

First of all we wish you all a good continuation of the new year.

The past year was a challenge for all of us and many of us miss the events and activities, which we are forced to abstain from. At times it feels as time halts and we long for a lighter future and the life we were used to and wish for. Traveling to Kenya and visiting the school was not possible and we can only hope that the availability of vaccine in Africa will improve so that everybody, who wants it, will get the same protection as we can get.

Since our latest newsletter things have changed in the school's management. The head master Calvince left for a new position. During his time as head master he has done a fantastic job, and we wish him luck in his new assignment. More about this in Ulla's report later.

Latest news from the school

Changes in the school's management

Calvince announced in November that he got a new job as senior teacher in Kiswahili in a prestigious private school in Nairobi. He therefore wished to conclude his job as head master in our school. Within the board of the Foundation we then discussed who in the school's management team could be his successor. We really had two candidates, Bether, who was assistant head master, and James, who had the role as senior teacher. Bether is currently studying to get a more advanced degree, which will eventually be required by the government. James has worked for seven years at St. Christine as a teacher. Calvince recommended that we give him a test period of six months, which was also done. During this time Calvince will be James' mentor as he will return to the village almost every weekend. We have also named another teacher, Paul Owour, acting deputy head master and Geoffrey Owino Ojwang senior teacher. The transition has worked very well. Calvince coaches James and the management team. I have weekly telephone contacts with James and I understand that he has support from the staff and custodians. We will evaluate the management team's work in May to see if the three of them will get renewed commission.

As we have told earlier, the schools have gradually changed to a new curriculum. One of the new courses is home science, which the

pupils seem to embrace, and they participate enthusiastically. More pictures can be found on our home page

The Association's sale in the Christmas fairs

The Association participated in four different fairs in November / December: Farsta Gård, Prinsvillan Tyresö, Brännkyrka hembygdsförening in Älvsjö and in the entrance to the restaurant at S:t Görans's hospital. It amounted to a total of seven market days. This was much longed for, after all the events the Association was forced to abstain from since the start of the pandemic. The number of visitors to these fairs was fantastic. In Farsta a total of 5000 people came in the two days, which according to the organizer is a record attendance. This is probably an effect of all the canceled events during the last two years. In the seven days we managed to sell more than at any occasion before. The total revenue almost covers the operation costs of the school for one month.

Sale on the home page

As a result of the Christmas fairs we now have to close the sale via the home page. We need to update it regarding the remaining stock and to manufacture and refill with new items. We hope to be able to meet under pleasant conditions before summer and then also sell some craft items for the benefit of the school.

Finally the board wants to express our sincere thanks to all members and friends for your support and all donations we received in the last year. At the same time we wish to thank "Handelsbankens Fadderbarnsfond" och "IBM Hjälper barn i världen" for your generous contributions. Without you all the school wouldn't be the fine and good school it is today.

The board / Bitte Brask