

Live and Learn in Kenya International



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ANNUAL REPORT 2023

The year 2022 had a lot of challenges, especially financial challenges but it ended well. All children received all that they needed for school. From School fees to boarding requirements. Warm meals every school day to learning materials etc.

In 2022, we had 40 children who sat for grade 8 final exams. 30 from our school (LLK) and 10 from our partner public schools. All the 40 passed exams and joined high schools.

11 children sat for form 4 final exams. Out of this, 4 qualified for university. The rest qualified for tertiary colleges.

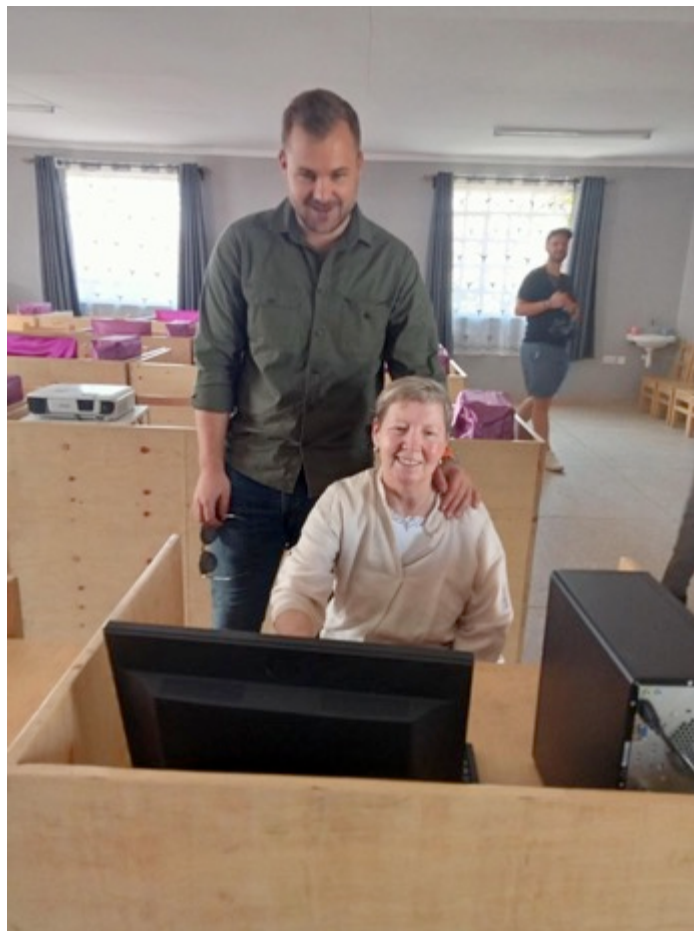
2023 started well. We opened our school for the first term, academic year on 23. January.

Below are some of the activities we carried out in the year 2023.

a) Computer Laboratory

The Podschlapp family funded a large part of this computer lab from Germany. They also donated 31 computers. The family visited our project in 2022 and again at the end of January 2023.

We are very grateful for this generous donation from the Podschlapp family. Our children can learn computer skills, which is a Ministry of Education requirement.



Mrs. Podschlapp and her son at the computer lab



Grade 7 children during computer lessons

b) Junior Secondary

In Kenya, we have two systems of education running concurrently. That is the old 8-4-4 system and the new CBC system. Our current grade 8 is in the old system while our two kindergarten classes and grades 1-7 are in the new CBC system. Grade 7 is in Junior secondary. We are going to have 3 junior secondary classes. Grades 7-9 will be our secondary section before they join senior secondary in grade 10.

The Ministry of Education decided to move Junior secondary to Primary schools. In 2024, we will be having grade 8 of the new system.



Junior secondary children

c) Covid-19 Vaccination

In early March we invited Ministry of Health officers to come and give COVID-19 vaccinations to our children aged 15 and above. 50 children were vaccinated. We are very grateful to Madam Betsy, who is in charge of public health in the Barut area for the continued support of our project. She organizes regular examinations for our children. She regularly deworms our children and gives them multivitamins.



Children getting their COVID-19 vaccinations.

d) Farming

Our feeding program is an integral part of our project. Besides keeping our children healthy, it also keeps them in school knowing that they will receive a free meal every school day

Every year we lease land from our school neighbors for farming. We plant maize and beans. This year we leased 3 ½ acres of land. This is specifically for our feeding program.

We plow, buy seeds and fertilizer and the LLK parents do the planting, weeding, and harvesting. This year 40 bags of maize and 5 bags of beans were harvested. Parents do this as a part of their LLK community work.





Above photos shows parents planting and weeding maize and beans



Parents harvesting maize.

e) Extra- Curricular Activities

Other than academics, our school also organizes very good extracurricular activities, especially athletics. Our students performed very well in athletics at zonal, sub-county, and county levels. Our children were the best in music at both zonal and sub-county levels. They also performed well at the county level. This helps them to keep fit and fresh for their academics.



Our school athletics team

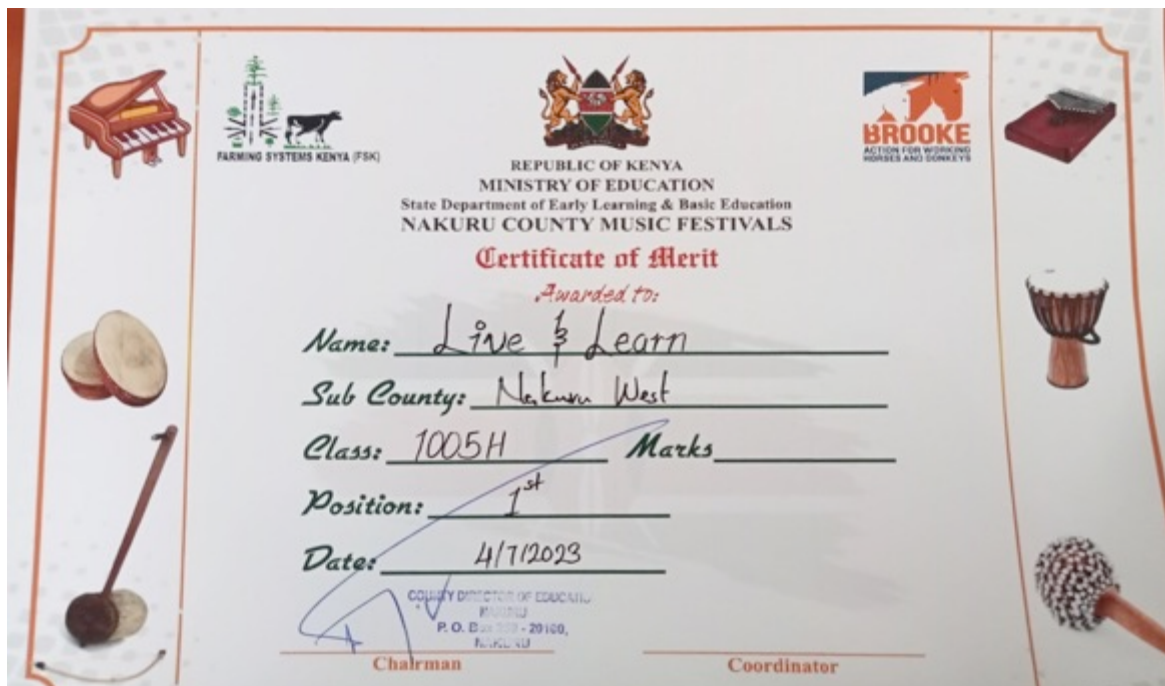
Music Festival

During the second term, there were many music festivals/competitions. Our school performed so well that we reached position 1 at both the sub-county and county levels. They reached the Regional level which was held at Narok county.





The above photos show our music team in Narok for the Regional Competition



A certificate showing our school in position 1 at the Sub-County Level

f) Our visitors

On November 9th we welcomed 17 guests from Germany, Spain, and the Netherlands. They stayed for 10 days.

During their stay, they took part in several activities. They came with an abundance of presents for both children and staff.

They visited families of their sponsored children and micro-credit businesses. The climax of activities was on November 11th. On this day we officially opened our science laboratory, water filters, and solar installation.

On this day they also officiated the PP2 graduation ceremony. These are children who will be joining grade 1 in 2024.

They also organized a special party for all staff members. It was a wonderful get-together.



Official opening of the water filters and solar installation



Nadine with her family when they visited their sponsored child.



Micro-credit visits



Guests during our annually held party which takes place when the chairwoman of both the German and the Kenyan LLK organizations visit the Live and Learn in Kenya Education Center - this year on November 11th



PP2 graduation ceremony



All smiles after guests-staff party



Parents and children with their food packages

g) Solar Installation

Due to the high cost of electricity in Kenya, we decided to install solar energy panels at our school to minimize the cost.

We are very grateful to Nadine Trautwein and Oliver Hans Muller with their firm HUNTER and the Lions Club Detmold in Germany for their support towards our water borehole, water filters, and solar installation, as well as donating towards our science laboratory.



This building houses solar panels and water filters



Solar batteries and inverter

h) Water Filters

In the year 2021, we dug a water well at our school through a donation from **HUNTER** a German company. After a water analysis, it was found out that the water had a high saline content. It was recommended that we treat this water to reduce the salt level and other pathogenic impurities.

We received a donation from well-wishers from Germany to achieve this course. We installed water treatment machines in August this year. Since then our children can drink clean and treated water.



Water treatment machine

i) Science Laboratory

According to the new curriculum (CBC), every school with Junior secondary should have a science Laboratory. Due to this requirement, we decided to change our tailoring workshop into a science laboratory.

It is now fully equipped with all necessary equipment and ready for use as of January 2024.



Our science laboratory

j) Grade 8 Exams

In 2023 35 children sat for grade 8 exams. 30 pupils from our school (Live and Learn Education Center) and 5 from our partner public schools.

Out of these, 33 children achieved 250 marks and above. This means there were only 2 children who received below-average marks, which is less than 249 marks out of 500.

At the time of writing this report, 25 children had received their high school admission letters ready to join high school on January 15th 2024. Out of the 25 children who had received their admission letters, 12 were to join National schools.

Before the children took their exams, we organized a prayer meeting which is a tradition that we do every year. We invited a pastor from the Anglican Church (Rev. Kennedy Koskey from St. Philips church Langalanga) who officiated the prayer day.



Rev. Kennedy praying for grade 8 candidates.

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27506153002 DOREEN CHEROTICH NGENY *F* 2023

SUBJECT	MARK	GRADE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE	85	A (PLAIN)
KISWAHILI	87	A (PLAIN)
MATHEMATICS	81	A (PLAIN)
SCIENCE	73	B+ (PLUS)
SOCIAL STUDIES AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	81	A (PLAIN)
TOTAL	407	

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Results slip for the top-performing student. (Doreen Cherotich Ngeny)

k) University Graduation

Five of our students completed their university education and graduated in 2023.

James Karuiki graduated from Kirinyaga University with a BSC in Computer Science and Mathematics, **Martha Wanjiru** graduated from Kenyatta University with Bachelor of Education and **Megan Adhiambo** graduated from Maseno University with a Degree in Special Education. **Joseph Owino Andiwo** graduated from Nairobi Technical University with BSC in Mechanical Engineering and **Mercy Atieno** graduated from Moi University with BSC Degree in Bio-Medical. Several students also graduated and received diplomas from tertiary colleges.

We are proud of these students who rose from the Ronda slums to the brilliant young scholars who have made us proud. They can now join other graduates in the job market.



James Karuiki on his graduation day



Megan Adhiambo

1) School Uniforms

We provide a complete school uniform to each of our project's children. From Day Care up to High school. It's a Ministry of Education requirement for all Kenyan children to wear a school uniform during the school day. School uniforms comprises of shirts, shorts or trousers for older boys, skirts and blouses, tunics, socks, sweaters, blazers and neckties and shoes. Apart from sweaters, blazers, ties, socks and shoes, all other uniform items are sewn in our tailoring workshop by our young ladies Linda and Dorcas.

They began sewing uniforms at the end of May. By early September they had completed uniforms for all the children.

On December 21st all children on our project received a full school uniform so that they were ready for the opening of schools on January 8th 2024. The children and their parents were extremely happy.



Dorcas and Linda making school uniforms



Happy children in their new school uniforms



Junior secondary school students in their new school uniform

m) Christmas Presents

Every year, we give Christmas presents to all our children and their parents/guardians.

This year, all children received a warm blanket as their Christmas presents and their parents received 2,000 Kenya Shillings for food for a family Christmas feast.

Both children and parents were very happy and thankful for these presents. You could see their smiles and joy as they were walking through the streets on their way home.



Children with their warm blankets



Parents with their money for Christmas

I, Kenneth Branda, on my own behalf, on behalf of the LLK staff, children and parents, are very grateful to Mama Brique, the chairperson Live and Learn in Kenya International, all sponsors and donors for making this year a success. Their tireless work and donations made our project realize its objective.

Special thanks also go to Nadine with her company **HUNTER**, Oliver Hans with the **Lions Club Detmold**, Frank Kaiser and Joachim Reuer from the company **Rosenthal GmbH**, the wonderful performers and artists on **Second Life** among others. They have stood with us for many years.

I thank everybody who contributed towards our success. The year was very successful thanks to each and every one of you.

Kenneth Branda – LLK Project Manager - January 2024