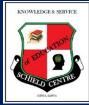
## SCHIELD SPORTS NEWS REPORT!!!

## **Schield Centre of Education**

\*Involving children in education & sports.





Kenneth Obuya and Hon. J Omondi and Birju Shah, with some of Schield Centre's children

August 13<sup>th</sup> 2023 brought together around 150 children from different parts of Kajiado and especially, the Isinya, Kisaju, Stage 22 and Masaini areas for a day of sports and music.

This event was hosted by Schield Centre of Education which is located6 km from Isinya town.

Schield Centre is a

Kindergarten and Primary School which was founded by Patricia Schield, an American teacher who came to Kenya with the vision of bringing quality education to the Kenyan child and to help children who otherwise would not have gotten an education.

She unfortunately died in 2008 before her dream was realized. The vision was taken up by Joseph Awino and his Australian wife – Trina Donelle Mboya, who through fundraising were able to finally open the school in 2014. There are now more than 200 students with around 50 who are assisted, by generous friends in Australia. There are around 40 who are not yet sponsored.

Last year Joseph Awino who is the Kajiado County Cricket Association Secretary, decided to lift up the sport of cricket in the local area and kick started it with a coach coming to the

Cricket and Scout camp Dec 2022 with Barbados High Commissioner

school to train the students on how cricket is played. During the Christmas Break, a 5-day Cricket camp was held in the school grounds.

Cricket coaches and players came to train the children further and much fun was had by all.

The Camp finished off in a high with a visit from the Barbados High Commissioner who is an avid Cricket fan.

This year has seen 4 Cricket and Sport's day events happen thus far – August 13<sup>th</sup> being the most colourful.

The event was graced with the presence of Kerya Cricket Legend - Kenneth Obuya, who was able to help the children refine their skills with advice for them not only on the cricket field but also off it — with encouragement to do their best in whatever they choose to do, never to give



Mr Obuya and Hon. Omondi coaching the children



Kenneth, John, Naomi, Trina, Joseph & Birju

up and always put in your best effort. He also encouraged the children that Cricket was a great sport that can take you far if you train well and have the skills needed.

Mr Obuya also took time out to be with one of our special needs children who has just joined the school. Naomi (one of the special needs children), was very happy to meet a cricket legend. He also spent time encouraging the School Directors to continue promoting the sport of Cricket and that the work they were doing was important – not just in the sport of Cricket but in continuing to strive for a high standard of education for the children.

He marked off the occasion by planting a Hoop Pine Tree and photos with the participants. The occasion was also attended by Honorable Jonathon Omondi the previous MP to Embakasi who likewise added to the occasion with life skill wisdom and support of the program.

The children were blessed with a nutritious lunch and the presence of Mr Birju Shah from Isinya feeds, who is also an avid Cricket fan and works with several schools to support cricket. Mr Shah enjoyed participating in the day's activities and the tree-planting to mark the occasion. Birju has attended almost every sports day we have held.



Tree planting with Me Kenneth Obuya









