

Little Faces Schools Kenya

Autumn / Winter 2017 NEWSLETTER

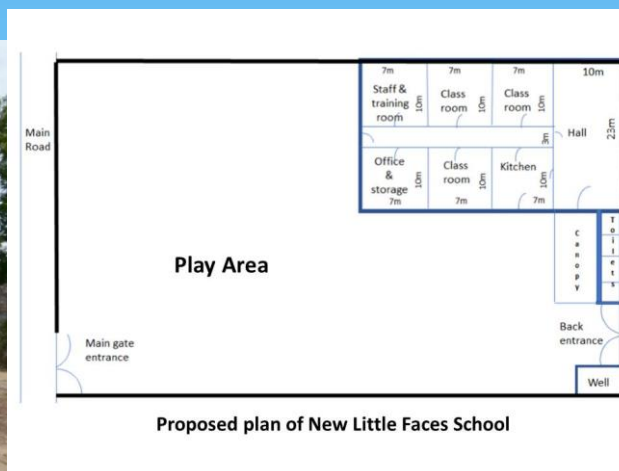


New School

We have now raised enough funds (many Thanks to all supporters of Little Faces) to finally give the go ahead for the new school to be built.

Plans for the school are being finalised by the architects.

Water testing for the well to be bored in the school grounds is taking place. Hopefully work will start on the building before Christmas with a completion date of (fingers crossed) March 2018.

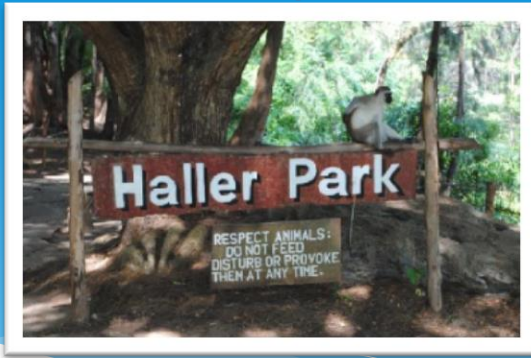


Plan of new school has
scope for a new
building in future if
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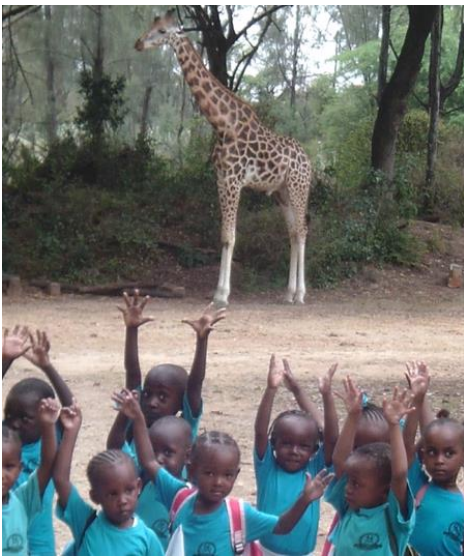
Site of the new school

100% of funds raised goes directly to the school

School outing March 2017



The children at Little Faces School were once again treated to a day out at Haller Park. The day gave the children a much welcome chance to get out and see some of their native wildlife, the first time ever for the younger or new children in the school. The children and teachers alike really enjoyed the one day a year they could escape from the pressures and struggles that they and their parents endure daily. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to this annual excursion as without this support, the trip would not have been possible.





SCHOOL NEWS



New Arrivals KG1

The school will re-open at the beginning of January 2018 with our new pupils waiting to become the new KG1 class. We have had to restrict the intake this year to a maximum of 40 new children, as the room in the school becomes more crowded and the new school not yet built it was felt that for the moment class size should be restricted.

The new pupils and their families will all be hoping that some caring person will become a sponsor thus easing the financial burden on the family and giving a child a chance of an education and start in life.

When we have full details we will be sharing stories of children hoping to be sponsored



Scout Troop

The troop continues to grow with many of the older pupils now taking part in scout meetings. A video of the scout troop is on YOUTUBE please follow the link below

<https://youtu.be/OordF2ZgPE4>



The big day had arrived 😊



. Christmas boxes

Delivery of the Christmas gift boxes this year surprisingly went without a hitch. With a last minute announcement from the Government that all schools need to close on the 24th. October (elections) there was a rush to arrange the Graduation and gift giving ceremony's. The gifts arrived without hitch and in time.

<https://youtu.be/RzpT4Uz6U14>

With many helping hands to assist unload the wagon and take everything into the school prior to sorting, it went surprisingly without a hitch.

Gifts where given to all of the children from the school at a ceremony that saw over 400 hundred parents and excited children in attendance. This is now one of the most awaited events on the school calendar.

Around 500 people attended the Christmas Box giving, graduation & celebration meal.

An amazing day for everyone. The entire community turned out



LIFE IN KENYA

Drought :- Kenya has declared the ongoing drought affecting many parts of the country a national disaster, calling for aid to counter the situation which is posing a major risk to people, livestock and wildlife. The drought is now into its third year and although there has been some rain it has not yet been enough to replenish the water reserves, as a result food prices still continue to rise;

Kenyan elections :- With a second election being held with only one candidate (opposition refused to take part) the country is in a volatile mood. After violence and protest during the last election the government ordered that all schools must close on the 24th. October and will not re-open until the New Year. Little Faces School have had to rush through the graduation ceremony and gift presentation to the children. With the school being closed this puts a further strain on parents as children are not being fed at the school and are reliant on parents for food.

Health Risk :- Kenya has been put on high alert by the World Health Organisation along with other East African countries as a result of outbreaks of airborne plague in Madagascar, as yet no cases have been reported in Kenya but because of movement between the two countries the situation must be closely monitored.



Our pupils

Excellent results from the children from their end of year exams. School class reports and some individual reports will be sent out to sponsors.



Grants and Donations

Fund Raising

People have been hard at work raising funds for the school. A special mention to Leonie Eaton at DHL Hankook Tyres for her hard work, Leonie organised a football tournament for the third time this year raising £1145 with her team (with matching £2290)



Special Thanks to “Rotary” who completed our school fundraising efforts with a very generous donation towards the building of the New School.



Fund Raising at Bonn Head Office

Colleagues at the DHL Head office in Bonn raised a much needed £455 (500 Euro) which will be used to fund painting, decorating tables and chairs for the new class 5

School Playground

What would any school be without a safe, secure area where children can play with their friends. Our target is to now raise enough funds to provide a safe play area with suitable play equipment for the school. We have already received a generous donation from Simon Reeds team at DHL Tyre Fort –Birmingham. If you would like to help us we have opened a “Crowd Funding” donation site which will get the funds straight to Little Faces

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/geoff-ward-4?utm_id=2&utm_term=N86BjKpY3