

News from Imprezza

Recently the school was invited to two separate functions. Catherine attended one and Kevin (the Principal) attended the other. What a wonderful surprise when Catherine came back with a trophy given in recognition for the excellent work with in the community, and Kevin was given a certificate by the Deputy Governor for the 'most upcoming and reliable private secondary school, with a vision to reach the needy.'

We are so thrilled with this unexpected, but deserved, recognition of the hard work and dedication of all at Imprezza.



Top Left-Rose Omanyo with some of the students proudly holding the trophy and certificate.

Middle - Catherine at the presentation ceremony.

Bottom Left - Students proudly holding the trophy



Top -Last mock exam for business students Josephine Nasirumbi who wants to be a doctor. Topista Akinyi who wants to be an air hostess. Bottom - A former student (last in the 3rd row), Metrin Netindo who is now a social worker

We are also pleased to welcome two students from Maseno University and Kenyatta University. They will be at the school for three months on teaching practice. As all their expenses are being covered by their universities, this means the students have extra support and the teachers also benefit from their input.

The students have just completed their mock exams which has kept them very busy revising in preparation.

Our Mission is to enable students, both boys and girls, who would not otherwise have any access to secondary or decent primary education to succeed.

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- **Set up a standing order** – contact our treasurer Lesley Smith lesley@operation-imprezza.org for details
- **Send a cheque** payable to Operation Imprezza to 14 Elm Grove, Teignmouth, Devon TQ14 8SA.

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Connecting Classrooms

Three teachers from Devon have had the opportunity to visit partner schools in Kenya as part of the British Council's Connecting Classrooms programme. Martin Caddy from Stokeinteignhead Primary School, Andrew Walker from Torquay Girls' Grammar School and Rob Wills from Manor Primary School in Ivybridge visited 3 schools (one being Imprezza Academy) in Busia County Western Kenya following a reciprocal visit by our Kenyan partners in February. All teachers took part in leading lessons with students in Kenya and were able to learn at first hand some of the challenges children face growing up in Kenya. It was a great opportunity to compare ideas and share professional practice. Below is an extract from the Blog written by Rob while on the visit. You can access the blog on

www.itslearning.com/manor/Kenya/blog/

Thursday 23rd May

Back to normal today as our hosts arrived in time with our usual rule! We changed the course of our school journey in order to meet the Governor of Busia County. Surprisingly, no AK 47s at the gates to the governor's office!

I thought the first person in a suit was the governor, this carried on for the next 5 or so important looking gentlemen. Rose warned us that he may keep us waiting- and she was right! We slowly graduated from waiting room to posher waiting room as we moved up

the queue. After an hour or so of sitting about, Rose complained to the last important looking person. He responded only by saying, "I'm sorry, let me sit with you in solidarity." This proved to be a very entertaining comment and brought a snigger from most of the other people that had been there for hours! Finally, we got though to the final waiting area, which was the least glamorous - a squashed administration block. Within minutes, the door opened to the governors office (looked just like the White House does in TV dramas- except I don't think President Obama would have blaring TV with dubbed Spanish soap opera on throughout his meetings.)

The governor was a lovely guy who, like all the others, wanted to join the project and come to England.

Rose outlined the work we had been doing as part if the project and how Imprezza and the other partner schools had benefited. She also told a brief history of Imprezza which never ceases to amaze me of how far the school has come since its beginnings in the slums of Nairobi to the place it is today. Every stage of its growth down to the dogged determination of these two amazing women, Catherine and Rose Omanyo.



From left – Martin Caddy (Stokeinteignhead Primary School), Rose Omanyo (Imprezza Academy), Governor Sospeter Ojamong, Andrew Walker (Torquay Girls' Grammar School) and Rob Wills (Manor Primary School – Ivybridge)

Fun Fete Day

Save The Date!!!

Whistlestop Café, with thanks to Teignmouth Council, are holding a Fun Fete Day on the Den in Teignmouth Monday 4th August 9.00am to 5 pm. This is to raise funds for Imprezza. There will be stalls, music, displays and much more. further updates can be found on our website. www.operation-imprezza.org and in the next newsletter. If you are available to help on the day, please do get in touch, we would love to hear from you.