



# Newsletter

Feb - July 2025



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## YESS they can! *(Young Entrepreneur Smart Start)*

In March, 33 children from Years 8 and 9 started their ActionCOACH YESS programme

This 3-month course saw the children learn business management, financial planning for their proposed business, public speaking skills and confidence to thrive in business - plus life skills. They are ready to start their businesses. Graduation is on page 8. Well done to everyone

***We are very proud of them all***





## **Building our school Building their futures!**

Work has been progressing well on the school as you can see from the photos. Although the school is now up, the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor finishing is still in progress. We have received some amazing donations to make this happen.

***The school building Jan 2025***

## **THANK YOU**

Our huge thanks to the many charitable trusts and individuals who helped us to achieve this development – the children will now have a place of learning for years to come – once complete, of course.



***2<sup>nd</sup> floor in  
Jan 2025***



***Front of school July 2025***



***2<sup>nd</sup> floor in  
late July 2025***

***The  
plasterwork  
is taking  
shape***



***The back of the school – July 2025***

**March – Pressy’s delight at being sent £10 from her sponsor to buy herself gifts**



A proud Pressy with her new (second-hand) dress and shoes

**March - Jeff (former Rotary District Governor for Kenya), Mark and Pauline Bamford visit with gifts of underwear and period pants – THANK YOU**



**1<sup>st</sup> out of 9 teams**  
**Cluster athletics competition**



**Well done to all our fabulous competitors – INSPIRATIONAL!**



**This win qualified our team for the sub-county competition**



## March – End of term exams



Exams take on a new significance as the end of Junior Secondary School approaches. At that point, our Year 9 students take their national exams. They then chose whether to take the STEM (academic) route into Senior Secondary School or the more vocational option. All students are valued equally as their talents reflect their individual personalities and ambitions.

## April – Sheryl runs for her school

Sheryl came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the regional sports competition. She only missed a place in the Nationals by 1 position as only the top 2 went through.

***Well done Sheryl – excellent result***

## April – All our staff



## April – Our entire team 😊



## May – Vivian, one of our amazing Trustees, visits Bombolulu from Nairobi – she is very impressed by progress on the school



## May – Dengue Fever has now hit 15 of our children plus our caretaker – medication has cost the school a lot



19 May 2025 ·  
Dengue fever, a potentially deadly viral disease transmitted by mosquitoes, has resurfaced in Kenya after a long absence, raising serious public health concerns.<sup>4</sup>

**19 May – Inter-schools cross-country competition**



Quite a haul! Well done everyone



**June – A pupil sending birthday wishes to her 13 year old sponsor**



**July – Lighting up their lives**



A huge thank you to Alan and Sheila Brighton for sponsoring solar lanterns for all our Year 7 children.

**July – Books donated by Oxford Publishers – thanks to Jeff Bamford and the Rotary Club of Karen (Nairobi)**



***They will now be able to do their homework!!!***

***No excuses!***

## 10 June - Bombolulu support World Environment Day

The school takes the state of the environment very seriously and encourages a sense of awareness about the world and the environment.

The children planted trees in their grounds to encourage wildlife and to provide shade. Being surrounded by trees provides a homely and 'feel good' factor to the local environment.



**Please sponsor a child**

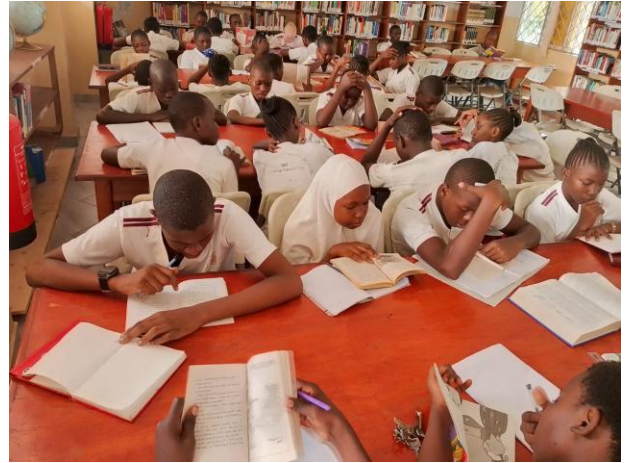
**It is the funding received from people like you sponsoring a child that means that the school can continue  
*no sponsors – no school – no hope***

We still have 30 of the new children who started in January needing new sponsors please – just £20 per month - £240 a year

The impact this amount will have on the life of a desperately poor child is immense – we can't do it without you!



## 17 July – Visit to the Mombasa Central Library



Our Year 8 children loved having the choice of any book they wanted to read. A super, educational and enjoyable day out. Hopefully our own library will take shape soon thanks to a Rotary Grant through the Rotary Club of Bedford and District 1260 Foundation

## 23 July – Classics on the Common

Thanks to the Rotary Club of Harpenden for making us a headline charity



The children at the event really enjoyed the fun of our 'Human Fruit Machine'



**Great  
FUNdraising**



Thank you to our super team of helpers. Your support was very much appreciated. There were 10 of us supporting Empowering Kids in Kenya and the event as a whole

A special thank you to all my wonderful helpers. You made the day memorable.

## YESS – Graduation celebration

Very few of our children will be able to go to university. Not because of a lack of determination or ability – simply because they are unlikely to have the funds to attend. Thus we are determined that the children have practical skills with which to earn a living. Hopefully providing employment for family or community members too.

The 33 children completed their YESS programme and have now graduated. They are very proud of themselves – and we are very proud of their achievements.

Very many thanks to ActionCOACH for this inspirational programme. It will undoubtedly change their lives for the better. Also to Thomas, our headteacher, for supporting the children and making this all happen. Great result!





**Please don't let our children  
walk alone**

**Taking this journey with them  
is a very rewarding  
experience**

**Your help empowers them to  
help themselves**

If you would like to sponsor a child, the rate per year is £240 or £20 per month - but any amount per month or as a one-off donation would be amazing, please use this link to pay by debit/credit card:

<https://empoweringkidsinkenya.enthuse.com/cp/52edc/fundraiser#!/>

Or you could pay by BACS to Empowering Kids in Kenya – Santander – sort code 09-01-28 – account number 49379650. Or a cheque made payable to Empowering Kids in Kenya and sent to 117 Willington Road, Cople, Bedford MK44 3TN.

### **In summary**

The Bombolulu Educational Centre is growing in size and growing in recognition within the community and further afield.

The children wholly embrace the opportunity this school is giving them to reach for the stars and dream big. Their exam results continue to improve and attendance is exceptional. Their thirst for learning and the empowerment it will eventually afford them drives them to become the best version of themselves.

**Please, please do consider helping us to complete what we have started. Any donation toward this goal will help enormously. *THANK YOU***