



Ekisa UK

Autumn Newsletter 2021

Special Needs in Uganda

Dear Ekisa Supporter,

This is a short newsletter to let you know what is happening at Ekisa UK

### **News from Uganda**

Jared Scheppmann and the team in Jinja, Uganda keep us regularly informed about developments at Ekisa. As you know, it has focused on making it possible for parents to care for their child at home, with Ekisa helping by providing essential support. This includes the Ekisa Academy, to which children travel daily for their education and therapy. But during strict COVID lockdowns throughout Uganda, the Academy has been closed.

The good news is that the restrictions on travel have now been eased, and Ekisa is able to take essential medications, homeschool packages and home therapy out to the children.

### **The Next Chapter: 10 years in the making!**

2021 marks the tenth anniversary of founding Ekisa by the 'two Emilies'. The need for Ekisa has never been greater. Included in the current ambitious plans are new community centres and special education classrooms. The biggest new project, The Next Chapter Campaign, is to buy land to build a permanent home for Ekisa! This would allow Ekisa to serve hundreds more disabled children in Uganda and, through training and outreach, potentially thousands more worldwide. More details can be found here:

<https://www.ekisa.org/nextchapter>

### **Ekisa UK**

Here in Milton, the pandemic put a stop to most of our usual activities. Long-term supporters know that we would usually be putting on events such as our Autumn Fair and our Ceilidh at this time of year. We did manage a successful online Ekisa Quiz in January (and will be holding another in the New Year (see below).

However, for live events we know that we have to wait until things feel safer and people feel confident about coming along to support us. Once that happens rest assured that we will return to live events with renewed energy!

Remarkably, Ekisa UK has continued to send regular cheques to Jinja; in 2020 this amounted to over **£16,000**. In addition, our supporters have continued to fund volunteers working in Jinja.

**This level of support is largely thanks to the loyalty of our generous followers who make a regular donation to support Ekisa UK. I cannot stress how important this support has been throughout the difficulties of the pandemic.**

If you would like to set up a regular donation, please go to our 'Donate' webpage:

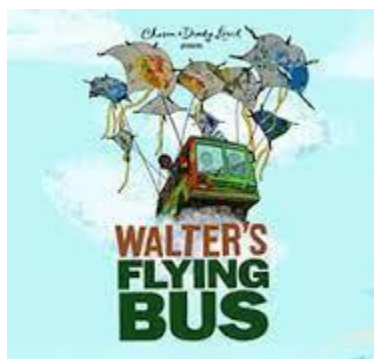
<https://www.ekisa.org.uk/giving>

or contact our local treasurer by email at [treasurer@ekisa.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@ekisa.org.uk)

### **Christmas and Ekisa**

You might like to know that we are planning lots of interesting Christmas Goods for you to choose from, as yet another way to both support Ekisa and fill your stockings! All our goods will focus on the children at Ekisa and their inspiring artistic efforts! We plan to offer items such as Ekisa cards, calendars and mugs, and copies of a lovely children's book from Ekisa, **Walter's Flying Bus**. Please remember us in your Christmas purchases, and keep a look out on the Ekisa UK website:

<https://www.ekisa.org.uk/ekisauk>



### **Date for your Diary: Ekisa Online Quiz Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Last January we had over 80 of our supporters online for a terrific evening of fun and brain bruising! Please join us again on Saturday 29th January next year....more details to follow!

Thank you and bless you for all your continued support

**Ekisa UK**

**Charity Number 1167405**