



# KAKUNYU SCHOOL

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Welcome to the latest newsletter from Kakunyū School. Our pupils are just preparing to go on holiday having completed the first term of the academic year (the academic year in Uganda starts in February). The parachute is always a popular activity as excitement for the holidays rises.....



We have had a spectacular start to the academic year in all sorts of ways. The school now has 120 (yes 120!) pupils and the majority of day scholars are now paying school fees. We have welcomed three new members of the teaching staff, Nalule Rose (welcome back Madam Rose we missed you), Nnyondo Ruth and Nambalirwa Latifah, and a big welcome to Nandawula Zainah who has also joined the staff.

## The wonderful new Water tank

The wonderful new underground water tank at the school site is now nearly complete. This wonderful structure was funded by the generosity of Chris Lang

who is a singer with a group called "More than Music" based in the USA.

We are truly grateful to him for his support. The tank will harvest rain water from the enormous roof of the school and store it safely until we need it. It has a capacity of 120,000 litres and the availability of water will make an enormous difference to the lives of everyone at the school. We are starting to pipe some of the water down to the dormitory site for storage and to allow easy access for washing and cooking. Here is a picture showing the construction of the tank – what a brilliant structure!



## Fancy a visit to Kakunyū?

There are plenty of opportunities to visit and spend time at Kakunyū - either on your own as part of your grand world adventure or travelling with one of us on our regular trips. Come and meet the children, the staff and our cow Mulungi, and become a real member of the Kakunyū family. If you have ever

considered visiting Uganda, and Kakunyu in particular, please do get in touch with Jan Lowe ([Jan@friendsofkakunyschool.co.uk](mailto:Jan@friendsofkakunyschool.co.uk)) or Mary Kabiito ([Director@kakunyuchildren.org](mailto:Director@kakunyuchildren.org)). We may not be able to offer you a luxury holiday but we will promise you a wonderful welcome and an experience you will never forget.

## That Latrine Block...

You will no doubt remember the photo of the latrine block that was included in the last newsletter. This wonderful structure is now complete and is transforming the lives of all the children, providing 8 separate cubicle long-drop loos and 6 cubicles that offer privacy to wash. Feast your eyes on it below.



## Sign to Sing Competition

A gift was given to Kakunyu School for being first in this competition in February. Congratulations!



## Special message from Mary Kabiito

The School Director, Mary Kabiito says:

"I assure you, together we can do more. The water problem is now History. Great thanks to "More Than Music" in USA. I further thank all our partners and reassure them that with their encouragement and support we shall reach our destiny."

## Exciting news for supporters in UK – the launch of FroKS!

Our new supporters' organisation Friends of Kakunyu School (FroKS) is now a fully-fledged registered UK charity and we are now able to claim GiftAid on all appropriate donations. If you are one of our **WONDERFUL** regular donors, we hope that you will agree to change your standing order to pay direct to the FroKS bank account rather than through Uganda Development Services as is currently the case. This will increase the amount of gift aid we can claim for use at Kakunyu. Please stand by for a persuasive letter from one of the Trustees....And if you are **NOT YET** one of our wonderful regular donors, we would love to welcome you to the Kakunyu family. Details on our website – or email Jan.

We now have a FroKS Facebook page, a FroKS website ([www.friendsofkakunyschool.co.uk](http://www.friendsofkakunyschool.co.uk)) as well as the original school website ([www.kakunyuchildren.org](http://www.kakunyuchildren.org)) which will continue to reflect activities at the school.

If you would like to know more about Kakunyu School, just contact Jan Lowe (01494 890675) ([jan@friendsofkakunyschool.co.uk](mailto:jan@friendsofkakunyschool.co.uk)) if you are in UK or, if you are in Uganda, Mary Kabiito (0701 489834) ([director@kakunyuchildren.org](mailto:director@kakunyuchildren.org))

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Thank you for your interest!