



Welcome to the Annual General Meeting - Friday 17th June 2016

- Annual Report for the Year Ending 31 March 2016
 - The Charity's Finances
 - Events during the year
 - Donations received
 - DGS's activities during the year
- Election of Officers and Trustees
- Challenges for the year ahead



Destiny Children currently supports Destiny Garden School in Mombasa, Kenya.

It raises funds to help provide a better future for the children at DGS by securing them a good education and the basic welfare they need to survive.



100% of all our sponsor and donor funds, including Gift Aid, go to Destiny Garden School. All the costs of running the charity are met by the committee members.



Finances 1.04.2015 to 31.03.2016:

- All targets on the budget plan were exceeded except for a small shortfall of £80 in the sponsors' monthly income. We were however unsuccessful in obtaining any grants this year.
- The income for 2015/16 was £53,000 + £13,000 Gift Aid (compared with £68,750 in the previous year)
- Payments to Destiny Garden School were £67,000 (compared with £63,000 last year).
- A reserve of £12,000 is there to cover the shortfall in the school's running costs and for emergencies, whilst we try to recruit more sponsors, or find alternative income sources.
- In January, we were able to give the staff of DGS a much needed and deserved pay increase of 15%, to cover the increase in cost of living, and Jacob, the DGS Director, now receives a regular payment.
- The pound's exchange rate with the Kenyan shilling moved within a range of 140 to 161 over this period, the average for the year being 150 - the previous year's average was 142.



Payments to Destiny Garden School covered:

- Staff salaries – 15 Teachers and 9 support staff
- School lunches for 420 children and the staff
- Exercise books and text books
- Educational materials, examination papers and stationery
- Administrative costs and general maintenance



Events during the year raised £11,150 and included:



Carol Bird, a keen amateur athlete and supporter, ran the London Marathon for DGS on 26th April 2015, and raised £1,170.

‘Chick Flick’ nights organised by Val Lear raised £380. Park Tavern, Macclesfield provided the food and lovely venue





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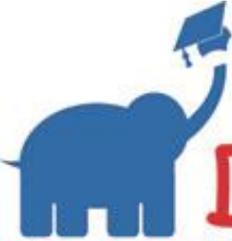


Sharelove yoga raised funds for Africa Watoto, a charity providing lunches for the kindergarten children at DGS this year.

AfricaWatoto

A UK charity supporting projects in Kenya have covered the cost of the kindergarten children's lunches throughout the year.





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Events during the year included:



A coffee morning held in August at Gawsworth Methodist Church Hall raised £305. This is the fourth time we have held the event.



In October a successful Quiz Night raised £565 thanks to Chris, our Quizmaster, and Trustee Debbie who organised it.





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Events during the year included:

What have Ken Dodd and his Diddy men got to do with Destiny Garden School?



They represent Julian, Simon, James and Keith who in September drove a 20 year old Volvo from Macclesfield to Munich on some of the most exhilarating roads in Europe. They raised an amazing £3,500 for Destiny Garden School.



The Ken Dodd Ramshackle Laughter Tour



Events during the year included:



In October friends, Lauren and Izzy, aged 7, took part in a charities day at school where they raised £21 for the children at Destiny Garden School. The pound goes a long way in Kenya and this will be enough to provide 350 children at the school with a nutritious lunch.



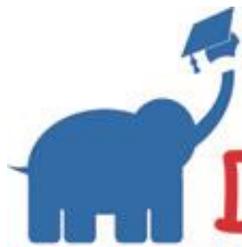
Events during the year included:



The Black and White Ball in December 2015 raised over £4,100 for Destiny Garden School.

The event at Adlington Hall Hunting Lodge was organised by keen supporter, Elizabeth Wright.

The fabulous live 9 piece Band – 'Bring on the Swing' – certainly got everyone swinging.



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Events during the year included:

Tina's project –

‘Old Books’
for
‘New Books’

raised £285 during
the year.

Donated books are
sold to second
hand book dealers.





Donations received during the year - £11,970 included:



£360 from a number of supporters for new desks. A desk unit costs £30 and DGS still need another 24.

Making the desk units provides work for the local carpenter – they are designed for 2 pupils but often have to be shared by 3 or 4 pupils.





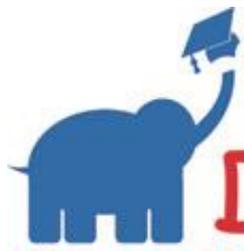
Donations during the year included:



A £400 donation in November from a sponsor for the purchase of a school projector, the first time DGS has had one. It will be a great help to the teachers and enhance lessons.



Several donations from different sponsors bought text books. This reduced the pupil to books ratio to an average of 2:1, from the previous 4:1 - i.e. 4 children were sharing one book.



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Donations during the year included:

A generous donation of £1,000 from a contact of sponsor Kathy James enabled DGS to drill its own borehole. The school now has a permanent water supply after many years of purchasing water and harvesting rain in the rainy seasons.





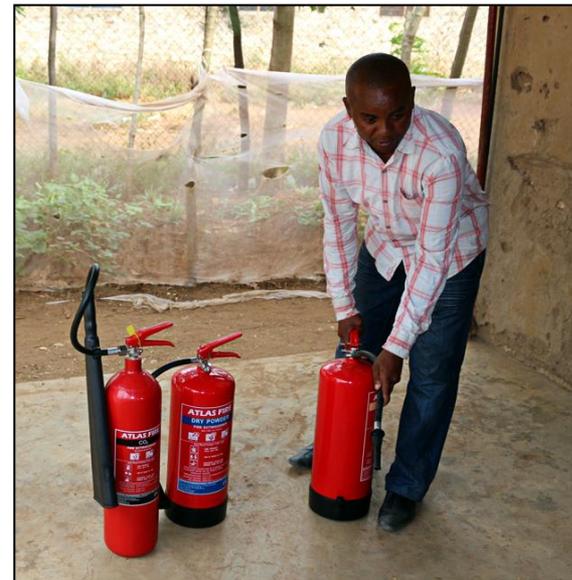
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Supporters paid for 2 new cooking pots. Photo of cook Fatuma hard at work producing a school lunch for all 430 children and 24 DGS staff.

Year 5 pupils from The King's School, Macclesfield, raised funds at their Christmas sale for fire extinguishers and security lights.

King's School also raised £690 from their Easter and Christmas church service collections.





Donations during the year included:



Gift Aid from donations has enabled the charity to send funds to buy essential educational items such as exercise books and stationery.

Collection Boxes raised over £1,135 during the year. These are installed in a few cafés and pubs around Macclesfield including Julia Marshall's cafés, Amuse and The Tea Kitchen.





Donations from Gifts That Make a Difference

GTMAD raised £465 during the year for items needed by Destiny Garden School.



£40 – a goat



£10 – toys



£15 – library books



£5 – plants



£15 – beans



£35 – chickens



£35 – desks



£30 – text books



£20 – stationery



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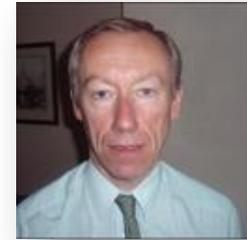
Generous donations amounting to £2,500 enabled a wonderful 'End of Year' event to be held to celebrate another successful year.

A special meal for the children and their parents or guardians was organised and the event helped to emphasise the importance and rewards of education and promoted a sense of community.

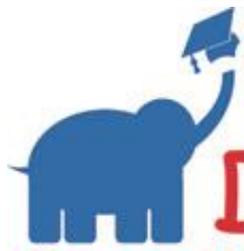
All the children received a Christmas present, and, for the first time, we were able to provide all the staff with a much appreciated gift of supermarket vouchers in recognition of their hard work during the year.



Many keen supporters have provided extra voluntary help, including:



- **Audrey Galloway** - developing the charity's accounting system and providing back up
- **Gail Delany** - developing both the DGS and DC websites and providing back up
- **Tina Howdle** - undertaking various projects including the book sales
- **Elizabeth Wright** - organising the Black Tie Dinner Dances and coffee mornings
- **David Ward** - examining the charity's accounts this year, having taken over from Tony Mirfin who has examined them for the last six consecutive years.
- **Committee members** – who continue to put in their own time voluntarily to run the charity, recruit sponsors, organise events, and who contribute their own funds to cover all the charity's running costs.



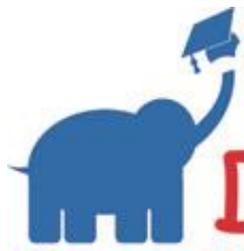
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Other DGS activities during the Year



In June the Kindergarten children received swings, slides, see-saw and a climbing frame, donated from contacts of volunteer Janette Hodgkinson. Great excitement as many had never played on equipment like this before.





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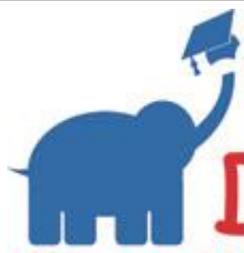
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In July the children in the lower primary classes visited Bamburi nature trail, a game reserve near the city of Mombasa. They saw Kenyan wild animals in their natural habitat.

The trip was sponsored by well wishers from Mombasa County





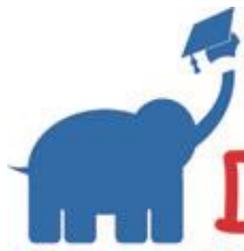
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On several occasions sponsors have sent funds for the children to have a special lunch with meat and fruit, and once they had bottled soft drinks!



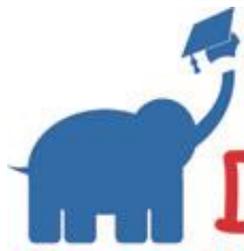


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Other DGS activities during the Year



Regular Teacher, Parent and Guardian meetings take place. This is an opportunity to discuss ways to improve the pupils' performance and reduce absenteeism. DGS aims to involve all the parents and guardians in their children's education.



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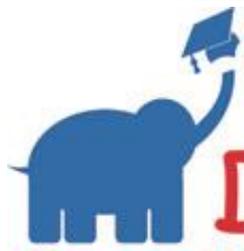
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In September electricity was installed at Destiny Garden School!

This was achieved via a grant from the World Bank to the Kenyan government in their campaign to have all primary schools in Kenya connected to the national electricity grid.

The electricity will supplement the existing solar power and go a long way in ensuring DGS meets many of its goals, such as providing lighting in the evenings so that the children can complete their homework, and after school classes, and parent teacher meetings can take place.



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Other DGS activities during the Year



The annual Kindergarten graduation took place in November with Dr Kemba Jarena Lucas from America as the guest of honour. All 30 Kindergarten pupils passed their exams to graduate to Primary School, class 1, and received their certificates.

Other DGS activities during the Year

This year our second batch of students left DGS

Class 8 pupils performed well in the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) examinations in December 2015. Four pupils achieved marks over 350, out of 500, which qualified them for places in the top Kenyan High Schools.





Other DGS activities during the Year



Very sadly one of DGS's children in class 1 died in January. Selina aged 7 years died following complications from pneumonia.

She was from a desperately poor family and the committee members paid for the funeral costs and her sponsor paid for a memorial to be put up in her classroom.

We were all shocked by Selina's death particularly as it could have been prevented if her parents could have afforded to take her to the hospital earlier. We would love to get additional funding to enable us to provide a better health and welfare programme at Destiny Garden School.



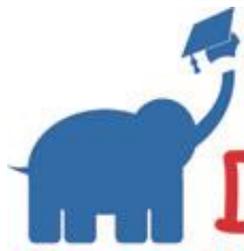
Other DGS activities during the year



DGS took part in different sports competitions for schools in Mtongwe – these included football, volleyball and netball. A number of our pupils qualified to the next level and some went all the way to the county level.

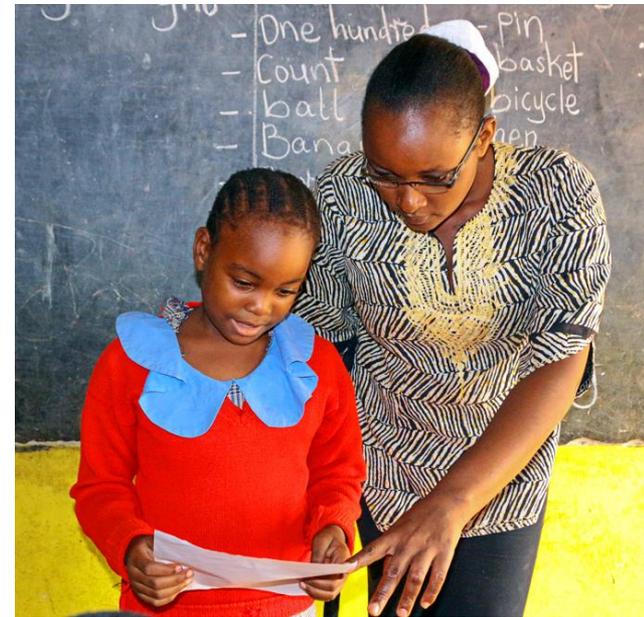
DGS's small farm holding continues to help feed the children – another crop of brinjals, called aubergines in the UK, with enough left over to sell to the Royal Castle Hotel in central Mombasa!





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Other DGS activities during the Year



Some sponsors write to their sponsored child and, as we don't want any of the other children to feel left out, the letters are addressed to the whole class. The teachers often use them as a teaching aid, not just for practice in English, but also for geography and general knowledge.



Other DGS activities during the Year

More volunteers have visited Destiny Garden School this year.



Alana and her two friends from the USA volunteered in March and she said –

“I was impressed with all Jacob is doing and the huge difference this is making for so many children. Words are not enough to describe the impact the experience has had on me, and my desire to stay connected with DGS”



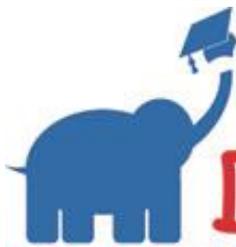
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In March Victor Ongola moved on to further his career and we welcomed Boaz Muoga as the new School Manager responsible for the sponsorship programme

Apart from all the work for the sponsors, Boaz's duties include monitoring the school accounts and payroll, providing feedback and thankyou's for donations, collating attendance and examination records, updating the website, and producing a monthly report for the charity.





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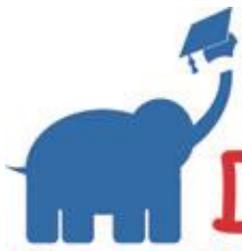
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In May 2009 DGS opened with 7 classes, 160 children and 9 staff. It is now a full Primary and Kindergarten School with 12 classes, 420 children, 15 teachers and 9 support staff.



Charity Trustee, Judy Roper, with DGS administrator, Masika Ali, in the office under the trees!





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Election of Trustees, Officers and Committee Members:

The Trustees, Officers and Members below have agreed to the positions and have been nominated and seconded.

Trustees:

Alan Slater, Judy Roper, Pat Roper, Adrian Ramsden, Colin Cliffe, Debbie Kennerley, Viki Lee and Martin Sutcliffe

Officers:

- Alan Slater – Chair
- Colin Cliffe – Treasurer
- Viki Lee – Secretary

Committee Members:

Nick Burton and new committee member Steve Speakman

Our thanks go to **Val Lear** who stepped down from the committee in October. As a founder member she has contributed greatly – and will continue to take part in our fund raising.



Challenges for DCC in the year 2016/2017 include :

- Increasing the income from the sponsorship programme
- Funding to enable us to provide a better health and welfare programme for DGS.
- Obtaining grants to improve the facilities at the school.
- Raising the profile of the Charity locally and further afield
- Securing more administrative and marketing help in the UK



Summary of the Annual General Meeting - Friday 17th June 2015

- It has been a busy year and the Destiny Children team have done well.
- Thanks go to the Trustees, committee members, sponsors and supporters for their donations and fund-raising activities during the year.
- Adoption of this presentation as the Annual Report
- The Trustees have approved the Charity Commission's *Trustees' Annual Report, (TAR)* and *The Receipts and Payments Accounts, CC16a*, and these will be submitted to the Charity Commission, together with the Independent Examiner's report, which was signed off as all present and correct.
- Welcome to our new team of Trustees and committee members and we wish them all the best in the forthcoming year.

