

OUTDOOR LEARNING AREA

In 2015 CLS received a generous grant from an Australian supporter which allowed it to build an Outdoor Learning Area.



Work commenced in late April, clearing a site adjacent to the existing CLS school. Foundations and an elevated floor were laid. Pillars and concrete beams were constructed to support the roof.

Steel rafters were added, and bright red tiles were laid on these.



Thatching around the roof perimeter added an aesthetically pleasing finish reflecting the local culture. It also increased the shade offered by the roof.



Tiles laid on the concrete floor completed the structure.





The Outdoor Learning Area is in constant use for activities that complement indoor classroom teaching. Without the restriction of desks, it is an ideal area for art and craft, singing and games.

The area is used by Epic Arts each week for drama and dance activities with the children. It is also used for Agriculture lessons. Theory is taught, then the students move to the adjacent garden or greenhouse for practical work.



The Outdoor Learning Area is used in all seasons, allowing greater flexibility in teaching methods and reducing noise in the main Learning Centre building.

A bonus is free flow of air, making it fresher and cooler than indoor classrooms on those all-too-common hot and humid days!

