

# Word Academy

*Discipline the Route to Success*

June Newsletter



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## 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 the school.

Term Two of the academic calendar began on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024, two weeks later than the scheduled date. This was due to flooding that was experienced in Kenya during the months of April to early May.

We are grateful that neither our students or teachers were directly affected by the floods, and it was a miracle that the school was not flooded. In the past due to the high-water table in the area our school would experience flooding of the toilets, playground and the old tin shed school. Thank God we were spared this time.

All the students and teachers started on a good note ready to embrace the terms activities of which there were many not including the day-to-day academic work.

The children were able to engage in various co-curricular activities which included music festivals, a cultural day and ball games.

### Music Festival

Word Academy had the opportunity to host the music festival competition for our zone with our school participating in several items. Word Academy qualified in all the items to the regional level. There were wonderful performances by students in Maasai folk song and dance, Giriam traditional dancing, singing games, choral and solo verses, Indian & Scottish dancing.

With the Scottish and Indian dance the students have reached the National Level. Thank you to the teachers and students for their good work.



## Cultural Day

Cultural day is an occasion where the children have fun while strengthening background experiences and ways of viewing the world. Through cultural activities, the students had a chance to connect with their culture making them proud of who they are. As they celebrated and engaged in social activities, it helps them learn about unity, working together and respecting each other. The children showed their hospitality skills and their talents through dance, poetry, drama, singing and other activities.



The teachers also had sessions with individual students on a one-to-one basis to help improve the performance of students who are struggling. This we believe will benefit the children.

Students also participated in ball games at the cluster level and some of the students were selected to represent the school at the Zonal level. This has been a busy term and both students and teachers have fully participated in everything.

## HBF Fun Run/Feeding Programme

A big thank you to Michelle and her son Elling who participated in the HBF Fun Run and raised \$650 towards the Feeding Programme at Word Academy. ***What an achievement.***

The school provides mid-morning porridge and lunch for all the students at the school. There are over 400 students who attend the school. The months of May and June are very difficult times in the community as there is very little food available. Through the feeding programme we were able to help not only our students but many times we have children in the community coming to us for help.



## SCIENCE LAB – FUND RAISING

We thank God for the provision of finances to develop the Science Laboratory. So far, we have raised \$5,600 of our \$10,000 target. Thank you to everyone who has donated to this worthy cause.

As you are aware we presently do not have a separate Junior School building in which to house the Science Lab so we are using a room at Word Academy that was designated to be an office. Space is limited but we are working on installing workstations for eight basins.

The workstations are mobile and once we have our own Junior School Building, we can move the Science Lab and be able to add more workstations.

The Science Lab will also benefit our neighbouring government school students who do not have any facilities. There are sixty-four students at the government school plus our own students who will be greatly assisted by our Science Lab. Thank you everyone who has donated.

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## ECD – KITCHEN

Our ECD (Early Childhood) school needs a permanent kitchen as the existing one which is made from tin sheets, is deteriorating. We have managed to raise funds which will get the building to the lintel stage.

So as not to endanger the children the work will be done on weekends. This weekend the foundation was dug, and the walls were partly erected.

Another project will be to build benches and tables for the multipurpose building for the children to use when they are having their lunch and mid-morning porridge. Presently they either sit on the floor or stand. There is still so much to be done but we do have a big God.

*On behalf of Paul, Vivian, and all the staff we would like to thank all our sponsors and supporters who have enabled us to help so many children in the community.*

*God bless,  
Anna, Paul, Vivian and the team of Word Academy & AWM.*

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ECD new kitchen under construction.



The old kitchen



ECD SCHOOL



Cultural Day



Science Lab Installation