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Healing Blessings

SAAS office Mombasa was honored to host one of Director Gina 's close friend, Madam Zoe McGrath from Ireland. The two ladies, Gina and Zoe arrived in late November for 1 week with an abundance of healing blessings. Four morning sessions were conducted by Zoe who is a healing therapist. She was happy to teach some of the SAAS parents, staff and students how to conduct healing on themselves, their families and on their friends. This form of healing releases the bad negative energies stored in the body. These negative emotions are the ones which makes us sick, lowers our self-esteem and hinders us. Zoe empowered the SAAS family with this simple, yet powerful healing ability. On behalf of the SAAS fraternity we wish to thank Zoe for blessing us with this gift.



Zoe and Gina in a group photo with the healing squad.

Donation from Tuath Housing

SAAS was blessed with 9 new laptops from Tuath Housing through the help of Madam Alison O'Gorman. This will make the IT learning process in the computer lab more efficient and effective. Also for the SAAS college students who normally use computers for their research, it is more than a blessing to them since they need not to worry anymore! On behalf of SAAS family we give massive appreciations to Tuath Housing.

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A thank you note for Tuath Housing from the SAAS crew.

Carrier/counsel talk

In the month of November we held several talks with the aim of motivating and counseling our students. These two events were a huge success as our kids opened up about a lot of negative things going on in their lives. They also learned how to tackle most of the problems facing them. Among the topics which they were discussing were bullies, drug abuse, sexuality, child abuse, low self-esteem, relationships etc.

2 counselors Rachel Kibuthi and Onesmus Mwangela from Amani counselors provided these sessions.

Mr Juma from Matuga Girls Secondary was also there to take them through career talk. This helped the students a lot as they were able to learn more about different careers. They also found out which subjects to focus on to persue their chosen career.

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SAAS Students participating during the career talk and counseling.

Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE EXAMS 2019)

This is the national exams which marks the end of secondary school and prepares one to join College/University or go into the workforce. These exams took place for the whole month of November. SAAS had 23 candidates among the 1,088,986 national candidates who had sat for these 2019 exams. The KCSE results will be out before Christmas. We wish our students the very best as they are looking forward to joining college.

Mashujaa Day

Kenya as a nation celebrated this day on the 20th October. This is a heroic celebration and its main aim was to honor all those heroes who brought pride to the nation which includes; the heroes who fought to bring freedom to this nation among others. Eluid Kipchoge was also celebrated as he made the nation proud by winning the INEOS 1.59 marathon challenge. Normally, national holidays are normally held in different counties so this time round Mashujaa day was celebrated in Mombasa County. Thousands of Kenyans turned for this celebration. Mombasa is the sixth county to host the national celebrations and during the event more than 200 heroes were feted.





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Left; Mr Eluid Kipochoge, the winner of INEOS 1.59 marathon challenge being honored by Kenya president. Right; one of the Kenya during Mashujaa celebration.

Donors Visit

In the middle of October, SAAS office was honored to host one of its directors Mrs Vanessa Hayes, who was accompanied by her husband Richard. They both work very hard along with Father John from Kilquade Parish and the social justice committee to support SAAS. Kilquade Parish provides sponsorship to 38 needy children so they can acquire a secondary education which was beyond reach of their families.

Vanessa and Richard got to meet with some of the Kilquade SAAS students and got to talk to them individually. Also they found out about the SAAS Godparent program. This is where the senior SAAS students are very involved in many projects in addition in taking care of the junior SAAS students. A young SAAS student has a godparent that they can talk to, ask for help in studying and the godparent can mentor the young student.

They also spared time to visit some of the schools which most of our students attend. They were moved with the conditions of these schools and what encouraged them is the way these students are studying hard in these disadvantaged classrooms.



Left: Vanessa & Richard in a photo with the SAAS staff and students.

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Right: A visit to one of the local secondary schools

Term Three

Schools opened for term three early in September and all the students reported to school in time with the fees fully paid. This is the last term of the year and students know they need to put more efforts as it is this term which will determine whether they will move to the next class. We wish them the very best as they wind up their school year.

Computer Classes update

This computer term was a short term which lasted 8 weeks. During this time, the new students who are totally illiterate in computer knowledge are taught the basic skills in computer applications. The 2nd batch of 58 computer students, were able to graduate in Aug. We also had a fresh intake of 20 students in Sept which is the 3rd term, the last term of this year. Normally we have 3 terms per year starting in January, May and September. Those who graduated are awarded a certificate of merit with which they are able to search for jobs and they are employed. We wish them the very best in the world of job hunting while those who are still in class we wish the best study times.

Mombasa Agricultural Show

During the month of September, the Mombasa area held an agricultural exhibition which attracted lots of investors' exhibitions. It was opened by the president of Kenya, H.E the President Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta. This was the 116th ASK Show in Mombasa. During this time students are active as they could present their projects at the show and learn lots of skills which can help them career wise and in life.

The main theme of the show was; "Promoting Innovation and Technology in Agriculture and Trade".



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Children participating during the 2019 ASK Agriculture Show

Census

Kenya is one of the few African countries that have held censuses every ten years since independence. In this area, Kenya is also unique in that the census is fully financed through taxpayer's money, which underlines the importance that the Government carries out this national exercise. The exercise started on 24th August at 6pm and ended on 31st August 2019.

For the first time, all the data required for the Census were captured electronically through a tablet computer. The questions were being loaded on to the gadget and the whole enumeration processes was therefore paperless. This guaranteed that the data will be captured faster than has been the case during previous censuses. It also ensures that the data will be more secure and that the census results will be available sooner than was previously possible.



Census Enumerators visiting houses

August Holiday / Summer Camp

During the month of August schools closed for a period of 3 weeks. During this time the students reported to the office and submitted their term updates and report cards. It's during this time when we get to hear of all their experiences while in school both for boarding and day school students. During this Aug holiday, we were able to organize a one week summer camp for our students; this tuition involves thorough screening of mathematics problems and also sciences. Students were able to sit in groups and work on a problem together as one. SAAS seniors were also present and they were willing to help

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the juniors during this time. The main aim of this camp is to make students understand mathematics in a very simple language hence this will help in improving their grades in mathematics. The camp ran from 13th to the 17th of August and over 70 students were able to attend. Among the SAAS seniors who volunteered to teach were Moses Onyango (2nd year at Kabarak University).



SAAS students during Maths summer camp.

COMING SOON.

- **SAAS FUN DAY**
- **SCHOOL OPENS FOR TERM ONE IN JANUARY 2020**

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