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Dear all the pupils and staff at Bantock Primary

It has been a long time since March and you raised money for Exeter Ethiopia Link's Librarian Project and we are so sorry it has taken us time to say thank you but we were waiting to find out a total amount raised.

Between all the schools in Wolverhampton you raised over £1400. This is enough to fund seven librarians in primary schools in Western Ethiopia for one year. With other funds that we raised, this academic year we can now fund 34 school librarians and new books and furniture for 10 libraries. This is vital as it provides a person who has left school with a job and also children the opportunity to read and borrow books in their spare time. In Ethiopia, the schools are just returning this week after lockdown.

Below are three photos. The first is of new books arriving in one of our school libraries just last week, the second is one of the school librarians funded through the project and the third is children practising their reading using mini books.



The librarian, Birhane, works in the library during the day and uses the money she earns to study accounting in evening school. The children use the mini books to read in 2s and 3s and each mini book has a version in English and a version in their own language Oromo. The mini books are by made by students who are deaf and attend the local secondary school. The money they earn supports them to buy their school uniform and other things they need for school.

Once again, a big thank you for working with us to make all these things happen.

Mark Smith

On behalf of Exeter Ethiopia Link.