

TENDER FOOT SCHOOL

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Newsletter Updates September-December 2022

Receive our warm greetings from the entire Tender Foot School Fraternity. We do not hesitate to extend our sincere gratitude to all our esteemed friends and well-wishers for your continued love and support that you have been according us all through the years and in this regard, accept our profound gratitude from the bottom of our hearts. We value your friendship and generosity very special.

School Opening/closing year 2022

The School opened on 26th September, 2022 for third term and closed 25th November, 2022, This year we had four terms instead of the normal three terms per year, this is because the Ministry of Education wanted to cover up for the time wasted during the Covid-19 pandemic so they had to rearrange the days to fit one calendar year. Now come next year 2023 the school calendar will go back to normal. We shall resume school on 23rd January, 2023.

K.C.P.E. Exams

Our class eight candidates sat for their exams in March 2022 and regardless of shortened school dates they really did us proud by performing better than last year. They had a mean score of 317, though there is still room for improvement. They all managed to join secondary schools. This year we have sat for K.C.P.E. exams twice, that is in March and now in November. The Class eight have sat for their final exam from 28th November to 30th November, 2022 and we are waiting for the results which will be out before the end of the year.

Grade six

This is our pioneer C.B.C. (Competency Based Curriculum) class. They have also sat for their final assessment test known as Kenya Primary School Education Assessment (K.P.S.E.A.) from 28th November to 30th November, 2022. They shall be joining Junior Secondary School in January 2023. The Government has authorized that they should continue in their current schools for another three years before joining Senior Secondary school after grade nine. We are expecting to accommodate more grade seven pupils in our junior secondary school since not many schools in our area were awarded the certificates because they did not meet the requirements to have a junior secondary school in their current schools. Some of these requirements were for the existing schools to have enough classrooms and a laboratory. We are lucky to have acquired the certificate for this.



Tr. Esther giving a word of encouragement to our class eight and grade six candidates

PRE-UNIT GRADUATION YEAR 2022

This year we have had two graduations because we had two third terms in the same year, note that we had four term entwined in one year rather than the normal three terms. Our children graduated to join grade one come next year 2023. It was held on 14th September, 2022. Below are photos taken on that day.



Graduation ceremony

Development

As per our earlier newsletter, we had mentioned that we have done with three more classroom and a kitchen. This was quite an achievement. Currently we are constructing some five more classrooms to reach our target of fifteen classroom as per our original plan. This started late last month. We cannot hesitate to convey our sincere gratitude for our dear friends who have made this possible, spear headed by our Dad Bill Gray of Rotary Club Cataraqui Kingston Canada who has tremendously mobilized quite a number of his friends to join hands in helping in acquiring funds to construct the new classrooms.

This will help a lot since now we are going to have the junior secondary school in our school and we really needed more classrooms. They will be requiring a music room, a home science room and now that they already occupy two classrooms for the laboratory and we had to replace.

We cannot forget to thank our dear Rotarian friend Mr. Balasubrahmanyam from Rotary club of Madras Coromandel India for his generous contribution towards the construction of the new five classrooms. We are also planning to construct a dining hall on top of the kitchen due to limited space as per our Engineer's advice Mr. Daniel Manza. Currently our children eat from outside but it will be better if we managed to construct a dining hall for them.

Below are photos of the ongoing construction of the new five classrooms.



The five classrooms under construction

MUSIC INSTRUMENTS

We are appealing to our well-wishers to support us in this area by donating or buying for our children some music instruments since now it has become a subject in the new curriculum. We received some music instruments from our school mentor Mr. Richard Hooper which the children received with thanks giving. Below are some photos and the instruments.



Some shakers and a guitar



Tr. Esther with our music teacher

CLOSING DAY

The school closed on Wednesday 23rd November, 2022 for a period of two months. This will be a long holiday to enable the Ministry of Education mark the exams for grade six, class eight and secondary form four. The school will resume on Monday 23rd January, 2023.

Our pupils enjoyed their closing day party as usual. Below are pupils during the closing day.



Appeal for more developments

We as Tender Foot School Fraternity would like to take this opportunity to thank all our well-wishers who have made us reach this far. We still humbly request for your support to buy some music instruments for our C.B.C curriculum and also add some more laboratory equipment's and home science items. The new class rooms will need new furniture and also the dining hall will need chairs and tables to be used by our children. We shall appreciate your assistance. We wish all our esteemed friends God's blessings in abundance.

WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Thank you all.

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