

Nakuru, Kenya 2017

Charity Teaching & Building Excursion
In conjunction with Ely College through African Adventures

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22-strong team aged 14 – 18 years old

Project Tasks

- To aid in teaching children from a very poor part of Nakuru City, Kenya in two slum schools managed by African Adventures
- To help teach games and sports
- To build or refurbish classrooms to aid teaching and feed the one principle meal of the day

My Tasks

- One of four adult leaders
- Jubilee Academy, Rhone, Nakuru was my destination, along with eleven other team members
- We taught and renovated the classrooms – full pictures at Facebook “Ely College Kenya Trip 2017”

Jubilee Academy



- Boys and girls taught by capability rather than age
- Playground – dust, which turned into mud and then a lake, flooding classrooms and bringing lessons to a standstill
- Huts – no electricity, small windows, concrete floors, minimal furniture. No sanitation. No Kitchen.
- Teachers dedicated, children happy!

[Jubilee Flag Parade](#)

On day 1 (Friday) we were welcomed with children dancing and singing and a school parade not dis-similar to that I carry out at the start of my Scout Troop evenings in England. I mentioned this to the young leader, told him his was better and shook his hand. As we left at the end of the day, having handed out footballs, tennis balls, bottles of blowing bubbles and generally helped out I was stopped by the head teacher Susan who asked if I was a Scout Leader in England. On answering 'yes' she asked me if I could teach her young troop of boys and girls 'Scouting'.

(Click on blue writing above to see the parade that inspired me).

Over the weekend I planned my lessons...

- Scout Promise / Scout Law
- To practice my own Flag ceremony UK-style
- Topics – “the life of litter” / “the Solar system in fruit” / A Survival Challenge
- Unbeknown to my proteges I sourced the material and engaged a seamstress to make 20 scout scarves and had 50 donated Agrovista caps in my luggage



My class



Being the eldest children in the school these were the best desks available

Final Ceremony

- On the last day we performed our ceremony in front of the whole school, saluting the Kenyan flag and reciting the Scout Law from memory (had to change HM Queenie to 'The President').
- then presented my Kenyan Troop with their new scarves and caps. Their young Leader who had inspired me I gave my own Scout shirt to (which I had brought for the Sunday Church Service we attended).
- The kids were a bit bemused at first, the Headteacher was delighted and I think we were all fighting back the tears!
- [Final Ceremony - Jubilee Academy, Nakuru Ely College 2017](#)

The Kids went wild:

- [1st Jubilee Scouts celebrate](#)

(Click to see video)



Everyone Happy – job done!



Of Course there was lots more going on besides this:

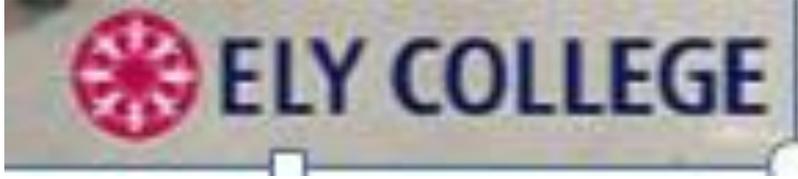
- Due to torrential rain before and while we were there we had to raise the footpath of one classroom to prevent it flooding
 - This involved heavy lifting and breaking of rocks to form a hardcore then cementing footpath
- Handing out 22 suitcases of donations – clothing, shoes, writing materials, sports kit and equipment
- Money raised paid for 20-odd new desks and chairs so the children did not have to sit on the floor for lessons. The excitement when these arrived on site was awesome.
- Football shirts from Cambridge United and Sutton – great game!



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- The team of students were phenomenal, their enthusiasm and willingness to work I was most impressed with.
- Their ingenuity in devising different lesson activities was inspiring.
- Your financial support not only helped me, but funded building materials, school equipment, teachers and children's food.



A big **THANK YOU** to you all
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