

Karuri School Project

Supporting Sacred Heart School, Naivasha, Kenya

"A Dream for Something Better" - Wangari Cecilia



News Update - June 2015

Words from Wangari



Greetings from us all. Thank you so much for the support and funds. On behalf of the children I am very grateful. Every penny goes to the right job and I see great progress in the school. My greatest joy is to see a sad, wounded, neglected and under nourished child being transformed, to a joyful healed child, growing into self confidence with improved health.



Thank you for the gifts of clothes and blankets. The children were delighted and very excited.

For **Hebe's memorial**, we had interhouse competition games (the children have been divided into teams) - football, volleyball, netball, table tennis and a running race. Believe me, the neighbours came to watch after the noise and the joy landed to their ears!

It is through your great sacrifices that these children can enjoy life, feel accepted and loved. Thank you all.

Wangari

News from the school

We are proud to announce that we now have a Nursery Class! The money for the classroom was given by Karuri School Project and we wish this new venture every success.

Thanks to the money raised from paying students, Wangari has been able to build both a chicken and a rabbit house. Her mother kindly donated 21 chicks and Wangari has purchased 15 rabbits.

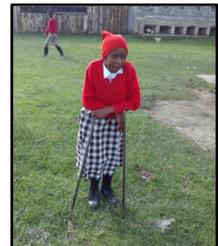


The Nursery Class with their new teacher



The rabbits in their new hutches

New pupils include Mbugua, an orphan from Mathare slums in Nairobi. He joined the school last September, a neglected and traumatised child, unable to concentrate in class. Now he is a transformed child - bright and happy. Another orphan, with a physical disability has joined the school. We wish them, and all the other pupils, continued success in the future.



Grace

A success story - please see the website for more details

It is now four years since the opening of The Sacred Heart School. Anthony Karimi was born in 1999 and has attended the school since the outset. Although alert, astute and independent, he was easily distracted and disturbed by memories of his previous environment. At home there was poverty and considerable sickness and loss. Most of his family had died of AIDS; others were HIV positive. Anthony, his three brothers and a sister lived with their grandmother, who struggled to support them. At school Anthony (always taller than many of the pupils and immediately noticeable) became quite a leader amongst the children and his academic achievements increased. In his final year, he became Head Boy and he has now passed the National Examination and Scholarship to attend a Secondary School. Not only is this a life-changing experience for him personally, he now has the potential to help the rest of his family in the future.

Fundraising and donations

Thank you to everyone who has donated to Karuri School Project via the **Virgin Giving** site. So far over £300 has been raised.

The **Women's Institute** continue to support us and recent bag sales have raised almost £1000. Thanks to Jill Wadsworth and her many friends and supporters.

The **Quiz Night** on Friday 24th April 2015 was another great success, and a total of £505 was raised, including almost £250 from donated raffle prizes. Our thanks go to **St. Gregory's School** for the use of their hall, and to everyone who helped.

We have a growing number of pennies for our '**Coppers for Karuri**' fund. Please collect any spare coppers in a suitable container - jar, box, bottle etc. When it is full, ring John on 07982 511029 and he will collect it. Optimistically, we are trying to collect a million pennies over the next year!

A recent **Coffee Morning** at **Kingsley Park Methodist Church** raised £100 - grateful thanks to everyone who supported this event.

Future Fundraising

The Hunsbury Harmonettes
Choir



A wonderful evening of music
for you to enjoy.

Friday 10th July 2015
7.30pm

at The Sacred Heart Church
Weston Favell
Tickets: £5

All proceeds to the Karuri
School Project

Book your tickets from
John Sleet (07982 511029) or
Sheila Dowling (01604 633150)

How to raise funds for the Karuri School Project simply by shopping online

The **Giving Machine** is a portal that is set up to allow charities to get donations when supporters shop online at any of the thousands of retailers they are linked with. It is free for you and is a very easy way for the Karuri School Project to gain much needed funds. Follow the step-by-step guide below to get going – all you have to do once you're registered is shop online!

Step-by-Step Guide

Go to www.thegivingmachine.co.uk

- * Click on Join (top right hand corner).
- * Join using either your email address or one of the Social Networking sites.
- * Complete the form which gives your details and allows you to create a password.
- * Enter the Karuri School Project in the area marked 'Select Causes to Support'.
- * When the project name comes up click on 'Add'. That's it – you are now registered and when you go through this site to access online retailers you will generate donations for us which don't cost you a penny!

The important thing to remember is that every time you wish to shop online you first login to the Giving Machine site and then access the store(s) you want to shop in! If you don't do this we won't receive any money at all.

You can search for favourite stores from a very wide range; once you've found the store you wish to shop in click 'Shop now' and it will take you through to the normal site for that store.

That's all there is to it! Please consider registering and selecting the Karuri School Project to support. We would really appreciate it.

A message from Jill

I will soon be sending another huge parcel to Josphat Nkuki who will ensure the safe delivery of all the items to Wangari. Saying thank you will never get boring whilst I continue to receive so many gifts. Walking into WI meetings to give talks, attending Federation days or just having a knock on our front door, to be given more knitted sweaters, hats and bedcovers, woollen toys or a beautifully made quilt, is always a fantastic reminder of just how many generous friends I have made because of the Karuri School Project.



A beautiful
stained-glass
window quilt

I am also going to give a talk to young pupils in a village school in Abbots Ripton to tell them just how lucky they are and to show what life is like in The Sacred Heart School in Kenya. Hopefully pupils from the two schools will be able to write to each other as the lovely headteacher is very keen for her pupils to be made aware of those children who are less fortunate than themselves.

It will certainly be a very positive development if this comes about. Watch this space. My thanks to everyone.

Jill Wadsworth