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DIRECTOR AND DONOR'S VISIT

SAAS was delighted again to welcome Director, Gina Woods together with SAAS sponsors Kevin Stiles and Nora Doyle. The aim of their visit was to oversee the work that SAAS is doing and also meet the students who are sponsored as well as donate football jerseys to our partner school Kongowea Primary. Kevin Stiles is a professional touch rugby player and every time he visits SAAS he finds time to play touch rugby with the students. And this year was not an exception as he got the chance to impart his amazing skills to the students with the help of our very own rugby player Welland Mugani.



LEFT: Kevin and Gina in a group photo with some of the SAAS students, RIGHT: Nora, Kev, Gina and SAAS students in front of the office.

The needy students from Kongowea Primary School received Jerseys and footballs from St. Bridget's GAA Club Castleknock in Dublin. SAAS students also were not left behind with receiving some jerseys and all thanks to the donation from St. Bridget's GAA Club. We would like to thank St Bridget's as well as Mrs Nora Doyle for the support she has given to SAAS too. Nora also hosted a cake sale for SAAS, with the help of her friends Billy, Michele & St. Bridget's GAA Club, before she came out and with the proceeds of the sale we were able to sponsor five students into School this year. Thank you so much!!



FROM LEFT: Nora giving out Jerseys to Kindergarten children from Jocham Primary School, a photo of students from Kongowea Primary School with their Jerseys and one of their new footballs

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We also welcomed SAAS sponsors, Dharshini Allirajah and Steve Murphy who have provided wonderful support and facilitated huge progress in our IT department. We wish them all the happiness in the world for their upcoming wedding!!!



Dharshini and Steve working on their expertise

We would also like to express our gratitude to German Business man Mr. Peter Becker for his support and Christmas donations. Mr. Becker decided that rather than buying unwanted Christmas gifts he would donate the money to SAAS this year and sponsor a child. we are most grateful for this generous support and would encourage others to do like wise.



Proud Jisca receiving her 1st term School Fees cheque from her Sponsor Mr. Becker

APPRECIATION FOR GRANTS RECEIVED

SAAS in Ireland and Kenya would like to take this opportunity to thank Kate Ryan and Cavan County Council for funding to sponsor students into Secondary School, as well as purchasing computers for the computer classes and also making it possible for the SAAS Youth Group to receive funding for one of their Projects that is Farming. This funding will go a long way in insuring that the students who are sponsored benefit by them staying in School and not to worry about them being sent away from School because of Lack of School fees.

Given the increase in the number of computers, we can now increase the number of students in the up-coming 8-week computer course intake. Currently the number of students attending the computer classes is eleven per class and SAAS has four classes per day. But with the increase in computers, there will be now more students able to take the classes.

The SAAS youth Group will also have an income generating programme once they start growing Tomatoes, Kales, Egg plant and Spinach etc, they intend to take to the market for sale.

Much appreciation as well to UK based sponsor Manjula Natkunan who kindly applied for a grant on behalf of SAAS to assist

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in the purchase of more computers for the SAAS Computer lab and for Sponsoring students. We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to Manj for the hard work she put into securing this grant for us.



FROM LEFT: SAAS Youth Group unpacking the New Computers in the lab, MIDDLE Connecting them and FAR RIGHT is Fred working on their farming project

STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENTS

SAAS had eighteen students sitting for their final exams in 2013. after a long two months wait for their results we were delighted to report that SAAS students achieved excellent results, the students who deserve mentioning for their achievements are:

- Ruth Mwikali, of Mama Ngina Girls High School, B Plain
- Tatan Lolino Ewoton ,of Dr. Aggrey High School , B Minus
- Ali Breik Ali, of Allidina Visram High School. B Minus.

SCHOOL REOPEN FOR 1ST TERM 2014

All Schools reopened in January and SAAS students reported to School on time as their School Fees was paid in full for the whole term. This term is usually a New Term and a New Year for the students as they step to the next class. We wish them well in the New Year!!!.

6TH ANNUAL AWARDS AND FUN DAY

This is the 6th time that SAAS has held awards day for all the students its sponsoring. The awards are a way of stimulating the students to work very hard to produce better results. And the students who received the awards in 2013 were:

- Getrude Emali of Waa Girls Secondary School – Form 1
- Alan Odhiambo Ouma of Shimo La Tewa School – Form 2
- Victor Mwayaya Mbura of Mazeras High School – Form 3

The SAAS personality of the year award 2013 went to Wilfred Otieno Onyango who is currently the Chairperson of SAAS Youth Group and he has been an inspirational in his work ethics and his determination and desire to make the group a resounding Success. He is a True Leader!

This Day also gives time for students to know each other as well as have fun like playing ball games and having meals

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together. They also get a chance to express their challenges both in school and at home and the girls always have their own issues to discuss about. At the end of the session the girls receive Sanitary towels as it is also a challenge for them to purchase monthly sanitary towels as their parents can't afford them. This time as well the Computer students who have completed their eight weeks Course receive their Certificates of acknowledgement.



FROM LEFT: Girls Receiving sanitary towels, and **MIDDLE** are the students who received awards for 2013, and **RIGHT** is a photo of some of the students who graduated in December 2013 in their Computer Course.

STUDENT'S CORNER



Below is a poem from our poet Wilfred Onyango (24).

A NEW YEAR A NEW DAWN 2014.

As the night Rickets fades the dusk away, Oh yes! In turn cock crows ushering a glowing dawn again, Glory to God for his desire for us to usher another year, Many wished to be part of it but hasn't for years, Through Lord's will we'll embrace it without fears, My people let's wine and dine for it's a NEW YEAR. A year among years!

Let the birds fly high in the sky. Let the monkeys swing from trees in style, Let the flamingos flap their wings as they dance, And the humming birds hymn to their best tunes, Culminating a new season worth of time, To many it's a moment of a Lifetime, In me it's a journey of many mile. A year among years!

“Simba” the lion has roared in the jungle, It's a year of achievements and not stumbles, In everyone's gains and dreams, In each ones turns and twists, It's a year to reject the ills and in turn cherish our wills, Cheers for a year of great merries, together let's dwell in it with more credits. A year among years!

COMING SOON.....

- **7th Annual Maths Camp on Mon 11th August.**
- **9th Graduation Ceremony of Computer Students**
- **Schools Close for Easter Holiday**

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