



Newsletter

Autumn 2023

News from Mombasa and
events in the UK

Anniversary Thanksgiving

We Celebrate Twenty Years of Working as a Charity



The Trustees with
Cllr. Freddie Tandy,
Mayor of Little-
hampton.

On Saturday 30th September Friends of the Mombasa Children celebrated twenty years of being a Charity. Work begun in Kenya two years earlier following the Grove's Family holiday in Kenya. Carol took a group of young people to help at Mwokoeni School in any way they could. On their return they realised that more could be done if we registered as a charity. Thus Friends of the Mombasa Children was born. In 2014 we became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. If you have not seen our booklet "The First Twenty Years" please contact Chris (Contact details on page 4) with your name and address and we will send you a copy.



Three new classrooms

The upper floor of the Parry building
now houses three new classrooms.

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Events this summer

We urgently needed to pay for the three new classrooms. Here are some of the events that took place to raise awareness and, of course, funds.

Broadwater C of E Primary School held their

Dance-a-Thon.

A furious day of dancing, which pupils thoroughly enjoyed raised over £2000.



Art Exhibition

We held our first Art exhibition at Littlehampton United Church in June. Art work from local schools together with examples from Unity School were on display. The need for simple things like art paper (All the drawings from Unity School were on paper already used for printing on one side). When the next classrooms are complete we hope that facilities for art work will be available to our students. When we see what they achieve with so little, we can only imagine what they could do with better equipment.



Another first: We took part in the **Littlehampton Town Show.**

A stiflingly hot day but a great occasion to meet people and talk about our work





Students from La Rochelle visit Unity School



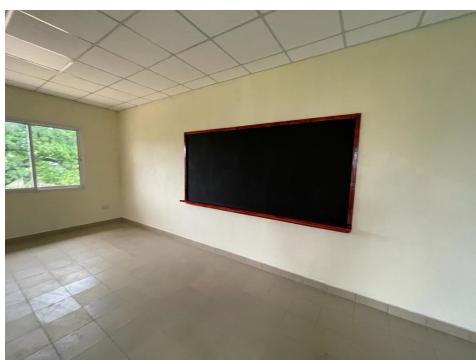
We are 8 French people, Faustin DAGUIER, Gilian VIVIER, Benoît LEROUXEL, Théo DELANGLE-ALAIN, Tom ANQUETIL, Agathe LEROY, Antoine RIO and Iris CHAIZZ, who came to Unity Frere Town School between 15 May and 23 July. All 8 of us are business school students in France. As part of our studies, we had the opportunity to carry out a humanitarian mission, and after a virtual meeting with Norbert WERE, Carol GROVES and Josh OBENTO, we decided to join the school as volunteers.

During our time at the school, we mainly gave French lessons, carried out activities during breaks, did sport, colouring, art...

We had a fantastic two and a half months, and we'd like to thank each child and the school staff for their warm welcome.

Unity Frere Town School is an exceptional school that knows how to take care of children and above all a school that provides children with very useful knowledge for the future!

The New Classrooms

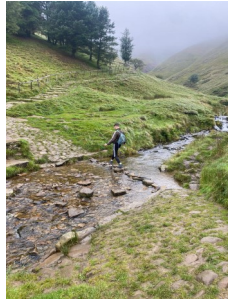
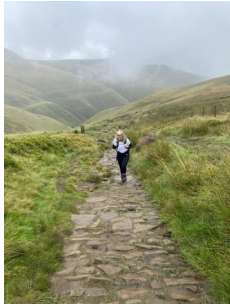


Between April and September three classrooms were constructed on the upper floor of the Parry Building.

The rooms were necessitated by the Government's changes in the education system in Kenya. (Part of the requirement for Lower Secondary Schools—reported in our Summer Newsletter).

The rooms now need to be fitted out as Science laboratory, library, music, art and IT. Our brilliant French Students have raised over £700 towards science equipment.

We now need to complete the building of two further rooms on the upper floor and fit them out. We also need to replace some of the older corrugated iron huts with brick built rooms. Currently some of the younger children are being taught in nearby rented rooms.



3 Peaks Challenge

Two of our supporters, Sharron and Dan, have been raising money by completing a challenging walk in the Peak District.

They found us on our website and arranged, whilst in Mombasa on a holiday, to spend time at Unity School. They raised £628 while covering 28 miles. This money will be used to support our feeding project as well as urgent work in the “kitchen” area at Unity School. We are really grateful for all the additional support we receive and Unity students and teachers love receiving different visitors.

Coming Soon

24th/25th November Christmas Sale. Crib and Tree Festival with Littlehampton United Church.

A festival of Christmas Trees and Crib Scenes. Sale of Christmas Goods, Children’s Books, African Goods. Tombola, Refreshments . Friday 24th November 3.00pm to 6.00pm, Saturday 25th November 10.00am to 4.00pm. If you would like to contribute a Crib Scene or a decorated tree, please contact Chris on 07779788686 or c.azzaro@mombasachildren.org.uk

A Concert by Lancing Brass will now take place in 2024 due to rebuilding work at Broadwater Baptist Church

If you wish to make a donation to our appeal to fund the five new classrooms, your donation will be increased by 25% thanks to a generous supporter. If we can claim Gift Aid as well, then every £10 donated will be worth £15.00.

Please use the link <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/fivenewclassrooms?invite=true>



If you scan the QR code you will be taken to our Just Giving page.

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