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Celebrating our power to tell stories

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I am pleased to share with you our first edition of our magazine. It has been a long journey, sometimes punctuated with doubts that we may not have a publication in the near future. This edition, probably, will attract a lot of criticism considering the rush and the challenges that came with our first experience. Our objective was to give ourselves an opportunity to tell our own stories, a shift from the tradition where students’ issues are presented by adults, especially teachers, parents, and guardians.

As Nigerian novelist, Chimamanda Adichie, said in her TED Talk “The Danger of a Single Story,” every story matters. This edition is a celebration of our power to tell our stories. You will have an opportunity to laugh, philosophize on controversial topics like sex education, and celebrate the milestones we have made as girls. We showcase and celebrate our ability to express ourselves and our worldview.

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Enjoy the reading!

Regards,

Davine Kankano
Editor, Journalism Club

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Journalism Club members
Laughter resides at Kakenya Girls High School. It stands at the gate eagerly waiting to tickle you and you cannot resist it. It first possesses our security officer; Jeremiah Koros, a “dotcom” staff with a funny bone. The look on his face and how quickly he wears different faces sends you sprawling to the ground with laughter. When duty calls, he gets serious and carries his duties with diligence, wearing a serious face and making sure order is observed. He is an adept reader that you will find at the school compound going through a novel. It is a habit that many students have taken as a challenge. He has these reading glasses, innovatively bandaged with conspicuous white masking tape to hold the frames and lenses together. When asked about the funny-looking glasses, Koros would shift ownership of his precious commodity to one of the staff. He would push the glasses aside and say, with a serious face, “Hii Hili nilipewa na Madam Joan, Yangu nimeacha kwa nyumba.” He often speaks in parables and he succeeds in advising students on the best way to conduct themselves. We consider him our school dad.

Just a few meters from the gate, you will not miss a man with grey hair ritually walking around with a red mug branded “Always”; His name is Michael, a self-declared Olakiya who works with communications at Kakenya’s Dream. His love for tea is indescribable. He often says the branding echoes his belief that every time is tea time. The mug has seen it all. It used to have a hook-like handle, but not anymore. Olakiya says the mug disagreed with its handle and their marriage ended in a nasty divorce. If you’re interested, he would show you a scar on the mug’s ‘armpit’ which he says speaks of the conflict and resilience of the mug.

You will walk to class hoping to find refuge from this laughter, but woe unto you. Teachers will follow you with their own doses of laughter. As if that is not enough, our own classmates have joined the league too. They have their bundles they generously overload on us. You will laugh until you lose your voice. Milken Chephyernes once said, “kurekebisha” Rehebok Boke often mutilated Mr. Victor Nyambok’s name calling him “Mr. Nyamboko.”

You will rush to the dormitory to give your ribs some rest, but you will meet our matron Mrs. Sarah Khunywa who will not spare you either. She will give ultimatums that come out funny. She has a unique formula of starting her statements by saying an elongated “unahzaza” (you know), and then you will probably get her instructions, including “shikyo sharp” for six sharp. The bell will ring and you will rush to the assembly where the mother of all laughter is heard.

Our teachers would be standing there with their volumes of tickle, often involving gaffes. Leave alone the usual “this week I will be on duty and I expect maximum cooperation from you.” Our principal has this funny way of tasking us to complete her statements. This is where we have succeeded not to laugh for obvious reasons. She would say something like, “I want you to work ha...” and then we finish by saying “hard.”

Mr. Austin, who is our teacher of English with Kizungu tupe, struggles also with Kiswahili. One day, he smacked a nookenya and read a saying that we doubt he really knew the meaning of. At some point, he asked students to do general cleaning, which, in his perfect Kiswahili, is “usaali wa dharrura” (emergency cleaning). Mr. Benson has his own Kiswahili proverb that goes, “cha mkuu hula hu la.” Our journalists too have mastered the art of spicing their reports with overdoses of laughter. Everyone assembly banonyesha mambos!

Welcome to Kakenya Girls High School, the home of endless laughter.

PS: We did not intend to evoke laughter with this write-up.
From a Village in Kenya to a University in Australia: Vivian's Story

Her story reads like a fairy tale: She was born during a conflict between two clans in the Oloolua area in 2004 and persevered through challenges to emerge as a victor whose limelight is going international. Meet Vivian Noomali Kilimu, one of the pioneer students of Kakenya Girls High School, who led her class during the 2021 KCSE results. She speaks during a one-on-one interview with Nancy Mbiti.

Kindly tell us about your childhood experience.
I come from the Sikawa area where I have grown up with my eight siblings: three sisters and five brothers. I am the eighth-born in the family. I lost my father when I was 11 years old and our mother has single-handedly been raising us.

I started my education at Oloontare Primary School until standard eight, although I was often out of school due to lack of fees. Life became challenging when we lost our father in 2014. Our mother has been relying on small-scale farming to support us.

What I also remember about my childhood is the frequent clan fights that often sent us away from home. We had to seek refuge in another village whenever there was conflict.

How did you join Kakenya Girls High School?
I don’t think I would have been able to join high school if Kakenya’s Dream had not intervened. The organization sponsored me to join Shankoe Secondary School, but when Kakenya Girls High School was founded, I came to join other pioneer girls in May 2018. The first cohort consisted of girls from humble backgrounds like myself, whose parents or guardians were struggling to sponsor their high school education. The organization came in as a relief for the girls because many of them could not have proceeded with their education.

What is that one big achievement, other than academic excellence that made you stand out at the school?
I was a member of the Science Club. It was at the club that we discussed with my fellow student Violet Kakenya, our patron Mr. Victor Nyambok, and science teacher Madam Joan Cherono, on the possible projects we can showcase during a science fair competition. We came up with a math project called the SABASH Formula, which was about finding the surface area of a solid cuboid and other solids with uniform cross-sections. The project was a success because we proceeded to the national level, where we emerged the second best.

How did you come to discover your dream career?
My stay at Kakenya Girls was really amazing because this is where I received career mentorship. Through a number of sessions, I was able to realize that I was interested in health, and that is how I decided to study optometry and vision science. It was not an easy decision to make because health is wide. I wanted something unique and to specialize in an area that fascinated me the most. I’m fascinated by how the eye works.

How did you manage to take a lead and qualify to join university? How did it feel to be the best? What did you study at the university?
In September 2022, I joined Kaimosi Friends University to study a degree in optometry and vision science. After I finished 12th grade, I joined Kaimosi Friends University to pursue a bachelor’s in optometry and vision science.

Mr. Victor Nyambok (deputy principal and project patron), Violet Kakenya, and Vivian Kilimu pose for a photo after being awarded for emerging the second best nationally in a YSK contest. The project was dubbed ‘SABASH Formula.’
“Kakenya Girls High School mentored my educational and spiritual life. The school is like a mother to me. It’s a bridge that enabled me to cross many valleys of life, and without it I would be stranded.”

You were already pursuing your dream course at the Kenyan university. Why and how did you seek admission to the University of Technology Sydney?
At the end of my first academic year at Kaimosi Friends University, an opportunity at Western Sydney University in Australia presented itself. I was shortlisted by Kakenya’s Dream to undergo an interview process. It was a process involving a series of written and oral interviews. I am excited to join the international university and I believe this will inspire other girls to work hard in school. I will be studying a course in medical science at the university.

What are your future plans?
I am planning many things. One of them is to do a master’s degree in optometry. I would have wished to do a bachelor’s degree in optometry at the Australian university, but medical science has come first. I want to go back to my earlier plan and do optometry as a graduate degree.

What are your hobbies?
Watching movies, reading, and herding cattle.

What advice can you give to girls, especially students at Kakenya Girls High School?
Kakenya Girls High School mentored my educational and spiritual life. The school is like a mother to me. It’s a bridge that enabled me to cross many valleys of life, and without it I would be stranded. I want all students to consider this and appreciate the opportunity they have at the school. You have the best teachers and the best facilities. Utilize them adequately or else you will regret it in the future. Be anxious to learn. Consult your teachers. Use the library and you will excel in your studies.

My Five Tips to Success for Students

1. Form groups to discuss and learn from each other. Avoid tribal-based group discussions.

2. Manage your time well by creating time for every subject. Subject performance contributes to the overall grade.

3. Choose a better student who has a good understanding of a topic to summarize and guide the class.

4. Ask questions even those that look easy so that your teacher can help you internalize key concepts.

5. Don’t panic. Panicking is the enemy of success. Consider examinations as ordinary tests.

Memorable Quotes from Vivian

‘It is shameful to see students grouping themselves according to the tribes they come from. It is retrogressive and works against the spirit of nationalism. We should break such boundaries and see each other as one community with a common and collective interest to succeed in life.’

‘It’s normal to be nervous or have a little fear, but you should not let fear control you until you cannot concentrate on understanding questions in an examination paper. Confront your fears and do your best.’

‘Kakenya’s Dream has provided a perfect environment for students to grow wings and fly into success. Kakenya Girls High School is an ideal learning institution.’
Are Child Rights Under Threat in the Digital Space?
By Siparo Naserian

Imagine a world where dreams know no boundaries, where the voices of African children resound with strength and determination. We celebrate our rights—the rights to education, to food, to shelter, to healthcare, to play, to identity, and to protection from abuse, neglect, and exploitation. Let’s ignite our collective responsibility to protect and empower the young souls who embody the beauty, resilience, and promise of Africa.

On June 16 this year, we celebrated Day of the African Child. The theme of the day was “The rights of a child in the digital environment.” It reminded us that indeed, we are a digital generation; we cannot run away from the internet, smartphones, computers, and other digital spaces. We have found our new homes on Google, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and other digital avenues, but we also recognize the lurking dangers that threaten our safety. In the vast expanse of cyberspace, criminals target innocent children like us, waiting for a moment of vulnerability to strike. Cases of child trafficking, assault, or murder are common. Many culprits trace these children through social media platforms where their images have been shared.

Let us take a solemn oath to be the guardians of our own digital wellbeing. Let us pledge to be cautious and responsible with our online presence, refraining from sharing personal information and images with strangers. Each one of us must be vigilant and alert, defending ourselves against those who seek to harm us.

However, we cannot bear this burden alone. We need the support of adults to create a safe space for us to learn, play, and grow. Together, we can ensure that the digital realm becomes a sanctuary, free from the clutches of predators. We implore you, adults, to educate yourselves about online safety, to advocate for stronger regulations against child exploitation, and to stand with us as we navigate this ever-evolving digital landscape.

Let us not forget that behind the statistics and the challenges, there are faces full of hope, dreams yearning to take flight, and the limitless potential of African children. We celebrate their resilience, their strength, and their unwavering spirit. Let us raise our voices in unison, demanding a future where every African child can grow and thrive. Together, we have the power to build a world that celebrates the joy and innocence of childhood, where every child can embrace their dreams without fear.

Adapted from a speech delivered by the author as a student representative during the Day of the African Child celebrations held in Eswatini on June 17, 2023.

Siparo follows the Day of the African Child event. She was one of the guest speakers of the event.

Siparo addresses attendants at the Day of the African Child event.
Opinion: Why Sex Education Matters

By Leah Samuel and Beryl Chepkirui

Let's face it: Many teenage girls are sexually active. Society continues hammering “the sermon of abstinence” to students hoping and assuming that the message gets home. Despite all these efforts, many girls are getting pregnant and threatening their lives by procuring abortions from non-medical experts. Several methods are employed to terminate the pregnancies. Girls tell horrifying tales about having their bellies pressed hard, having objects inserted through the private birds, and swallowing dangerous concoctions in a bid to reverse the reality. What if we students would open up and shout at the top of our voices that we are sexually active? What if we demand to be given elaborate sex education? What if we demand access to contraceptives? We believe that access to contraceptives and extensive sex education will protect us from unwanted pregnancies and risky abortions.

We will also protect ourselves from sexually transmitted infections (STIs) such as HIV/AIDS, gonorrhea, and syphilis. We will also reduce cases of child marriage, considering that some girls drop out of school when they get pregnant as they are forced by circumstances to marry the men responsible for their conditions. Further, when a girl gets married at an early age, she is more likely to be subjected to gender-based violence and sexual harassment.

Let’s also consider the situations that push girls into sex. Due to poverty, some girls trade sex for basic items such as sanitary pads and undergarments. It is rare to find organizations like Kakenya’s Dream that provide support to girls. We are lucky to be Kakenya Girls High School students because we get sanitary towels, underpants, and other basic needs that make our lives comfortable. Many of us have also benefited from holiday training, where the organization enlightens us on life skills. Despite society’s persistent call for abstinence, we still get cases of pregnancies. The fact is we already know that sex can lead to many consequences, but many of us cannot abstain. So, let’s be honest and ask for sex education to protect our lives and our futures.
Motivation

Develop a Reading Culture to Succeed

Jeremiah Koros works at Kakenya Girls High School as a security officer. He joined in 2019. He is the most fascinating character in our school, amusing everyone with his comical way of talking. He is an avid reader of novels with an insatiable appetite for watching documentaries and political commentaries on YouTube. He recently sat down for an interview with Lydia Naserian and Mary Mula where he shared about his life.

Tell us about yourself
I'm an alumnus of Tenwek Boys High School in Bomet County where I did my KCSE in 1990. Thereafter, I taught as an untrained teacher while I applied to join a teachers' training college. My application was unsuccessful. At the time, getting an admission letter to college was hard due to corruption. I did not know anyone who could help me. You can understand my predicament if you read the poem “Harlem” by Langston Hughes. My dream was deferred.

Why do you like to compete with students in English tests?
I wanted to encourage and challenge students to be serious with their studies when I joined them for tests. I competed in an English test with the pioneer class - the 2021 candidates when they were in form two. I emerged the best as per the teacher's ranking. I also sat for English examination with the 2022 candidates when they were in form two and I had one of the best performances. Students asked me my secret and I advised them to read many story books to sharpen their grammar knowledge and creativity in writing.

If you were given a chance to travel back in time, what would you do differently?
I would work harder by reading and consulting teachers. If I got into a school as good as this one, I am sure my performance would make it to the headlines. I hope you take advantage of the opportunity you have here.

Tell us about your favorite novel
My favorite novel is Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe. It is a book that invites discussion on cultural change as a result of the coming of Europeans as colonialists and missionaries. It teaches us that change is inevitable and we must embrace it.

When you are off duty, students have seen you using the internet on your phone. What is it that you get from the digital space?
There is a lot on the internet, but I prefer comical and educative content. I watch documentaries and political commentaries to be up to date with what is happening around the world. My daughter in university is called Basra, a name from a city in Iraq. She was born at the time that there was war in Iraq, an experience I was keenly following.

What advice can you give students, especially girls?
Education empowers. Education liberates. Use your time to equip yourself with knowledge and you will leap toward social, economic, and political freedom. Take advantage of the support you get from Kakenya's Dream and mold yourselves into future leaders.

"I consider all students as my daughters. When I have a chance, I advise them to focus on their studies. I wish they understood how fortunate they are to get support from Kakenya's Dream."
Why the Maasai have a Penchant for the Colour Red
by Joy Sereu

Red is a trademark colour for the Maasai community in Kenya and Tanzania. It appears in all spheres of the Maasai culture. The Maasai are known to consume blood (red in colour) from cattle. They also add the precious commodity to milk. Maasai also use red ochre. It is more than just a cosmetic or a form of protection from the sun for the Maasai. It is believed to hold mystical powers that protect warriors from harm and gives them strength in battle. The Maasai believe that red ochre is a symbol of fertility and life. It is thought to help and ensure a good harvest and protect the people from illnesses. The red ochre has been used by the Maasai in Kenya and Tanzania for centuries as a way to protect their skin from the harsh African sun and to decorate their bodies.

In the Maasai culture the colour red is associated with strength, courage, and power. When a Maasai man becomes a warrior, he undergoes a special ceremony where he is smeared with the red ochre. This symbolizes his new status as a warrior and his commitment to protect the community. The red ochre is applied to his face, body, and shields. It is also used to decorate his cattle.

Look around the community and you will definitely find some shades of red in the clothing the Maasai people wear. It is also said that if two Maasai men or women would meet in a restaurant and there is one red mug, they will fight over it. Some exaggerate by saying the oxygen the Maasai breath might be red in colour, only that we cannot see.

Poem: Female Genital Mutilation
by Cynthia

FGM the greater killer
You have ruined the future of a girl-child
You have destroyed their dreams
What a dangerous killer you are.

You have made them to be unworthy
For they have not passed the cut
FGM you are an enemy
What a dangerous killer you are.

Our role models are against you
The alien culture talks evil of you
The authority also condemns you
What a dangerous killer you are.

You have ruined the dreams of a girl-child
You have made them unworthy
That for them to be worthy
They must undergo the ritual
What a dangerous killer you are.

Source: Google Images
There was an old rich man who had only one son. He had a company where he served as a manager. When the old man’s son completed his education, he was yet to be employed and his father decided to retire and leave the manager’s position to his son. But first, the son decided to marry. However, he was unable to settle on a girl to marry, claiming that all of them looked beautiful. He decided to go outside the country for some years, then later came back with shaggy hair dressed like a street kid. After he got back, he went around the marketplace for several days but couldn’t find anybody speaking to him. Even girls who initially were fighting for him rebuked him. He went to his father’s company where some workers poured dirty water on him and others spat on him. Although he experienced this treatment and how the workers treated from his father’s company, he maintained his calm.

A few days went by and a lady who served as his father’s assistant decided to employ him as her driver without any knowledge that he was son to her boss. He woke up very early in the morning and drove the lady to the company and back in the evening.

**Book Review**

**Title:** Blossoms of The Savannah  
**Author:** Ole Kulet  
**Publisher:** Longhorn  
**Year:** 2008  
**Pages:** 299  
**Reviewed by:** Jane Milanoi

This is a story of Blossoms of the Savannah and is a riveting account of two sisters, Taiyo and Resian, and their family. They are the main characters in the novel. The story is set in Nasila, where there are many cultures which are against the girl child. Some of the archaic cultures are: early marriage, female genital mutilation (FGM), and even forced marriage where girls are forced to marry old men of Nasila. Taiyo was the first born followed by Resian. Their father, Olekaelo, hated Resian because he expected a boy so out of his dislike toward Resian, he denied her a chance to attend Egerton University and pursue her career as a veterinary doctor.

The author presents us with the question of whether one can leave the traditional culture and fight for their rights like what Minik did. As a member of the Maa community who didn’t undergo FGM, she represents a rejection of harmful cultural practices despite being insulted and called a wasp. The use of dialogues powerfully brings out the culture whereby Mama Milanoi follows everything that Olekaelo says, even if it is wrong. It is the most painful thing a parent can do to her children, allowing them to be married forcefully. The novel uses very easy language which can be understood by students.

One day, the lady decided to take him to the supermarket and bought him a new suit. The father could no longer bear to see his son pretend to be mad. He told his son that he’d soon pronounce him as the new manager to the company. The day came and the boy woke up early because the assistant told him that the new manager would be revealed and she had to report early to work. The boy did so and immediately returned home, dressed like a manager, and drove his own car with his father driving behind him. They reached the company’s assembly ground and his father announced him as the new manager. All the people who hated him and showed him disrespect and those who looked down on their knees. The assistant was left in shock and the son to the old man who became the new manager promised to marry her because she was the only one who showed him kindness. A few days later, the boy was employed by the government and the lady became a new manager.

**Moral Lesson:** Never despise anybody you come across.
A Lesson from the Four Lepers
By Nancy Nashipai

FROM THE SCRIPTURES

2 Kings 7:1-12 tells us a story of four men with leprosy, the most dreadful disease at the time. The Bible tells us that the four were at the city gate and they asked themselves, “Why stay here until we die? If we stay, ‘We’ll go into the city’—the famine is there, and we will die. And if we stay here, we will die. So, let’s go over to the camp of the Arameans and surrender. If they spare us, we live; if they kill us, then we die.” The holy scriptures tell us that when they took a step of faith and walked into the rivals’ camp, they found no one because God had caused the Arameans to hear the sound of chariots and horses of a great army and they fled away. The four lepers found plenty of food, drinks, and treasures. Not only did they enjoy themselves in celebration, but they also took the good news to the royal palace.

By extension, the scripture teaches us the value of faith. It reaches a point in time when one has to reflect on their lives and decide to take a step. You cannot sit in a desperate situation, casting doubts and praying for miracles without taking any action. For example, you may not be good in chemistry; if you keep it to yourself, you are doomed to fail in your examinations. If you speak out and seek help from your subject teacher, who knows? You might learn a trick or two on how to maneuver to a good grade. So, act in faith. Have courage and face the world. May God bless you all.

SHENG PRAYER
by Betty Seppeyo

BIBLE
I read the Bible every day
I want knowledge and skills
I want to make a difference as a Christian
I want to shape the level of my spirituality

But how can I if I don’t read the Bible?
How can I if I don’t listen to the scripture?
How can I if I don’t analyze the Bible?
How can I if I don’t practice what I have learnt?

There is fun in the bible
We sing and pray
There is hard work in the Bible
We read, write, and understand

Photos from a past prayer day
FROM THE SCRIPTURES

The Ten Commandments of Education
By Doris Mateelong

You should not have any priority before me as long as you are in school. You shall not bow down to any laziness for education is the key to your future success. Do not use me known for any evil like corruption and theft. Observe all class days and keep yourself busy. Respect all of your class leaders and all in authority and your days in school will be fantastic. Do not murder the teacher’s effort. Do not use your parent’s money on irrelevant things. Take consequences for your actions and suffer the punishment. Do not engage in exam cheating. Do not covet your neighbor’s work plan, study method, and time table.

Ladders in Education
By Anne Kim

FORM 1 - Foundation
FORM 2 - Floor
FORM 3 - Roofing
FORM 4 - Finishing

The Magic 12
By Brenda and Jane Form 2

Think a little
Jesus had 12 disciples
There were 12 tribes of Israel
There were 12 baskets of food which remained when Jesus fed 5,000 people
We have 12 hours of reading
Why can’t we score 12 points in an exam?

5 Essential Beliefs For High School Students
By Dolly Tracey

Believe in God-Divine connection
Believe in yourself-You have potential
Believe in others-Bridge to destiny
Believe in hard work-Responsibility
Believe in your school-Leave a legacy

“Thank you God!” Dr. Kakenya Ntaiya, Founder and President of Kakenya’s Dream, joined us in prayers during a thanksgiving service in honour of the 2021 KCSE pioneer class.

Dr. Kakenya addresses students, parents, staff, and guests during a thanksgiving service.

Reverend James Merinyo, Overseer of Dominion Chapel, Keylan Division, delivers a message during the thanksgiving service.

“It’s this way!” A section of students present an item during the thanksgiving service.

“Talk to me, I’m listening!” Dr. Kakenya lends her ear to a parent during the thanksgiving service.

Guest speaker known for “hitting the nail on the head” delivers his message during the thanksgiving service.
**Our School**

By Brenda Chepkemoi

Kakenya Girls is a school that molds girls into ladies. It is a school that believes that education is the apex of vision. It is an institution which has vision to obtain credible, self-driven, and dynamic professionals and truly its vision comes to pass each and every year after national examinations. The tremendous improvements on the subjects taught and the mean score produced is really encouraging. Our teachers are beneficiaries of the great work they are instilling to students. Attention and discipline portrayed by students brings about their success. I would precisely thank our school administration and our lovely chief principal mum Madam Dorcas Simalo for molding us day by day to become ladies of substance. To my fellow students:

1. Education is not preparation for life, but education is life itself.
2. Education is a progressive discovery of our own ignorance.
3. Education is a lifelong opportunity and a long journey that must be completed.
4. Education is a goal that everybody must achieve.

To all students: keep on with good morals and success will be ours to conquer.

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**Random Quotes**

by Faith Matekon and Faith Kortom

1. Our lives are driven by the choices we make.
2. Love all, trust a few, Do wrong to none.
3. The greatest obstacle to progress is lack of self-belief.
4. Education is the best provision for the journey to old age.
5. There is no gain without pain.

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**Fate and Destiny: Leadership and the Cycle of Life**

By Sipoko Naserian

In 2008, the late professor George Magoha was the Vice Chancellor at University of Nairobi. Professor Jacob Kaimenyi and professor Mbiti were his deputys. They employed Dr. Fred Matiangi as lecturer while Babu Owino was a student.

In 2013, professor Kaimenyi and Dr. Matiangi were nominated as ministers. Professor Magoha and Mbiti worked under them while Babu Owino was a student leader. In 2016, Dr. Matiangi at the Ministry of Education employed professor Magoha as the Director of the Kenya National Examinations Council. In 2017, Babu Owino became a member of parliament and a member of the education committee. Professor Magoha is nominated Cabinet Secretary but Babu Owino must vet him first in order to be employed.

For sure life is a riddle.

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Students following the footsteps of our school principal
Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful.

By Noami Kantai

If your enemies pour water on you, use it to water the tree of success in your life. If they set fire to you, use it to burn the obstacles in your way. If they throw stones at you, use them to build the foundation of your life. HENCE, hate no situation in your life. Leadership is a privilege to me and I really thank God as it comes from Him. The environment depends on us and we depend on our environment so we have a duty to protect, conserve, and keep it clean and that is what we are doing here at Kakaywa Girls. A clean environment leads to good health. A beautiful environment attracts people. Let's try our best to keep the environment clean because that is our duty.

*Weve ni merefu dh lindi bendera inapandiridiswa kwalok.
*My weve n mbalak ukuphaka phela nhandikwa ‘He was here.”
*Nyinyi n wadosi mpaka mnakula milwa n fork.
*Kweny nyinyi n wngwa dh mi mphakal gate kwa nyumba.
*Nyinyi n wadosi hadl kuku wenu mnapelika nursery.
*Nyinyi n wadosi ldi chapatl mpakika n fair and lovely.
*Nyinyi n maskini mpaka mnafunag milango n klapini.
*Unma mapru kubwa dh ukitaka kutoa makanasi umhitla n klimb.

By Noary

A lady's heart should be deeply stored in Christ so that when a man wants you he may seek Christ first.

By Noary

A SAY
This life, dear mates, is like a journey that you and I are traveling together. The uncertainty is just like mist in the air. It will clear. This life has many potholes, hills, and valleys, but let us make haste to reach our destination. You only reach your destination after you sweat, and even after reaching there, you continue to travel. As you travel, you don't forget that the suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope will never disappoint us.

By Marion Rotiliker

“Ujanga ni kusomea ‘demonstrative pronouns’ kwa English yet it contains ‘demon.’”

By Rehema Boke

FLAKES
Have you ever seen an ambulance topping up fuel in a petrol station??? Or is the rumor that the guys say true, and it uses blood to get around?
One God, more than a billion churches and denominations, 4,200 religions all with a span of 6,000 years - all fighting one Satan.

By Fay Naanyu

“A SAY
Do not pretend to be rich but you are a poor millionaire.”
“Do not pretend to be wise but you are a clever fool.”
Pardon me for being so rude, it was not me, it was my food. It just came up to say “hello.” Now it is gone down below.

By Yammy Lovian

“Weakness in reality can be destroyed by the power of thinking and doing practice.”

Anonymous

The greatest achievements made by highly successful people in the world were once just ideas in their minds. You can search throughout the entire universe for someone who is more deserving of your love and affection than yourself. Anyone in your life who is doing subtraction is someone you need to instantly subtract from your life.

By Lizzy Dorcas

Je, wajua mazhwa ya kuku ni dawa ya wazee wajawazito.

By Lizzy Dorcas

Ujanga ni kubeba makaa na umevala T-shirt yenye imeandikwa leti ncheverze our environment.

By Lizzy Masoi

Je, wajua wachexo wa kakenya girls wamechanika yani, hadi wanashow mungu atari wili iyo na ndevu mbili, tenawako na machuli wamazeya sweethearts yani nikumununywa within dakkika muja then utama kando kilio karibu.

By Mary Naanyu

I trealy prefer using airtel

By Lizzy Canne

MOTHER: My son be careful with these women who walk naked in the streets they are the ones who killed great men in history.

SON: I also want to die as a great man.

By Lizzy Canne
ON A LIGHT NOTE

1. Ujinge ni kumbu kalamu ya mbao kwani iko kwani iko na ink ya strawberry.
2. Ujinge ni Turkana kuonana kisisi chakula.
3. Ujinge ni kumuna simcard ya soo kwani iko na ndijeli za madem.
4. Ujinge ni kumuna owacado ya mbao kwani kwani iko na sugar nanzi.
5. Ujinge ni kumuka dem kwa line ya V.C.T.

By Moseka Emily

*Wewe ni mufupi hdi umafanya karate kwa store.
*Your brother was expelled from heaven for seducing angles.
*You are too tall that people ask for short cuts to reach your head.
*We n mufupi hapi umaanyaari harusi kwa bottle top.
*You give your hen hot water and they lay boiled eggs.
*You are too dirty that the soap you use complains.

By Queen Shush

Kikyovu
Hata uwe mufupi mwaka lazima uruke
Hata uwe mjinga blood test utapita
Hata titumie sabuni type zote you can’t wash

Hata uwe fundi aje huwezi repair breaking news
Hata ule kiapo mara ngapi nja baudo utashina

By Janet Santellah

si bure ni kio cha kubwa kubwa hadi umazulizi
kita ni bure nakuwa ya kio cha kiboga hadi

By Maggy Sakile

Ladies if you know your boyfriend can finish 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish then my friend you are dating 5,000 people

By Kantai Naicike

1. Ati weve n mufupi hadi unaride jin ya nanoali.
2. Weve n mufupi hadi umazulizi haki kwa nanafi.
3. Weve n mufupi hadi umazulizi haki kwa nake.

By Edith Sapato

Mchongoa by Clemecia
1. Nsikia ndupfani hadi umaoni mai ya upadi.
2. Nyanyakano muno imezwa hadi akitirikini mile anatema chai.

OTC: Class teacher anesewa kila mto alllpic trip.
BRAVO: Ah umesemawe?
OTE: Teacher anadali kila mto alllpic trip ya kusho.

BRAVO: Zuri mimi si mtu, mimi ni mwanauseni.

By Nyasha

Human beings are like rubber bands. We are formed to stretch but it all depends on the influence of our friends and the strength of our minds.

Our attitude also determines how we handle challenges.

Challenges make us grow and become mature even if we remain positive.

Our attitude determines the outcome of what we do, right from the beginning.

M.C. GIRL OF [substance and dignity]

By Shaih Purity

UJINGA NI
Kiweka sura ya kazi na uko jobless
Kupeleka phone kwa dentist inqeqe

By Kankano Naurip

Nyanya kio kuboga lako umalala beli ya colglate limpepanda
Nyanya kio kuboga lako umalala beli ya colglate limpepanda

By Saitoti Sakile

PATIENT: Doctor! I have a serious problem. I can never remember what I just said.
DOCTOR: When did you notice this problem?

PATIENT: What problem?

QUIZ: What kind of tree grows in your hands
ANS: A palm tree

By Narasha

SOME TIP WORDS
P-Pray
U-Unite
S-Something
H-Happens

C-Children
O-Of
C-God
A-Are
C-Coming
O-On
I-Like
A-Angels

By Nolari Nelly

CHEKI BISTO KAA III
MUNGU NIPE CHALI
Asiakia nguvu kaa...phye
Asiri changanyama kama...hasto
Nipende kama...C.R.E
Aspendale na wengi kama...kisipa
Ushimwe kama...chem

By Nolari Nelly

1. My parents always encouraged me to follow my dreams, but I wonder why they keep complaining that I sleep a lot.
2. A thief was caught stealing and his hands were painted blue. When he was asked why, he confessed that he didn’t want to be caught red-handed.
3. For God so loved Africans that he gave them their black color that whoever bleaches will never turn brown but have everlasting pimples?!!!!!!!!
4. Mpanda ngazi may be hapendi kiri?
5. Alvelu labda amenea majuni.
6. Asiyefunzwa na mamaye hulufunzwa na free education.
7. Mchanga jeneme Boda kama tractor.
8. Mwenda tenzi na omo labda hapendolo aerial.
10. Asiyefunzwa na mamaye, mamaye asi ni mvula.
11. Kukwvwa wingi hutaga miboni

By Popkili,samahullah,benaullah & Anne Kim

UJINGA NI...

Kumwambia kibwetsi kanyagia hiyo story.
Kumwambia watchman have nice dreams.
Kubugiti alafu unatast kama zinawaka rote.
Kutestia kisi kwa mwili wako kama imetia makali.
Kawuba handiareh wah ya 20 hola na one bar of geisha.

By Cynthia MC The Girl

1. Student- (on phone) My daughter has a bad cold and won’t be able to come to school today.
2. Principals-Who am I talking to please?
3. Student- This is my father speaking.

By Nolari Nelly

2. Two people were counting money after fundraising when one of them suddenly shouted ‘A small leak will sink a great ship.’ I gave a thousand shilling note and I can’t see.
A long time ago there lived a man who had three sons named Trouble, Shut-up, and Manner. One day as they were playing away from home, Trouble suddenly got lost, so Manner and Shut-up decided to go and report the matter to the police station. When they reached the gate, Manner remained and Shut-up went in. The policeman called him, "Shut-up!" He answered.
The police asked him if he really had Manner. He replied saying Manner was with him at the gate. The police was annoyed and asked him what he was looking for. Shut-up answered, "I am looking for Trouble." The policeman kicked him out and sent him away.

By Purity Nasieka

Many people need to go over many things in their lives in order to achieve their goals. One year of doing the right thing is more beneficial than spending forty years doing what you were not created for.

By Noary

Hello my fellows you know that you are not here by accident, you are in this school to fulfill a purpose and play your role. Think about a jigsaw puzzle - it is not complete until all its parts fit into each other perfectly to make one beautiful pattern. You are part of a large jigsaw puzzle in which all human beings play their role and fit perfectly to form one beautiful pattern. No matter what challenges you face today – whether they are family or academic, the world is not complete without you.

By Ipano Lillian

Afiki na ndomo bigy hadi ungekawwa mwimboji ungeto na ilabo peke yako.
Doggy yenni imebcat hadi likiback kazima iijishikilic kwa ukutta.
Kwenni ni ocha sama hadi sms ikitika umaipanga vumhi kwanza.
Wewe ni mchafu hadi ni zinakuita my favourite.
Naskia uko na kai guminu hadi ukhakala ugangandia inapunikwa.
Wewe ni mmene hadi ukipa ngu ya yellow watoto luddhani ni school bus.

By Fay Kipika

FUN SPOT
FATHER: Hey, young man whom will you marry?
SON: Your mother.
FATHER: Ahaaah, why?
SON: Because you married my mother.
FATHER: I suggest you are mad.
SON: Mmmh, yeah coz I'm madly in love with her.

By Vivine Chemutai

VITANZA NDEMI
Achoka alichoka kwa kukata kuni kwa shoka butu

By Lydia Antony
RECIPE FOR COOKIES

By Jane Wambui

Ingredients

- 4 cups of self-rising flour
- 2 cups of margarine
- 2 cups of sugar
- 2 tablespoons of milk or water

Methods

1. Beat the eggs into a cup. Add the milk or water.
2. Sift sugar, flour, and salt together.
3. Rub the margarine into the mixture prepared in 2 above.
4. Add the eggs and milk mixture to the flour mixture and knead into a dough.
5. Roll the dough onto the pastry board.
6. Cut the dough into the desired shape of the cookies.
7. Place the cookies onto the prepared baking tin.
8. Place the baking in the oven on the upper shelf and bake at 90 degrees.
9. Remove from the oven after 15 minutes and place on a cooking rack.
10. Serve when cool with tea or juice.
From planting, weeding, pest and disease control, harvesting, and cooking to eating, we have it all takes
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Earlier this year, junior secondary students conducted an air monitoring exercise around the school. The project was conducted in partnership with University of Pittsburgh. The study involved finding out the level of pollution in different spaces, including classrooms, kitchen, open field, dormitory, and construction sites. From the study, students understood the varying levels of pollution and how human activities contribute to environmental degradation. The study was overseen by teacher David Murkoik.
Environmental conservation is a crucial exercise we promote. We have been planting trees around the school and at the clinic. Last year, we had Kenya's Deputy Chief Justice, Honorable Philomena Mwilu, gracing the Day of the African Child event at our sister school, KCE L, where she planted a tree to mark the importance of protecting the environment. We follow her footsteps and we believe contribution will add to the overall call for increasing Kenya's forest cover.
We Serve a Living God

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When it comes to outdoor games, we also shine. We have the best teams to represent us in competitions with other schools. We are grateful to all those who have been representing us in athletics and ball games.
For every win, we celebrate. We were privileged to have Dr. Kakonya in school when we arrived from Shunko Secondary School where we had emerged victorious in several events. Dr. Kakonya heartily welcomed us back to campus and joined our celebration.
Leave alone the cliche "Mwalimu wa Math hapa ni wapi?" Our math teacher Mr. Nyambok Victor has been taking us places with projects. We have had our representatives at the national levels where they presented viable projects before the international world. Madam Victoria Kaelo has also been instrumental in our journey. A big shoutout to the scientists at Kakenya Girls High School!
From ‘Iringa mwenzangwa, rings’ to emotional farewells and reunions, recitation of poems and photo sessions with our role models, Kakenya Girls High School gives you a perfect place to enjoy studying.
IN PICTURES

In Other News

Captions:
Photo 1 - The face behind the beautiful flower beds and lime fence at our school. Big respect to Sammy Mauit!
Photo 2 - A glimpse of part of our school
Photo 3 - Students in the assembly
Photo 4 - Students showcasing '_movement by running' style of the school
Photo 5 - Elsie at the library reception being attended by Librarian, Lois Mushani
Photo 6 - From left: Naomi, Sharon, and Nancy pose for a photo outside the library
Photo 7 - Director of Programs, Daniel Korlako (left) with a team from Erika Development Partner when they visited our school. The organization supported the publication of this edition of the magazine. A big thank you to you!
Madam Dorcas Simaloi, Principal  
Teaches CRE & History  

"Successful students take responsibility for themselves and their actions."

Mr. Victor Nyambok,  
Deputy Principal,  
Teaches Mathematics & Business Studies  

"The expectations of life depend upon diligence; the mechanic that would perfect his work must first sharpen his tools. Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other. Prepare the way Messiah is coming (Hebrews 12:14)."

Mr. Benson Rono,  
Director of Studies  
Teaches Biology & Chemistry  

"Trust your mind and your instincts."

Madam Caroline Ntialei,  
Boarding Mistress  
Teaches Kiswahili & History  

"Education is the only road to success, the top of one mountain is the bottom of the next, so keep climbing. Kakenya Girls we are champs!"

Madam Bibiana Chimoli,  
HOD Humanities  
Teaches Kiswahili & Geography  

"Just like eagles, we are unique, we fly high, we avoid obstacles, and aim where no one can reach. Kakenya Girls is a real description of this."

Madam Victoria Kaelo,  
Teaches Computer & Mathematics  

"Ambition is the path to success; persistence is the vehicle you arrive in."

Mr. Hillary Tesot,  
Teaches Physics & Mathematics  

"Forget all the reasons it won’t work and believe in the one reason that it will. Self confidence is the most attractive quality a person can have."

Madam Joan Cherro,  
Assistant Boarding Mistress  
Teaches Physics & Mathematics  

"Teachers can open the door but you must enter it by yourself."
Mr. Stewart Austine Otieno  
HOD Languages  
Teaches English & Literature

"Champions are those who believe in themselves. Strive to be a champion by constantly improving yourself and believing in your capabilities. The biggest room in the world is that of improvement."

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Mr. David Murkuk  
HOD Sciences

"It's true that everything is possible once you believe in it and you strive at achieving it."

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Madam Kirui Sheila  
Head of Games  
Teaches English & CRE

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today. Work hard and smart."

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Mr. Cyrene Musango  
HOD Technical & Applied Sciences  
Christian Union Patron

"Life is God's novel. Let Him write it."

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Ishmael Ledama  
T omega  
Security Officer

"Work hard in school to become a better person in the future."

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Madam Joyce Kilusu  
Teaches CRE & Kiswahili

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you."

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Moses Saiyu  
Lab Technician

"To succeed, you have to have plans. Organize yourself toward a goal and stay focused."

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Ms. Loice Musheni  
Librarian

"Take advantage of opportunities presented to you. Take advantage of the support you receive from Kakenya's Dream."

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AT A GLANCE...

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We understand our teachers and other staff were trained on child protection, courtesy of Kakenya's Dream. The quest for knowledge has no limits