



# KAKUNYU SCHOOL

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## Newsletter June 2017

**W**elcome to the June edition of the FroKS newsletter. While the children here in the UK are looking forward to breaking up for their long summer holiday and taking exams, the students at Kakunyu are only halfway through their school year. It doesn't stop them having fun though!



February and we have six students set to take their exams at the end of the year. Your donations to FroKS have gone towards paying for textbooks for the teachers and students, exam costs, stationary and extra teaching staff. It is difficult to emphasize just how important and exciting this development is for the life of Kakunyu. We really look forward to celebrating with them at the end of the year.

### Management Committee

Although we at FroKS support the school, visit and share our skills where appropriate, we are definitely not the ones running this amazing operation. The school is overseen by a management committee. A bit like a governing body of a UK school it is made up of professionals in different areas – teaching, business, finance and local government, and people with firsthand experience of different needs and the

### Primary Seven Update

We are always looking for different ways to support the school, through building projects, small businesses and providing resources. This year we took a big step and decided to support the school by funding the first ever P7 class, which allows the senior students to take their primary leavers exam (PLE). This is a very important step in developing the lives of the students but also in the development of the school. If our students are able to obtain good marks it will give them a significantly better chance in their future. For the school it will mark Kakunyu out as able to offer good quality education for many different students.

P7 at Kakunyu has now been up and running since



importance of inclusion. In addition Mary (pictured above with Miiro Michael, a member of the committee and Charlie, a recent visitor to Kakunyu) has incredible networking skills and the school

receives financial support and professional expertise from a number of different organisations. Together with Mary, the committee keep awareness of Kakunyu alive in the wider Masaka community.

## Charlie in Kakunyu



As supporters of Kakunyu we love having the opportunity to spend time at the school, and it is equally exciting seeing the joy that other people get from

visiting and immersing themselves in the life of the school. Immersing himself in the school, and life in Masaka, is exactly what Charlie did earlier this year (quite literally - he was the swimmer on a winning triathlon team!)



Over three weeks Charlie taught, ran games sessions, played the ukulele and helped set up a new accounts system for the school. As he wrote on our FroKS blog, "It was amazing to see how the more able children ran round giving and helping to clear up after the less able children. It was very humbling to see the devotion and care these children have and how willing they are to give up their time to care for their peers...I have had an amazing three weeks there and it was sad when I was driving away to see all the kids waving by the gate."

## Forget couch to 5k...

If you too fancy a challenge it is now possible to run a marathon in Masaka. We are hoping that the school will become one of the partner charities for the Uganda international marathon, giving those who run an opportunity to visit the school as well. Have a look at their website at <https://ugandamarathon.com/>.

For those who may be less athletically inclined, as you can see from Charlie's experience there are lots of opportunities to use all manner of skills if you would like to visit. Just get in contact with the details below.

## Going down the drain?

As trustees we are keen to reassure all of our generous donors that their money is not being wasted. We regularly receive requests from the school for funding for all manner of things, which we get estimates for before going ahead. One of the current structural projects that we are supporting at Kakunyu is the improvement of the drainage at the down site where the dormitories and the new physio block are located. In rainy season this part of the complex easily floods, providing perfect breeding grounds for mosquitoes and of course an unpleasant environment for all at the school. Future projects include solar lighting and a television for the boarders, new benches and desks and the completion of another temporary classroom.

**L**ike to know more?  
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