

Word Academy

Discipline the Route to Success

March Newsletter



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School Reports

School Reports will be sent out in April.

Sponsors Needed!!

Word Academy is based in the rural area of Gem, Kenya. Many parents in the school are subsistence farmers earning very little which means they are unable to pay school fees. Others in the school are orphans or come from single parent families and are unable to pay school fees. Buddy Sponsorship is used to cover the child's school fees as well as pay for wages and other running costs in ..

Term One of the 2024 school year commenced January 8th and closed Thursday 28th March.

Both parents and teachers have been committed to the children's education and this has played a significant role in their academic growth and personal development. Teachers have worked tirelessly to ensure the curriculum was completed according to the specified timetable.

At the beginning of the term we had 50 admissions. There also were several students who transferred to other schools both locally and in other regions many being taken care of by their relatives. This is a very common occurrence in our region as there is very little employment and many in the community are subsistence farmers. They don't have sufficient income to help their children, and many rely on relatives to help them. Presently the school population stands at 410 students.

There were various activities in Term One including drama in which the school reached regional level and were ranked position 5 out of 25 schools. The students presented solo verses, modern dance and cultural dances. Well done to all the students who participated.

EDUCATION DAY

Early in the term we held Education Day where we celebrated the good performance of last year's Class 8 and welcomed our Junior Secondary School which is the next phase of the competency-based curriculum. It was a great time to look back to when the school began and how far we have come. We reflected on the simple structures that we started with to the buildings we have today. It was also a time to recognise the number of students who have gone through Word Academy and their achievements which have made big differences in their families and communities.

It is my deepest gratitude to you all for your unwavering support all through this term. *Vivian Asewe Ochieng, Headmistress.*

Scouts & Athletics

Other activities included Scouts where our children were involved in an outing which not only was an adventure but fostered teamwork among the students. We expect a showcase of their scouting skills and knowledge. Our children also participated in athletics at the zonal level.



Assessment

During the term the teachers were assessed by the Education Department. This was effectively done ensuring that all teachers worked professionally and had all the required qualifications. The teachers were encouraged by the Education Department to always raise their standards to achieve better performances to be a '*school with a difference*'.

Repairs & Maintenance of School Buildings

In December we were very busy around the school compound and did necessary maintenance work to the buildings and the school grounds. The parade ground was repaired (see photo below) and we painted all the classrooms from ECD to Junior Secondary School. The old tin school building was renovated and painted and will now be used as a multi-purpose/dining hall until we are able to build permanent structures.



Feeding Programme

Dr Daniel Gilbert from Empowered Living International also blessed both Ebenezer Children's Home and Word Academy with food support which has taken us through the last two months.

This time of the year is a very hard time for the community as the last harvest is gone and there is very little food around. Many in the community go hungry. Thank you, Dr Daniel, and Empowered Living for helping us feed the children.



SCIENCE LAB – FUND RAISING

Part of the Junior School curriculum requires a Science Lab. As we don't have a science lab, when possible, our children walk to a nearby high school to use their equipment. This worked for a time but now we are planning on purchasing our own mobile science laboratory (see photo below).

The cost for the lab, installation and purchasing equipment will come to **around A\$10,000**. This is a huge cost for us, and we ask if anyone wants to contribute to this project, please let us know. We would appreciate any help we can get.



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**Thank you to everyone
for your support.**

Have a blessed Easter.

Education Day



Inside renovated old tin shed school building – which will be used as a dining hall & Multi-purpose Hall

Children receiving food donation.



Music Festival