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The Pioneers Form 2 in January 2010 19 Students and 5 Staff (another 29 girls arrived in Feb in F orm 1)



January 2011 118 students and 7 staff.



January 2012 178 students and 12 academic staff



IT.

Frustratingly we are still waiting for effective connection to the internet. Trees have been identified and are to be felled shortly. We can then work out the height required for the mast. Thanks to a generous donation from Eton College, we are negotiating for enough laptops so that each pupil has access to one in the IT room. There is an additional computer in the staff room and the details of additional ones for the library are being finalized.

Development

Three **new classrooms** are in use. The second dormitory is now caters for the increase in numbers. Apart from some minor cracking in the floors, the improved layout design is working well. The third dormitory block is all but finished and part is being used for temporary staff accommodation.



Victor and Pauline outside the Visoi Home (Dorm 2) A relaxed moment in the staff room.



Dorm Block 3 nearing completion.

The **kitchen area** has been extended and one more stove added. The original concept was that the school would eat in two sittings but this is not practical. The new layout will be easier and safer to use and will be worked on when the school is closed. In addition the **storage facilities** have been extended to provide capacity to hold enough maize and beans for a year so that the school can store its own harvest and/or buy in bulk when prices are low.



Extended kitchen (the internal layout to be improved).



The store extension.

The **IT room** now has a ceiling and perspex sheets have been fitted in the **physics lab**, which have improved the light significantly. Ceilings are still required in the library and physics lab.

Much work has been done on the **field and land drains** dug. There is a significant challenge that we face to work with our neighbours to achieve more efficient drainage to take water away from the field. We are working with the local authorities on this and hope that something will be resolved before it rains.



These crested cranes were nesting in the marsh in the middle of the field.

Sport

Mr Hungi is very keen on basketball and is preparing the team for tournaments and matches. The court is still being built so practice is on the grass at present.



The Basketball team and coach.



The basketball court under construction.

The Environment: from flood to drought... we are now well into the third month without any rain. Thanks to FOMAWA and the Rift Valley Tree Trust most trees on the field have survived. The importance of creating shade and an attractive area within the wall has been emphasized by the wind and heat. The school needs to find a member of staff prepared to take on this challenge.

Prize Giving Day

In anticipation of a big event in March 2013 after the first set of public exam results are published, the school held a well attended Prize Giving. Three marquees were required as the dining hall is no longer big enough. The school bought a P A System for use at outside events. In due course this ceremony will be held in the chapel/theatre. Sister Magdalen, Principal Bahati Girls' School, was the Guest of Honour



Lining up for prizes, with the new classrooms in the background.



The Guides raise the flag.



Drama



Sister Hiltrude proud of Maths prize winner Mercy Njoki, ex-Gogar Primary School.

The School Farm and Agriculture Department

The chickens are laying and the rabbits are breeding. The farm is being prepared for planting thanks to Hamish and Gogar Farm.

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December 2011 wet and green



March 2012 dry and dusty.





The Board of Governors



Keyboard lessons



Helping at the VGS



Watering the gardens.

