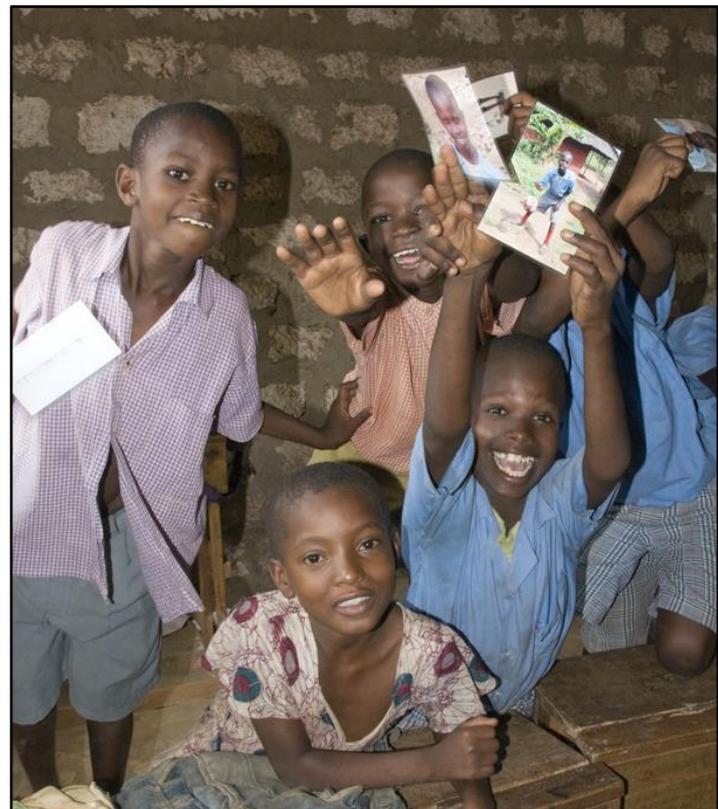


Nadine and Val visit DGS

Mother and Daughter had a very rewarding experience visiting the school. It did seem very short but I'm sure we will return! Whether we will be welcome back is another matter!



We caused chaos two days running when we arrived! The first day we handed out the children's photographs that Judy had taken last September. This caused such excitement- the children were all admiring each other's photographs and then running all over the school showing off their own. It was difficult to record as hands and photos were placed directly in front of you but I think you can see the excitement on their faces in the photographs.



The second day we had lots of letters from England addressed to each child to hand out. This again caused a deal of chaos! We are hoping to form a link with a school in Macclesfield with the children in DGS so this was the first stage. Our task then was to collect letters to go back to England. Some of the older children were very excited and spent time at home composing their replies. Other classes did it as a whole class activity and the younger children drew or coloured in pictures. We hope very much that we can make this link continue although with so many letters it was a huge task either end!



Nadine spent the rest of her time getting to know some of the younger classes and helping out. I meanwhile updated the photos of the newer members of the school ready to be added to their profiles to help in the search for sponsors. Next time I would like to teach some English- the children are so keen to learn and there are many talented children in this lovely school.





We were also so delighted to be part of the opening of the new nursery building. Money raised by 'Destiny Children' at a concert in Macclesfield paid for the choir's uniform. They performed their songs with pride! (We also paid for the new fencing to begin, although more funds are needed to complete it). It was a wonderful day, blessed with hot weather and a lovely close knit family doing a good deed. The delight of the school children was obvious. They had numerous treats on the day but now also a lovely new school to attend in the new term. (see Val's full report on the George's visit)

Nadine and I left the school on the Friday slightly sad that our time was so short. We had made many friends in and out of the school environment.

We had even managed to see some of the countryside and explored Mombasa.

Jacob and his family were very friendly and welcomed us into their home like old friends. We felt very safe there. We will miss everyone back in the cold of England but look forward to our return!

My overall impression of DGS is that it is a school of smiles but also a school of hard work. It deserves to do well.

Report by Val Lear, committee member of Destiny children, April 2010

