

## **GSP News Sept 2023**

### Latest from Kenya

We had a great trip to Kenya in June-July this year, it was so good to get back there after the pandemic.

Changes to the Kenyan education system in early 2023 has put pressure on all schools. Unfortunately a couple of our schools have been so severely affected that they no longer have enough students to be viable.

We held 2 fabulous events for all sponsored children and their parents/guardians, we called it Christmas-in-July! We had jumping castles, pony rides, great food and a chance to meet each family. We also visited all schools to meet all the students and teachers.

### Kenya Trip

We visited all the GSP schools in Kenya in July - first trip since January 2020. It was fantastic to see them all again. There are significant challenges they face.

### **Challenges**

The cost of living has skyrocketed driven by the pandemic, lack of food coming from Ukraine and rising taxes. The radical change to the education system.



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### **Positives**

The school Directors are well motivated and working as a team.
Our remaining schools are in a strong position to thrive.

## What's happening at your school

Precious Talent Academy has added grade 9 and is now classified as a Junior Secondary School. Director Ann Mireri suffered a severe stroke in Covid and is only just back after 18 months, still with limited speech and movement. She is determined to rebuild the school.

The change to Junior Secondary status means that they now have to establish a science laboratory, further develop their computer capabilties, and provide boarding facilities for boys.

Precious Talent Academy has a large number of students from low socioeconomic backgrounds who are needing <u>sponsorship</u> to enable them to stay in school.

Madam Ann sends her greetings to all at Majura Primary and asked me to pass on her sincere and heartfelt thanks for your support.

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