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There was great excitement at the **Mary Immaculate Rehabilitation Centre (MIRC)**, where homeless boys choose to spend one year in a rehabilitation programme, when a team from the **WAVES** -funded Scout Troop progressed through the District and County Camp Competitions to represent their County in the National Finals. The winning team would represent Kenya at the East African Camp. The MIRC boys did their best and came a very creditable 26th out of 41 units, gaining many skills in the process. The whole troop enjoyed a training camp and several district scouting events during the year including a Talent Show which was great fun.



The **17th Mukuru Kerrigan Cup Final Day** was played at St Catherine's Primary School in July. The MIRC scouts provided a guard of honour and the salute for the official start to the Finals. The Kayaba Primary School teams were victorious in both Finals, the boys winning 2:1 against St Bakhita and the girls 3:1 against St Catherine's. In honour of a St Catherine's pupil who died suddenly from leukemia in July, prizes were awarded for the highest boy and girl goal scorers this year, as well as the long established fair player awards for boys and girls. This Day is always eagerly anticipated by the children of the 4 Mukuru Primary Schools and the MIRC boys.



The third annual Tsavo Sports Day organised in collaboration with **DSWT (The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust)** for 4 primary schools in poor rural communities on the border of Tsavo East National Park took place on 30th September this year. Over 200 schoolchildren, 30 teachers and 50 community members attended the event hosted by Sowa Primary School. After fierce competition Gideon Mosi School won both Tsavo Kerrigan Cups, for netball (girls) and football (boys). Students from Gimba and Gideon Mosi schools entertained players and guests with conservation themed traditional songs and poems. This event offers the schools a day of fun and competitive sport and also builds school and community spirit while spreading awareness of DSWT's work to support communities in combating human-wildlife conflict and to protect wildlife. The schools thanked **WAVES** and DSWT for making it all possible. **WAVES** also funded Tsavo field trips for 125 village schoolchildren.



The students sponsored through the **WAVES Mukuru and Ruben Education Schemes** continue to make good progress at school and college. 13 students are in further education and 2 boys and a girl are at secondary school, giving a total of 16 students. Another girl will join secondary school in January. At Ruben a new student, Gilbert, started at secondary school this year, while Catherine achieved a B+ in her Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education exams (KCSE) gaining a University place to read Communications and Public Relations. Joyce and Diana will be taking their finals next year and Ephraim awaits the results of his finals in Project Planning and Management. Stephen is happy to have found employment where he uses his IT skills. Mukuru student Agnes gained a B- in her KCSE exams with just enough points to qualify for a degree course in Hospitality Management as she had wished. Phylis successfully completed her Diploma in Supply Chain Management and is job hunting. Elizabeth who qualified as a Primary School teacher last year has just completed her first year of teaching which she loves. Reagan graduated with a BA in Education and is volunteering at the Mukuru Secondary School, St Michael's, while applying to schools for a permanent teaching post. Christopher and Erick are both in the fifth year of their engineering courses and we wish them well in their finals.



Our youngest student Philip, from the **Starehe Boys' Centre**, gained a very impressive A average in his KCSE exams qualifying to read for a Law degree at Nairobi University. From his first year at Starehe he told us that he wanted to be a lawyer! He starts his studies in the New Year, joining Joab who is in his third year there, reading for a B.Sc. in Education. A new boy 'Young Peter' joined Starehe School at the beginning of the year. Peter is an orphan and is the 7th Starehe student to be sponsored by **WAVES**. He has joined the school band, the choir and the maths club and is doing well academically.

Our laptop funding account has funds in hand, thanks to this year's RideLondon 100 fundraising, so we have been able to continue to provide each new University student with their own laptop. This is now an essential for all our University students. Peter, an Old Starehean and **WAVES** graduate in Telecommunications and Information Engineering, has kindly continued to advise and assist **WAVES** students in their choice of new laptop. The students have all been delighted with their purchases.

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The **WAVES Ecology Trip Scheme**, set up in partnership with The African Fund for Endangered Wildlife (AFEW) in 2000 to organise trips to wildlife centres for primary school children from the slums of Nairobi, the MIRC boys and Year 1 boys at Starehe School continued, with 1,116 children taking part this year. Every year all Class 5 children at the 5 primary schools go on the trips. The children look forward to being in Class 5 for that reason. They love the trips because they are fun and they enjoy learning about the wild animals and care of the environment. The teachers use the experience of the day in class teaching on the environment.

WAVES support continues for the AFEW school micro-projects scheme that encourages interest in the environment and sustainable living amongst the Kenyan youth. Funding for a wide variety of projects at primary and secondary schools in poor areas throughout Kenya has been given annually since 2005. The practical projects can be linked to curriculum teaching and include tree planting that gives shade for outdoor lessons, vegetable and fruit growing that add variety to the school meals and fish farms that provide protein in the children's diet.

Joe, Gabby, Tom, Harry, Marie and Simon ran in our **2016 London Marathon** team. The team did extremely well to raise a whopping total of **£15338**. Our team for Sunday 23rd April 2017 includes Basil, Anthony and Rob to date. We have more places to fill so it is not too late to join the **WAVES** team. If anyone has put running the Virgin Money London Marathon on their bucket list we can help so please contact us!



Our **Vitality (ex-BUPA) London 10K '16 team** of Tomas, Jon, Paul, Alex and Andy raised **£824**. The run starts in the Mall and finishes opposite Buckingham Palace passing many of London's famous sights on the route. There was keen competition this year when Paul finished in 49.31 followed closely by cousins Andy and Jon both finishing in 49.35. Everyone enjoyed our traditional post run picnic lunch in a rather cooler Green Park than usual. Jon's regular runners have already signed up for Monday 29th May 2017. More runners are welcome so if you want to join Jon's team just register for a place soon. www.vitalitylondon1000.co.uk

For **The Prudential Ride-London-Surrey 100 2016** Nick was our one lone rider, having been inspired by his daughter Gabby's London Marathon run for **WAVES**. Nick raised £2074 and with generous donations from 2 riders unable to participate on the day an incredible **£2,699** was raised for **WAVES**. After the ride Nick and his daughter Frankie joined us for the **WAVES** picnic in the sunshine of Green Park. The next ride takes place on Sunday July 30th; we have 4 guaranteed places available and any rider with a Ballot place is also very welcome to join the **WAVES** team.



We are grateful for the support received from several organisations. Our heartfelt thanks go to the **Grant Foundation** for funding the MIRC Scout Troop again this year. Gary Grant has kindly confirmed continuing support for the Troop activities for 2017. The generous support from **The Entertainer** toy retail chain employees given through the company's award winning Workplace Giving Scheme is very much appreciated. Matched Giving from Barclays and from Sky helped to boost sponsorship raised in the London Marathon and the RideLondon 100.

For 8 years **WAVES** was one of the UK charities chosen to receive complimentary flights through the British Airways Communities and Conservation Scheme. We are enormously grateful for this support from B.A. which enabled us to visit Kenya annually to meet our sponsored students and monitor projects. Sadly this excellent scheme has now been discontinued. We did not visit Kenya this year however the 3 Trustees plan to visit in April next year to meet our students and partner organisations, funding the flights ourselves.

We will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of the founding of **WAVES** in July 2017. Through our charity we have been privileged over the years to meet so many kind and generous people who have supported our work and such dedicated workers at our partner organisations in Kenya. We have great admiration and affection for our students who remain positive and ambitious despite all the challenges they face. As always we send our **very big thank you** to everybody in Kenya and in the UK who have given their donations of time and money, energy and support to **WAVES** projects. We thank each and every one of you for helping us to touch, and sometimes change, children's lives and "make **WAVES**"!

We wish you a very **HAPPY CHRISTMAS** and a peaceful Year 2017

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