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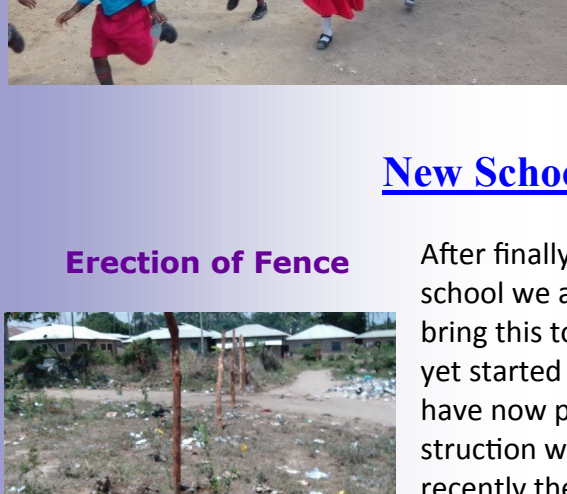
Little Faces School



## News Letter March 2017

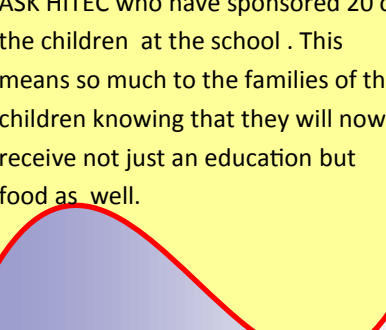
### New Year Intake to KG 1

January 2017 saw the start of the New Year with the arrival of our new pupils entering KG1. We have become accustomed to more pupils arriving than we had anticipated. Now that the class has settled down, we are able to provide a list of children who are in desperate need of sponsorship at the school.



### New School

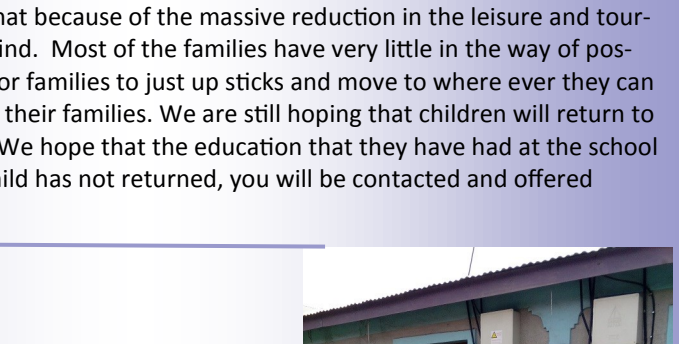
#### Erection of Fence



After finally purchasing a plot of land for our new school we are now desperate to raise funds to bring this to a completed project. Work has not yet started on the building of the school but we have now passed two major milestones in its construction with the purchase of the land and just recently the construction of a fence around the site. If you would like to help by "Buying a few Bricks" all donations will be greatly appreciated

### 20 More Sponsored Children

Enormous thanks go out to Adam at ASK HITEC who have sponsored 20 of the children at the school. This means so much to the families of the children knowing that they will now receive not just an education but food as well.

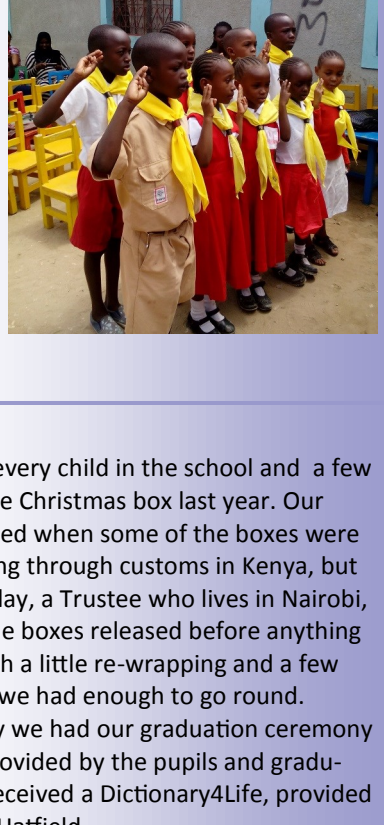


### School Attendance

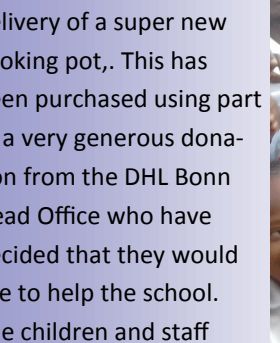
We are finding that the number of children and their families moving away from the area has increased over the Christmas holiday. The school closed in November (a government order for all schools) and when school re-opened in January we were shocked to see the number of children who did not return. We understand that because of the massive reduction in the leisure and tourism industry, work is very difficult to find. Most of the families have very little in the way of possessions and it is therefore common for families to just up sticks and move to where ever they can find they can support themselves and their families. We are still hoping that children will return to the school before we fill their places. We hope that the education that they have had at the school will help them in the future. If your child has not returned, you will be contacted and offered another child to support.

### Scout Troop

We are proud to announce that we now have our own scout troop based at the school and the membership is growing. The scout movement now welcomes both boys and girls into the scouting community which has been a worldwide movement for many years now and is a movement that aims to support young people in their physical, mental and spiritual development. They may then play constructive roles in society, with a strong focus on the outdoors and survival skills.. We hope that with the skills that they learn and an education, our pupils will have the skills to help them through life.



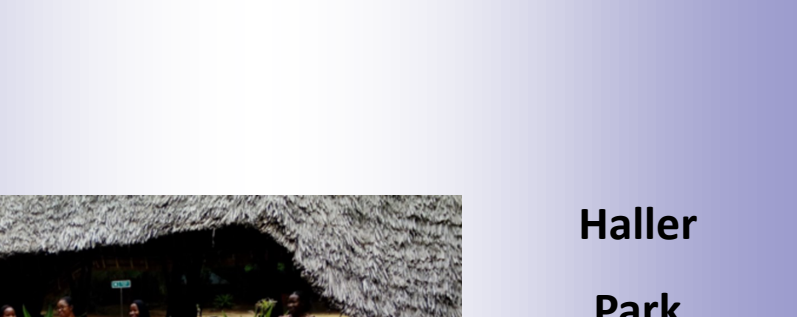
### Christmas Box Appeal



We managed to give every child in the school and a few siblings a very welcome Christmas box last year. Our efforts were not helped when some of the boxes were plundered while passing through customs in Kenya, but with the help of Ben Clay, a Trustee who lives in Nairobi, we were able to get the boxes released before anything else went missing. With a little re-wrapping and a few swaps here and there we had enough to go round. On the celebration day we had our graduation ceremony with entertainment provided by the pupils and graduates. Each graduate received a Dictionary4Life, provided by The Rotary Club of Hatfield.

We are hoping to start our box collection earlier this year to avoid the delays and last minute rush that we are accustomed to— so please start collecting early as we have plenty of space in our barn to store them.

**WOW** lots of excitement at the school as they took delivery of a super new cooking pot. This has been purchased using part of a very generous donation from the DHL Bonn Head Office who have decided that they would like to help the school. The children and staff would like to say :-

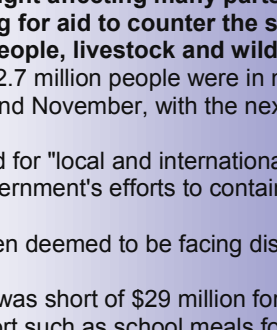


**THANK YOU**



### Haller Park Trip

Once again the children from Little Faces School were treated to a visit to a Haller Park. This is the third time we have been able to take the children this year being supported thanks to a very generous donation from a supporter of the school. The outing gives the children probably the only trip that they will have during the year giving them an insight into the wildlife that inhabits their country



### Drought In Kenya



Photo taken by Sally Harrison on a recent trip to the school and surrounding area

**Kenya has declared the ongoing drought affecting many parts of the country a national disaster, calling for aid to counter the situation which is posing a major risk to people, livestock and wildlife.** The Kenya Red Cross estimated about 2.7 million people were in need of food aid after low rainfall in October and November, with the next rainy season not due before April.

Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta called for "local and international partners to come in and support the government's efforts to contain the situation".

Out of Kenya's 47 counties, 23 have been deemed to be facing disastrous drought.

The UN World Food Programme said it was short of \$29 million for the next six to nine months to provide support such as school meals for 428,000 children who often depend on them as their only substantial meal of the day.

The presidency did not set out how much the Kenyan Government needed for the drought, but said it had released 7.3 billion shillings (\$92 million) and local authorities had provided another 2 billion.

"The Government intends to enhance the interventions including doubling of food rations and cash transfers among other measures," the presidency said in a statement.

### How can you help?

Any knowledge and experience you may have would be gratefully received. Any fund raising that you could do for the children at Little Faces Schools would be REALLY APPRECIATED

**Could you or an organisation you know of sponsor a child or two? Just £60 per child per year**

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