

# Bunessan Primary twin with Tissamaharama



*Children from Osuwinna Primary School in Tissamaharama, Sri Lanka.*

SCHOOLCHILDREN throughout Lorn go to school every weekday safe in the knowledge their school building will have power, toilets and a library.

But a school in Tissamaharama, Sri Lanka had none of these things until Bunessan Primary School on the Isle of Mull came to the rescue.

The mini-Muileachs, with a hand from the Bunessan community, raised £1,600 to help bring Osuwinna Primary School up to scratch.

The money raised will go towards the building of a toilet block and a library and help bring power to the building.

As well as raising money for this school pupils from Bunessan Primary have collected stationery items and have just sent two parcels weighing a total of 40 kilograms.

This will enable all the 84 children in Osuwinna

school to have a pencil, pencil case, ruler, rubber, crayons and felt pens as well as paper and notebooks to work in.

The children of Bunessan primary have made a long term commitment to their twin school in Sri Lanka following the tsunami last year.

Although the school is inland and was not directly affected by the tsunami, many of the children had parents and family members who were at the local market on the coast and there are now many orphans at the school.

Bunessan Primary School headteacher Rob Burney said: 'The children in Bunessan hope, over a number of years, to develop a strong link to their twin school.

'Our next aim is to raise enough money to send computers so that e-mail contact can be made and eventually video conferencing now that electricity is being brought to the school.'