

STEVEN TITO ACADEMY

Learning for Life

A lot has happened since the last time we've sent you our latest term newsletter...a new school year started, 22 new prep students have joined us, new volunteers arrived, new guests visited, and new projects were funded. We are proudly taking you through our latest accomplishments as we are so appreciative for any role you played in them and for your continued support.



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Prep Class 2020

WELCOME PREP STUDENTS

In January 2020, Teacher Rehema welcomed 22 new 5 and 6 year old students to her Prep class. A total of 14 girls and 8 boys from the town of Bagamoyo and our neighborhood, Sanzale, were selected at the end of 2019, after a long process led by our teachers and school staff.

We're happy to share the good news that 20 of the 22 students have a sponsor already. However, we are still looking for two sponsors, one for Livingstone and one for Sumaiya. If you know anybody that might be interested in sponsoring their education, please share this message with them. We can be reached at the following email address: info@steventitoacademy.org.

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MEET THE PREP STUDENTS



BAKSAM, YASINI, ANGEL, RAHIMA



ESTHER, MUKTAL, SAMIRI, SAMIRA



FEISAL, JANETH, ESHA, HAMZA



SILAS, LIVINGSTONE,
SUMAIYA, MWANAIID



LOYCE, SAFIA, HADIJA, HEMED, MELISA



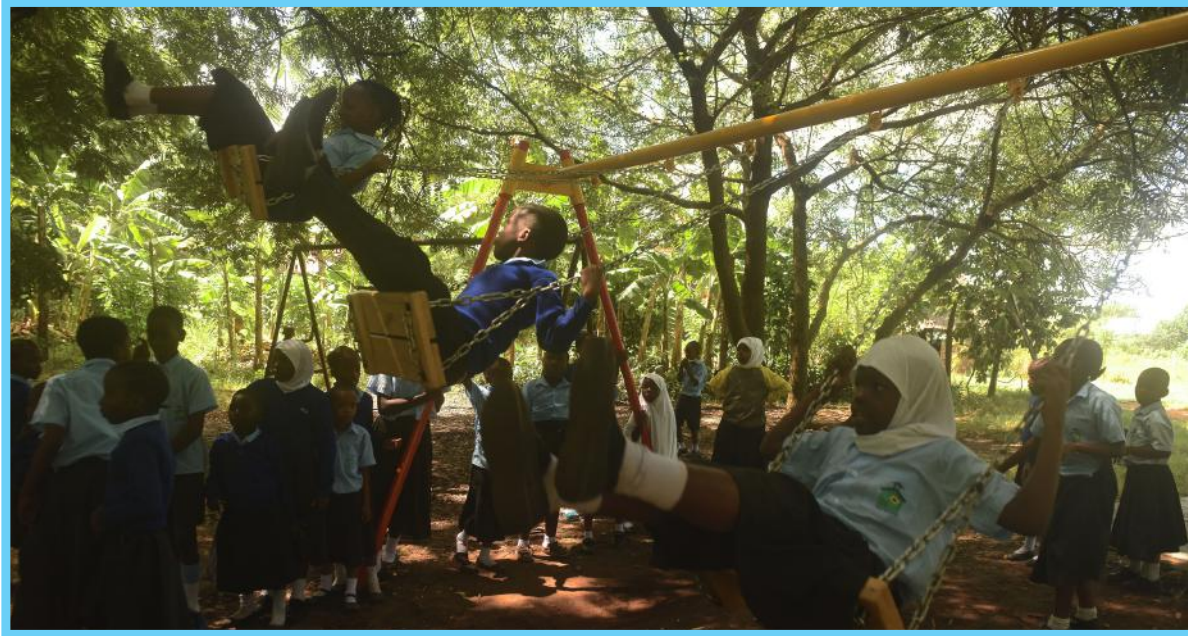
A VERY SPECIAL GUEST

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Following the donation of ten desktop computers to Steven Tito Academy from the U.S. Embassy in Tanzania, the acting Ambassador Chargé d’Affaires, Dr. Inmi Patterson paid a visit to our school and gave an inspirational talk to some of our students. The unique event that marked a milestone in the history of Steven Tito Academy was held in our newly painted library. Our volunteers set up the computers and the teachers re-organized the whole library to have everything ready and measured up to the occasion.

We brought out the only wheely chair we have, and set it just in front of the mats where the kids were supposed to sit, but as soon as Dr. Patterson entered the library and saw our students sitting on the floor she joined them straight away leaving everyone mouth agape. She motivated our students to keep studying and grow into responsible citizens able to lead the country to a glorious development. Quoting what she used to say to her own children, the Chargé encouraged our kids to “fly high and touch the moon”.

We were blessed to witness the strength and kindness of a female leader. All of this could have never happened without the help of our dearest friend Heather at the U.S. Embassy.



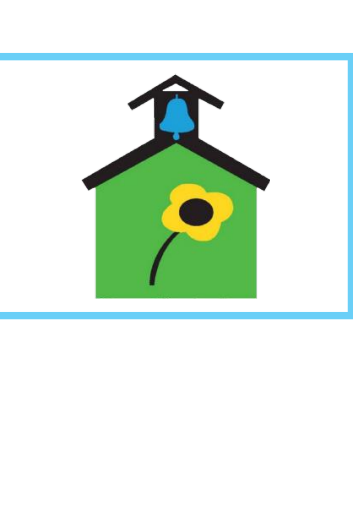
NEW PLAYGROUND

Thanks to so many of you who bought our 2020 calendar back in December, along with Wolfgang and his friends & family in Austria, Anja & Gert from the Netherlands, Jackie & JJ from Gibraltar, Petra & family from Austria, Sgt. Jessica & the US Marines in Dar es Salaam, we were able to set up a new playground with two towers, a bridge, a slide, and three swings!

Although the money came from around the world, these products are entirely produced in Tanzania except for the slide, and they have added an extra dose of joy to playtime for the Baobab kids, the students at STA and the neighborhood children. We are so happy that they now have a safe and fun environment to play in!



**PLAYGROUND
ESCAPE**



IN THE CLASS

In January, two volunteers held two different lectures for the Standard 6/7 students Teacher Rajabu's class. Monica, from Spain, who studied nutrition, talked about the health benefits of following a balanced diet. Students learned about macronutrients and micronutrients, and they are now able to recognize and categorize lipids, proteins, carbohydrates, as well as minerals and vitamins. In a country where malnutrition is alarmingly prevalent, educating our students on the importance of following a balanced diet seems imperative.

Johan, from France, who used to work in corporate social responsibility, talked the kids through the Sustainable Development Goals, the United Nations, and explained important topics such as plastic pollution, wildlife conservation, and climate change. The health of our planet is also our concern, and we strive to raise awareness amongst our students about the frightening and anomalous weather conditions, contaminations, and endangered species that we see developing every day everywhere in the world.





VOLUNTEERS

In February we said goodbye to Johan, who returned to France, his home country, after four months with us. Johan's help was remarkable, both at school and the home. Just before saying goodbye to Johan, we welcomed Paul and Aurelien from France, and then Hannah from the US.

Paul and Aurelien are studying Business at the IESEG School of Management in France. Hannah is from New Jersey and graduated with degrees in kinesiology and psychology last May. She and her family have been part of The Baobab Home since 2004. Her Aunt and Uncle were key advisors in our early days.

Sadly, due to the latest development of Covid-19, Paul, Aurelien, and Hannah had to go back to their families. It was extremely hard to say goodbye all of a sudden to our beloved volunteers, but we know that they're safe now at home. In the meantime, for obvious reasons, we have paused our volunteer program and we will hopefully reassess it in the near future. We miss dearly our students, our teachers, and our volunteers and we hope that this situation will end soon. Stay safe!

