

Newsletter

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Foreword from the Vice-Chair

Dear Friends and Supporters

Welcome to another edition of our newsletter.

Staff continue to work very hard and hosted our first Parents' Day. This was well attended and the feedback was very positive from parents, pupils and staff. We also participated in an interschools sports event where our children excelled – despite not yet having our own sports field!

The Special Educational Needs Committee has begun the mammoth task of collecting data. A meeting of all the local chiefs, who know everyone in their area, will take place shortly, to help us explain the project and gather the necessary information. This will allow us to plan support effectively.

With summer holidays approaching, we will be taking a break and the next newsletter will be scheduled for the end of August. Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

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Writing competition



The last winner of our recent Writing Competition is Faith. I hope you enjoy her reflections.

My Community by Faith Milanoi – Grade 9

A community is more than a collection of houses. It is a living breathing entity, composed of immediate and extended family, neighbours, school community and my friends. We share experiences and unique, vibrant atmosphere. My community is a sanctuary of diversity and warmth where the pace of modern life meets the slow comforting rhythm of familiar faces and mutual respect. It is a place where I truly feel a sense of belonging.

My community is located in Kajiado County. It is the most peaceful place I have ever lived. Full of the calmness of nature itself and the beautiful landmarks. Our beautiful homes built by creativity and critical thinking skills, are all made from locally available materials like cow dung, leaves and the soil.

What makes my community unique is the interactions among our community members. Our traditional old men guide and correct. As they once said, "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day: teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime. It takes a village to raise a child and every villager plays a different instrument. There may be noise occasionally but when every instrument follows the same beat, the result is a symphony. In other words, every person is a different flower, bringing scent and colour. People in the community support each other: in ceremonies, and even helping with education support by raising school fees. No matter how far someone falls, this community is always there to catch them and bounce them back.

I can say that in a world of constant change and rough seas, the community is the heavy weight that keeps you from drifting away. There is no chance of it backing off. My community is supportive. For instance, they once came hand in hand with the school fees for my brother. As the saying goes – many hands make like work. Every person ensured that he or she, at least contributed something.

Despite all the good things, I still feel there are some things that need to be changed, for instance, women empowerment. I aspire to be an advocate of Women's Rights. I would like to change some things like gender equality. The only way to do that is through education. My community is very important to me because these people have shaped my childhood life to where I am today. They taught me about values, teamwork, resilience and most of all – to be kind.

Access to Water update



Our impact continues to grow. We are delighted to announce that we have repaired 166 hand pumps in the first half of 2026. This has provided access to water for an additional 65,000 Kenyans. The total number of pumps repaired to date is 3,518 across Kenya. This means that water access has been restored to 1.06 million people. We are so fortunate to have an incredible team in Kenya who facilitate this work, supported by Eric from the TWK UK Board

Your Old LEGO and DUPLO Can Help Build Bright Futures

Do you have boxes of LEGO OR DUPLO gathering dust now that your children or grandchildren have outgrown it? TWK would be delighted to give it a new home!

LEGO AND DUPLO are much more than just toys. They help children develop creativity, problem-solving skills, concentration, teamwork, and fine motor skills. They are especially valuable in supporting children with additional learning needs, providing hands-on opportunities for learning, communication, and imaginative play.

We are looking for donations of clean, complete LEGO sets and DUPLO sets or any loose bricks and figures, that can be used in our classrooms and special needs programme. Every brick can help create new learning experiences and hours of educational fun for our students.

If you have any unwanted LEGO or DUPLO that could benefit the children at TWK, please get in touch. Your family's outgrown treasures could help build confidence, skills, and dreams for the next generation.

Thank you for your support!

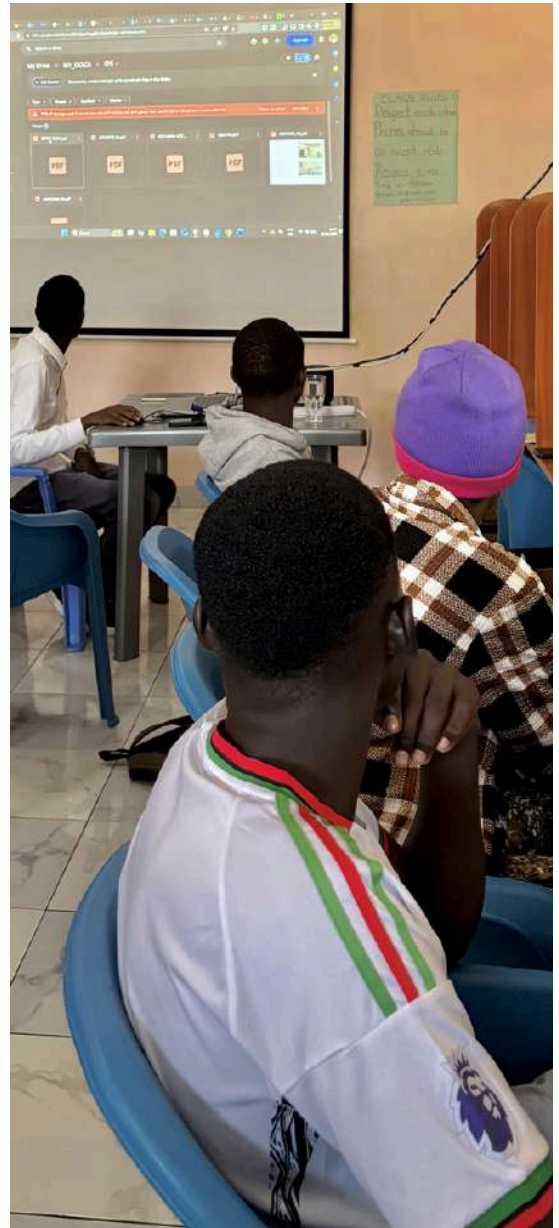


TWK ICT Hub Breaks New Ground

The TWK ICT Hub has launched its first-ever community computer course, opening the doors to anyone in the community, regardless of age or educational background. This exciting new initiative is already supporting 31 learners (20 women and 11 men), with Saturday classes taught by our dedicated ICT team, who are also teachers in the school. Some of those enrolled are school leavers who would only be able to access this training elsewhere, if they were able to travel long distances to neighbouring towns and could afford to do so.

Using the internationally recognised ICDL curriculum, students are gaining practical skills in Computer Essentials, Word, Excel and PowerPoint. The first group will graduate with certificates at the end of July.

“The skills given to us will go a long way to helping not only us but more people in our community. Thank you for investing in us.” — Jennifer Nenina, Student



Sports Day Pictures

