

# Grape Vine

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GREENSTEDS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, NAKURU

## CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

### ABOUT GRAPEVINE

In this document we aim to communicate with you all about what is happening within the school. This includes events that have happened in the recent past, anything that's coming up in the near future and any results or awards. It's information that will hopefully give you an insight into why we are so proud of our school.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

*Variety Show  
International Week*

### MORE DETAILS

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## SAFARICOM family challenge 2011

### LEAD STORY

The first weekend of term saw all of our Year 8s attend the Safaricom Family Challenge in aid of Kamili Organisation.

Kamili's mission is to provide equal access to services, affordable care and improve the quality of life of those suffering from mental health illnesses in Kenya.

The self-funded clinics provide accurate diagnosis, treatment, and support to patients and their families as well as provide psychosocial care in the community.

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### SCHOOL FUN FAIR 2011



Clare and Simran in a photo taken at the bouncy castle during the Annual School Fun Fair. The event raises funds for various charities supported by the school.

### OUR VISION

Greensteds will deliver the highest standard of education for students from Kenya and students of other nationalities. It is our vision to provide a complete education which modern parents expect and feel is essential to prepare young men and women of vision and integrity who will be of service to their fellow human beings



SAFARICOM FAMILY CHALLENGE

# Family groups pictorial...



Creative work



Team work



Mental work



Brain storming session



Pausing for a team photo



After the challenge...

## ACTIVITIES

# Safaricom's family challenge incorporates all year 8 students

The self-funded clinics provide accurate diagnosis, treatment, and support to patients and their families as well as provide psychosocial care in the form of education and increasing awareness around mental health issues in the community.

The Greensteps program has been recently introduced to complement your child's academic education promoting Independence, Personal Development, Adventure, Leadership, Service, Culture, Challenge, Environmental Conservation & Initiative.

The weekend was spent at Sanctuary Farm, Naivasha where the students were involved in 12 different challenges rang-



ing from mental to physical.

The teams all came up with their own flags, chants and team spirit which they demonstrated throughout the course of the weekend, adding a huge Greensteps presence to the overall event. However, the hard work did not stop once we got back to school.

Monday's PSHE lesson saw the students discussing and analysing their own individual commitment to teamwork with focus being on their strengths and areas for improvement.



**We congratulate all year 8 students for taking part in this year's family challenge.**

## U11 ROUNDERS, CRICKET

### U11's sports round-up

#### U11 rounders v Turi

**Result:** Turi 16 and a half, Greensteds 7 and a half

**Highlights:** Last minute illness/ dental surgery meant calling in Nora (Y3) and Leah (Y4) who did a fantastic job! Great team spirit and a

much stronger risk taking approach meant the team improved hugely since the last fixture. Keep it up!

#### U11 Cricket vs. Turi

**Result:** Won by 5 wickets

**Highlights:** We won the toss and elected to field. We restricted Turi to 30 runs and a loss of 9 wickets. Wasim, 3 overs (1 maiden), 2 runs and 1 wicket. Josiah, 4 overs, 8 runs and 1 wicket. Edward 3.5 overs, 8 runs and 2 wickets. Sammy 3 overs (1 maiden), 2 runs. Dorrian, 3.5 overs, 6 runs and 3 wickets. We went into bat and lost 2 quick wickets and 1 injured player. Edward and Dorrian shared a good partnership of 22 runs.

## MUSIC TOUR 2011

The UK music tour was successful. There was a lot of support from the audience.

Many were impressed by the level of discipline displayed by our students and commented how pleasant and friendly the students were. There was ample shopping time despite the number of concerts the group had.

At one point, the team performed two concerts in one school, Callington Community College, where they had a morning assembly, midmorning workshop (Japanese drumming and classroom attendance, sharing their experiences with music students), and an evening concert for parents and the rest of the students. In Est-over community college,

now known as Torpoint High, they learnt to play the steel drums.

During their time in Plymouth, the team also had the opportunity to perform for and with the famous Rame Peninsular Male voice choir (RPMVC) who also awarded them with memento as a token of appreciation for the performance. Mr Bentley used to be a member of the RPMVC many years ago!

It was amazing to see how much publicity had been given by the local media in both Plymouth and York as the local papers had articles on the team and their performances. A number of people in the audience were so impressed that they tried to invite the team to perform in other

venues.

The Highlight of the tour was the final performance at the Kenya High commission where the team performed for the High commissioner and the Kenya High commission staff as well as a few parents.

Some of the performances for the tour can be seen on <http://www.youtube.com/> under "Greensteds KHC London." The dvd of the tour is being worked on and should be out soon.

During the tour, the team managed to raise funds for Cherish Exchange Foundation, an organization which rehabilitates and nurtures children from the slums and streets including those who had been affected by the post-election violence in 2007/2008. They managed to raise Kshs. 165,500/

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

## Greensteds Supports Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Relief



School meal provided using the donated fund (May,2011)

**On March 11th 2011, the eastern part of Japan was hit by an unprecedentedly massive earthquake and Tsunami.**

Some 15,700 people lost their lives and 4,642 people are unaccounted for .

During March Greensteds School did a fundraising in support of the relief for this disaster.

Many students participated in the cause by purchasing goods, cookies and donating money.

We raised a total of

90,013 Ksh which was donated to World Vision Japan, a humanitarian relief NGO.

World Vision Japan has supplemented school meals, stationery kits and school equipment among many other relief efforts to support the victims who lost their homes and all their belongings in the tsunami.

Thank you to all who participated in the cause, and let us continue to be concerned about the natural and man-made disasters around the world and their victims.

# Hay Festival comes to Kenya

It was a hot day, in Uhuru Park where the Hay Festival was taking place. We were in a group of around 20 students, who were chosen to represent Greensteds. The original Hay Festival is set in a small town near the border of Wales. It is renowned as the host to Britain's largest second hand bookshop, and also to a great big festival that takes place, every year. So Kenya decided to hold its own Hay Festival. In a park.

At the entrance, we were given a complementary packet of crisps and tagged in case we got lost. Then our party set out to explore the world of books and literature. And of course poetry. This brings us to the wonderful, the smart, Ben Okri.

It was after lunch when my English teacher informed me that Ben Okri (*Booker prize for The Famished Road*) was going to do a talk about poetry. At first I was as clueless about Ben Okri as you were about the festival. But then she said he was a famous Nigerian poet, artist and musician. Immediately many of us decided to go the tent where he was doing his talk. When it started it was brilliant. Captivating, involving, and interesting. I thought the man was a genius. Simply amazing.

After that there were so many things to do. There were musicians, bookshops, a stand-up comedian, and even a write-your-own-book challenge. Most of us just sat around eating pizza and talking about Ben Okri. However, at one point our Year 10 and 11 pupils performed their version of some African folk tales which attracted a huge crowd of appreciative festival-goers. It was a superb day that really sparked a desire for English and poetry. All together it was around four, wonderful, packed hours before we hopped on the bus and went back to the real world of Science and Geography. Many of us would like to go next year. I certainly would.

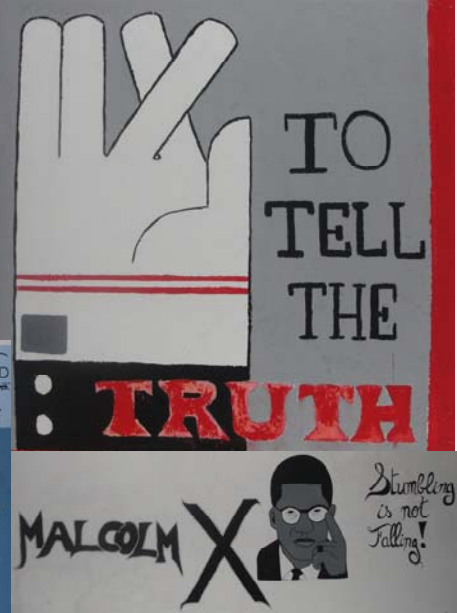
*Report by Ceajay*

## PHOTO SESSION



## HEADMASTER'S PROJECT

Without trust words  
became the hollow  
sound of a wooden  
gong with trust  
words become life  
itself...



Each group was given a theme and told to present it in the best way possible through a wall painting. Groups were expected to work together in coming up with a final design. They also appointed a project leader who reported on their progress.

## SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

## Sporty Greenie whips Turi, Nairobi Academy

### U13 rounders vs. Turi

**Result:** Win  $9\frac{1}{2}$  to  $6\frac{1}{2}$

**Highlights:** A great match where the girls displayed their true Greensteds spirit, their batting is improving but it was their fielding that outshone Turi.

The girls should be proud of this result a great start to the season

### Nominations—Week3

- Junior sportswoman of the Week **Simran**
- Junior sportsman of the Week **U11 and U13 Cricket Teams**
- Sportswoman of the Week **Fiona**
- Sportsman of the Week **Sam Mutemi**

### U13 Cricket vs. Turi

**Result:** Won 94 - 92

**Highlights:** On Wednesday last week the U13 boys travelled up to Turi for the 1<sup>st</sup> game of the season. The captain, Dheer, choose to field 1<sup>st</sup> and with some good bowling and catching we were able to hold Turi at 92 unfortunately most of these were from wides. When it came to our turn to bat the boys performed well under the pressure of some good bowling, the most influential batter was Sajan who scored 24 of our 94 runs, again the wides were the decided factor with Turi bowling more than us.

### Open Girls vs. Nairobi Academy

**Result:** Won  $10\frac{1}{2}$  -  $2\frac{1}{2}$

**Highlights:** On Saturday the Open Girls went down to BGE and played against Nairobi Academy. The first innings exhibited some wonderful fielding which saw all 9 players from Nairobi Academy being either caught or stumped out, resulting in them only scoring  $\frac{1}{2}$  a rounder. In the second half Greensteds managed to pull even further away from Nairobi Academy giving us a comfortable win.

## SPORTS REPORTS

# Sports news in brief...

## Open Football vs. St Christopher's

**Result:** Lost 2 - 1

**Highlights:** In the first half the team absorbed constant pressure and tried to counter-attack which resulted in a goal from Adam with a good lob over the keeper. We began the second half with good ball possession. However we struggled to maintain this throughout the remainder of the second half. St Christopher's managed to score two goals due to poor goalkeeping and defending.



## Open Rounders vs. Turi

**Result:** Lost 9½ - 11

**Highlights:** 8am Saturday morning was the 1<sup>st</sup> opportunity to have the entire team at training, but despite this the girls performed well in their first game of the season and came very close to beating a tough Turi team. There was some exceptional fielding which stopped Turi from scoring more

than 4 rounders in the second innings, and some great batting which gave us 6 rounders in the 1<sup>st</sup> 9 balls of that inning.

## U15 Rounders vs. Turi A and B

**Result:** Turi A - we lost 13 ½ to 8 ½, Turi B - we won 13 ½ to 6

**Highlights:** U15 Rounders team played against Turi A and B team on Saturday. The team performed well with some good fielding skills, although they must make sure they cover each others positions. The batting was more influential against Turi B resulting in the convincing win.

## FOOTBALL

### Staff vs. Pupils

**Result:** 2 draws and 1 loss

**Highlights:** On Sunday, at the fair, a selection of staff members faced a constant onslaught of pupils challenging them to 3 a side football. Despite the back to back games the staff had to play, they

put on a valiant effort and managed to successfully keep the hordes of pupils at bay and managed not to lose a single game, apart from the team of Wasim, Ben, Robinson, Tomy and Wasim's cousin.



### Nominations—Week 2:

Kathleen Foster  
Ashley Chemutai  
Open Rounders Team

### Sportswoman of the Week

Kathleen Foster

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## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES FOR STAFF

Some of our staff have been taking various professional development courses, currently being offered by exam bodies around the world.

*Cambridge University's International Diploma for teachers and trainers has been a popular option. Teachers have been able to reflect on their teaching throughout the year, as well as benefit from mentorship programmes from experienced colleagues around the world.*

*There is also a new entry into the league of professional qualifications— Cambridge International Diploma in Teaching with ICT. Several teachers have gone through this training. It is clear that ICT has been able to improve the learning experience of our students.*

*Some of our SEN staff have also been taking further specialist courses in their lines of duty. The Learning Institute, UK has a Special Education Needs diploma that has proven to be invaluable to our staff.*

*The TEFL/ICAL certification empowers teachers teaching English as a second language. All these courses have been highly practical and useful for teachers.*

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Manon (Year 12) representing her house team during the just concluded cross country race. We are proud of each and every student who took part in these races.



Mrs. Yuka Mwashimba

## NEW MEMBERS OF STAFF

## Welcome to Greensteds...

Grapevine takes this opportunity to welcome all our new members of staff into the Greensteds senior school family.

Our new teachers this term include Ms. Sangoro who teaches Business Studies and is also form tutor for Year 10's.

Mr Germain teaches Maths and French. He is also a form tutor for Year 13's.

Mr. Gitari teaches Maths and will be heading the department. He has taught for seven years in the UK before joining Greensteds.

Mrs. Mwashimba will be in SEN department. She comes from Japan and studied BA in Law (Kyoto University, Japan) and MA in Post War Recovery (University of York, UK).

Mr Saning'o will be working in the Sport Department. He is also a form tutor for Year 8's.

Once more "karibu sana!" (Welcome!).