



SUMMARY

Heeeeyyyy happy 2019!

There has been so much going on in the months before Christmas that it is only now I'm finally catching up on my newsletters and organising all the pictures, etc.

Honestly, I'm a bit in a daze in terms of what happened when, and I decided to make a separate newsletter for November and December so as to not cram too many small pics in one letter....

Anywhoooo.....we have had LOADS of visitors and the kids are growing and learning and we are growing as a school - also learning so many things!!! Imagine, we now have 130 students!

Thanks to everyone supporting our work - I know for most people this "charity Africa thing" is... what can I say... I think I'm just saying thanks :)

I also wanted to mention Asumptor our director (pic to right) and her daughter Mercy (pic up right) who have worked tirelessly for the smooth running of it all.

Happy reading!!!

- Lindsay



Eco Moyo Dance Battle

My incredible sister Camilla Sanner had this amazing idea that we should organise a dance battle to raise money for our school! Thanks to great help from family and friends as well as Very Agency, we managed to pull the whole thing off in October. The goal of raising 40,000 kroner was reached by charging an entrance fee and also hosting a lottery with great prizes. So many people came to compete in all ages and it was such a great atmosphere with loads of love and energy!





A big thanks to Unni for getting prizes for the lottery and also sponsorship for printing T-shirts, sweaters and bags with our logo printed. (see pic below). They were sold during the battle and we even have more in stock for future events!

Through Very Agency (PR), they included a customer (Coocio chocolate drink) who helped pay for the rental of location. They had a fun little entertainment sequence of their own!

The winner got a speaker from JBL and the other contestants and audience were very happy to have such an event supporting a project like ours. We will repeat this for sure!



Marathon for Eco Moyo



Lina G Tandberg ran a marathon for Eco Moyo and collected 6000 kroner!!! This money also went into the new classroom project.



Back in Kenya !!!

After almost 5 months in Norway, working and reconnecting with family and friends, I headed back to Kenya early October.

Being back with my beloved doggies and the kids is the best feeling ever....



Getting our school certified

After several visits from education officers checking all our professional documents and also the health officers, we have finally delivered our application to the government education department.

This is a mother of an application - requiring all kinds of legal docs showing ownership of land, staff profiles, environmental impacts and what not. Great to have that finalised. Now lets hope it doesn't take too long before they grant us with a certification.



Closing day

We closed the school in late October. After every term (3 terms in one year), we invite the parents of our students to school and give them feedback individually about their child's performance. Many grandparents show up for this day as the parents work in cities or stay far away. It is a huge challenge that the kids stay with grandparents who can't read or write...

The parents (or grandparents mostly) in return for free schooling, help us with manual labour such as removing bush to extend the football field.

Our students performed drama and music and we have some pretty good actors!!

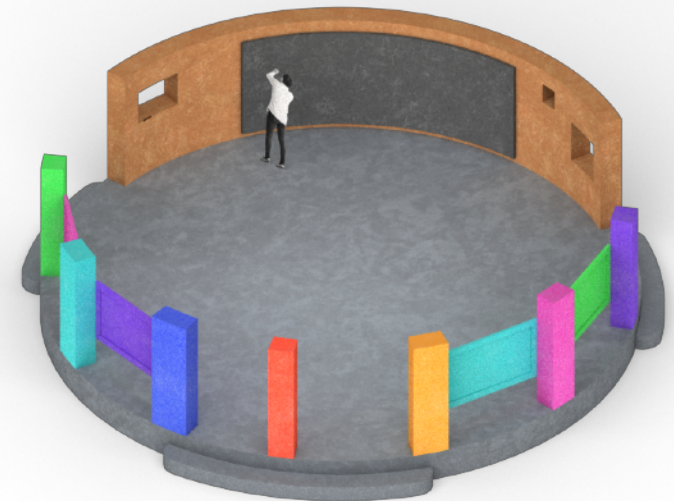




New Classroom

Thanks to the Eco Moyo Dance Battle, we were able to build a new classroom! On the right is the original sketch and to the left is how it turned out. The notice boards have recently been painted, like in the drawing, but I don't have any good pics at the moment.

Kjell Finvåg, Bente Hayes and Hanne Therese Erdal also contributed to this beauty and the space is now being used by our new pre-schoolers.



The roof is made from palm leaves. This is great for keeping the space cool and also when it rains, it does not make a lot of noise - unlike the classrooms we have with tin sheet roofing.

The wall is stone with mud/ cement plaster and everything else is concrete.



NTNU builds visitors hut

For two weeks a group of students from NTNU in Trondheim joined us in Kenya to build a place for visitors to stay. The workshop was hosted by architects Sami Rintala and Dagur Eggertsson with Jan Godzimirski assisting as he had been here for build workshops with Oslo school of architecture before.

After a few days of planning and sketching, the group came up with a very interesting design allowing for a view of the Indian Ocean.

The floorspace is only about 15 square meters, but the ceiling is high and the view and breeze from the second floor is absolutely amazing!

Welcome to anyone who wants to visit our school!!!!



Almost done!

Unfortunately, the building was not finished before the group left. However, we were left with designs of how they imagine the interior should be built.

We plastered the inside as well as the outside with a cement plaster. The roof is made from palm leaves and the walls are stone.

Boat trip!

On the day off we took the group on a boat ride up the Kilifi Creek in an old, but very charming dow with captain Issa and his charismatic crew!







Landscaping time!

During the same workshop, landscape architect Laura joined the group to see if we needed her help on site.

She made a great drainage system for all the rain water coming from the roof on the student dormitory.

Basically, they dug a channel where the water hits the ground and by using gravity, we feed the water into a banana circle in front of the building.

Below Henriette is helping out planting grass to retain the walls of the trench.



Auditor in the house

Finally we are getting audited! Yeeeyyy!!!

Haha, not so exciting, but very important. Not only is it crucial that we are transparent towards the Kenyan government, but also in Norway it is important to show our sponsors that we got our books in order.

As you can see in the picture to the right, they paid us a visit to see all the buildings our assets, etc.



We got some old timers from Malindi helping out.

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Based on their report we will get audited in Norway as well and after all that jazz, I think we can say we are becoming professional :)

Now, the next newsletter will cover more stuff happening in Nov/Dec, stay tuned!!!!

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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