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Status på Marvel Junior Academy:

Generelt går det godt på skolen. Victorias mor (Mamma-Marvel) er desværre blevet syg, og har været det igennem længere tid, så Victoria bruger meget energi på at passe hende. Heldigvis er skolens administrator (Judith) både fagligt kompetent og en dygtig leder, og jeg har fuldt tiltro til at hun kan varetage skolens daglige drift i Victorias fravær. Specielt er Judith god til budgetter og alt omkring skolens pengesager bliver derfor varetaget på bedst vis, med de midler der nu engang er til rådighed, uden indblanding fra mig.

I juni 2023 var skolens Class 5 på lejrskole, i forbindelse med det (efterhåndene normale) forløb dette klassetrin har. Der undervises i landets dyr og planter både før og efter lejrskolen, og så selve lejrskolen, hvor de er på safari i Tsavo East. Igen var turen en succes for både elever og lærere, og det er bare dejligt at vi kan give skolens elever mulighed for at se landets naturrigdomme. Denne gang blev turen støttet af Spejdernes Genbrug i Furesø Kommune.

Vi har fået støtte fra Myhrwolds Fond til indkøb af diverse småting, der manglede på skolen, for eksempel sportsgrej, et par borde, samt gryder til køkkenet. Sådanne indkøb kan ikke dækkes ud af skolens daglige økonomi, da skolen ikke drives med overskud. Sådanne 'støtte til hvad skolen måtte mangle' skaber stor værdi for både elever og ansatte, da det øger muligheden for at give god undervisning og for at skolens rammer fungerer.

Med støtte fra Erik Thunes Legat og fra Honorarfonden, har skolen fået et ganske stort solcelle-anlæg med batterilager. Anlægget dækker rigeligt skolens nuværende forbrug, og planen er at elektrificere en stor del af køkkendriften, hvor der i øjeblikket udelukkende bruges gas og trækul. Denne 'grønne omstilling' af skolens energiforbrug har været en drøm for mig og skolens ledelse igennem flere år, og jeg er glad og stolt over at det nu er gennemført.

Det store nabohus, med tilhørende grund, der blev lejet til skolen i forbindelse med Corona-afstandskrav har fået renoveret tag og andre forbedringer, med støtte fra Spejdernes Genbrug i Furesø Kommune.

Og så en særlig tak til medlem af BUUKenya Ximena og hendes børn. De har brugt efteråret på at lave forskellige kreative håndarbejder, som blev solgt i forbindelse med en aktivitet på en af børnenes skoler. Overskuddet fra salget blev 3000kr, som de har doneret til BUUKenya. Tusind tak for det.

Udover ovenstående, er der et par større projekter i gang på skolen, hvor BUUKenya arbejder på at rejse midler, som beskrevet nedenfor.

Lokale til undervisning op til Class 9. Som jeg skrev i seneste nyhedsbrev var der, for nogle år siden, en større omlægning af det kenyanske skolesystem. Desværre havde regeringen ikke lige overvejet hvordan omlægningen skulle føres ud i praksis, og man har i sidste øjeblik vedtaget at de skoler der tidligere har været 'Primary schools', med undervisning op til og med Class 8, nu skal udvides til også at undervise i 'Lower Secondary' school, hvor udmeldingen tidligere havde været at antallet af klassetrin skulle reduceres til Class 6, da dette er afslutningen på Primary School i det nye skolesystem.

For Marvel betyder dette konkret, at man nu har tre sektioner:

- 'Nursery Section', der er som en børnehave samt børnehaveklasse.

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- 'Primary Section', der underviser i Class 1-6.
- 'Lower Secondary', der omfatter Class 7-9.

Konsekvensen af udvidelsen med endnu et klassetrin (fra Class 8 til Class 9) er at skolen mangler et egnet klasselokale. Heldigvis har skolen, i forbindelse med en tidligere ombygning, erstattet taget af en bygning med et stort betondæk. Og fundament og betondæk er stærkt nok til at der kan bygges et stort klasselokale ovenpå bygningen, så skolen dermed kan udvides med endnu et klasselokale.

Dette har således ført til et projekt for BUUKenya, hvor vi forsøger at rejse midlerne til det nye klasselokale.

Køb af det nu lejede nabohus. Det nabohus og tilhørende grund, som skolen lejede i 2020 for at kunne genåbne under Corona har vi gerne ville købe til skolen, da det ligger perfekt i forbindelse med Marvel Junior Academy, og indgår i skolens daglige undervisning. Hidtil har ejeren af huset ikke ønsket at sælge, men han har heldigvis skiftet mening, for at kunne flytte tilbage til hans hjemstavn. Han har sat en rimelig pris for huset, og han har heldigvis givet skolen forkøbsret til ejendommen, samt givet os god tid til at skolen (og BUUKenya) kan rejse de nødvendige midler.

Dette har altså ført til et projekt for BUUKenya, hvor vi forsøger at rejse midlerne til at købe huset.

Midler til Marvel Junior Academy:

Siden seneste nyhedsbrev har vi fået midler til:

- Juni 2023 safari fra Spejdernes Genbrug i Furesø Kommune.
- Tagrenovation på nabohus fra Spejdernes Genbrug i Furesø Kommune.
- Solceller fra Erik Thunes Legat samt Honorarfonden.
- Køb af diverse småting fra Myhrwolds Fond.
- Køb af nabohus fra Honorarfonden, Fonden af 17-12-1981, samt Jubilæumsfonden.

På de følgende sider finder i:

- Fotos af det renoverede tag.
- Fotos fra juni 2023 safari, samt et par håndskrevne stile.
- Fotos af de nye solceller.

Tak fordi I er medlemmer af BUUKenya og hjælper os i vores arbejde med at hjælpe andre.

Mange hilsner Dan

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Tagrenovation



Nyt tag (venstre side)



Nyt tag (højre side)



Desuden blev der installeret en tagrende med vandopsamling fra en anden tagflade.

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Besked fra skolens administrator, Judith, der var med på safari.

Hi Dan, the trip to Tsavo was very good..the learners have really enjoyed themselves, and also learnt alot..We even managed to see a lion and a lioness though we couldn't take their pictures due to poor visibility. We also noticed that one part of the park was very dry while another one was full of vegetation.

Now that the school's are closed, the students will write the essays when we get back, and will scan and send copies to you in two weeks time when we open school.

Once again, thanks to you for co-ordinating the sponsorship of the trip. Pass our regards and gratitude.

On behalf of Marvel Junior Academy, I say (Thank you very much)



Lærerne der deltog i turen (og en enkelt fræk elev).

For mange af lærerne er det også første gang de ser det kenyanske dyre- og planteliv. Vi opfordrer til en rotation af lærerne, så alle der underviser på skolen har været med på safari.

Dette sikrer at lærerne har samme viden som de elever de underviser.

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Næsten alle turens deltagere.



En vigtig del af turen er at en park-ranger fortæller om Tsavo-East, dyrene og planterne. Og fortæller elever og lærere hvad de skal kigge efter.

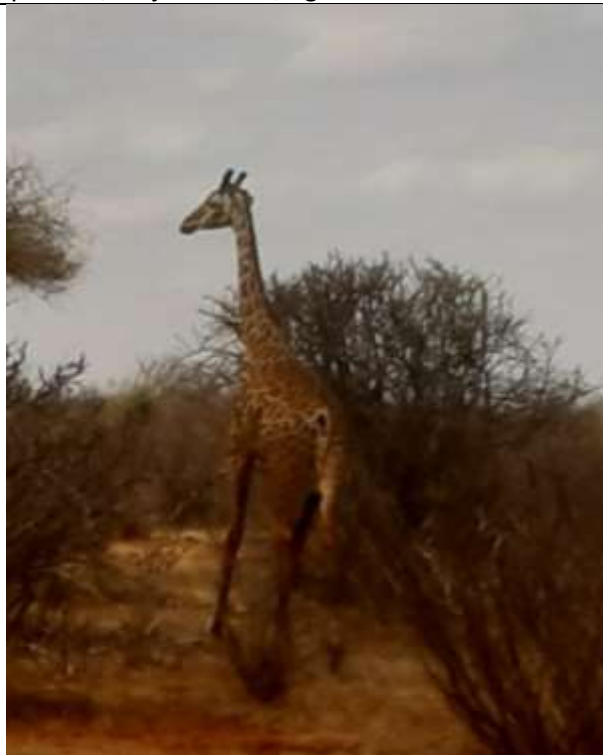
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Tsavo East er kendt for sine mange elefanter, så dette er helt sikkert kun et af mange flotte indtryk eleverne har fået af dette fantastiske dyr.

Personligt er elefanten mit yndlingsdyr. De er kæmpestore, majestætiske, og har tætte familiebånd.



Eleverne så mange andre dyr også.

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A TRIP TO TSAVO EAST NATIONAL PARK

I woke up early that Thursday morning. It was the tenth of August in the year two thousand and twenty three. I rushed to the crossroads, took a cold bath and had my delicious breakfast. I grabbed my travelling gear and headed to school. I met my best friend, took a few metres to the school premises.

On arrival, we met other classmates who had made it early than usual that day. After the morning prayers, we boarded our hired bus and departed. On the way we enjoyed seeing tall buildings and expensive vehicles that were travelling beside us. We arrived at Tsavo east national park at a quarter to twelve o'clock.

After clearance we headed to our campsite and were assigned to our various dormitories. I happened to be in the dormitory together with my beloved friend, Kate. What a coincidence. Later that evening after having lunch we left our first game drive. I was mesmerised and fortunate to spot a variety of wildlife and seeing the big African cats was a real highlight. Wow, a lion!

I was privileged to see the big five animals for the first time in my life. I saw lions, herds of elephants, buffaloes and Rhinos. I also saw beautiful zebras, ostrich and baboons. Later on at the educational camp we were learning about the small-five animals which include, Anti-leop, leopard tortoise, Buffalo weaver and Rhinoceros beetle.

Back to the campsite we had a campfire session where we shared the day's experience. I really enjoyed fresh air in the park and wished to stay there forever. Unfortunately we had to head back to school the next morning to respond to an emergency that had occurred to one of our classmates. Despite that fact, I really enjoyed the tour and thus Tsavo east is theatre of the world.

NAME: PATIENCE JOY

AGE: ELEVEN YEARS

CLASS: FIVE

SCHOOL: MARVEL JUNIOR ACADEMY

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I woke up early than usual that day bearing in mind that I was going to have an adventure that I had not dreamt of. I hurriedly prepared myself and was on my way to school. On the way I imagined myself having a close view of elephants like I used to watch them in our television.

The bus had already arrived in school when I got there. Most of my classmates were already set for the journey so I went to the washroom quickly and aboard the bus. After a short prayer by one of our parents, we departed to Voi.

On the way we all enjoyed our snacks as we passed four hours had arrived at Tsavo East National Park at noon. After orientation we took our bags to our accommodations and left for our first game drive. Our tour guide, Rashid Kamau, a handsome guy explained to us all the detailed information on the park.

I learnt that the park forms the largest area in Kenya and is home to most of the largest mammals: Red elephant, Rhino, buffaloes, lion, giraffe, packs of hyena and crocodile. Tsavo East National Park is a National park in Kenya with an area of 13,747 km². It was opened in April 1948. Tsavo East is nine times bigger than the Masai Mara Reserves.

We arrived at Tsavo East Educational centre at noon. After orientation we headed out for our game drive. Driving at relatively high speed through the sandy tracks created a good experience and elevated the feet at cool air as it brushes over your face. The animals at this place are the greatest treasure. These animals which have made the park what it is thus the theatre of the world.

The place provided me great and detailed eco-system which sustains itself from fascinating wonderful mature trees are all over. The grasses, shrubs, tall and bushes are good ground. I was also delighted to hike on Mt. Kenya. We had a great opportunity to relax in a soothing environment which was quiet and with a lot of fresh air.

We headed back to school the next morning. Since one of our classmates had broken his leg, this was the most thrilling adventure in my life.

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Class: Grade Five

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TRIP TO TSAVO EAST NATIONAL PARK.

It was on a Thursday morning when I was woken up by the melodies of birds on a tree. I woke up and went to the kitchen. I took my toothbrush and toothpaste then rushed to the bathroom. When I was done, I took a shower then wore my school uniform.

I started packing my clothes, bedsheet and blanket. I then went to my mother's bedroom and told her that I want to leave so that I can reach early to school. She gave me 300 shillings as pocket money. I started walking to school on my way to school I met my best friend who was our class governor, Amani. We started making stories as we were approaching our school.

After five minutes a big yellow bus with the name vespa arrived. We boarded the bus and everyone sat on a sit. Before we started our journey, one of our classmates offered for us the day with a morning prayer.

After the prayer, we started our journey to Tsavo East National Park (The theater of the world). We started our journey at exactly 6:30am.

As we were on our way we saw a lot of buildings and cars. We passed through a bridge that crossed the Indian Ocean. At last we reached at Voi at 11:45 am. When we reached at the gate of Tsavo East National park. We waited for about 30 minutes then entered the gate. We were taken to the dormitory area. There are three dormitories, namely hyrax, impala and dik-dik.

The boys were sleeping in dik-dik dormitory and girls in impala dormitory. We kept our bags and went for our first game drive. We saw many animals like the elephants, zebras, impalas, ostriches, gazelles, lions and war hogs on our first game drive. We were then taken to a place called mbaraka rock. We walked in it and started taking photos. We took group photos and videos. After that we started heading back to the dormitory area.

Suddenly there was an emergency. One of our classmate fell and hit his hand. He was taken to hospital and was told that he broke his hand. The next day we started our journey back home. I was happy to go to Tsavo East National Park (Theater of the world).

JABALI PRINCE

AGE 11 years old.

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Solceller på taget



Installationen af solceller er næsten afsluttet



Hardware og planlægning.

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Installeret inverter og et par af batterierne før installation.

Inverteren er fremtidssikret til at levere en stor effekt fra solceller til batterier og fra batterier til el-udtag



Der måles og regnes for at få placeret solcellerne optimalt på tagfladen

Anlægget er ganske stort:

1. 4kW solceller.
2. 16kWh batterier.
3. 10kW inverter.