

Zoom on ZOA

The 2008 ZOA Key Stage 3 'Lock-in'



The ZOA lock-in

On Friday we stayed at school for a night to raise money for the orphanage. We played lots of board games, because it was raining outside, like MONOPOLY, UNO, TWISTER... It was lovely to play without electrical things for once. For dinner we ate "nshima", which is a type of Zambian porridge made with maize. It isn't as bad as we thought! We went to bed after playing some more at about 10:30. It was hard and cold on the floor. In the morning we all woke up very early -6.30! For breakfast we had a doughy

bread thing. It was sweet and very filling! Our parents came to collect us at 8:00. It was a wonderful experience to live like a Zambian orphan and now we all know what it feels like. We raised 2500 euro!

By: Natalia 7M

ZOA Evening

ZOA was a unique experience, I got to live like a Zambian, eat like a Zambian and play like a Zambian. The games and activities were really fun. We played stuck in the mud, tug of war, ping-pong, Pictionary and *rubba bandiera*. My favorite activity was tug of war.

After the activities we had a strangely delicious dinner. We ate sweet potatoes, spinach, mushrooms, beans and

'incima'. Later on we had a choice to go to bed or play games, I decided to play games such as chess, monopoly, twister and so on. Ten thirty was our curfew and everyone was so tired so they all fell asleep at like ten forty.

It was so much fun to live like a Zambian and suffer just like them, just for one night.

By: Max 7M



ZOA Lock-In (YAY!)

The ZOA Lock-In was last Friday (19 September) for years 7, 8 and 9. We had to raise at least 20 Euros each for the orphans in the Serenje Home in Zambia, although many raised more.

Even though it was raining we had great fun! The 6th form helpers organized indoor teams (orange was the best!). Then we ate a traditional African meal of maize porridge, beans, greens and mushrooms, which might not have been everyone's favourite. But it reminded us of what many people have to eat every day because they have no choice.

We played board games or cards, or went outside to mess around.

Mr. R stole some money from innocent students during a poker game, which lasted for about 7 hours... We went to bed at 11:30 in the Sports Hall, and went to sleep (some of us, anyway) - it was very squashed!

We woke up at about 6:30 am (yawn) for breakfast: a kind of African dough nut, but not sweet. It was nice but we were still hungry! At 8 o'clock it was time to go home.



We raised about 2,500 Euro for ZOA, which has helped the orphanage. Thank you Mr. Gilbert, the ZOA Committee and other helpers, for making us think- and making it great fun too!

By: Beth, Alice, Charlotte, Alicia, Valentina, and Danielle



About the charity

ZOA is a non-profit organisation relying on charitable donations to aid the orphanage which helps orphans and children with families who struggle to cope. Some of the children are HIV positive or have AIDS. At present, there are 40 children being helped by the orphanage. The charity is deeply grateful to all the supporting schools and individuals for their commitment. For more information see our website www.zoaonline.org

