



# KAKUNYU SCHOOL

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## Muli mutya (Hello) from Kakunyu School!

Welcome to the latest edition of the Friends of Kakunyu School (FroKS) newsletter. The students at the school near Masaka in SW Uganda have just returned for the last term of the academic year. Exams are looming and the students and teachers are working hard to ensure that all the efforts of the last year are rewarded.

## What does success look like for a student at Kakunyu Inclusive School?

For some students, success may be the reward of excellent exam results to enable them to graduate to the next year group; for others the reward may be simply to have performed in the School Choir or Drumming Group. For others still, the year's effort will culminate in an improved vocabulary or the ability to hold a pencil correctly and for some, this may be the year that they were able to feel a welcomed part of a school class for the first time.

## Goodbye Lisa, we loved having you!

Lisa arrived at Kakunyu in October last year from her home in Belgium. She worked with us for six months and stole the hearts of everyone who met her.



Lisa says:

*"I went to the school with only two goals: to learn and to practice. It was a great experience. The people in the school are so so friendly and I can say for sure that after six months of being there, my life has changed. They've got a place in my heart. I can only recommend for everyone to visit the school and see it with your own eyes, because some things are worth the effort of travelling."*

*"I liked this photo a lot. It's with a boy with autism and he really stole my heart! He was sitting on my back like the babies in Uganda do with their mothers. We had a very special connection with each other."*

## Kakunyu School wins the support of the Uganda Marathon!



We were so delighted when the Uganda Marathon selected us to be one of their supported projects this year. We hosted athletes who were taking part in this year's marathon in May. The athletes enjoyed getting to know the children and helped us enormously by preparing nursery beds for our new crops. It was a wonderful colourful day and a successful one too! Our visitors told us that they had enjoyed doing the work, the lunch was delicious, and they were amazed by Mary (our Director), the children and how she lives life. More news on this in the next newsletter.

## The Water Tank is fixed – HOORAY!

You may not realise the significance of the photo below - indeed you may think it's a funny picture to include in a newsletter – but THIS is a photo of the inside of our underground water tank and it has WATER at the bottom of it!



You may remember that we have been having terrible trouble with our largest water tank and it has been unable to hold water throughout the last year.

We have now managed to repair it, hence our joy at seeing the photo above! Hooray indeed!

Without the tank, life has been very difficult. The tank is designed to catch and store the water that runs off the school roof during the rainy season. It is then piped down by gravity to the Down (Dormitory) site where we use it for cooking, drinking (once boiled) and washing. It's just great to have it back.

Water is our constant concern. We need it to drink, to cook, to wash (ourselves and our clothes) and to water our crops. We have a well, but it is a slow and laborious job to raise water – and currently we do not have a pump. Anyone know anything about solar

powered water pumps? If you do, then please get in touch!

## UK based Doctors visit Kakunyu

We were so pleased to welcome Dr Ruth and Dr Joel from UK as they took time out from their work in a Kampala hospital to visit us. It was the second time that Ruth had visited Kakunyu, but it was a first for Joel.



Zainah, the School Manager writes:

*“It's been such fun having Ruth and Joel at Kakunyu! The children and teachers gave them a warm welcome and were so happy to receive them. Head Teacher David and I took them through what we do at school and how we live with the children. We also talked about the recent measles out-break and the problems of keeping the children healthy. They were touched. Children entertained them with some music. We took them around the school and later visited the Dormitory site where they had discussions with Mary.*”

## Fancy a visit?

If you fancy visiting Kakunyu School, then please get in touch (see below for details). There are lots of opportunities for (slightly) intrepid travellers to become part of the Kakunyu family.

## Get in touch!

If you would like to know more about Kakunyu school, please get in touch with Jan Lowe (01494 890675 or [jan@friendsofkakunyaschool.co.uk](mailto:jan@friendsofkakunyaschool.co.uk))

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