

ANGAZA



P.O. Box 40-80404 Msambweni

Tel. 0722 256 364

Email: kg25.msambweni@yahoo.com

Newsletter of
KAGSCHOOL
Msambweni, Kenya
8th Edition, December 2011



A trip to Ngomongo Village 2011

Editorial

KAG School Board of Management

Chairman
Joseph Gathonga

Manager
Rev. Mohamed Jerumani

Coordinator International links
James G. Kairo

Treasurer
Caroline Wanjiru

School Administration

Headmaster
Harrison Kamere

Accountant
Alphonse Okumu

Curriculum Heads
Mr. Billy Pepela and M/s Doris Bagubagu

Student's Councilor
Nicholas Kimani; Christine Mogaka

Games Patrons
Mr. Ngaira, Tai and M/s Elizabeth Katuthi

Message from the Head teacher



Welcome to our 8th Edition of ANGAZA. Our school continues to be a source of light to the people of Msambweni and the entire nation through provision of quality education to the young generation. Our motto has been an important guiding factor in the struggle towards achievement of our goal.

Our intent is to produce individuals of character and integrity. With education one accesses the keys to unlock the door to a bright future; depending on one's effort he/she is guaranteed a prosperous future.

At KAG pupil's lives are transformed to make them better leaders in the future. This is exemplarily demonstrated by pupils' high degree of discipline. Thanks to our teaching staff and parents who have joined hands to produce the best out of the pupils. We thank our supporters for their continued support to our school. It's encouraging to note that we have a total of 72 sponsored pupils who are under sponsorship. However, a lot still ought to be done concerning sponsorship, as our feeder community come from poor backgrounds.

I cannot fail to recognize the effort of our supporters, namely Emley African Educational Project, are putting into the school infrastructure. This year we shall be roofing our school community library. The school will be proud to have the modern library which will assist in reaching the unprivileged though eradication of illiteracy in Msambweni. It will also give opportunity to our

pupils to be IT literate. This will be a milestone to the entire community. Sincere gratitude goes to our Board of Governor, parents, and members of our teaching staff and our pupils who are all working towards the mission and vision of the school. Above all we thank God for his great care and love for KAG school. Allez! Allez!

Harrison Kamere Headmaster of KAG School

Visitors Book

1. **Feb 2011:** Hosted Prof Nico Hoedam from Belgium who gave lectures on photosynthesis and encouraged our pupil to conserve our environment.
2. **July-August 2011:** As always, KAG School hosted the 2010 Earth watch volunteers into the school. The group planted commemorative trees.
3. **November 2011.** The school hosted the following members of Emley African Educational Project, UK. Jim & Rosemary Donnan, Mike & Dilys Williams and Malcolm & Gill Wheeler. The team brought stationery, toys, bought text books and donated Mosquito nets from the Rotary club.

Graduation Day Class 8



Kg3 graduation Class of 2011



CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

by Kimani and Christine

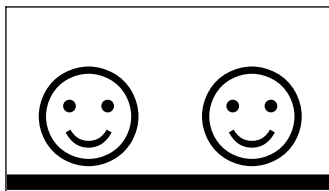
Guidance and counseling

In this department, we not only emphasis on academic excellence but also instill moral values, life skills, virtues of honesty, integrity and commitment to studies as a way of building up a holistic student. Other topics includes;

- ***Placing God first in all our studies***

- HIV/AIDS
- Adolescent health
- Sexual abuses
- abusive language
- discipline
- other contemporary issues

Knitting and sewing Club



Bits and pieces

JOKES

FATHER: Son this time, you have to score 90% marks in your exams.

SON: No father I'll score 100% marks.

FATHER: Why are you kidding?

SON: Who started?

made these three tree
freeze.freezy trees made these
trees' cheese freeze.thats what
made these three free fleas sneeze

TONGUE TWISTERS

1. Two tutors do two duties
2. While we were walking, we were
watching window washers wash
Washington's windows with warm
washing water
3. Through three cheese trees three
fleas flew. While these fleas flew
freezy breeze blew. Freezy freeze

Teacher's Prayer
Author; Mr. pepela

Lord, Please help me,
To strengthen their voices,
bodies and minds,
To express their feelings and
control them sometimes,
To explore what's near
and venture
afar,

But most important to love
who they are.



The origin of the mijikenda of Kenya

Different tribes in Kenya have their descent stories. The mijikenda are divided into sub groups which are wide spread in coastal province of Kenya

Mijikenda literally translates to "**the nine cities**". The Mijikenda is a broader grouping that includes the **coastal Bantu** sub groups of the **Kauma, Chonyi, Jibana, Giriama, Kambe, Ribe, Rabai, Duruma and Digo**. The Mijikenda language therefore has different dialects

Out of the nine sub groups, the Digo also live in Tanzania owing to their proximity to a shared border. The Mijikenda people are said to have originated from the north of Somalia coast called **Shungwaya**, they migrated south 300 years ago due to attacks from the hostile Oromo

tribes. The Giriama and the Digo are



Mijikenda dance

the most populous sub groups. The Mijikenda live in the areas along the [coast of Kenya](#) and **Tanzania**. Since they have close links with the **Coastal Swahili tribe** in trade, their languages have a lot of similarities

The Mijikenda people have a **sacred forest**; the **Kaya** is used as a place of prayer conducted by chosen elders of the specific ethnicities. Most of the Kayas are **World Heritage** sites. In Kenya, they are officially "**national monuments**"

with the aim of protecting their diversity and the culture of the Mijikenda. Having been untouched for years; they contain around 10% of rare, endemic or endangered species. Some of the endemic bird species include Clarke's weaver (*Ploceus golandi*), Sokoke scops owl (*Otus ireneae*), Pemba sunbird (*Nectarina pemba*). The black and white colobus (*Colobus guerreza*) is a threatened mammal found in the kayas.

They local people integrated the fables of their origins, as well as a narratives of their **kaya-based, stratified societal structure**, into a documentation of their **Culture**, and is they passed them on to their children.



In Praise of KAG School

KAG is the name of my school
 A school of excellence and integrity
 Where devoted men and women of God
 With a calling from heaven assemble
 For moral, psychological and physical
 knowledge fit for education
 Outwardly you look, judge and criticize us
 But the ancient men uttered do not judge a
 book by its cover.
 Step in and meet organized men and
 women
 As sober as judges and as busy as bees
 Administrators, teachers, pupils and non
 teaching staff. None of the parties is
 dispensable.
 Close together they move on as a team

No one gets left behind
 They are full of innovation and commitment
 Well equipped with skills for every good
 work
 KAG like a microscope magnifies each joy,
 hope and vision.
 An institution of real performance, striving
 for excellence.
 Our empowering motto states *Rise and
 shine!*
 A simple mission and in harmony with
 education
 Our empowering motto states *Rise and
 shine!*
 A simple mission and in harmony with
 education

A river of wisdom and knowledge, the
School is.
Its teachers are the question papers, the
syllabus,
Textbooks and remedy for wrongs and ills.

With no racial, tribal or religious
segregation.
But empowered with gender equity, social
fairness and information sharing
Go KAG go!

MsAmidah Nassir

**Imagine a tree in your backyard that will meet most of your
nutritional needs, purify your water and take care of you
medicinally?**

Moringa tree



***Moringa Oleifera* - Magic tree**

Moringa is an exotic tree in Kenya. Its scientific name is *Moringa Oleifera*. Virtually every part of the tree can be used. Native only to the foothills of the Himalayas, it is now widely cultivated in Africa, Central and South America, Sri Lanka, India, Malaysia and the Philippines. This tree, though little known in the Western world, is nutritional dynamite. It also grows easily in Msambweni and the rest of the coast. There are literally hundreds of uses for this tree.

The immature **Pods** are the most valued and are extremely nutritious, containing all the essential amino acids. Their oil is clear, sweet and odourless, and never becomes rancid. Overall, its nutritional value most closely resembles olive oil. **Leaves** are eaten as greens,

in salads, in vegetable curries, as pickles and for seasoning. For more please visit:
<http://www.naturalnews.com/022272.html>



The diverse benefits of Moringa include; it helps to prevent blindness; it builds immune system; it helps in preventing osteoporosis and other bone diseases; Can reduce risk of stroke and kidney disorders, and improve muscle strength and metabolism. Moringa is also used in water purification as with the picture beside.

From Our Sponsors

The Ladies on Graduation Day (all dressed as if for Ascot Races)



It is with great pleasure that I write again this year on behalf of Emley African Educational Project and all the sponsors. It is at the moment snowing very heavily and everything is covered. It is impossible to leave the house as the roads are all blocked. It is strange to imagine the warm and sunny weather and the heat we endured in November when we are shivering here in April.

As usual Dilys and Michael, Jim and I, received a very warm welcome, as did our friends Gill and Malcolm. We feel very much at home with all our Kenyan friends.

It was good to see our hard work coming to fruition and to inspect the nearly completed Library. We sincerely hope that the roof will be on by next November. We are very grateful to Horbury and Ossett Phoenix Rotary Club for providing some funds to build new boys' toilets and for a contribution towards 200 mosquito nets. The distribution and erection of these nets could not be done without the help of the male teachers so thanks to all.

So what has the charity been doing this year?

Dilys, Rita and Rosemary have done 4 film show presentations and sold African carvings and jewelry. Michael has continued to present and promote the project in a school who has generously given funds and Rosemary has done 2 School assemblies. Jim did a presentation at Emley Fundraisers and generally helps with transport and carrying the heavy boxes!!

Several sponsors helped sell carvings and jewelry at a Church function and helped at the Horbury Show selling second hand books.

On top of that MANY sponsors and supporters, too many to mention individually, helped raise the fantastic sum of £1600 at our annual African Fayre.

Many people work quietly in the background to make Emley African Educational Project such a success and we give our thanks.

I would however like to mention again the web site managed very efficiently by Mike Gill. We get quite a lot of interest and would like you, parents and teachers to look at it, add articles and photos. Mike cannot do his job without your input.

The address is <http://www.emleyafricanschools.co.uk>

On that note I leave you our very best wishes for 2012 and hope to see you all soon.

May you all have a very successful year

Nawamiss

Amani ya bwana

Rosemary Donnan

Jim at the new toilets



Changing a child's life at KAG

If you want to help a child at the KAG School....

1. School fee per child per year is approximately US\$ 300 (equivalent to £150 or €200). This money is enough to buy lunch, stationery, and school books for one year.
2. You can also give a one off donation in the form of desks (1 desk will cost £30).
3. Sponsors are encouraged to send their support through **Mrs. Rosemary Donnan, 15 Tyburn Lane Emley, Huddersfield, HD 8 9SR ENGLAND.** 01924 848142
4. Or directly to the school account using the address below:-

KAG Nursery & Building Project

Kenya Commercial Bank (LTD) *

A/C No.: 094 113 121 558

Swift code: KCBLKENX

***for a follow-up please let us know when you send donation directly into the school account**

Children's Corner

FACTS ABOUT SCIENCE

- Human beings breathe 23,000 times a day.
- A mosquito has 42 teeth.
- The life span of a human hair is three to seven years in average.
- Finger nails grows nearly four times faster than toe nails.
- A young one of a rabbit is a kit and the new born are collectively known as litter.
- Polar bears are left handed.
- Star fish do not have brains.
- A cockroach can live for nine days without its head before it starves to death.
- Water expands by about 10% as it freezes.

By Brian Njuguna

POEM TEARS OF MY HEART

When I look at the trusting faces
Hopeful innocent faces

Tears blind me, emotions choke me
Regret, remorse, and sadness I feel them all

I shed tears
Tears of regret for my immoral past
And these, these sweet children are the fruits.
Nine angelic children brought to this world.
From nine, nine different fathers.

When they ask for shoes, nine pairs of shoes.
I wonder, wonder what to tell them.
Why did I do it?
There is no answer.
I search, search deep in my soul.
Still no answer yet I know.
I know why I did it.
Slums! Slum! Slum! All around me.
I needed money.

But did I have to.
Have to make this angels suffer.
No I did not have to.
But what is done is done.
It cannot and will never be ever be erased.

Look at them, look, look.
Nine sweet big-eyed children.
They look at me with trust and hope.
But what do I have to offer them?
Nothing---just promised, empty promises of tomorrow.

Jiggers, pot berries with nothing in them .
Chapped skin, crack feet, tattered clothes.
What worse will happen to them today, tomorrow, the day after.
If die, die of starvation or an incurable disease?

Why do they, have to suffer this? Because of me?
No! Never can I longer bear it.
They deserve better, better food, toys education, environment and things to make them smile,
But not sorrow, not pain, not poverty not anxiety.

They deserve better life, but what can I do?
Yes I know what I can do.
Kill, Kill them, and kill them all.
Yes! Death will wipe away all their sorrows.
But can I live with the guilt of murder.

No! Ooh no! I cannot live with the guilt.
Why not erase all my misery and stress too?
Why not unburden myself?
Yes I will do it, I will do it.
I will kill them and kill myself too.

Stacy Kanga

GET TO KNOW THIS

Do not oversleep and miss
the school bus-
you'll be **late**.
That's a habit teachers
generally
don't **appreciate**.

Never tell your friends at
school
that you still wet your **bed**.
They are sure to tease you,

and you'll wish that you
were **dead**.

Never call your teacher a
name
when she's not near **you**.
Teachers' ears are
excellent,
so they can always hear
you.

Do not read a textbook
when your hands
aren't clean-it's **tricky**
to separate the pages
when the pages
get real **sticky**.
When you go out for a
team
it's always wise to
practice.
When you are a substitute,

the bench can feel like
cactus.

Do not copy homework
from a friend
who is a **dummy**.
If you do, I'm sure that

you
will get a grade that's
crummy.

And if your report card's
bad,
don't blame it on your

buddy.
Kiss up to your parents
quick,
or they might make you
study

By mr.Pepel

Importance of education

Helps In Decision-Making

Decision making is an
integral part of our life.
We have to take decisions
throughout our lives and
sometimes, decision

making can be a very
tough and challenging
process. It can leave us
perplexed and often
wondering, as to what is

the right choice. Education
is significant, because it
enable us to take the right
decisions and prevents
losses.

Builds Confidence

An educated person is a confident person.
Education fosters a positive outlook and
allows us to believe in ourselves. Self-belief
is the most wanted trait in a Human being

and education leads us towards relying on
ourselves, making us believe that we are
ready to take on the world

Makes Better Citizens

Education makes a worthy contribution to
our lives, by making us responsible
citizens. We get to know our history and
culture through education and imbibe
those values. Education opens our mind
and expands our horizon. It enables us to

understand our duties as a citizen and
encourages us to follow them. There is no
denying the fact that an educated person is
a better citizen.

By Mr. Ngaira &Alphonse

I LIVE BECAUSE YOU LIVE

One day Mouth said to Leg and Hand, 'my brothers, can't you see how our sister Stomach exploits us? The two of you go to get food, you prepare it and pass it on to me. I then chew it and make it ready for Stomach.'

'You are right, Brother Mouth,' Hand said. 'Stomach just receives food and gets fat on our sweat.'

'I am tired of walking the whole earth to get food for stomach.'

From today, I am not going to make a single step from here,' said Leg.

'You can't be more right,' Mouth and Hand clapped in agreement.

'Starting today, we will no longer get stomach any food.' the three went to sleep.

After three days, Hand, Mouth and Leg felt very weak. They were unable to rise from where they lay. Mouth had even started stinking.

Brain that had been quiet all the time said, 'couldn't you realize that the food Stomach digests is what keeps you strong and healthy? Why didn't you realize that you can't do without one another?'

M/s Christine

Food for thought

There was once a family made up of a father, mother and two children. The family wanted to cross a big river using a boat. The problem was that the boat could only carry a maximum weight of 100kgs per trip and not even 101kgs. how did they cross the river keeping in mind that father and mother had 100kgs each while children had 50kgs each?

Sponsored children



List of KAG School Sponsors

The following persons and organizations are thanked for their continued support of Kenyan children through education

<u>Individual Sponsorships</u> <u>UK</u> Jim and Rosemary Donnan x4 Beryl Brookes Dilys and Michael Williams x2 Rita Sparrow Malcolm Wild John Bullimore Bill and Pat Sutton Mary Roberts Algie and Sue Vassis x3 Mike and Flo Bradley Christine Cummings Mrs Joan Kershaw Gillian and John Emms Mike,Penny Isabelle Felix Gill and Malcolm Wheeler Edgar and Tony Shannon Mike and Val Robb Mick and Leslie Miller John and Judy Blakey Rev Rachel and Robert Cave Joe and Mary Guerin Douglas and Helen Metcalfe Harry and Olive Ellis	Rev. Christine Bullimore Brian and Pam Westerby Jonathan and Julia Watkiss x2 Jan and Nick Hunter Barry Bowden Beth Meeds Anita Leversidge Juliet and Clara Mike & Lisette Jane Waldron Dianne Hughes Gill Hague Miss Phyllis Jubb x2 David And Susan Walker Brian and Carol x2 Shirley Jackson x2 Jim Huggins Helen and Aidan Downes x2 Jenny and Graeme Chalklin Annette and Chris Taylor Felicity Pape John Faulkner Anne Wibberly Felicity Pape Lindsay Hancock Wayne and Clare Meehan	<u>Scotland</u> Mark and Sarah Judy Muchin <u>Italy</u> Paulo Francesco <u>Belgium</u> Fatma and Farid Dahdouh-Guebas Nico Koedam <u>The Netherlands</u> Marijke De Boer <u>USA</u> Pete Cypret David Grenier Dianne Grenier Lt. Col and Mrs Nieboer <u>Canada</u> Micheal Enns x2 <u>Australia</u> Lisa Mills <u>Cooperate sponsorship (UK)</u> Rotary Club Horbury and Ossett Saint PetersPrimary School x2 The Rotary club of Morley x2 Whitechapel Church St Helens School x 2
---	--	---