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We are pleased to say that the schools in Kenya have now reopened fully after the Covid year out in 2020.

A new timetable for the next three years has been introduced by the Ministry of Education to give the children a chance to catch up on the years work they have missed.

The majority of Kenyans did not have the opportunity to do "home schooling" or "Digital Learning" for a number of reasons.

- 1/ Most parents will not have been educated above the ages of 12 --14 years old, so would not be able to help their children,
- 2/ They would not be able to afford to buy books etc to try to keep up with lessons. A lot of the schools do not have sufficient text books for all the pupils ---including ours --- as they do not have enough funds to buy these.
- 3/ The majority of families live in houses made of canes ,mud and roof tiles made from palm leaves. they do not have water ,sanitation, or electricity and definitely no I phones, I pads, tablets or computers.
- 4/ Broadband is very expensive (especially when you have no money) so is used very sparingly if at all.

The new timetable is incredible giving only a few days holiday each term with no extra pay for the teachers. Because of this we have had to take on 2 extra teachers to help cover all the extra lessons and subjects. This will cost us at least £200 more every month.

The other teachers have also asked for a pay rise to cope with all the additional work and small holidays --- money we do not have coming it.

BUT we do not want to lose any of our fantastic teachers and other staff members as they are such an incredible team.

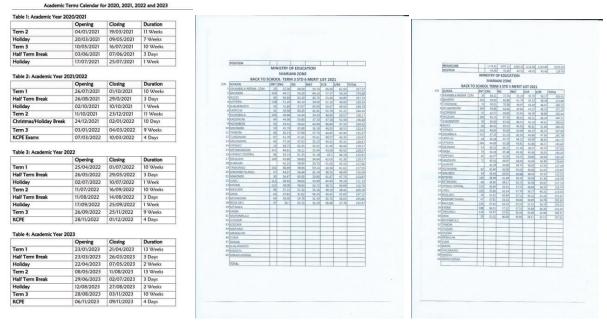
We have just received a copy of the Merit List from the Ministry of Education for the Term 3, Grades 5 and 6. This list is all the schools in the Shariani Zone of Mombasa / Kilifi District and their exam results.

We are absolutely delighted that the Kikambala Neema Community School (our new name)

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has come first in both lists. This is an incredible achievement for a little school like ours with no backing from the Government. This is even more amazing when looking down the list and seeing the bigger state schools with much poorer results. Well done to the teachers and the children for this wonderful result.



During the lockdown and until the school reopened in January we have managed to do a lot of maintenance work and updates to the buildings.

The biggest project was to replace the water tank on the tower for a bigger size due to having more pupils at the school and more hand washing etc due to the new Covid regulations. The smaller tank that was removed was installed in the toilet block to give more water storage for the children and staff toilets. We also had to renew the water pump. Both these projects were made possible by donations from two of our lovely and caring supporters. Thank you so much. A relatively small amount of money will go a long way in Kenya!



New tank being installed Small tank fitted in toilet block roof. New water pump

The school is doing really well and everyone in the Kikambala area is so grateful for the chance it gives the children to have free education. We still need a lot more money donated on a regular basis in order to keep paying the teachers' and other staff wages, to maintain the school buildings and equipment, buy exercise and text books, buy stationary, pay the electric bill and

printing costs. Unfortunately with Geoff now so ill I am not able to spend much time on fundraising as I am his full time carer. This means we are not keeping up with the outgoing commitments.

If anyone could do any fundraising for the Charity - 100% of all funds collected go straight to the school --- we would be very grateful. If anyone can sign for a standing order to give a regular amount each month that would be wonderful and if anyone already contributing a regular monthly amount could increase it even for a small amount that would be a great help.

If you have any questions or would like a chat about how you can help, please get in touch. Email or phone me on 01744 810833. It would be lovely to speak to you.

Please remember we are all helping desperately poor people who just want a chance in life and we are giving them that chance. They are so grateful to us and it really shows when you meet them.





Thank you for reading this.