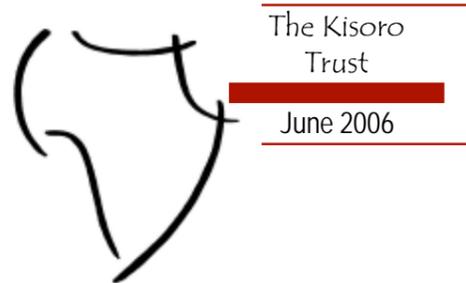


Kisoro Newsletter



The Kisoro Trust
June 2006

News from Kisoro

In the last few months, children at the **Kisoro School for Deaf Children** have enjoyed considerable academic success, as well as thriving in extra-curricular activities.

At the end of the school year, 52 deaf children sat the same examination as their hearing counterparts. In Primary 1, a deaf child scored the highest mark out of a total of 229 hearing and deaf children. Similarly, in Primary 4 and Primary 5, it was deaf children who took first place in the whole of their year group, totalling over 100 children in each case.

Outside the classroom, deaf pupils were included in the school football and volleyball teams competing against other local mainstream primary schools; they also had the opportunity to visit a site of special interest, a cave used as a refuge during the world wars.



Pupils visit Mwihe cave in Kisoro District

Pupils' parents and guardians continue to receive training in the areas of HIV/Aids and healthcare. In addition, 20 parents were recently selected to receive a 30 day sign language training course, sponsored by the Uganda National Association for the Deaf, to help them to communicate more effectively with their children.

During the holidays, school staff made field visits to the children's homes to assess their living conditions, and give advice and support to parents. At the same time, staff were able to identify other deaf children in remote rural villages and suggest ways in which they could cope with their deafness.

Thus the **Kisoro School for Deaf Children** has an impact far beyond the 52 deaf children currently receiving an education, thanks to donors to the Kisoro Trust. The benefits of your generosity are being felt by the children, their families, and the community as a whole.

Fundraising News

Meet Louise Holden, another Kisoro supporter, who happens also to be a jazz musician. The Kisoro Trust is delighted that Louise has offered to put on a jazz concert on behalf of Kisoro.



Louise Holden & Friends : Tastes Of Jazz !

Recipe for those who like their jazz unpredictable...

Take a classical pianist, rock drummer and folk cellist, checking first for any signs of normal musical categories and remove. Bring to the boil with organic home-grown songs, free-range jazz standards and a pinch of Schubert. (Be careful when handling as mix will not cool easily.)

Add a jazz singer with a liberal sprinkling of signing, a cappella songs and an ability to handle hot ingredients. Top it off with the best theatre interpreter in Scotland and simmer for two hours. Consume immediately.

Best enjoyed in the company of many friends while relaxing at Edinburgh's Royal Lyceum Theatre Bar between the hours of 8 & 10 on the evening Thursday June 22. Rounded off perfectly with all takings going to the Kisoro School for Deaf Children, Uganda.

Final cost of dish: £5 (on the door).

Craigentenny Primary School

We are delighted to announce that Craigentenny Primary School in Edinburgh has become the first primary school in Scotland to establish a link with the school in Kisoro. Pupils and staff first heard about Kisoro at a school assembly earlier this year, and enthusiastically embraced the idea of supporting the project through fundraising and also by regular communication with Uganda. This will enable the pupils in Scotland to discover more about the lives of their counterparts in Africa, and vice versa.



Craigentenny held their first fundraising event for Kisoro on Wednesday 10th May - a sponsored silence by primary pupils, and a sponsored 'bean bag throw' by the nursery children. The children in the nursery managed to throw a total of 760 bean bags into their target, which was a fantastic achievement. Meanwhile, pupils in primary 1 and 2 managed to keep silent for half an hour, primary 3, 4 and 5 children achieved 45 minutes, and the primary 6 and 7 classes were quiet for a full hour.

So far, the two fundraising events have raised an amazing £2740 for Kisoro, and no doubt the teachers thoroughly enjoyed what must have been a very peaceful afternoon!

Signed Singing at Larkhall



Pupils at Larkhall Academy have once again been supporting Kisoro. Just before Christmas, members of the school's Sign Language Club, which meets every Tuesday lunchtime, performed signed carols in shopping centres in East Kilbride and Hamilton. Their endeavours raised the fantastic sum of £1045, all of which was donated to Kisoro. Larkhall Academy has been supporting Kisoro in this way for the last four years, and in that time the pupils have raised £3233.

Kisoro Kids' Ceilidh

On Saturday 25th March, the Kisoro Trust held its first Family Ceilidh, in St Philip's Church Hall, Joppa. Children brought their mums and dads along to enjoy a great evening of dancing, thanks to Sporrandidy ceilidh band, whose caller did a great job of teaching the dances. The 'summer sunrise' and 'dragon's blood' drinks, complete with fruit and cocktail umbrellas were probably appreciated more by the children than their parents, but everyone had a good time as well as raising over £200 for Kisoro in the process.



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