

I arrived safely in Addis Ababa early on Saturday morning and I am having the most wonderful time here in Ethiopia. I wish you could all be here with me.

In Addis I was given a tour of the city with 3 teachers from Blackpool. We were driven to the top of a hill called Ntopo which gives a beautiful view of the city. On the way up we saw donkeys and goats walking freely in the road and saw stalls selling beautiful, fresh fruits like mango, banana and pineapple. In the evening we had a traditional meal which consisted of lots of curried meats on the most enormous pancake you have ever seen. The pancake had a sour taste but I enjoyed it. We also saw some traditional dancing.

Yesterday we flew on 2 propeller planes to Arba Minch in southern Ethiopia. It is absolutely boiling here and I have to sleep under a mosquito net. The countryside is so beautiful. It is very lush and green and there are two enormous lakes. There are so many colourful flowers and birds too. Don't worry I am taking lots of photos to show you all.

Today we visited our first school - Arbamich Preparatory and Secondary school. We had a tour all around the classrooms and watched an English lesson. The students were all so well behaved (just like you!). They are older children aged between 15 and 18. I saw the library and football pitch. Ethiopian people, like many Africans and many of you, love football. Some of their favourite teams are Man U, Arsenal and Chelsea.

We were given delicious tea and coffee in a ceremony where some of the students were dressed up in traditional clothes. I gave out some of your pens and other gifts. The children loved them very much. I have photos to show you of them with the pens. They are very grateful thank you.

Tomorrow I am going to visit two more schools. One is a primary school so I will see lots of children your age. I will give them your pens and also a PE kit, book bag and some Milton Road hats.

I'm thinking of you all and can't wait to show you my photos and tell my stories. I'm having such a lovely time.

Speak to you all again very soon.