

Seeway Tanzania - July/August 2012

We are aware that it has been two months since we sent out news...July and August have been months filled with visitors. It has been a lot of fun for the SWTz kids, as well as our staff, but it hasn't left time for much else.

We are so thankful to everyone who has visited - some came to see the work for the first time (Victor, Claire & Albany from Seeway Trust UK); some have given their time and physical effort (Cindy & Piers' inspiring work on the nursery school windows will be evident for a long time, and Toby's work sanding the wooden window frames was inspiring!); some brought donations of clothes, toys, pens and pencils; three amazing girls baked cakes and sold them at a cricket match to raise money for us (thank you again Sophia, Elspeth and Cecilia!); some have played with our children and kept them occupied (we are ALWAYS thankful for these visitors!!); some (Rachel, Dom & Harriet) have tutored our children; finally, some have simply encouraged the staff and leaders and helped us to see the value in the work we do on a daily basis.

In addition, in the past 2 months we have built a kitchen store, a small dedicated kitchen for the nursery school, and have expanded the tiny (and very hot in the summer) shed we were using as our office into a large airy space with 4 desks, proper cupboards and shelves, and large windows looking out onto our beautiful compound.

All children have been home at different times for school holidays, and many have made trips home to visit extended family. David finished his 1 term of boarding vowing never to board again...one thing he observed during his boarding experiment was that SWTz children are better behaved than children from other centres...!

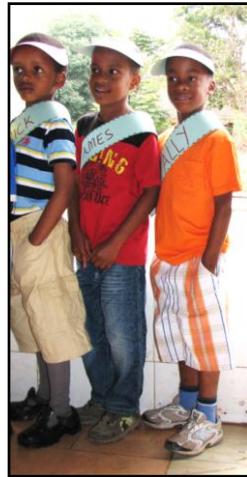
Usa River Academy had a splendid "cultural day" with singing and dancing - David, Arnold, Zainabu, Ally, James and Mahija did a great job in their various sections.

We took the younger girls to see Ice Age 4 in 3D at the cinema for Mahija's birthday treat - Mariam was scared, but the rest loved it!

Birthdays in July & August: Mariam (9), Eliza (15), Mahija (9); Alex (15), Iddy (10), Joyce (12).



Elspeth, Cecilia and Sophia at SWTz...



James & Ally wait for their turn on the catwalk during culture day



Iddy tries on a rainsuit - er, a tad too small for him!



Rose and Victor do an activity with nursery children...



Eliza shows our children some amazing photos and paintings by children from Woodbury Primary, so we can see what they like to eat at home in the UK...



Cindy tackles those windows...



...whilst Piers sands the outside to get ready for painting...



At the cinema: Mahija, Mariam, Riziki, Neema, Faidha, Zainabu



Kanuti holds court...



Fred enjoys his new glider...



Ally, Sandeiki and James inspect a rather nasty snake we killed



Fatuma and David...



a very scary Neema...



Eliza and Riziki...

Thank You for helping to make a difference in Tanzania!!!!