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Dear family and friends, we would love sharing you the events happened at IOP in February 2020.

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STUDENTS SCHOOL COMPETITION



Students at Lords Hill High School have a tendency of having inter class competitions. They have internal competition that involves inter-class league and inter-class debate that held once in a week. They have been doing internal and external debate competition with nearby schools. Students are doing debate competitions every Friday with a motive of increasing social interactions among students and improving English speaking. Debate programs has also helped to raise confidence to the students, improve their ability to organize and narrate the facts concerning different topics and raise their academic excellence. In 2020 the Lord's Hill Secondary school students has conducted

debate competition with Kihika Secondary School under the **Topic "SHOULD KISWAHILI**

LANGUAGE USED AS A MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTIONS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS?"

Students enjoyed the discussion because they learn their subjects in English except for Kiwashili as a subject while they mostly use Kiswahili as a medium of communication when they are in their homes. Students also are having inter class league where they normally play football and netball. Sports competition help students refresh their mind and strengthen their health.



Lords Hill Secondary students at IOP playground

VOLUNTEERS AT IOP



My name is Zandra Fjeldberg, I'm from Norway. I am 19 years old, and I turn 20 years in May this year (2020). I came here to IOP in the beginning of February 2020, and I am staying here for two months volunteering. When I am here, I am doing different type of work. I have been working at the kindergartens, both Sollerud and Kids Corner. I have also been working at the Holland house of books and been sorting clothes for the girls here at the IOP centre.

My name is Inger Rødnes. I am 19 years old, turning 20 in August and I am from Norway. I came here together with my friend Zandra in the beginning of February and I am going to be here for two months. In Norway, I work at a kindergarten and I have been doing that here. I have worked at Kids Corner and Sollerud Kindergarten. Our tasks have been to assist the girls with their homework, and later we are going to have lessons with the teachers, visiting students in schools where we got new experience and planted sunflower seeds one day. Every day we are here at the center with the girls. We are playing with them, talking with them and just learning about this culture and the language, Swahili, which is quite different from Norwegian culture and language. In the weekend, we have been on some different trips to Iringa town, one hour from here and to Masai Village. It is very exciting and I am looking forward to the next weeks.



My name is Fleur Kunen. My name is very hard to pronounce, so everybody here is calling me Flower. I come from the Netherlands and I am 22 years old. I am a student to become a teacher in the primary school. This year is my last year as a student. I wanted to end my study in a special way. That is the reason why I decided to do my last fieldwork in Tanzania, at IOP. I am teaching class three at Sunflower Primary School. I teach them the subject called Civic and Moral. I am going to teach this subject the coming six weeks. I like to be with the girls or to do some voluntary work when I am not at school. I am here for two weeks now and I already feel like home here! I am looking forward to the other six weeks!



Habari! Jina langu ni Thomas Nieuwenhuize, I am 21 years old and a student from The Netherlands. In The Netherlands, I am studying to become a primary teacher. Right now I am in my last year and what is a better way to end my study by doing it on the other side of the world where I can have a lot of personal experiences, but at the same time I can do voluntary work to help others and maybe work on the education here in Ilula. I will be staying at IOP for two months. In those two months I will be teaching at Sunflower Primary School and help in other projects. At school, I teach English lesson and I work together with other teachers so that we can learn from each other. I am looking forward to a memorable time where I can be part of the IOP team and spend time with the children at the center.



DINNER AT BITE CAFE

On 21/02/2020 IOP Bite cafe organized a dinner for staff, volunteers and customers from the village. The main goal was to raise money for the development of Bite cafe. Staff working at bite café prepared



coupons which were sold for 5000/= per person meaning that the dinner costed 5000/=Tsh per plate including drinks. The cooks prepared a very delicious meal from varieties of food together with mango and passion juice. Over fifty customers attended the event and among them were IOP staff and their families, volunteers and local customers around Ilula. It was a nice evening whereby people got chance to socialize and knowing each other. Everyone who attended enjoyed the service and the event was successful. Due to good turnout of people on this event, the dinner will be prepared every month at end of the month. Conducting this event every month will help the bite café to be more sustainable and self-reliant. The event will also inform the cooks about the favorite dishes for various customers. The event is termed as an outing for families and friends. The event gave us a sum of 378,000/=Tshs which it is a big support for the bite café to excel.

So far the bite café is operating smoothly, more customers are getting in, more dishes are being done though in other side we shall need a big refrigerator, juice machines and utensils for making bites. More important the café need more funding to finish-up the building. The funds needed are for fixing

the sealing board and equipping washings basins. We welcome families, customers and donors to join hands to support the bite café every month.



IOP staff having dinner at Bite Café together with their families

THINKING DAY

Worldwide in all Scout and Guides association, thinking day is celebrated every year on 22nd, of February

on Robert Baden – Powell and his wife Oliver Powell birthday as by coincidentally they were born on the same date and month but in different years. Scouts association celebrate thinking day on 22n, of February to honor the founder of Scouting and Guiding. Individual Association also celebrates their own thinking day on their dates, although these are generally, restricted to major anniversaries.

On 22nd, of February, 685 Ilula Girl Guides and Scouts (365 Girls and 320 Boys) from 10 Secondary schools and 9 primary schools in Kilolo District



celebrated the **World Thinking** day at IOP playground. The day was spent by doing different activities. They had thematic games, visiting patients in Ilula Itunda hospital, visited the senior citizen families where they helped various activities in those families such as washing clothes, dishes and fetching water. Other Scouts and Guides were doing cleanliness in different places around Ilula such as Ilula township office, Ilula and Nyalumbu ward office, Ilula police station and along the road from Isele to Ilula Mtua. After

activities, they had games, promise session and lunch. All participants were happy and they are looking forward to another Girl Guide and Scout event.



Scouts doing cleanliness at Ilula Township office

SUNFLOWER PRIMAY SCHOOL BUS.

The entire Sunflower primary team (students and teachers) are very happy having a good bus for their daily transport to school and back home after school. Through having the school bus students reaches the school



on time because there is a fixed time when the bus will be at each station for picking the children. Sunflower students lessons starts on time because all students arrive at school together in respect to their bus trips. It also help parents to have enough time to work on other things rather than using more time to think on how their children will get to school. The bus also has been among of the reason of getting more students who join the school. Students from some far away villages like Mbigili, Imalutwa, Ilore are studying at Sunflower because the bus pick them in their villages. The bus has made easy for students to go for study tour. Through the bus, students

are visiting national parks like Mikumi National Park and other places for studying.

IOP thanks all donors who are supporting the loan repayment for the school bus and welcome other supporters to join a hand in loan repayment. Sunflower Primary School borrowed 58 million Tanzanian shillings for purchasing the school bus. Thank you more for supporting IOP in many ways.



GIRLS BIRTHDAY PARTY



Friday 28th of February, we finally get to celebrate the girls at the center who had birthday in January and February 2020. These girls were Jemaida Kayuyuva (6 years), Brightness Masawe (7), Esther Meshack (9 years), Angel Longo (10 years), Delila (9), Helena Matagi (11), Rachel Mtatifikolo (12 years) and Happy Maluli (12



years). Everybody was dressed up and ready for the evening event. All volunteers, the nanny's and the girls who did not have birthday gathered in the hall, waiting for the birthday girls. The birthday girls came in and welcomed by the rest of us while singing. Meanwhile the birthday girls sat down at the birthday table. The party went on with several Swahili songs, followed by the birthday song for each birthday girl. The volunteers from Norway and Netherlands also performed with the birthday songs from their countries. After a lot of singing, it was time to share the cake. The birthday girls gave out cake pieces to all the others and got some themselves. After the "ceremony", we had dinner and just enjoyed each other's company with music and good food. It was a very nice evening event to remember.

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