

Karuri School Project

Supporting Sacred Heart School, Naivasha, Kenya

"A Dream for Something Better" - Wangari Cecilia



News Update - October 2014

Words from Wangari

"We opened the school and everything is learning well thank God and His Merciful Love, reflected in each one of you through your Merciful support"



News from the school

The pupils are working hard and continuing to make good progress. They sit exams frequently and are learning that hard work pays dividends. They are helped by a wonderful team of teachers who go an extra mile to support these children. This photo of the children studying also shows the new improved flooring in one of the classrooms. This cost £500 and it is hoped that in time, and as our funding allows, all classrooms will be upgraded. The children also play hard as these delightful photos show. They would be very pleased to hear from you at PO Box 57, Naivasha, Kenya.



Fundraising and donations

Thanks again to the **Hunsbury Harmonettes** who performed their 3rd concert for us. A very pleasing £620 was raised which will go towards the upkeep of Sacred Heart School.

Our thanks go to **Zes Care**, a centre providing health and social day care for adults with learning and physical disabilities, for their donation.

We are delighted that we have again been supported by **Walk for a Cause** who have recently donated an amazing £1000 to Karuri School Project, to help with the ongoing water management programme. Many thanks to everyone concerned.

The **David Young Charity** also gave a generous £400 to support our water programme.

Our thanks go to **The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School, Northampton** for their continued support.



A new pupil from the Mukuru slum area of Nairobi has been admitted to the school. Her mother has special needs and has been given a position in the school, helping in the dormitories, working in the kitchen and serving food.



A recent attempt to steal cows and chickens from the school was thwarted thanks to the vigilance of the nightwatchman. Thinking the school may be closed and the watchman on holiday, thieves entered the compound during the night. They were chased by the watchman and school staff and one of them was wounded by an arrow; fortunately nothing was stolen from the school. The thieves were finally caught at 5.00am the same morning, transporting five bags of chickens to Naivasha.

News from the WI

The relief to know that the latest batch of sweaters and quilts had arrived safely at the Sisters' home in Naivasha was wonderful, only to be surpassed by the email and photos sent by Wangari.

"Jill, we received the gifts, oh Mama Mia! Wonderful gifts, we are so happy we lack enough words to express our joy. As you can see the children's faces can say it all, they were so excited and over the moon. The jumpers are wonderful, including the one from Marks and Spencer! The quilts were just great, thank you so much for such love. Teachers are very grateful for the stationery and the pens. Thank you so much. Please pass my and our gratitude and appreciation to the ladies who made and prepared those gifts, I have asked the children to write a letter and send via the post office, hope you get it. Just to say a word of thanks."



Wangari always shows her deep gratitude at receiving these goods with some very enthusiastic thanks and we will all look forward to receiving the children's letters soon.

It is so heartwarming to arrive to talk to a WI group to be greeted with a pile of knitted sweaters or filled pencils cases. I am proud to be a WI member and to continue to sell the bags and talk to different groups around the area and to get such positive feedback from them. Their continued support is invaluable.

Jill Wadsworth

Future plans

It has become increasingly apparent that improved security at the school is a priority. Although the school is situated in a calm area, it is isolated and the safety of all staff and students, as well as livestock is paramount. Security lights near the toilet, kitchen and outside the teachers' houses are needed, so is secure fencing around the whole compound. This will be a priority for future fundraising, and if anyone knows of a company which would like to sponsor this, please let us know. The house for the nightwatchman is almost complete, and this will help considerably with security issues.



The school has taken a major step forward in forward planning for the children. Let Wangari take up the story - *"They have to perform well, the best candidates in Primary school are sponsored by various banks in Kenya. I have already registered our orphans. Thus they are working very hard to attain the grades to allow them to get the bank to sponsor them. So far they are doing well and I am convinced they will go through. I have also filled in forms for Starebe Boys' School. It sponsors the most bright, the poor and orphans and it is the best secondary school in Kenya. So I hope some children will join the school next year"*.

Future Fundraising

Hebe's Live Music Night!

Our next fundraising event is in memory of **Hebe Holmes** and will be a **Live Music Spectacular**.

The Cripps Leisure Centre,
Northampton General Hospital
October 18th from 7.30pm - 11.30pm.

Tickets, including a buffet, are £10 from 01604 495025, 07872 503524 or 07982 511092. At least 4 live bands are booked so there should be something for everyone. A night not to be missed and probably never repeated!



STOP PRESS - Date for your diary

A concert by the **Hunsbury Harmonettes** will be held at Northampton Cathedral, Barrack Road, Friday 12th December. Please check the website later for details. www.karurisch.org