

# Club Rafiki Newsletter



## St Albans High School for Girls. Year 8 Charity Challenge by Olivia Gomez.

Every year the Year 8 girls come together and decide on a charity that they can raise money for. This year, the girls in my class, form 8D, decided that we wanted to give our sponsorship money to Club Rafiki. We all took part in different activities over the Easter holidays and asked friends, family and neighbours to sponsor us. Some girls did sponsored cycles, sponsored runs, walks and one even climbed a mountain. I chose to do a sponsored silence for 24 hours which was really hard because I like to talk – a lot! Some of my friends and I also decided to run a raffle where school friends could buy a ticket to be in with a chance of winning a box of chocolates! This was very popular! Through all of our different activities, we have managed to raise around £1800! This money has provided all 76 children with a new school uniform.

## Note from the editor.

*Welcome* to the brand new Rafiki Education Foundation newsletter. I am excited to be writing to you as the new editor of this first ever summer edition, to update you on some big changes that have been happening over the last year at Club Rafiki and to tell you about the continuing important work that Rose and her team are doing to improve the lives and opportunities of the poorest children in Nanyuki, which is only possible with your support.

In this newsletter we have a feature from our founder, Eve Coles, about the challenges and changes the charity has recently undergone. A change of name, namely, Rafiki Education Foundation and exciting plans for the future to develop the charity outreach and sustainability of the new Foundation's work at local level.

We plan to produce this newsletter every quarter, packed with stories of the practical ways in which your money continues to help improve the day to day lives of children, a regular update from Headmistress Rose and news of fund-raising events. Look out for some occasional features too on cultural topics and fun recipes from Rose's kitchen to bring some African sunshine into all our lives. Have a great summer and I look forward to sharing more exciting news stories with you in the autumn edition.

*Editor*

## A New Direction.

Club Rafiki's main objective is to support the educational needs of children, living in poverty, in Nanyuki, Kenya. This will enable them to progress to a better job and a decent life.

The Government requirements and stringent conditions for running the school have changed and Nanyuki Preparatory School fell short of these and hence had to close.

We looked at buying land in Nanyuki itself but found it extremely expensive and cheaper land outside Nanyuki would entail running a boarding school (as it would be difficult getting the children to the location) and we feel that this is too large a project with the resources of Club Rafiki. Therefore to solve this Club Rafiki came up with an exciting new idea to set up an Education Agency whereby we place children in an appropriate school in the child's location. We currently have 76 children (the same children we were already supporting) placed in 9 different schools in Nanyuki. Rose Muhoro runs the agency which is located in Nanyuki Town Centre.

The Agency will also be an important meeting place for the children to visit to enable them to complete homework even on Saturdays. Club Rafiki will continue to raise funds to support the children in their schools by providing school fees, school uniforms, text books.

To help sustain the Education Agency Rose will run classes in beadwork/knitting and embroidery. She will also set up cooking lessons. Rose can also offer support, advice and care to the children and their families.

I look forward to seeing Club Rafiki taking on more children and hope you will continue to support us.



## STUDENT PROFILE

This is Margaret Simari, she is in class 8 at Imani Jnr School. She has three older brothers, one older sister and a young brother. Her favourite subjects are English, Science and Christian religious studies. She wants to be a doctor. That happens to be one of the most popular professions with the young ones.



## Mama Rose's Kitchen.

Don't forget to download your free Recipe Card with this edition of our newsletter. This editions recipe features a Sweet Banana and Coconut Chapati.