



# STEVEN TITO ACADEMY

LEARNING FOR LIFE

## THE THANK FEST

We kicked off Term Four with the School Concert and Clubs Presentations. All students performed in front of their parents for the first time showcasing what they have learned at school during the STA Thursday Clubs, from repairing a flat tire to cooking local food or sewing a torn pocket...our students are learning for life!

In October, we had our annual Athletics Carnival, a full day dedicated to sports where the four STA Houses Mikumi, Kilimanjaro, Wami, and Victoria compete against each other. This year, Kilimajaro House won, congratulations!

The main highlight of the term, not to say of the year, was definitely the Thank Fest we organized in December.

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We hosted a Thanksgiving Party with the whole school and Baobab staff, to celebrate and say thank you to the people who brought water to our school.





Everything started in the morning with lots of fun at our annual Silly Games. This year the Prep students were challenged with a new game: the oversize dress up game. They raced each other while stopping along the way to wear adult clothes. And after so much playing, we needed a snack. Thanks to Jim and Ellen who brought us graham crackers, chocolate, and marshmallows from the USA, we prepared the very American s'mors! Super yummy. Each class presented acting, dances, and thank you ceremonies. The kids from Stronger Together delighted us with beautiful traditional dance. The turkey escaped the knife but one of our cows wasn't that lucky. We fed the whole school, staff and neighbors.







## A NEW GERMAN CLASSROOM

Thanks to the generosity of Friends' Hands from Germany who fully fund the project, we built a new classroom! The US Marines from Dar es Salaam came and helped us with the hard work of digging the foundation. Our students also wanted to dig and contribute to this important milestone in the STA history. Then Nora from Friends' Hands arrived. She and her mom came with other friends and family. They took care of coordinating the work with the different builders from day one. The classroom now is complete and Standard 4 students can't wait to start the year in the new classroom!





## VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS!

We were fortunate enough a few dozens volunteers visit us from all over the globe. The US Embassy family from Dar es Salaam came not once but twice to help us paint first the standard 2 classroom, then the school library. Two more volunteers came from France. Celine and Johan, joined the Reading Intervention Program improving our students' school performance. We also had our first volunteers from Gibraltar! Thanks to Accounting for International Development (AfID) who made the magic happen, JJ came and helped us for two weeks working on our account system. He never would have done that if his wife Jackie had not found AfID and made it all happen. So while Jackie helped to teach the standard 1 students, JJ worked alongside Yasini, our Finance Manager, to streamline our system then AfID then sent us Carla from Canada to train our staff on QuickBooks. How amazing is to have all these people wanting to help us? It's even more amazing when we have them volunteer for the third time, like Ellis aka Mama Nora. Ellis came just at the right time after we recruited the new Prep class. Ellis joined for the second phase of the process when testing the students in the class. She brought us many years of experience in teaching advice. Vielen Dank, Ellis!

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