



Destiny Garden School

"Destined for Academic Perfection"

SPONSORS THIRD TERM REPORT 2019 (September – October)

The end of year celebrations and the Pre-Primary 2 class **graduation day** marked the climax of 2019. The third term is the shortest term of the Kenyan academic calendar and is the final year candidates sit their examination papers. This year was unique, two classes in DGS took part in the national assessments. In addition, a new award was unveiled. To find out more about these and other more stories, here is the *third term newsletter*.

GRADUATION DAY!!!

Pre-Primary 2 pupils at the graduation party together with parents, teachers and other pupils. They have all graduated to Primary School grade 1.



Graduation Day 2019



"The graduating class and other pupils received presentations of certificates and prizes at the celebrations"



"Parents came in their numbers to share the joy"



The Graduation Cake and Certificates



"The graduating class cut and shared very beautiful cakes to mark the celebrations"



Parents and guardians turned up to this year's graduation day in high numbers to show support to their loved ones. The children were indeed overjoyed to share the day together



"Nothing beats family love no matter the size of the dose"



More involvement of parents & guardians in 2019

"Early morning arrivals prepare for the End of Year Celebrations"



"Parents and guardians in songs and dance as they join in the celebrations"



"Families standing in support with their children"



It has been a beautiful journey watching the young boys and girls arrive at DGS and get to put on the graduation robes.



The support from parents has really improved in 2019, this is a notable big improvement.



*"One family sharing
food is very
rewarding to see"*



Awards

Two students were awarded for their exemplary sporting skills this year. These awards, which were donated by sponsors, are meant to encourage students to take up sports and excel in them. Mwanaidi Omar was crowned the DGS Footballer of the Year 2019 and was presented with The Joe Hunt Trophy. Bakari Suleiman won the inaugural DGS Athlete of the Year award (The Shaun Stewart Thornley Trophy)



*"The Shaun Stewart
Thornley Trophy"*



"The Joe Hunt Trophy"



*"Bakari Suleiman
receiving the DGS
Athlete of the Year
2019 - The Shaun
Stewart Thornley
Trophy"*



*"Mwanaidi Omar
receiving the DGS
Footballer of the
Year 2019 - The
Joe Hunt Trophy"*



*"Bakari and the DGS
Athlete of the Year
2019 Trophy"*



*"Mwanaidi and the DGS
Footballer of the
Year 2019 Trophy"*



Students' Welfare

Term 3 was a busy term with numerous assessments taking place in DGS. First our final year students of Class 8 sat for their examinations at the end of October (*more details about this are in the top performers section*). Grade 3 students also did their main assessment. Likewise, the rest of the classes took examinations to mark the end of the year.



Grade 3 sat for both written and oral tests. This is a new assessment for all grade 3 students in the Kenyan education system.



In October, students in all classes took part in preparing letters and drawings to be sent out to our various sponsors.



Outdoor classes are soon becoming an important part of learning. The new curriculum focuses on empowering each student with practical skills.



"Students taking part in an outdoor class"

In Kenya not many children get access to deworming pills. Therefore, the ministry of health carries out campaigns to ensure such children receive the necessary medicine to avoid medical issues that could keep children away from school. In September, DGS received deworming pills which were distributed to children.





Come January 2020, a number of DGS students will receive new uniform and a pair of school shoes. All this is thanks to one of our local partners who took measurements of uniforms and shoes. This is a big boost and a blessing to students with old and torn uniform and shoes.



Assessment officials who train teachers visited DGS in October to do an evaluation on their training programme.



Staff News

The teaching staff were in a busy mode through out term 3 to ensure the students finished the year strongly by improving their academic progress. Apart from the numerous assessments this term, the teachers are involved in completing the year's curricula.



The teachers' leadership before the graduation ceremony



Betty Odingo, the headteacher, introducing the staff members



Some of our staff members



The guest of honour—Veronica Celagat (our school administrator)

Staff meetings are a big development point in DGS operations. The meetings help to analyse the quality of service delivery.



The director holding a general staff meeting



DGS Director - Jacob Boaz



Staff members at the general staff meeting



The kitchen staff at the general staff meeting (*front row*)



Teaching staff meeting held in the staffroom



Teaching staff meeting held in October 2019

After the graduation ceremony, the entire staff team consisting of the teaching and non-teaching team gathered in the staff room for a staff party. This was a moment to sit and look back at the year that was. 2020 can only get better.

"Staff members closing the year in style"



In September, the director held a meeting with teachers and parents; this was aimed at having more parents' participation.

"Parents and guardians gathered "



Children News



"Reading out letters received from sponsors during the class's English lessons has been instrumental in improving English skills"



Despite term three being overscheduled with academics, there was always time for the children to play. We encourage the children to play together, and also to do art work to help develop their creative skills.



"Children on the swings"



"Some artwork piece from one of the students"

DGS Top Performers



Frank Ochieng - Class 4



Keziah Wangare - Class 5



Lidya Nyadzua - Class 6



Ali Tumsime - Class 7

Top Students Class 8 KCPE (Kenya Certificate of Primary Education)



**Nusra Subira
385 marks**



**Meshack Odhiambo
381 marks**



**Spencer Onderi
369 marks**

Closing day finally arrived and it was a day full of joy! This is the day most children look forward to in the school year - the start of a long two month holiday break! To those without family, it becomes a sad day to say goodbye to friends who have become family.

**"Welcoming the holidays
in style"**



DGS Class of 2019



On behalf of the entire DGS family, I take this opportunity to thank all of you for the numerous sacrifices you have put into the development of DGS. The students, staff members, parents and guardians all say a big thank you to the UK Charity Destiny Children, and to their sponsors and supporters, without whom we could not have achieved so much.

We look forward to even better times in the year 2020.

Report by Boaz Muoga, DGS Sponsorship Manager