



NEWSLETTER

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2019

SUMMERY

Dear Friends of Eco Moyo,

As you read this we are in the middle of November. The school has closed for the long holiday and will resume early January. Loads more happening the next few months and seing the new kindergarten develop is very exciting!

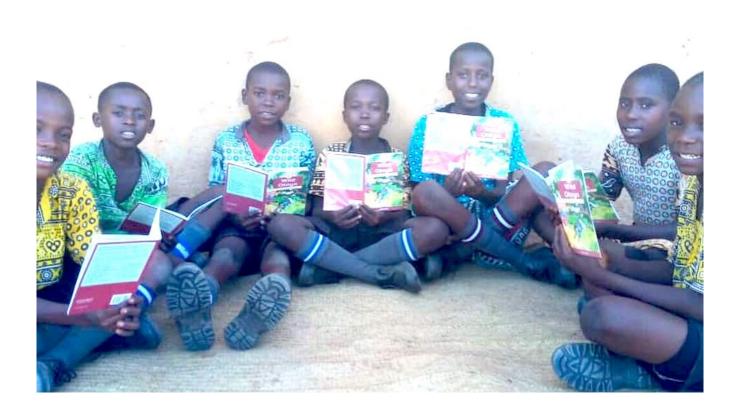
We finally got our official school registration documents (took 18 months...!) and because of that, we also pay less for council water (big difference).

Some promising partnerships have started with architects, engineers and other organisations that you can read about in this letter.

Hope you enjoy the read, and share this with your network.

Big hugs from

Lindsay and Eco Moyo Crew



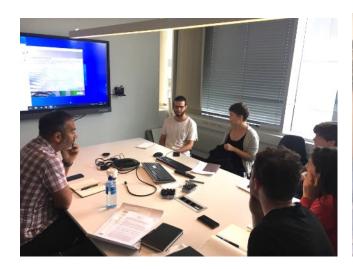
ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS

Back in Norway, we have teamed up with the Norwegian branch of *Architects without Borders*. Together, we are developing a strategic plan for the whole site and have city planners, architects and landscape architects on board volunteering their time.

They also connected us with the Norwegian architect office ARCHITECTOPIA - who together with Jan Godzimirski have designed the new kindergarten for our school!



Engineers without borders are working on water catchment and storage on our site and have recruited specialist from Norway with experience from other projects in Kenya.





NEW KINDERGARTEN

The new kindergarten consists of two classrooms around an inclosed area surrounded by trees and bushes.

The structures have light walls allowing for usage of local materials and the roof catches water, draining into near by tanks.







Our challenge in the process has been choice of materials that are termite resistant, yet durable - and considering light and ventilation.

The roof is made from tinn sheets and the ceiling will prevent heat from entering the room.





THE KRISS LEE FESTIVAL

Back in Norway we got connected to this group of very generous people from the south part of Norway who host a music festival in their back yard every year.

They invite local bands and have a lottery together with fun activities for children.

This year, the cash raised was donated to Eco Moyo! A huge thanks for all the support!







GRADE 3 ASSESSMENT

As a part of the new curriculum (that focuses on development of skills), the students are assessed during practical activities. One of these, was to clean rubbish and make their own cleaning outfit and brooms.

They found palm leaves and old bags and produced some very creative results!







THE CHILDREN'S PEACE PRIZE.

A Norwegian organisation have brought school kids from Norway together to fundraise and help other children across the world.

They were very generous to donate money for porridge, books, learning materials and teachers training. Huge thanks!!!!!











LEAP LEARNING



In January, we will open a computer lab at Eco Moyo!!!!!

Thanks to the Norwegian Kavli Foundation who have granted money for equipment, training and one year salary for a facilitator, we are ready to get started when school opens.

The concept for the lab is that the children use offline learning apps together with practical activities and can learn in their own pace.

Leap Learning is a Norwegian company that has worked in countries all over the world and have see some very promising changes in the children they reach with this learning method.









SCHOOL CERTIFIED

Finally we got our certificate from the ministry of education!



TEACHER TRAINING

Story shaping and learner centred teaching methods was the focus of a very good training with our teachers last month.

Sian Summers is a wonderful trainer that we hope to work with loads in the future!







CLOSING DAY

School closed and we had our termly routines with inviting the parents to do manual labour - this time carrying loads of firewood to the school kitchen and slashing to make the fotball field even bigger.

Each parent has a meeting with their child about their wellbeing and development and we get to learn more about the home situation of each child.









TEAM BUILDING DAY





We brought all of our 15 staff (we are so many these days!!!) to Watamu and had had some fun team building activities with frisbee-fotball, obstacle courses and a quiz! One lesson learnt is to not buy pizza for Kenyans:)







The Eco Moyo family is really growing and its such a pleasure to work with this amazing group of people.

THE EVER LOJAL ARTISTS





What would we do without all these artists that keep supporting us year after year by donating their work to raise funds for our school:) - We love you guys so much!!

We are now planning to have an arts festival easter 2021 and invite some of the artists to our school in Kenya so that they can see with their own eyes what they helped to create.

THANKS FOR READING

Lastly, I want to thank all the private donors who through birthday parties or other smaller fundraisers have assisted our school.

We are always looking for more donors and all the last page here you can read more about it.

Big hugs and loads of looove

WANT TO BECOME A SPONSOR?

We have improved our system for sponsors.

On our website (<u>www.ecomoyo.com</u>) you can now go to the "donate" section and easily become a sponsor.

- Feel like supporting us on a regular basis? Any contribution is much appreciated.



Vil du støtte barna på Eco Moyo?

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