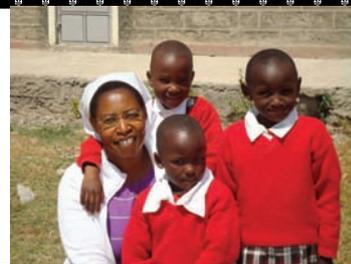




# Karuri School Project

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## News Update — February 2013

### News from the school

2012, the second full year of Sacred Heart Primary School, ended on a high note. The Parish Priest held mass, followed by a prize giving ceremony and a meal. All the children were given a small gift, such as a pencil to help celebrate the school's success. The children recited poems, speaking about the school and how it had changed their lives.

2013 has started well. The children are delighted to be back in school, and Wangari describes it as a large family. There are 23 new children, including ten orphans, taking the total number of pupils to over 100. It was with regret that not everyone could be offered a place. There are 8 teachers, and the school is forming a very good team of dedicated staff. This increase in the number of children and subsequent increase in staff members means that the monthly salary bill is now £720. We desperately need more regular sponsors to help the children and the school. If you know of anyone who would like to support our work by a regular sponsorship - and this can be as little as £2 per month - please contact us via the website or by calling John on 01604 786077. Thank you.

Builders have started work on the teachers' houses within the school compound and these are progressing well. The inside walls are ready to be plastered, and doors and windows will follow. Not only will these homes help with security, teachers will no longer have to travel long distances to school.

**Power for Karuri!!!** Electricity has finally been installed at the school and everyone is delighted. At the moment, there are lights in the classrooms and dormitories - kitchens and toilets will follow.



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Electricity is on the way!!

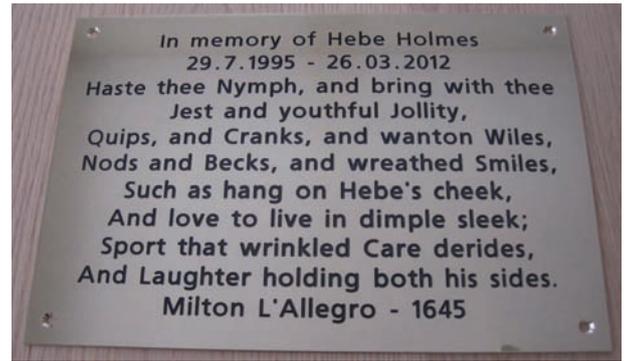
The new homes being built for members of staff

*"The school has become like the spring of joy and hope to the poor children, even after closing the school, they still visit the school almost every day. They feel very proud of their school and see it as a place to rest their souls" — Wangari*

## Hebe Holmes Memorial Fund — Smurfit Kappa sponsored bike ride raises £3000!

Smurfit Kappa employees cycled 2012 miles 12 hours a day, around 35 of their sites including Northampton, to raise money for the Karuri School Project.

Hebe's father is employed by Smurfit Kappa and the ladies on bike ride 2 organised this fantastic event. The money raised will provide much needed funds for school including a children's play area dedicated to Hebe. A plaque has been made in memory of Hebe, and should soon be on its way to Sacred Heart School.



More photos and details can be found at:

<http://www.skukcharitybikeride.co.uk/>

Thank you to everyone who took part in this event.

## Wassail Evening

Thanks to everyone who supported this year's Wassail celebration of songs, mulled wine and mince pies at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Everyone had a good time and threw themselves with gusto into the 12 Days of Christmas. Including the sales of Karuri Gift Certificates and tea towels, the event raised £514, and started the Christmas season for everyone. A big thank you to the musicians, cooks and helpers who made the evening possible.

To celebrate her special birthday, Chrissie held a Birthday Auction Party.

Friends were invited to bring a wrapped present (the funnier shape the better) which was then auctioned. This was great fun, due to the novel presents donated and the generosity of everyone during the bidding. £170 was raised for the Karuri School Project. Thanks, Chrissie.



Thanks also to Marina for raising £100, instead of presents, at her birthday

A Christmas coffee morning was held by Hospital and Outreach Education, and was a huge success, with a sale of bags raising £170. It was well attended, and the musical interlude was particularly popular. A 'Name the Teddy Bear' cake competition raised £30 towards Hebe's fund.



Special thanks  
to Owen

## **Dates for your diary**

### Spring Quiz night

Friday 22nd March, 7.00pm,  
St. Gregory's Primary School

### Spring Fair

Saturday 27th April

Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School,  
Summer Concert and Wine evening

Saturday 8th June

Sacred Heart Church

Please phone John on 01604 786077 for  
more details and tickets.

