



LITTLE FACES SCHOOLS



HIGHS AND LOWS OF 2016

2017 saw the start of the year with a massive amount of new pupils hoping for a place in the beginner's Kindergarten class. We had estimated between 30 and 40 but were overwhelmed when over 70 young hopefuls turned up on the first day of term.

Most of the parents were hoping that not only would they be able to get an education for their child, but also a much hoped for sponsor to ease the burden on the family of having to pay the school fees out of what little money the family were able to earn.

With the tourism industry in Kenya in decline this has affected the area and its inhabitants. With many people in the tourism industry losing their jobs and the chance to earn a living wage, this has also had a knock on effect with associated service industries.

Because the area is in such decline it has become more important than ever that the Little Faces School is able with the help of its friends, donors and sponsors to support the school, staff and children.

SPONSORED CHILDREN

With such a massive influx of children it was imperative that we found sponsors for these children. An urgent appeal was sent out and we are now close to having found sponsors for all of the children urgently needing a sponsor and support. We have found sponsors for more than half the new intake but still have a large number of older children also in desperate need of a sponsor.

HALER ZOO VISIT



A group of children were taken on a special trip to Haler Park Zoo this is the second time a trip has been made to Haler park.

The trip lets some of the children see for the first time animals that are

native to the area. A great day out was had by the children thanks to funding for the trip made by kind donations

I sure all of the children who went on the excursion would like to say a big **“Thank You”**

School Highlights

CHILDREN HAVING LESSONS



I.T LESSONS AT THE SCHOOL

It was found that the children at the school were not just lacking in IT skills but for most of them totally unaware of how important it would be for them in future life.

With most of the children never having had the chance to operate a computer and the requirement to advance into the state education being an understanding of basic computing skills, it was a necessity that we brought in a teacher to give lessons at the school.

The I.T. teacher is coming in on a part time basis at the moment giving lessons to some of the older children. The children have been more than enthusiastic to learn this new skill that has been made available to them.

Our thanks to DHL for providing the seven laptops that are being used in the school.





THE BARN

Our newly acquired storage barn is gradually filling up with items ready for the new school when it is finally built.

This has been used over the last few weeks for the storage and sorting of the Christmas Boxes, so if you want a picture of what Santa's workshop really looks like this is as close as it gets.

We have been allowed to rent the barn for a peppercorn rent and are most grateful to the owner of the barn who has been so generous

CHRISTMAS BOXES



Once again we have supplied Christmas gift boxes to the school and are as this is being written on route to the school.

Because the number of children at the school has risen so dramatically we were worried that we would fall short of our target.

Once again everybody rallied around with donations, gifts and boxes being delivered from supporters of the school from all over the country. It was a great relief when not only the required 230 boxes were made up but a total of 270 being made up which will be given to siblings of children at the school.

Along with the boxes will be 103 dictionaries for life for the older children and this years graduates, these were kindly donated by The Rotary Club of Hatfield with particular thanks to Frank Taylor for organising

On the delivery will also be 50 new shirts and three boxes of shoes. Shirts donated by Arvinder Dhillon and shoes by Kevin Ingram and team at JLR contract which will be very welcome.

Hopefully Sally Harrison will be at the celebration of the new "school



Tables and chairs waiting for shipment to the new school



DHL SELECTED CHARITY

Little Faces School have again been selected to be the International charity for DHL Auto and LLP this was confirmed at the recent champions meeting .

Sally Harrison was also invited to DHL Head office in Bonn Germany where it was announced at their fun day that

Little Faces Schools, Kenya are the DHL International Charity Partner for at least the next two years.

NEW SCHOOL

2 Steps forward 1 step back

Our planned purchase of a piece of land earlier in the year fell apart at the final hurdle with just days to completion of the purchase.

So we picked ourselves up dusted ourselves off and started all over again.

We found a new plot of land although slightly smaller better located to our current school which is rapidly being out grown. The purchase of the land has now been completed, now all we have to do is build a school a small matter of approx. £45,000 which is now the target of our fundraising.

If you would like to help by our "Buy a Brick" please see below for our donation information



How to sponsor

- **You may transfer the full £60 or 60EUR per child by BACS** to Santander, Little Faces Nursery School, account no. 49379650, sort code 09-01-28
- **You may set up a standing order for £5 or 5EUR per month per child** Santander, Little Faces Nursery School, account no. 49379650, sort code 09-01-28
- **By cheque** to the registered office or **Cash** to any trustee of "Little Faces"

If you need any assistance please email sally.harrison@dhl.com

