

# MIFUMI Primary School Newsletter

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## From the Head Masters Desk.

With the exception of the fact that we shall miss the children when the holiday starts; everybody loves a good send off for the three week vacation.

On Friday, 1 August 2008, the school closed with the sports day event.

There was a lot of excitement among the children and parents who came to witness these events.

We had the winning teams and losing teams in all the activities. It was a fun filled day.

The school acquired its first Telephone; which is a very significant development in the school.

We also received a consignments of course books and tennis balls.

These were donations from MIFUMI.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2008, student doctors attached to Mifumi health centre came to school to sensitize the staff and children on good sanitation.

The Feeding programme is going on well as the children have continued to respond positively.

The pupils take porridge with sugar during the lunch break.

We are grateful to all our supporters for making this possible.

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2008 the schools in the whole sub-county met to select the sub-county sports team.

Six of our pupils were selected to compete at the district level.

Congatulations to Awor Teddy, Awor Eveline, Omandy John, Owor John Bosco, Owere Moses and Bucheire Michael !

The pupils have continued to display good discipline and other aspects of the school.

Time management is good and very encouraging. This term, school attendance was high; average for the whole school was 96%.

The pupils are also responding well to weekend lessons which are conducted for upper primary classes.

Ms Amito Grace nursery teacher reported a huge impact on learning of pupils using instructional materials which the teachers constantly make.

I wish to thank the teachers for ensuring that pupils understand and obey the school rules and regulations.

My greatest appreciation goes out to the donors and MIFUMI who tirelessly support this school.

Even as we continue to strive for success, I must say thank you.

Onyango Bernard.  
Headteacher, Mifumi Primary School.

## Some Staff of MIFUMI Primary School



Mrs. Kabona Josephine



Mrs. Owora Mary



Midambe Peter



Ngire Tom



Sagaya Valentine



## Sports Day

The long awaited day had finally come. This was Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2008. The pupils came to school extra ordinarily earlier than the normal school days. Why? It was sports day!

The School Management Committee (SMC) members, Parents, local community leaders turned up for one function which started at 9:00 am but before that pupils had been organized/grouped in their houses/ colors i.e. yellow and blue.

Activities included drum racing, bottle race, dressing competition and bottle

filling for nursery and lower primary sections. Upper primary participants competed in volley ball, football and net ball for both boys and girls for junior/lower youths and senior/upper youths plus prize giving ceremony.

The most interesting activities to all were boys playing net ball, girls playing football and dressing competition. It was made more colorful by Mr. Glyn Turner founding director and member SMC who took photos the whole day covering the activities. Thanks go to Mifumi project who were the sole sponsors of the function- meals and prizes.

## Poem

### MY FATHER

Oh my father!  
I like my father,  
My father buys me books and pens.  
Oh my father!  
I love my father,

My father buys me clothes, shoes  
and pays for food at school.  
My father likes me very much.  
Thank you father!

By Aboth Rose P6.

## My first day to a real Town.

One morning during assembly, our headmaster told us that MIFUMI was taking the karate club to Tororo.

Our karate coach Miss Muyami trained and rehearsed with us for the big day. I had never reached Tororo before and I knew this trip was going to be exciting. The MIFUMI van came to pick us by 8:00am and we sang all the way to Tororo.

We saw many vehicles and beautiful buildings including Tororo cement Industry. At the Sacred Heart Catholic Church play ground, we performed our karate stances and self defense skills. There were many people watching, I felt good; like some Movie Star.

Othieno Phillip P7



## Helping the girl child stay in school.

Every time we hear a girl has dropped out of school it really saddens us.

It is said you do not know the gravity of a situation until it happens in your backyard.

One of our Pupils; \*Alice (not real name) disappeared from school and nobody knew of her whereabouts for almost a week.

When the School went to inquire from her parents, they said did not know.

With the help of a few friends, it was discovered that she had run away with a young man and were living together in another town.

One day she just showed up in the night. But after a week she disappeared again.

She was only 15 and in Primary Six (In Uganda the age of Consent is 18years).

The School Administration together with the help of the police traced for her and the young man was arrested.

However the parents of the girl decided an out of court settlement with the hidden intention of gaining from the bride price that the young man and his relatives will offer for the girl.

We as her teachers insist that even if the settlement is out of court, the girl should not be married off but should return to school and complete her primary school.

We have a team of counselors and the senior woman teacher who are willing to go out of their way to give this young girl reason enough to stay in school and be assured of a hope for a bright future



Young girls like these should be allowed to finish school.

## Letters

Dear John Carnegie;

You will never know how much we appreciate what you have done for this school.

Thank you is not enough.

The donations you recently made to us made a great a difference in the school.

Thank you for the books, sports equipment, Hoes , Music Instruments, utensils and many other donations.

Thank you very much.

Mrs. Kabona Josephine.  
Deputy Headmistress

Dear Meg Wyld,

I am writing to you concerning my daughter Adikini Constance Lillian.

I am one of the lucky parents whose children are sponsored by you/MIFUMI for secondary school education. On behalf of the entire family, my child and on my own behalf, I want to express our high gratitude to you all. Your positive contributions, I hope and pray will bring many desirable changes to the students and our communities.

On our part, I promise to support my daughter in all areas as and need arises and also show solidarity with the donors and MIFUMI  
God bless you.

Best regards,  
Onyango Bernard  
Parent.



## Meet Meg Wyld

Mifumi children may not know the tireless work that goes on thousands of miles away on their behalf.

The selflessly generous woman amongst our supporters who has put smiles on the faces of many Children is Mrs Margaret Wyld, chair of MIFUMI's UK board.

Meg, as she is known to her friends, works tirelessly for Mifumi Primary School and ensuring the best students are able to go on to Secondary School through her scholarship scheme.

MIFUMI is not the only organisation Meg supports. She is active with Save the Children Fund, an international NGO. 'Meg is so full of energy' comments Glyn Turner, founding Director of MIFUMI.

Meg has represented MIFUMI on many occasions, but two stand out. The first was her visit to Uganda with her husband Mike.

The other was when she happily accepted The Charity of the Year award on behalf of MIFUMI in a glittering ceremony in 2005.

This champion of the poor originally hails from Ireland but has lived most of her life in England and has finally settled in Windsor, not far from the Queen's castle. In 1997 she was nominated as Windsor's Woman of the Year.

A Windsor resident, Joan Craven, said 'Meg is one of those remarkable people that have become a rarity – she takes a genuine interest in people'.

When most people are putting their feet up in retirement, Meg is out and about giving official talks or persuading her friends and family to go the extra mile for our rural school in Uganda.

She is an inspiration to us all.

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