



# The School of St Jude

FIGHTING POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION

## Welcome to our May Newsletter!

May has been an exciting month at St Jude's—students participated in lots of Extra Curricular Activities, teaching staff went to Mombasa, Kenya for further teacher development and of course our St Jude's Appeal 2011 is live on our website. Please, we need your support to continue the great work that St Jude's achieves year after year.

For more information on the St Jude's Appeal 2011, please check out our website: [www.schoolofstjude.co.tz](http://www.schoolofstjude.co.tz) for details on how you can help our students develop their skills.

**We encourage you to pass the newsletter onto your family and friends!**

## Extra Curricular Activities



Every week students and teachers participate in Extra Curricular Activities. These activities enrich our students' academic curriculum as they learn new skills and work as a team outside the formal classroom.

These activities are not only fun but beneficial for every student as they require them to develop a greater awareness of the world, its people, places, cultures and environments. They enhance the students' self-confidence, self-esteem, communication skills and English language skills.

### Newsletter Highlights

- Extra Curricular Activities
- Professional Development in Mombasa, Kenya
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## Engineering ECA...at Upper Primary



### Sebastian Gitbang, Academic Headmaster, facilitates the Engineering Extra Curricular Activity (ECA) at Upper Primary:

"Our intention was to select those who enjoy making things so that we can give them an opportunity to develop their skills."

Our main goal is to improve the students' skills and increase their knowledge of how to create new and exciting projects. I have asked them to try to think of other things they can apply this technology to, something related to solar power but different to the models we are using now."



**Ally** from Class 6 chose seven of his friends who he has worked alongside while at St Jude's. They have the same career in mind, engineering. All love creating new things and have the same passion for technology.

"I like building things and using designs and maps to build houses. Last Friday we made a solar dog and car which was lots of fun. The dog was moving with its tail, so it was moving by the vibration while it was rotating. It was very interesting."









## Circus ECA...Lower Primary



**Teacher, Juma Mwangi has introduced the Circus Club for Lower Primary ECA:** "The students enjoy jumping and somersaults, flipping, making towers with their bodies and of course, juggling."

The Circus Club teaches the students how to use the stage, how to be strong, how to focus and keep good discipline—which is very important when you are carrying fellow performers. Circus training is helping the students build their self-confidence and keeps their minds active, quick, alert, and of course helps their concentration."

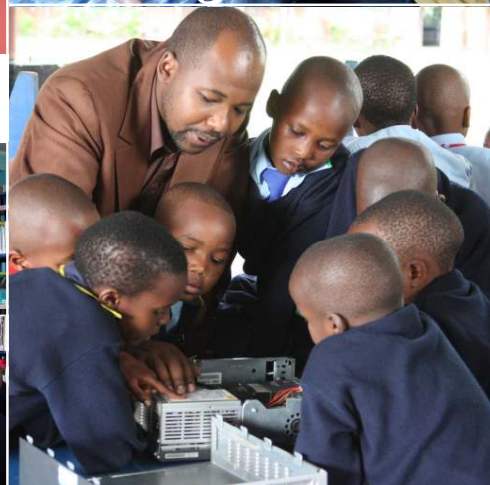


**Jamali from Class 3 is in the Circus Club:** "Circus is my favourite game; I like hand-standing and forward flips the most. When I am performing it makes me feel strong."

I have to concentrate a lot to balance and we all listen carefully to the teacher. We went to see *Mama Africa* (professional circus performers) with St Jude's last year and I thought; that could be me one day! Their costumes were like cheetahs which were so nice, and they were so funny. I could one day be a gymnast and show other countries how we do it in Tanzania."

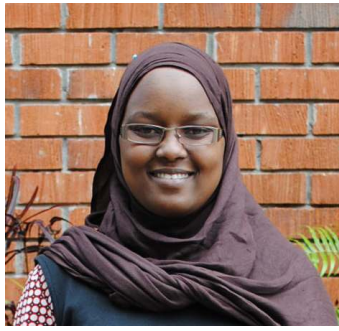








## Debating ECA—Secondary



**Amina Juma, Secondary Teacher, facilitates the Debating Club:** "The Debating Club gives students courage to get up in front of a group of people, helps their grammar and gives them confidence in themselves.

They learn how to PROJECT when speaking, how to ENCOURAGE and INTERACT with each other, how to GREET a group formally, how to PRE-EMPT what the opposing team will argue and how to COUNTERACT with good reasoning. The debating club teaches leadership skills to all of our students."



**Caroline from Form 3 joined the Debating Club:** "I joined the Debating Club for two main reasons; I love debating and I want to continue to improve my English. We learn how to tackle questions and how to have enough confidence in ourselves when we present to people.

Last week we went against Usa River Academy School in a debate and we won. We were chosen to go to the semi-finals at Ilboru Secondary School.



In the future I want to be a doctor who helps children—a pediatrician. In debating you share with lots of people, so I'll be used to interacting with many types of people."



## Teachers visit Mombasa, Kenya...

Eleven Upper Primary teachers and two teacher mentors visited Oshwal Academy (OA) in Mombasa, Kenya. Like St Jude's, Oshwal Academy have implemented the International Primary Curriculum (IPC). It was a wonderful opportunity for St Jude's teachers to share ideas and compare teaching techniques with fellow IPC teachers. Teachers discussed the benefits of various teaching methodologies and got tips about how to make the most out of classroom resources and aids for each unit of study in IPC.





## Our Special Visitors

At **The School of St Jude** we love visitors!!! The month of May certainly didn't disappoint us! Denis and Helen Weily returned to St Jude's after visiting last November. They were accompanied by their friends Margo, Tina, Athena and Arthur. Together they participated in afternoon activities, weekly assemblies and even a dance class! Some wonderful 'goodies' for the students were brought all the way from Australia, and we thank the whole gang for their wonderful, continued support.





## More Special Visitors...



We know how lucky we are to have our wonderful supporters visit us at St Jude's, and Paddy and Julia O'Brien from Victoria, Australia were no exception to this!



May brought us another safari group from Geckos Adventures. After a tour of our Primary School Campuses, the group met some of our students, chatted in the playground and peaked in to the library and art rooms!

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GRASSROOTS ADVENTURES





## Mt Kilimanjaro Challenge 2011

Climb on board with The School of St Jude's Mt Kilimanjaro Challenge 2011. Passionate people move mountains (or climb them), so if you're feeling passionate and energetic this year then check out the unique itinerary and details of our Mt Kili Challenge.

The School of St Jude's Mt Kilimanjaro Challenge is now in its second year. Last year's event was a huge success. In 2011 we anticipate - with your enthusiasm and support - that the event will attract a greater number of climbers who will raise even more money to buy our Students a much needed new bus.



For details and a full itinerary, please see visit our website ([www.schoolofstjude.co.tz](http://www.schoolofstjude.co.tz)) or contact us at [schoolofstjude@habari.co.tz](mailto:schoolofstjude@habari.co.tz)

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