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## **Under The Mango Tree Newsletter** **December 2024 – BUMPER Christmas Edition**

**Supporting Timboni Nursery, Primary & Junior Secondary School,  
Kambe, Kenya**



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## Welcome and Merry Christmas

### Welcome to Our Bumper Newsletter Edition!

We want to start by extending our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your continued generosity—both in financial support and emotional encouragement. Your kindness is what allows us to keep moving forward, and we truly appreciate it.

As we review the feedback we've received over the past year, we're reminded that, while it may often feel like we're asking for more, ongoing support is crucial for maintaining the work we do. Your contributions make a real difference, and we are deeply grateful for your commitment.

This Christmas, as many of us indulge in festive meals and celebrations, we encourage you to think about the children of Timboni. Whether you choose to contribute to one of the specific projects mentioned below or prefer to donate to the general fund, which covers essentials like teachers' salaries, food, and other vital resources, your help is invaluable. We know that times can be tough, but any support—big or small—helps to ensure a brighter future for these children.

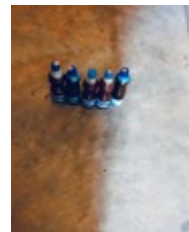
Thank you once again for your generosity, and may the season bring you peace and joy.

Lorraine Dunne, Chair

## Bee keeping Project

Report received from school:

*“Bee keeping project is one project that was funded by Under The Mango Tree Charity to help the school. The project has faced challenges but this month (OCTOBER 2024) we were able to get 2.5 liters of honey. The total amount that we were able to get from the sales of the honey was Kes 3,000 (@ £20) which was transferred to the school feeding program account. The profit will help in funding the feeding program account. We are expecting our next harvest in December.”*

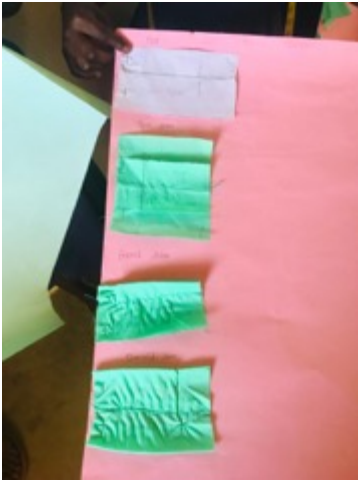


## Sewing Room

Report received from school:

*“The sewing machines have become one of the favorites activities for the learners. Many of the students have really shown a lot of interest in learning how to sew and to come up with new designs. Some of them are even open to the idea of becoming fashion designers in the future.”*

*Madam Queen, the sewing teacher has done a very commendable job in teaching the students about sewing and showing them the benefit it has to the school and community.*



*Timboni Primary School wishes to express its deepest gratitude for the incredible support that Under the Mango Tree charity has extended to us in funding the new sewing machines for our vocational training program. This initiative has brought new opportunities to our students and the entire Timboni community.*

*With the sewing machines now in place, the program has already begun to equip our students with essential skills that will empower them economically and socially. However, we are facing a challenge in sustaining the program due to the financial constraints in paying the sewing teacher who plays a critical role in ensuring the success of this project.*

*The teacher's dedication and expertise has have been pivotal in imparting practical skills to the students. Unfortunately, our limited resources make it difficult to provide regular compensation for her invaluable work. To keep this program running and maximise the impact of the same machines you so generously provided we humbly request your financial assistance to support the teacher's salary. This continued support would ensure the longevity of the program benefiting not only the current students but future generations as well by enabling the teacher to focus on her role without financial uncertainty and we can maintain the quality and effectiveness of the training sessions.*



*Once again thank you for your continuous support and commitment to improving the lives of children and communities like ours.'*

Report received from Head teacher Madam Tewa.

If you feel moved to help, please make a donation with reference "sewing teacher".

## PP2 graduation

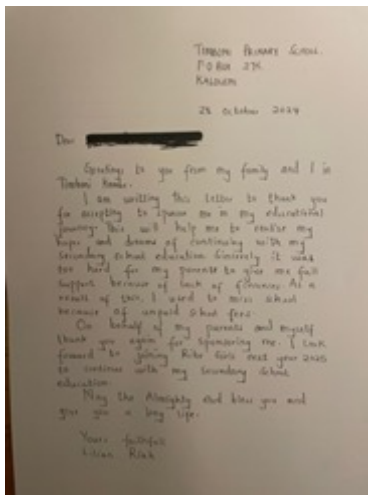


### **A Special Graduation Celebration for Our Little Ones**

We are thrilled to share that the little ones recently celebrated a memorable graduation ceremony at the end of term. It was a joyous occasion, marking their transition from the early years of their education to the next exciting chapter. These bright young minds will begin school in January 2025 as they enter the Junior School section.

This milestone is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and love from everyone involved in their education. We look forward to seeing them grow and thrive as they take their next steps on this incredible journey.

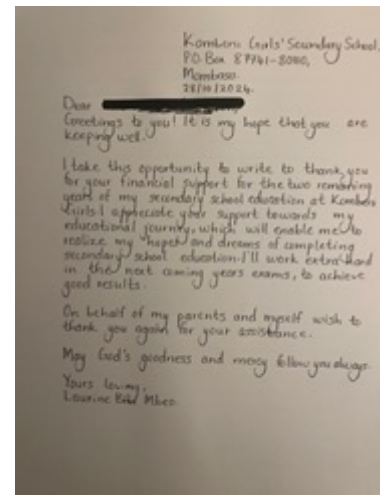
## Scholarship SUCCESS



### A Heartwarming Update on Lilian and Laurine

Back in October, we reached out to our community to see if anyone could help Lilian and Laurine continue their senior school education. We are absolutely delighted to share that thanks to the generosity of a kind donor, both girls now have the support they need.

With their school fees fully



covered, Lilian and Laurine are looking forward to the new term with confidence and excitement. This is a huge relief for them and their families, and we are incredibly grateful to the donor who made this possible. Your support truly changes lives, and we can't wait to see what these bright young women will achieve in the years ahead.

## School commentary

(written by Mr Moses Banda)



*New taps fitted to the water station*

### September report:

On the month of September Madam Agnes, Mr. Hamisi and I did a monthly inspection on the items funded by Under The Mango Tree.

One of the latest projects, the sewing machines has really played a big role in helping the learners on how to creating designs of clothes. Most of them are really happy with the project and are really grateful as they take on the project with passion and commitment.

The classrooms, desks, chairs, lockers and tables are all in good conditions and we ensure that every learner has a good place to sit and learn.

The school library has also helped a lot especially now that the grade 6 students are doing their national exams, they have been using the library books to study and they have even formed study groups to help each other.

The school compound is also well kept and clean and students use it during games break.

### October Report:

In the month of October Madam Agnes, Mr. Hamisi and I did an inspection on the assets funded by Under The Mango Tree charity.

The month of October was filled with many events. We had the ECDE graduation which was very successful and the learners together with their parents enjoyed it.

The grade 6 candidates sat for their national exams also on the month of October. The exam went well and we remain hopeful that students will perform best to their abilities. We then had two school trips, one was for the ECDE and the other for Primary. The school trips were very successful and the learners got a chance to learn and explore.

We made sure that all the furniture which includes the chairs, desks, tables and lockers are all in good and perfect condition so that when the students come back in January next year find them in good condition.

The teacher in charge of sewing machines recommended to continue with classes during holidays so as to help the learners to be able to learn more.

Kind regards

Moses Banda, Clerical Officer

**NOTE FROM EDITOR:**

**Monthly Updates from Moses Banda**

*We are always encouraged and grateful to receive the monthly reports from Moses Banda, whose work continues to be vital to the success of our plans. Moses' salary is funded by Under the Mango Tree, and we rely on his detailed updates to help us stay informed and connected to the ongoing progress on the ground.*

*These reports, along with the monthly budget updates, provide us with a clear picture of how funds are being used and the impact they are having. We remain committed to transparency, and we appreciate the trust and support you all continue to show in making these reports and updates possible.*

## End of term school trip

(Written by Madam Tewa, Head teacher)

‘The school organized a trip on 31<sup>st</sup> October for the students to go learn and adventure. The trip kicked off in the morning where the bus came and picked us from the school and we headed straight to our first location which was the standard gauge railway (SGR) in Mombasa. The students got a chance to see the train station and learned how the train works. One of the amazing things about the railway is how fast it takes to travel from Mombasa to Nairobi in just less than 6 hours. We then left and headed to Moi International Airport where the students got a chance to learn how airplanes work and how the airport operates. We got a chance to witness planes taking off and landing, it was a wonderful experience to the students who were so happy and motivated. We then left the airport and headed to our third location which was Lunar Park where the students enjoyed swings and rides.



We finished the trip by visiting Nyali beach which the students got the chance to see the ocean and enjoy the beauty of the ocean breeze.

The trip was fruitful and the students learned a lot during the trip, Timboni school would like to take this opportunity to thank Under The Mango Tree for there continued support and may God bless you all.’

**NOTE: this trip was funded by Under the Mango Tree within the 2024 budget**

## Computer project

### Progress on the Computer Suite Appeal

Back in the spring of 2024, we launched an appeal to raise funds for a much-needed computer suite at the school. Since then, the exchange rate has worsened by around 10%, and the cost of materials and equipment has risen dramatically. Despite these challenges, we are pleased to report that we have made significant progress.

Thanks to a generous donation received in the spring, as well as the full proceeds from Lorraine's speaking engagements this year, we have raised £850. This amount will be sent to the school to help kickstart the construction of the computer suite, which will be a vital resource for the students.

While we are not yet at the full amount needed, this is a fantastic step forward, and we are hopeful that with continued support, we can complete the project in the near future.

## Covered dining area



### Our Final Big Project: The Covered Dining Area

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to all of you who have supported us in 2024—whether through funding sewing machines, computers, or other initiatives. Your generosity has made a real difference in the lives of the children.

Now, we are turning our focus to the **covered dining area**, our remaining 'big' project. Originally costed at £5,500, the price of raw materials and the worsened exchange rate have unfortunately pushed the estimated cost to around **£7,000**.

### Can you help?

We are reaching out to our community once again to help us make this essential project a reality. Perhaps your company might consider a donation? Or could your social group come together to support this cause?

### Why the Covered Dining Area?

Currently, there is no proper place for the children to sit and enjoy their meals. They often eat on walkways and classroom floors, which leads to inevitable mess, and during the rainy season, conditions worsen even further. We looked at this project a few years ago but had to prioritize other urgent needs. Now, with your support, we believe we can make it happen. A covered dining area will provide a dedicated space for the children to eat together, shielded from the elements, and will be a great step forward in improving their daily school experience.

## Annual budget update

As we continue our work supporting the school, it's important to remember that our **annual budget** to provide essential assistance—including teachers' salaries, food, and other resources—runs at around **£10,000**.

Given the rising costs of materials and services, along with the worsened exchange rate, we anticipate that this figure will increase in the coming year. We are committed to maintaining

transparency with our supporters, and we will continue to monitor and adjust our budget to meet the needs of the school and its students.

## Remembering Cas Mitchell

### In Loving Memory of Cas Mitchell



It is with deep sadness that we share the news of the passing of **Cas Mitchell**. Cas was a long-time and dedicated supporter of Timboni School, and over the years, she visited the school on three separate occasions, leaving a lasting impact on the community.

Her generosity, kindness, and commitment to the school will be remembered fondly by all who had the privilege of working with her.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Cas's family during this difficult time. She will be greatly missed by all of us at Timboni, and her legacy of support will continue to inspire us.

## Next visit – May 2025

### Celebrating 20 Years of Timboni School

Unbelievably, it has now been **20 years** since the first infrastructure was built and Timboni School was founded. What a journey it has been—transforming lives, empowering students, and creating a strong, vibrant community.

To mark this special milestone, Timboni School is planning a **big celebration in May 2025**. A group of us will be there to join in the festivities, and we would love for you to be part of this momentous occasion.

If you're interested in joining us for the celebration and experiencing the incredible impact of your support firsthand, please let us know. We would be thrilled to have you with us as we celebrate two decades of success and look ahead to the future of Timboni School.

If you would like to make a contribution to help the school fund the celebration, please mark your donation with the reference "**20 years**". Your support will go directly towards making this milestone event a memorable one for everyone involved, including the students, teachers, and the wider community. Every contribution, large or small, will make a difference in ensuring that this celebration is truly special.

We are grateful for your continued generosity and partnership. Thank you for helping us celebrate two decades of growth, achievement, and hope at Timboni School!

## Reminders!

- Please remember to book a holiday with Riviera Travel if that's your thing! Mention Under the Mango Tree **when you book** and they will give us 10% of the holiday cost after you've travelled.  
[Click here to look at Riviera holidays](#)
- Standing orders – if you can afford it, please consider a standing order, with no amount too small to matter (form attached or set up via your online bank account). It costs just:
  - £2 a month to feed a Timboni child 2 meals a day in the school week.
  - £11 a month would pay for all the pre-nursery children to go on an annual school trip (usually the first time they have left the area).
  - £30 a month would pay for the Christmas food packages for the orphans.
  - £100 a month would pay a teacher's salary.

With love

Lorraine Dunne, Chair  
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Gordon Atkinson, Acting Treasurer

Peachy Dunne, Secretary

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