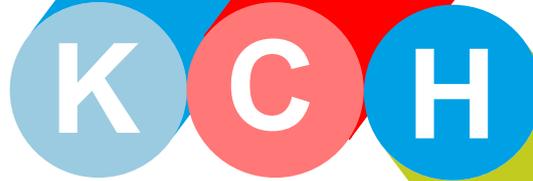


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Update

Caring for children in Kenya

A time of change

Over the past few months there have been some significant changes to the leadership team in Kenya: 'For everything there is a season...'

We are pleased to announce that our new Chief Administrator is Mr Collins Oywera. Collins has been a part of the KCH family for many years, was 'House Father' to some of the children in our care, led the KCH Connect Group and most recently was the lead IT teacher at JGA.

Our new Social Programmes Manager is Miss Faith Karingithi, who has been an integral part of our Social Work team for the past 4 years.

At JGA, Deputy Head Teacher Ms Esther Karanja has been promoted to Head Teacher and Ms Juliette Wambua has taken the role of Deputy Head Teacher.



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News from KCH Campus



As ever, there is a lot going on. Several of the children spent December with their guardians in their rural homes, but some children remained at KCH. They enjoyed a pre-Christmas swimming lunch at the nearby Weston Hotel.

The children welcomed in the New Year with an afternoon filled with fun activities, including an inflatable swimming pool, bouncy castle, camel rides, a quad bike powered 'train', face painting and a puppet show, followed by a barbeque. What an epic treat!

January is a time of transition, with every child moving up a class at school, and some children moving up to secondary school. All have settled in well. Mid-term break encompassed Valentine's Day this year. The children enjoyed a special meal of celebration in the Sorsbie Hall, followed by fun and dancing. It was a great opportunity to officially welcome the new Chief Administrator to the family.



The Bata Shoe Company have been long-term supporters of KCH through their 'Children's Program'. In February, the brought a fantastic donation of 167 pairs of black leather school shoes. The children thanked the visiting donors for their new shoes, and we are all grateful for the generosity of Bata. Asante sana!

Good news!

'Antony' came to KCH 15 years ago, when he was just 7 years old, after the death of his single-parent mother. He was left with his grandmother who was unable to care for him.

KCH supported him through school and college, and now he is working at the nearby Wilson Airport as a flight operator and dispatch officer.

'Antony' is one of the success stories of 2016. He has grown to be a fine young man. He has achieved complete independence. This could only be achieved with the support of the KCH team, input from his teachers, and the generosity of donors from the UK and internationally. Asante sana!

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Other news



Outreach Programme

At the beginning of December, the Outreach children enjoyed their week-long 'retreat' at KCH campus. Their progress was monitored on all fronts; health, academics and social development. The children got to participate in lots of different activities and they had a fantastic time, with the week rounded off by a spectacular Talent Show and party. Outreach is now working with over 200 children across Kenya, aged from 6 to 22, funding education and providing additional practical and financial support when needed.

Butterfly Support Programme

Our Butterfly Support Program (BSP), is for children who have been resident at KCH but then, at around age 10, join boarding schools close to their original home and guardians, after a rigorous screening procedure by our Social Work team.

BSP helps these children to maintain a strong link with their home communities, boosting their sense of belonging and identity. The BSP children are visited at both their homes and schools several times a year by members of our Social Work team.

In April, the BSP children returned to KCH, along with the 'reintegrated' KCH children who attend Secondary School, for a week long 'camp'. It was a chance for them to see old friends and 'family' and a chance for our team to monitor their health and well-being.

76 KCH children are now enrolled in BSP. All of them are enjoying being at home, with family and are thriving at their new schools.

Prize Giving

Mashimoni School celebrated their 9th annual prize giving day in March. Rewards were given to those who excelled academically, for improvement, for extra-curricular activities and for behaviour.

JGA also celebrated their Prize Giving. Children received prizes for academic achievement, for their effort and behaviour and for performance in extra-curricular activities. The KCPE results were praised, with 72 of the 76 candidates having achieved over 300. Well done!

Exam Results 2016

All 158 of our Standard 8 children sat their KCPE (Kenya Certificate of Primary Education) exams in November. The exams are marked out of a total of 500. The subjects studied include Maths, English, Swahili, Science, Religious Studies and Social Studies.

The top mark achieved nationally in 2016 was 436, a couple of marks down on 2015. Our top scorer at **Mashimoni** was Perpetua, who scored 391. Michael was a close second with 389. At **Suswa**, Rael scored 381 and the two Elizabeths were very close to achieving over 300. Francis was the highest scorer from **Butterfly**, achieving a fantastic 393 and 8 of the 12 candidates scored over 300. Grace was top scorer from **Outreach**, achieving a good 325.

The KCSE is the Secondary Exam Certificate; the results are graded from A (>80%) to E (<29%). In 2016 5 KCH children, 1 BSP child, 1 Suswa girl and 11 Outreach children sat their KCSE exams. They achieved 4B, 1B-, 2C+, 2C, 3C-, 1D+, 3D and 1D-. Mary from KCH was our top scoring pupil with 66%

Project	No of students	Mean score
JGA	76	371
Mashimoni	52	300
Suswa	7	279
Outreach	11	277
Butterfly	12	318

The next step for all of them is choosing a further education course or finding a job. Good luck to all!

News from Mashimoni



The music festival is scheduled as the term two extra curriculum activity in the Kenyan education system. The competition is country-wide with the best performers going on to compete at national level.

Mashimoni is iconic when it comes to extra curriculum activities. It has always excelled to national level. Year 2017 was not an exception.

The pre-school team scaled from sub-zone level (the lowest level) to national level where they emerged top in the singing game, a great achievement for all those involved!.

The boys performed a rap song where they reported on a current affair as a newscaster. It was a terrific performance that helped them reach national level in the competition.

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The school also participated in athletics up to county level.



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News from Suswa



Just like the children at Mashimoni, the girls at Suswa took part in the term two music festival activity where they performed at a number of different levels.

We had teams participating in the festival from all age groups and abilities. They started the competition in 11 different categories and we were all delighted when the group performing poetry were progressed to national level.

As well as the music festival, the Soila Masaai girls also participated in inter-school debates this term competing against five other schools. As part of the same program, the five schools also competed in joint exams, as a way of challenging and preparing themselves for their national exams later this year.

Every year, the girls take part in the DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD event which is held on the 18th of June. This special day has been celebrated since 1991 when it was first initiated by the Organisation of African Unity to honor those who participated in the Soweto Uprising 1976. It is also focused on raising awareness of the continuing need for improvement of the education provided to African children. The girls took part in awareness raising activities and learned more about the uprising. It was a fun and enjoyable day for all involved.

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#GivingTuesday is the day to do good stuff for charity, straight after the mass consumerism that is 'Black Friday' and 'Cyber Monday'. This year, **GivingTuesday** is on Tuesday 28th November.

We are asking **you** to do good stuff for **us** this **GivingTuesday**.

Last year, over \$48 million was donated globally through Paypal. This year, the charity partners are hoping for another record breaking effort.

Whether you bake good stuff, make good stuff, donate good stuff, tweet good stuff or even say good stuff - whatever you do, we want you to do good stuff for Kenya Children's Home (UK) this **#GivingTuesday**.

You'll be joining thousands of people in the UK in committing to doing good stuff all on the same day, including some of the UK's biggest brands, charities and celebrities.

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Thank you to our volunteers

Thank you to all of our regular donors and child sponsors

Thank you to Smalls for All for another donation of pants

Thank you to our worldwide JustGiving fundraisers

Thank you to the people across the UK who knit and crochet for us

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Support us all year round

You can support the work of Kenya Children's Home on a monthly or annual basis through our regular giving scheme. We have a number of standing order schemes that facilitate financial support for our four main projects, the prices of which are listed in the table below.

Project	£/month	£/year
KCH	35	420
Butterfly	35	420
Suswa	10	120
Mashimoni	10	120

All of our sponsors receive biannual letters/pictures and school reports from their child (children) in Kenya and copies of our UK newsletters. Please contact us for more information or visit our website

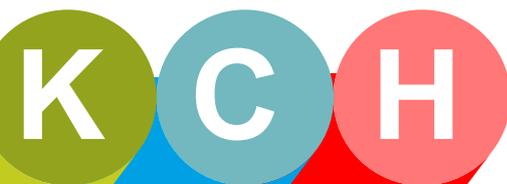
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