



SUMMARY

The rainy season has started in Kenya. Luckily, we got up more gutters and built swales across the site in time. Despite our drip line area being partly washed away and some erosion to our paths, the rains have been great for all our planting activities. Other areas of Kenya however, have really suffered from the extreme downpour;

“In Kenya ongoing rains have damaged infrastructure, preventing or limiting humanitarian access to many of the affected areas and cutting off people’s access to markets in several places. At least 32 counties, out of 47, across the country have been affected. Many communities are already struggling to recover from the devastating drought in 2017, after more than 2.6 million Kenyans were in urgent need of food aid. The extreme weather has compounded a cholera outbreak in the country as well as an epidemic of the mosquito-borne chikungunya virus, and is increasing the risk of large-scale outbreaks”.

Otherwise, April was spent furnishing the school and doing all the maintenance needed while the students were on holiday between first and second term. As shown on the front page, we were lucky to get some drone pics of our school so now it is easier to show you all the progress and help you get an idea of the site! We have three new teachers and have been joined by six new students from the community. In fact so much has been going on, I decided to make a separate newsletter for May coming in early June.

Thanks for everyone’s continuing support!

- All the best from Lindsay and Eco Moyo Crew!



Pics from the flooding in Kenya. Tana river shown to the right.

DRONE PICS

Class 4

Class 5

Class 6

Staff room

Assembly area

School entrance

Class 3

Office

Toilets

Staff accomodation





Pergola creates shade in assembly area and is the centre point surrounded by classrooms.



Left: Staffroom

Right: Office



Swales have been made to catch water on our slope. To the left is the house shared by Lindsay (founder) and Asumptor (director)



School kitchen and hangout area for the boarding students



Student dormitory for our boarding students

FURNISHING AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SCHOOL



Loads of new notice boards have been built for the classrooms, staff room and library.



New signboards



More tables and chairs in staffroom



Hangers for bags



Replaced roof in class 3 thanks to poor work from previous contractor (!!!)



Custom made new gutters for class 3 and 6



Added gutters to existing roofs to catch more water



New plastering on stairs in 3 different classrooms



Remade the blackboards in 3 classrooms



New beds and storage solutions in staff accommodation. Some are sharing rooms and we really need to expand this building before Christmas. New toilets and showers are needed here too. Thanks to Line and Øyvind for contributing!



NEW ASSEMBLY AREA



We have built a pergola using causerina timber poles in concrete. Sisal sticks lay as a shaded roof where we have planted passion fruit that will climb up the poles and produce fruit and more shade simultaneously!



OUR STAFF

We have some new teachers so I thought good to give an update of our staff members!



Director
Asumptor



Head Teacher (new)
Jared



Teacher
Nickson



Teacher
Mary



Teacher (new)
Priscillar



Teacher (new)
Sharon



Watchman
Karisa



Watchman
Saidi



Matron
Irene



Matron
Stella

THE TEAM BUILDING THING!



For two days we had all the teaching staff together before the students arrived.

They were introduced to our school, our vision and mission as well as the other staff members and of course each other.

We conducted treasure hunts, watched inspiring videos from innovative educators, brainstormed ideas, remembered our favourite teachers from childhood, we played and revisited some first aid basics.

All in all a great little workshop to get everyone connected!



VISIT FROM PRI KENYA (PERMACULTURE RESEARCH INSTITUTE)

Ferdinand Wafula came all the way from Kisumu to spend a few days at our site and help us make a plan for how and what to plant and make a sustainable design plan for our land.

It was a very successful visit where people from our staff as well as outsiders joined in and we made a swale and identified the needs for our project and how to start implementing change.

We discussed the possibilities of him coming back for a longer workshop. If conducted in swahili, more locals can join us. It's a project I'm hoping we can initiate before November this year.



OPENING OF THE SECOND TERM

Holidays are over and students are back! Great to see the place filled with play and songs and life again! We are starting to implement the new curriculum for class 3 and landed on some new routines for the timetable. We will be conducting guidance and counselling more often and also invite people from outside for this purpose. Our main challenge is still poor English skills among our students, but the work continues to try and improve this slowly by slowly.





THANKS FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ!

If you want to make a donation to our school or become a monthly sponsor - or maybe read more about our work, please find the details below.

We try to post as much of our progress as possible on our facebook page (Eco Moyo Education Centre) so you can stay updated there as well.

Bye!!!!!!

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