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Message from the Head Teacher

Welcome to our 16th edition newsletter. We hope as you navigate through you will realize the milestone the school has achieved.

The year had a lot of success and challenges. We started the year with a lot of jubilation after our school for the first time beat two big schools that have always beaten us in the national exam. We emerged position one in our sub county. I must thank my teachers who have showed a lot of enthusiasm and effort while carrying on their duties. I also thank my board members for the support they have given us while running the school. Because of this 13 out of 15 students joined national secondary school while the rest joined extra counties. This is a dream come true to our humble school, we intend to maintain the good results and the discipline of the school even in future.

I also would like to report that we also took part in a music festival and our students as usual did us proud we were able to take 30 students to National music festival that was held near the slope of Mt Kenya. Our students were able to not only participate but also visit other areas of interest after the festival. We visited the Rift valley region, eastern region and Nairobi region where the students for the first time were

able to see what they only read from the books. To name but a few they were able to see the Great Rift Valley, geothermal power station, KICC and many others. In the month of April after having good time with our Rose and Jim in school, we were devastated to see our nursery school demolished by bulldozers who claimed they wanted to expand the road. One of our classes was demolished and the life fence was not spared either. It was one of our lowest moments.

Allow me to thank our supporters led by Rosemary and Jim who put spirited effort to lift us from the ashes to glory after the heartless demolition. They were able to fundraise enough funds to relocate our classes to a secure place in our primary ground. We were able build three new classes and students were able to use the classes in our final term of the year. Thanks a lot team. I may not mention all of you but you planted a good seed in our heart. You were there when we needed you; you wiped our tears and gave us back our smile, Thank you team!

As the year comes to an end allow me to wish you merry Christmas and happy New Year 2019, may the year be full of success with Gods blessings.

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

1. School fee per child per year is approximately US\$ 350 (equivalent to £200 or €225). This money is enough to buy lunch and school books for one year.
2. You can also give your donation in the form of desks (1 desk will cost £35).
3. Sponsors are encouraged to send their support through:
Mrs. Rosemary Donnan, 15 Tyburn Lane Emley, Huddersfield, HD 8 9SR ENGLAND. 01924 848142

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Photo Section



the demolished nursery building



the new nursery building with 3 classrooms



2018 graduation day





School trip - hell's gate naivasha



school trip - nairobi animal orphanage

Teacher's Corner

Girl Guide Club

The club started in the year 2013. The girl guides club has many members around 62 members and most members are very active. As a club, we normally meet on Thursdays whereby we plan on how to raise money and have our own account which in future can help us to meet other people's needs. we also attend the camps in different places.

We also make arrangements with other schools, go there and train the girls in those schools which have no girl guide clubs. The club is doing marvellous and we thank God for that. We also assist in raising the flag on Fridays. We thank God at large for this far.

Girl Guide patron

Rose k. Barasa.

Sports Desk

We take this opportunity to thank everyone for continued support to our club. It's through determination and hard work that has enabled us to prosper progressively in co-curriculum activities. Generally, this year we had activities like leg ball, soccer, volleyball,

netball, athletics, music and indoor games. We competed with other schools and eventually we reached regionals in leg ball with our girls emerging second best this year. Actually, sport is any activity that has enabled our pupils to develop

physically, mentally and emotionally both in class and outside the class. We thank the administration for their continued support and also our dear friends in UK for their financial

support that enabled us to run our activities well.

Finally, we as a club, we take this time to wish everyone a happy and merry mass and a prosperous happy new year 2019 .

Sports Patron Mr Daniel Mosoti

Library and ICT Department

Since the launching of our new library there has been a positive attitude among teachers, pupils and parents towards reading. As a school we have been having library lessons right from nursery to standard eight. We have also been lending books to some of our parents who have shown interest in reading. Thanks to our friends in UK who have played a big role in seeing this dream come true . on the side of ICT ,our school has benefitted a lot from the computers we have. Not forgetting super wifi

which was installed since last year. Since the introduction of the new curriculum our baby class or day care unit have benefited a lot from the wifi installation since it has made it possible for the school to download Education videos for the children to watch. Its been fun and educational to the KAG family since the introduction of the two facilities in our school.

Billy Pepela- Curriculum

Nursery section

Nursery school started in the year 2001 with a few pupils. From then, the number had been increasing rapidly and it was situated together with the church till 3rd term this year when it was attached to the primary section.

This year the environment was very conducive as the pupils were able to move freely, they had spacious playing ground and even the classes

were big enough for free movement of pupils.

In addition, the turn out this year was 86 compared to last year whereby the number was 72.

We are very glad for that and we hope God will bless us more and more in coming years in order to get a large number of pupils. Otherwise we appreciate at large. And if God says yes nobody can say NO.

Madam Rosemary

Boarding Department

Boarding was started in the school in the year 2015 term 3. The number of pupils were 54. It was mainly for class 7 and 8, that is the candidates and the pre-candidates. In the year 2016 the number of boarders increased to 70 .in the year 2017 the number of the pupils attending boarding increased leading to extension in the girls' dormitory. In 2018; some pupils from classes 3, 4, 5 and 6 joined boarding, the number

of boarders in 2018 has increased to 80. The pupils have good manners. They are performing well since they attend morning and night preps. The school is grateful for having boarding department which is really helping the weak learners to achieve their goals.

The head to the boarding department has really thanked the one who introduced boarding in KAG School.

Mr Chris

Christian Union Desk

Christian union has been active in this school for the last 7 years. The union was established with the aim of bringing together all those who share in the faith of our lord Jesus Christ. We meet for fellowships and prayers on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for PPI lesson. We have been having pastor Jerumani who usually comes to share with us the word of God, as a result we have seen our faith grow tremendously as the school has benefited from the prayers we make as we meet.

Currently the union is being headed by Madam Rose and assisted by Mr. Nyongesa the CRE teacher. As a union we are thankful to God for this far we have come and we can confidently say that He is our EBENEZER. We take this opportunity to welcome everyone on board who is willing to join us in this great move of God come next year regardless of their religious affiliations or background. God bless you, God bless our school.

Mr Nyonges

Pupils Corner!!!

KAG School

Is like a sudden, great name to
people
It shines and shines, Glitters like
gold
Twinkles like a star, shines like a
silver Wow. It normally attract
people,
It is a territory of peace, many enjoy
in it
How attractive is it, some wish to be
in it
It gives people way, and hinders
KAG is famous and well known to
brighten
And educate people through are
some who

Enjoy its downfall but still KAG
proceed
And pays no attention on their
words.
KAG varnishes people, educate them
and
Show them way in and out.
It benefits the community, assist the
people
And rise the economy of our county
Kwale
KAG, my school, my pride and my
future
Constructor. KAG my Mentor

By Junior Ismael

Story Time

Look Before You Leap

There was once a man who lived in
the thick forest of Mau hills.
He lived gloomily inside his hut.
One day unexpected visitors called
at his house, shockingly, the visitor
was an angel of death who had
Come across the man's house and
decided to have a rest.
In his hand he was holding a paper
consisting of list of people who had
to die on that particular day. He
knocked the door and the poor man
welcomed him warmly. The poor
man slaughtered a goat and made a
mouth-watering meal.
The angel ate to his satisfaction and
eventually he fell into a deep sleep.

But before he slept, he decided to
tell and explain to the man who he
really was.
The poor man was shocked but he
never uttered a single word.
When the angel was at the climax of
sleep, the man took the paper that
had the list and rubbed his name
making it to be the last. When the
angel woke up, He decided to start
with the last since the first [poor
man] had pleased him.
Try to think what the man felt and
happened to him.....and
remember angels do what they like.

By Mohamed Kheri

Fun Spot

Hare, monkey and Hyena went on a long journey. They came across a stream in the forest and drank water to their fill. Then they took off their clothes and swim in the river to cool their bodies. They lay on the grass to dry their bodies.

While they were lying there naked, along came their inlaws. They could not get to their clothes fast enough. So the three ran back into the water. Monkey and hyena quickly covered

parts of their bodies with their hands, but hare only covered his face.

After the in-laws had passed, monkey and hyena asked hare ‘‘how could you let your in-laws see your body? ‘‘But I covered my face’’, replied hare. ‘‘it is the only part of my body they would have recognized’’.

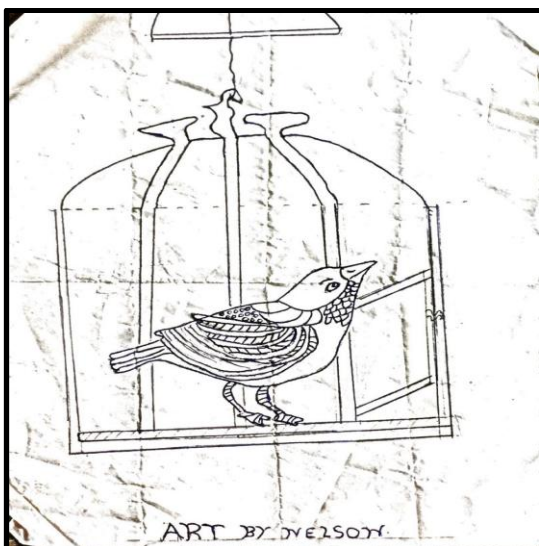
Do you agree with hare? If it could be you, what could you do?

By Sophia Wakio

Mchongoano Manenos

1. Kwenu mko rich hadi tembe ya Ugali ikianguka mnatafuta na helicopter.
 2. Kwenu ni wachafu hadi mosquito anasuck blood na filter.
 3. Home kwenu ni wachafu hadi nzi anaingia na gumboots.
 4. Wewe ni mlaifi hadi ukiona pampers unasema, ule mkate nishaiuula.
 5. Babako ana Nguvu hadi anaweza kuvunja nazi kwa kwapa.
 6. Home kwenu ni maskini hadi mnafunga gate na pin.
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Art Section



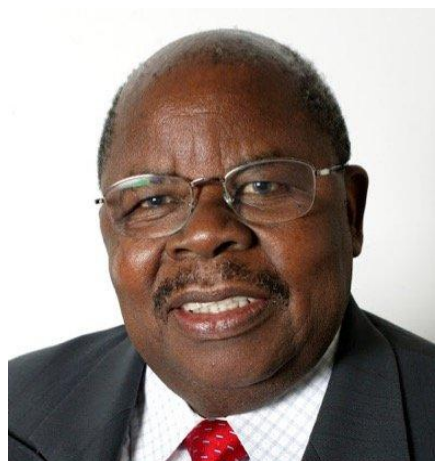
The Makonde Community in Kenya



Before December 2016, Kenya had 42 legally recognized tribes but we are now 43 after the introduction of the MAKONDE tribe making it 43 tribes. The question is who are this Makonde people? The Makonde are an ethnic group in southeast Tanzania and Northern Mozambique. The ethnic group is divided by river Ruvuma whereby members of the group in Tanzania are referred to as the Makonde, and those in Mozambique as the Maconde. Since Tanzania is a neighbour to Kenya, the Makonde people moved and found their way into Kenya in the border county Kwale.

A group of 300 Makonde people walked from Kwale to Nairobi. They were accompanied by human right activists and headed to The State House in Nairobi to persuade the president to push their recognition as Kenyan citizens. The president ordered the relevant ministry to give the A-Makonde identity cards by December 2016.

They speak Makonde, also known as ChiMakonde, a Bantu language. The Makonde are traditionally a matrilineal society where children and inheritances belong to women, and husbands move into the village of their wives. Their traditional religion is an animistic form of ancestor worship and still continues, although Makonde of Tanzania are Muslim and those of Mozambique are Catholic or Muslim. The Makonde are best known for their wood carvings, primarily made of Blackwood. The third president of Tanzania Benjamin Mkapa hailed from the Amakonde tribe



Message from Jim Donnan

Hello everyone. It's now 9 months since our visit to Kenya. During our time there Rosemary and I held 4 sessions of eye testing, 2 at schools and 2 at local churches. It was very satisfying to be able to test the eye sight of local people, many of whom had reached fairly advanced years, without ever having been able to use spectacles. As a result they were having extreme difficulty in carrying out routine basic jobs such as threading a needle, using a screw driver, and reading numbers and messages on their cell phones. Their surprise and delight at being provided with free spectacles was a joy to behold. Hopefully these will have made a difference to their quality of life. The used spectacles had been donated from the UK, cleaned, measured, and packed, and transported in our suitcases.

Rosemary also held several sessions of the 'Days for girls' Project. Lots of material and patterns were taken out and made into reusable washable sanitary wear. This year (the third year she has done this!) our fame had spread and we were asked to visit a Samburu village 2 hours away to teach the local women. In view of it being the start of the rainy season, and with our personal knowledge of the mud unmade road, we declined to go. Instead the women were invited to come to the school library. To our surprise, 10 turned up including a baby who slept on the floor. Despite the language difficulties, the help of a friend to translate made it a successful day. They tucked into a good lunch we provided before going back.

Our return to the airport was very upsetting when we saw the destruction of many homes and businesses as part of a road widening project. We had been told that the Nursery School fence may have to be removed but the buildings were safe. However the day after our return home, we learned that one classroom had been demolished roughly, and with less than 24 hours' notice and no compensation. Our distress was indescribable. We realised, having discussed it with Harrison, that the children were no longer safe next to an expanded major highway and we all decided that the Nursery would have to be rebuilt on the Primary site well away from the road.

After informing sponsors and friends of the situation, we were overwhelmed by their response and generosity, and in a month had raised almost £10,000. Building started immediately and was ready for the start of term in September.

We both wish you all a very Happy Christmas and hope 2019 will be a better and more peaceful year.

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Message from Isabelle Yates

My Trip to Kenya

I really wanted to write something about my trip to Kenya, as I had waited for several years for the opportunity to travel there and meet the people and visit the places that my Grandparents (Mike & Dilys) had visited. My Grandad had always told me I wasn't old enough yet to make such a trip and now I understand why I had to wait: not least because I received a few welcoming mosquito bites in Nairobi.

The journey is long and arduous, it took 26 hours from my Grandad's house to the hotel, travelling by train, aeroplane and bus and I didn't manage to get any sleep, so I was very tired when I got to the hotel. However the hotel was beautiful and I couldn't wait to unpack and relax and start to enjoy my holiday.

During my stay I had so many wonderful experiences, meeting so many lovely people and it really opened my eyes to a different way of life. One of my first experiences was a Sunday morning visit to KAG Church at Msambweni. I am used to attending church at home but this was completely different. There was a lot more singing in the service and, although I couldn't join in with the words, I appreciated the music and was excited to see that all of the local children were fascinated to see us (I guess because we look so different)!

Of course, I was expecting to see a different way of life when we visited family homes and I knew that the structure of houses and the rooms and furniture would all be different from what we have in England. However, I had not prepared myself for the differences in the whole infrastructure. My Grandad explained the current improvements to the roads and street lighting and told me that housing had improved considerably since the year 2000. I visited homes with very limited space where lots of people share rooms and where there is no electricity or tap water. Although I also saw houses with some better facilities, I now appreciate how lucky I am to live MY life. The transport was also unusual to me and I was most surprised and sometimes disturbed by the chaotic driving conditions. We often complain that there are too many traffic lights, roundabouts, speed cameras and road signs in the UK but now I can appreciate their importance.

I loved my day trip to Haller Park, where I was able to get very close to lots of wildlife and animals, some of which I would be able to see in my local zoo, but some different species too. The giraffes were my favourites! We took some of the local young people too and it was lovely to give them an opportunity to take a trip that they might not have been able to go on otherwise.

The main purpose for my visit was to meet the many families and friends that my Grandparents have met over the years and, in particular to meet Elizabeth, who has been a family friend for many years and we have written letters to each other since we were young. I felt really fulfilled that we have finally had the chance to meet and I was able to visit their house as well as seeing them in the village. I also loved having the opportunity to visit the school and enjoy the Graduation Ceremony, something which my Grandma has always talked about when she has visited. I think it's a really good idea to celebrate the achievements of the students who achieve well in school and for students to graduate to the next level when they are ready. At my school, students get moved up a class each year, whether they succeed in exams or not and I think we would be more motivated if we adopted your system! UK schools do not have graduation ceremonies: only universities celebrate graduation but not with Kenyan style!

Fortunately, the journey home took less time than the outbound trip ("only" 21 hours because my Mum drove us home from Heathrow Airport) and I hope it will not be too long before I can return to Kenya and to the many new and old friends I have there.

Isabelle Yates, November 2018

The following individuals and organisation have been recognised for their continued sponsorship of the students in the school

Nick and Jan Hunter

Barrie Bowden

Jim and Rosemary Donnan

Michael and Dilys Williams

Juliet and Clara Greenwood

St Peters School

Helen and Aidan Downes

Shirley Jackson

Bill and Pat Sutton

Gillian and John Emms

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Thank you for reading our Newsletter