Tadala abc Primary School and Bingu National Stadium, sharing laughter and stories while generously donating sports and school supplies. Their enthusiasm extended beyond the classroom and tennis courts, as they joined on a home visit to one of the MATCH Foundation's athletes to better understand where the majority of the beneficiaries come from creating unforgettable memories with them and lending a helping hand wherever needed during their 8 days visit.

On 24th September we welcome Elisabeth Maasjost and Tim from the Malawi-Germany Association based in Germany who were also visiting the country for other projects. The two had heard remarkable things about the foundation and took time from their busy schedule to join us for a tour both at the Bingu National Stadium and the Tadala abc Primary School. This was a great networking opportunity for our team.

On the 26th of September, Michael Bargl and Susanne Crecelius arrived, eager to celebrate the Tadala abc Primary's first anniversary. The two were representing the International Rotary through the Rotary Club of Aschaffenburg, Germany who are the main funders of our school's project. Their visit was timely as they also participated in the inaugural charity tennis tournament, the Lilongwe Open held at Tadala abc Primary School. Their presence served as a testament to the enduring bond between MATCH Foundation and its international supporters.

MATCH Foundation is incredibly grateful for the commitment by the Rotary International to support the programs for 1 more year and help the foundation to create lasting impact. This shared belief in the power of education and sports can indeed bridge continents and create a lasting legacy of hope.

Pictorial Focus of the Month of September

