

Latest news from S:t Christine School in Kabondo

The new library

In the previous newsletter, number 79, we could inform that the revision of the house, which was in very bad shape after being attacked by wild bees, had started. Today the work is almost finished. A bit of painting on the inside and outside, and then it is ready for moving in the old library and the pupils' computers. Many thanks to Bo Riddarström and Eva Rudberg, whose donation made this possible.

Study visit to Kisumu Showground

Report by Augustine (teacher)

All students in eighth grade together with a number of staff, both teaching and non-teaching personnel, have visited Kisumu Showground. The pupils were guided around in smaller groups. Different sectors of the Kenyan economy were represented. The students had enough time to visit almost all stations and learned something new at each one. The visit was a very good lesson out of school and traditional classroom setting. The pupils learned a lot and had the opportunity to ask questions and got good answers. They diligently took notes and wrote down what the speakers told them in the different stations. They also got to visit a local radio station from where they could send messages and greetings to their custodians, friends and relatives. This was especially appreciated as some of those responded during the day, as they had heard the greetings on the radio. On their way home they visited the big shopping centre in Kisumu, which is something completely different from the markets where the village people normally do their shopping. The whole visit ended with the students getting the assignment to write an interesting essay about the trip and their impressions, which was later discussed and followed up in school.

Finally thanks to all of you, who through your support made it possible for the pupils to participate in this important event in the academic calendar. We appreciate your support very much. Thanks! Greetings / Augustine

The economic situation – diminishing member contributions

As I wrote in my previous newsletter, we have seen that our member contributions and donations diminished during the spring, which is worrying. In January, when we visited the school and discussed with the school administration and decided about the 2017 budget, we were forced to make some cuts, i.a. in the food account. I'm sorry to say that the inflow of member contributions didn't improve during the summer period. Therefore we must ask you all kindly to think of the school and to continue supporting the school and the children in St Christine School. We are continuously looking for new sponsors and donors, so please distribute our newsletter to friends and colleagues. Help us to continue giving the children most in need in Kabondo a good education.

Christmas Fair at Farsta Gård, november 25 – 26. Open between 11 and 16. Free admission.

In order to raise money for the school, the Society has for many years arranged different events for members and friends. Flea markets, Kenya days, bazaars and participated in Fair Christmas Market in Norrköping. This year we will try something new. We have got an opportunity to participate in the Christmas Fair at Farsta Gård in Farsta. We hope that we, by meeting new customers, will be able to achieve a good result and get a welcome addition to our funds for operation of the school. This year we have, in addition to jewellery from Kazuri in Nairobi, a number of new things for sale (see some samples below). Do come and take the opportunity to buy some christmas gifts! Bring your

friends too! You will find us indoors in the so called barn, located to the left as you enter the yard. Toilet bags, quilted comforters for prams, shopping bags from African fabrics, homemade jam, marmelade and chutney, traditional christmas decorations etc. For additional information see www.farstagard.se

The students achievements – St Christine School the third best school in the region.

The students in eighth grade have performed the so called half time tests. The majority of the results are very good. The students whose results are average will get additional support and are expected to improve their ratings till the final exams. The total result for St Christine was 300,52 points, which put the school in third place among the 32 schools in the region. A fantastic result, considering the pupils' social and economic situation. Many thanks to the school's teacher and other staff, who through their commitment support and contribute to the good results, and to you donors and sponsors, who make this possible.

The farming project

The farming project is now finished and the crops harvested. Unfortunately the corn was attacked by some kind of insects, but the sukumawikin (resembles cow cabbage) was more successful. The result didn't produce the profit we had hoped and planned for, but the yield corresponds to one semester's need, which we must be satisfied with, especially in consideration of the insect damage.

School administration

David has concluded his assignment as head master. Evan is appointed acting head master till the end of the semester. In this position he is also assigned to represent the private schools of the district in a national conference in Mombasa. The reason for this assignment is the general progress of our school and the students' good results.

Finally I hope to see you at Farsta Gård on November 25 – 26.

Greetings

The board / Bitte Brask, chair person

The Society's web page and Facebook

Information about the school can be found in the Society's web page www.kisumu.se
Visit us also on Facebook. News from the society and school is regularly published on the Facebook pages [Föreningen Kisumu](#) and [St.Christine](#)

The Society's different accounts

Do you wish to give a gift for a celebration or in memory of someone? Send your donation to one of our accounts below and send us a mail at gava@kisumu.se. State purpose, person to whom we shall send our thanks and who the donors are. We will then send a thank you-card with the names of the donors.

Swish-account: 1236 072 698

Bank giro: 5734-8534

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IBAN-number

Contact our accountant Julia Olson, julia@kisumu.se to get the Society's account number and IBAN number in Handelsbanken

