



# SAAS

SPONSOR AN AFRICAN SCHOLAR

Issue no 29

## MIDTERM BREAK

Late February all students all over the country had their midterm break which was for 1 week. The break enabled them to refresh their minds at home, while recharging after their first term. Schools here normally have 3 terms in a year and term 1 has 14 weeks. During this midterm students were able to drop by the office and update us on their year so far.

## DONOR VISIT

The Mombasa office was graced to host one of the Avolon - Care committee staff, Mr John Breslin. He was in Kenya for Avolon business meetings. Despite his busy schedule, Mr. Breslin was able spare some time to visit us in the SAAS office. During his visit he was able to meet with some of the students which his company supports going to school. Avolon leases airplanes all the over the world and have supported many charities. They manage to set aside funds and allocate them to several non-government organizations. This time around SAAS was able to send 14 students to school through their help. In previous years SAAS was able to acquire grants from them and send quite a number of children to school. A million thanks goes to Kate Bowden, John Breslin and the rest of the Care committee in Avolon. The SAAS family will always pray for your wellbeing.



*A group photo of the Avolon students together with John Breslin and SAAS Benefactor Ben Luganje.  
Right photo: A home visit to one of the SAAS Avolon students by John Breslin*

## SAAS ANNIVERSARY

We are proud as team SAAS to let you know that this February SAAS was able to celebrate its 13<sup>th</sup> Birthday. We would like to thank all the directors and our astonishing donors for making this organization stand strong for all the 13 years. You have been of great help since day one, praying for many more years to come for us. Long live SAAS.



*SAAS office from the outside*

**EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EDUCATION**

. Email : [info@saas.ie](mailto:info@saas.ie) Web : [www.saas.ie](http://www.saas.ie)

Directors : Gina Woods, David Maguire, Vanessa Hayes, Henry McLoughlin Vat No: 20130521/1810, Charity No : CHY 17318



# SAAS

SPONSOR AN AFRICAN SCHOLAR

## SCHOOL OPENED

Term one started immediately after New Year. This term is meant to be longest and it is a term when the students move to the next stage of their lives. They are going to stay in that class for three terms until next Jan, that's when they will be moving to the next year's classes.

## JANUARY COMPUTER INTAKE

January 2019, we were able to enroll more than 80 students in SAAS computer program. A good number of students registered for the classes and they were so eager to learn more about computer packages. The SAAS family would like to appreciate Mr. John Delaney in Athora and Malgo Krason from Ireland. Through Mr Dave Cahill, the two were able to donate a number of laptops to the SAAS lab, giving the lab a fresh new look.



**Left: Computer students utilizing the donated laptops. Right: Dave with some of computer students.**

## SAAS FUNDAY

We held our annual fun day on the 15<sup>th</sup> of Dec before we closed our SAAS office for the Christmas holidays. SAAS Managing Director Gina Woods was there to grace the occasion. The day started with a prayer from one of the students, then followed by some entertainment and speeches. We later awarded the best performing students for 2018.

Later we had our girl's session whereby girls meet together and discuss their personal matters. This was very encouraging as all the girls were active and they could share their life experiences, challenges and were encouraging to their sisters. Among the topics discussed was hygiene, discipline, early girls' marriage, relationships in addition to academic matters. A lot of emphasizes was kept in personal hygiene and academic performance. This proved to be challenging especially to girls during their menstruation time.

The boys on the other side had their session where they discussed on their challenges as boys. This included drugs addiction, academic matters and boy girl relationships. The day ended with all the children sharing lunch together. Lots of appreciation goes to Madame Monica Kennedy for funding December's activity. Among the activities planned for this coming year are Yoga, summer camp, counseling sessions, ball games in addition to a fun day. We welcome any help from donors either through buying materials or giving advice.

**EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EDUCATION**

. Email : [info@saas.ie](mailto:info@saas.ie) Web : [www.saas.ie](http://www.saas.ie)

Directors : Gina Woods, David Maguire, Vanessa Hayes, Henry McLoughlin Vat No: 20130521/1810, Charity No : CHY 17318



# SAAS

SPONSOR AN AFRICAN SCHOLAR

*Left down: A group photo of the girls with the sanitary packs donated by Monica Kennedy. Center down: SAAS best student for the year 2018 in a photo together with Gina. Right down: A group photo of the students during Fun day.*



## Donor Visit

David Cahill was here for one month and during this time he got to meet SAAS families and also shared some Christmas gifts with them. He also visited orphanages and homes. This includes the families with children who have disability challenges. Dave's friends played a major role in putting a smile on the faces of the less fortunate. These people didn't know if their Christmas was going to be great but thanks to Dave and his friends, who made sure that the less fortunate had an excellent holiday. Dave also has set up a borehole project which ensures that there is sufficient water for use to approximately 5,000 locals who live in the slum area of Mombasa.



*Top Right: David Cahill visiting one of the disadvantaged families at their home. Top left: David together with the diggers at the borehole site. Top Center: A group photo with the kids at Cannan Orphanage*

## STAR STUDENT

This time around we celebrated a student by the name of Abraham Joshua Charles. He is currently in Form 3. Abraham is 17 years old. He is a very bright boy despite the challenges he is facing in his family. Before SAAS came to his rescue, Abraham had tough times. He had enrolled to school through the help of a well wisher who vanished immediately Abraham joined school. His school life was not pleasing as he spend 95% of his school time at home. This is because of lack of school fees. He is an encouraging young man as he would still go back to school and performed exceptionally well. Last year he managed to win 2 awards from SAAS. This was for; best Form 2 student and Best personality. He is a very obedient young man and we see his future as being bright.

**EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EDUCATION**

. Email : [info@saas.ie](mailto:info@saas.ie) Web : [www.saas.ie](http://www.saas.ie)

Directors : Gina Woods, David Maguire, Vanessa Hayes, Henry McLoughlin Vat No: 20130521/1810, Charity No : CHY 17318



# SAAS

SPONSOR AN AFRICAN SCHOLAR

We would also like to congratulate one of our very own students, Sheila Luganzo who graduated with a Degree in Information Communication Technology. Sheila is currently working at Multimedia University.



*Left: Abraham Charles receiving his awards from SAAS Director Ms Gina Woods. Right: Sheila Luganzo with some of the SAAS students during her graduation.*

## NEW DIRECTORS

On behalf of SAAS Fraternity we wish to welcome Madame Vanessa Hayes and Mr David Maguire on board as SAAS directors. We are so excited to have you onboard at SAAS. We believe that you can use your skills and talent in making SAAS reach new heights. We look forward to working with you.



*Left: Madam Vanessa Hayes together with her husband Richard, SAAS staff Silvia Masere and their student Victor Ogutu. Right: Mr David Maguire having a chat with his student Fredrick Onyango.*

## Coming Soon

- Term 2 and Easter holidays
- Computer May intake

**EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EDUCATION**

. Email : [info@saas.ie](mailto:info@saas.ie) Web : [www.saas.ie](http://www.saas.ie)

Directors : Gina Woods, David Maguire, Vanessa Hayes, Henry McLoughlin Vat No: 20130521/1810, Charity No : CHY 17318