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# Students raise a great sum of charity money

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**FELIXSTOWE:** Students at Felixstowe Academy have been testing their maths skills to the maximum in an effort to raise vital funds for a good cause.

Students from two year 7 maths classes took part in the week-long sponsored maths competition, called the Sumdog-a-thon, where the students answered more than 8,200 maths questions.

The questions were all answered on the Sumdog website and the students helped to raise £570 for Village Africa, a charity which builds classrooms and introduces health-care education.

The money raised went towards a netbook computer which also has two portable solar panel units to charge it up.

The equipment was presented to one of the charity's volunteer teachers, Bethany Taylor, who will take it when she volunteers in Yamba, Tanzania.

"You have no idea how helpful this equipment is going to be in the village," she said.

"I am flying out there in two weeks and promise to send back photos and e-mails to you all when I have the opportunity to get to the nearest town - it's only three hours away on an unmade road!

"I can't wait to show the children in the village the photos we've taken today."



**MATHS WHIZZ:** Felixstowe Academy students have helped buy a computer for a village in Tanzania. Pictures: LUCY TAYLOR

questions, and were surprised to learn that secondary school students in Tanzania have to pay to go to school. In addition, they not only buy their own books and equipment, but also their own desk! Maybe this is why secondary school enrolment in Tanzania is only around five per cent."

■ If you would like more information about the charity, visit [www.villageafrica.org](http://www.villageafrica.org)

■ Are you preparing to take on a charity challenge? Get in touch with the Felixstowe Star by calling 01394 270425 or 01394 284109.

The new computer will be used for medical records, to present healthcare sessions and also to keep accounts.

Bethany visited both the maths classes that took part in the event and gave a talk about what school life is like for children in Yamba. She also taught the students how to count and prepare maths questions in Swahili.

A spokeswoman for the academy added: "Our students asked lots of

## Bookshop manager is relishing new challenge



**LOVING THE CHALLENGE:** Penny Brinkley is the new manager of the Felixstowe Christian Bookshop inside St Andrew's Church. Picture: SU ANDERSON

**FELIXSTOWE:** Being the new manager of Felixstowe's Christian bookshop is proving a steep learning curve for a woman from the resort, but she is loving the challenge.

Penny Brinkley, 54, took over as manager of the bookshop, based at St Andrew's Church, in St Andrew's Road in January.

After nearly four months in the job she insisted she is enjoying her work and is learning the ropes of management along the way.

"It's a steep learning curve finding out where to get everything from but it's enjoyable," she said.

"There are no major changes but I suppose it will end up with some of my personality in there."

The shop has been located at St Andrew's Church for the past 30 years and offers a number of items from CDs and books to pens and pencils.

Mrs Brinkley added: "If there's something someone wants then, if it is connected with the faith, we will endeavour to get them what they want."

The bookshop is open between 10am-noon from Monday to Saturday and 10.45am-noon on Wednesdays.

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