



Destiny Garden School

"Destined for Academic Perfection"

TERM ONE NEWSLETTER - 2024 (January - April)

The first term of the school year is a time filled with anticipation, as students embark on new subjects, meet new teachers, and set goals for the upcoming months. For many, the first term represents a fresh start—a chance to approach their studies with renewed vigour and enthusiasm. The first term also sets the tone for the rest of the academic year. It's an opportunity for students to embrace new challenges, pursue their interests, and strive for excellence in their academic pursuits. Here is a summary of first term activities mostly involving academic and extracurricular activities.



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Football Field Rehabilitation



Children's Welfare

The first school year assembly in January brought together students, teachers, non-teaching staff, administrators, and a handful parents and guardians to officially kick off the new school year. It was a great moment to reconnect especially after the long end of year break and articulate the goals, priorities, and expectations for the upcoming school year.



"Building momentum for school year 2024"



Throughout the term students have been using interactive games during short breaks to promote physical activity, social interaction, and cognitive development. They're an essential part of a well-rounded school day, helping students recharge and stay engaged in their learning.

"Students develop social skills, teamwork, and creativity"



The free lunch feeding program in DGS continues to be one of the strongest pillars. The program addresses issues such as food insecurity, malnutrition, and poverty among school-aged children in the surrounding environs of DGS.



" DGS says ASANTE SANA (THANK YOU VERY MUCH) to all sponsors for supporting the free lunch program"



" Special EASTER Lunch: Students enjoyed beef pilau (fried rice with beef) and fruit. Thank you for sponsoring this special lunch treat."



Free porridge and snacks for the pre-school students is going a long way in improving academic performance and attendance. The negative impact of hunger and malnutrition is in the past and children's ability to concentrate and learn in school continues to intensify.



“Free meals at school ensures children have access to nutritious food during the school day”

Starting March, the community ground outside DGS is undergoing rehabilitation **thanks to a timely and generous donation from our sponsors.** The very rocky field is taking its rightful form to promote physical activities and outdoor learning.



“Well-maintained and aesthetically pleasing school fields create a positive visual impact on the school environment”



In February and April, students did examinations to serve as a valuable tool for assessing student learning, monitoring progress, and ensuring accountability within the educational system. Teachers assessed students' understanding of the material covered in the first term.

“Assessments help identify areas where students may need additional support”

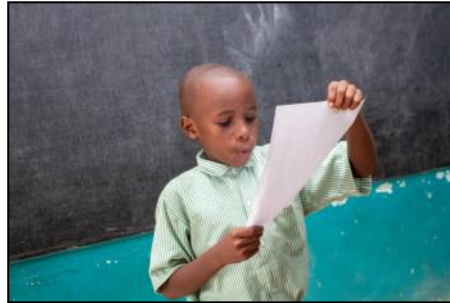


In March, Grade 6 students were treated to an insightful academic trip to the museum (Fort Jesus) in Mombasa island. The trip provided the students an opportunity to explore, discover, and engage with the world around them. The outdoor learning experiences reinforced classroom lessons and made abstract concepts more tangible and memorable

“Museum visits play a valuable role in students' journey of history, art, science, and culture”



DGS sponsorship program encourages and thanks sponsors who support the penpal letters. The letters exchange provide a significant tool for advancing intercultural understanding, language, communication skills, global awareness, friendship, personal growth, and emotional support.



“Penpal letters introduce individuals to different worldviews and perspectives”



Occasionally, DGS holds an all paid class birthday party by sponsors. The parties are designed to ensure all students in a class feel included. This tradition has contributed to a positive school culture where every child feels valued and appreciated. In addition, students are encouraged to practice kindness, generosity, and gratitude.



“Birthday parties are a big way for students to bond outside of regular classroom activities”



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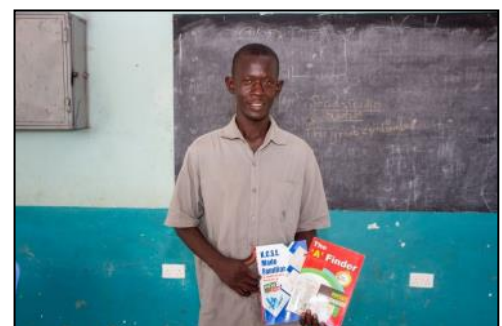
Thank you to all who sponsor needy and deserving students in high school. DGS now provides holiday tuition for the students during the school breaks. The additional classes provide valuable opportunities for academic growth, skill development, and personal enrichment outside of the normal school year.

"DGS High School Sponsorship Program is supporting 31 students"



Providing the high school students with revision materials is another targeted intervention to ensure the students improve on their grades. A core objective of the program is to support students catch up with their peers and succeed academically.

"Thank you to the sponsors who took part in this activity. These students need all the help they can get"





Meet Chrispinus Oduor! He becomes the first university graduate from our Sponsorship Program. Chris graduated in December 2023 with a Bachelor of Arts (Criminology). We wish all the best in his next phase in life.

Closing Assembly

The closing assembly took place in the dining shelter after heavy rains disrupted the usual outdoor ceremony. Various teachers were able to give their speeches as students eagerly looked on. They finally ran home as soon as the rains subsided.



Kenya has averted crisis after the expected Cyclone Hidaya lost its strength and hit Tanzania. However, expected heavy rains hit most parts of the country resulting to immediate closure of schools. The government postponed schools reopening to mid-May. Schools in less affected areas including Mombasa have now reopened.

Many thanks to DCC, all its supporters and all our sponsors who keep ensuring we continue with our mission. Your unwavering support throughout the years strengthens our will to keep going.

Wishing you a great rest of the year.

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