



Destiny Garden School

"Destined for Academic Perfection"

SPONSORS' FIRST TERM REPORT 2019

The first term of 2019 brought our children back to school after the long December holidays. DGS picked up right away from where they'd left in 2018. Despite January always being sluggish, our seasoned staff members were ready to start off the term in style. The first assembly meeting saw the teachers advise our children on formulating new year's smart goals and how to passionately achieve them. The emphasis of the day was for students to set achievable goals throughout the year. Unrealistic goals will only make life in school hard.

Assembly point filled with eager learners gathered at the first assembly for Term One 2019



Children's Welfare

Meet the New Year's gift to the DGS family! This is the new Day Care class of 2019. The children are enjoying their stay in DGS and we hope their new learning experience will be breath taking.

"Learning by observation is one powerful tool to teach our youngest group of learners."



The lunch feeding program and the new dining shelter are together growing to become a big pillar in the growth of DGS operations. Generous donations and fundraising events by our supporters have enabled us to provide the children with a nutritious lunch throughout the term.

"The feeding program does not only ensure a strong child but also a sociable child. The dining shelter is a great meet up point"



The Competence Based Curriculum (CBC) is still in the transition stage. The new changes have been very impactful. Learning is now spread out to outside the classrooms and at home with parents. It is now about what students can do, not what they know.



"Grade One learning about sources of water in an outdoor class"

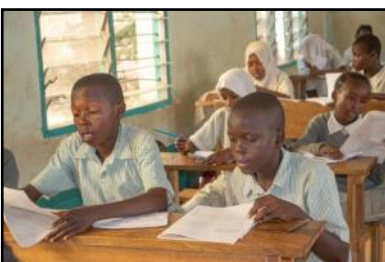


"The Competence Based Curriculum (CBC) is completing its first year."

Our children exhibiting their prowess during the opener, midterm, and end of term exams. Periodic assessment of our learners has taught us how best to identify the different abilities they possess and how to enhance their knowledge.



"Students sitting for the exams during end of Term One"



Term one mainly featured athletics involving track and field events. Physical fitness of our children has made them participate in co-curricular activities going up to the sub county level as per the government timetable of events.

The ability to appreciate and support the efforts of others is demonstrated by our children who stood along their colleagues in their fight for success at the sub-county sporting activities. In DGS, we believe team spirit helps in winning titles.

***"Students cheering
on as athletes
race"***



The boys' and girls' football teams went ecstatic when they received football donations. This coincides well with the beginning of term two ball games. These are high quality balls and we hope they will last the entire three month football season.

***"Sports equipment do-
nations through GTMAD
– 'Gifts That Make A
Difference'***



The County Council Health Department visited the school in March and advised us that the toilets needed to be renovated. They have served as well for many years but the systems are breaking up and with increased pupil numbers we needed two additional toilets. The UK Destiny Children Charity came to our rescue with funding and a local Mombasa supporter donated 20 bags of cement and 13 toilets.



Students in Class 8 received loads of exercise books from donations. With their final exams coming up later this year, they are spending every resource and time in ensuring they are well prepared. By providing the exercise books we are making sure every learning asset is available at their disposal.

“Our Class Eight candidates need all the support they can get. This donation through GTMAD - ‘Gifts That Make A Difference’”



Staff News

“Our teaching staff at a past educational training event”



Several training sessions were organized for our teaching staff by the school, the education office and educational support organizations during term one. The training sessions have been highly effective in improving the staff’s knowledge and competence on the new curriculum.

Other training involved Numeracy skills, Literacy skills and children’s welfare.

Grade 3 will have the inaugural assessment of the new education system (CBC - Competence Based Curriculum). We are all looking forward to seeing what the new assessment entails. This has never been done before in our country. Our teaching staff are preparing the young boys and girls.

DGS has had the following staff changes at the beginning of the year. **DGS** bid farewell to **Peter Nyachio** and **Christine Uli** who have moved on to pastures green. They both served well during their time in DGS. They have since been replaced by: Mark Kiero and John Mulwa.



Mr Mark Kiero



Mr John Mulwa

"New Staff Replacements"

Our kitchen staff have always worked tirelessly throughout previous years to ensure the lunch feeding program is a total success. They continue working hard to ensure meals are of good quality and are timely served. We truly appreciate their efforts as they extend their services into the new dining shelter.



"Cooks preparing meals for our students. Feeding program continue to be a strong pillar in DGS".



Children News

Leadership is an art that can be passed on from one generation to another. After a rigorous process, teachers were able to select a number of student leaders. In January, teachers announced the prefecture of the year in a colourful assembly.

"True Leadership is transformational"



Here are the top student leaders for 2019:



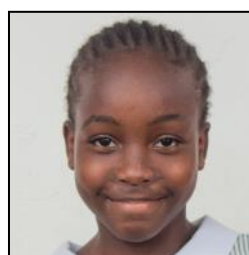
**Eugene Otieno -
Head Boy**



**Mwanaidi Omar -
Head Girl**



**Suleiman Omar -
Deputy Head Boy**



**Sara Opande -
Deputy Head Girl**

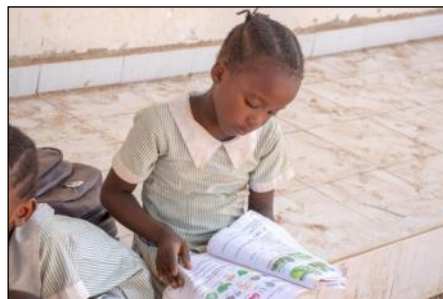
Class parties involve Birthday celebrations where the whole class share a cake and snacks. A big thank you to our sponsors who have provided funds for a class party.



"DGS parties are the best! Whilst this doesn't happen often, we try to ensure each student receives a small present"



Catching up with each other during breaks and sometimes in between lessons helps to build relations among learners beyond the four corners of a classroom. The new tiled extensions of our classrooms and the new dining shelter surround, provide ideal meeting places where the children can sit comfortably, and the areas attract the breezy weather.



"Everyone values a nice resting time. It is relaxing and refreshing"



Meat the most popular game during the term one period. The weather is usually dry and windy. The air is very dusty with no rains and, despite the difficulty this causes, the children make the best from this.

The game involves filling up an empty bottle with sand at the middle of the field. All this time, a ball is passed from the opposite ends. The active player always has to ensure the ball never hits him or her. The winning team has more bottles filled with active players to spare.



This was the scene when term one finally came to an end in early April for a short break till the end of April. The breaks are good for the children; they can rest and freshen up and be ready to take on term two.

"Term One Closing Day"

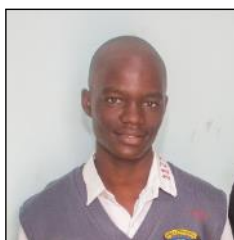


The first ever DGS class eight from 2014 finally sat for their High School form four exams (grade 12 also known as the KCSE-Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education) and the results were tremendous.

Some managed to receive placements among the best universities within the country. They will be joining universities in September this year while early admissions will take place in May.



Caleb Munyekenye
KCSE mean grade (B+)
Moi University
Course: Bachelor of Electrical & Telecommunication Engineering



Chrispinus Oduor
KCSE mean grade (B-)
Tom Mboya University
Course: Bachelor of Science (Criminology with IT)



Alfrose Ochieng
KCSE mean grade (B-)
Masinde Muliro University of Science & Technology
Course: Bachelor of Science (Mathematics with IT)

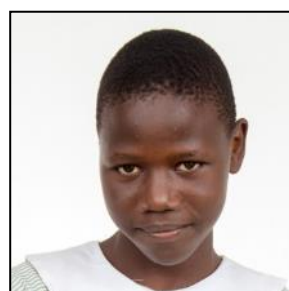
In other news, the top performers in the 2018 KCPE (Kenya Certificate of Primary Education) national examinations have moved on to high school after class 8.



Cedric Lusui -
(412/500 Marks)
Lenana School
(National)

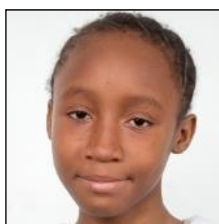


Emelda Atieno -
(395/500 marks)
Nakuru Girls



Audrey Adhiambo -
(371/500 marks)

Here are our top performers from each class—



**Yusra Subira
(Class 8)**



**Mary Valma
(Class 7)**



**Lydia Nyadzua
(Class 6)**



**Keziah Wangare
(Class 5)**



**Zulfa Wairimu
(Class 4)**



**Esha Omar
(Grade 3)**



**Khadija Omollo
(Grade 2)**



**Valencia Achieng
(Grade 1)**



**Ali Mwinyi
(Pre-Primary 2)**



**Zulpha Mwinyi
(Pre-Primary 1)**

On behalf of the staff and school children together with their parents and guardians, I wish to show my gratitude to all of you for your support. The sponsorship program is afloat despite the hard economic times. We are where we are because of your undying sacrifices.

Thank you from all of us in Mombasa.

Let us look forward to making 2019 even better.

Report by Boaz Muoga, DGS Sponsorship Manager