

S.F.S SIMPLE BEGINNING AND ACADEMIC YEARS' 2010 ACTIVITIES

S.F.S.Integrated Primary School started in the year 2006 January. It is located at Katani village, about 10 kms from the Nairobi-Mombassa road. It is a mixed day and boarding school.

It provides opportunity for the poor and less fortunate pupils of the Katani and neighbouring village so as to enable them to get quality education.

It had a population of 210 during the academic year 2010, more than hundred of them are orphans, semi orphans and from very poor families .There are 9 teachers in the School and 10 other helpers too. There were 90 pupils in the boarding, 50 girls and 40 boys. 30 of them were orphans.

Academic year 2010 commenced on 5th January. There were classes 1 to 7 last year. Every month we conduct examinations to evaluate the progress of the pupils. After the examination parents also were invited to meet the concerned teachers to discuss about the performance of their child.

To motivate the pupils, badges were given to those who scored highest mark in each class. On the closing day of each term there were meeting of the parents and gifts were given to those pupils who attained position 1, 2 and 3 .respectively.

In order to encourage and develop the talents of the children, various competitions and celebrations were conducted during the year. On 24th January, St Francis de Sales (our school patron's) day celebrated. On that day children came up with different traditional Programs.

On 1st of June the school celebrated Independence Day of Kenya; we had arranged a few sports competitions and gave prizes to the winners. African Child's Day was celebrated on 16th June it was a colorful day, the whole day they Enjoyed singing, dancing and playing in the field. At the end of the day some special Prizes were given to them for their creativity.

Lower primary teachers and classes 2 and 3 pupils were given an opportunity to attend a 3days seminar on reading culture in the nearby school. 3 teachers and 30 pupils participated in that event. Our pupils could win many prizes in reading, drawing and spelling test.

One of the class 2 girls was selected to attend National Level Children's Reading Tent. There she got 3rd position in Athi River District, in reading and spelling tests.

On 3rd July, after the second mid-term examination there was another parents meeting held. The parents were very happy about the improvement of their pupils and they expressed their appreciation of the teachers work.

During the August vacation we had arranged special lessons for the pupils of classes 5,6 and 7. This class was arranged to assist the slow learners.

October 7th and 8th, we conducted Annual Sports Competition. From 20th of October Onwards Ms Sabrina and Ms Elizabeth (volunteers from Switzerland) were in the school to assist the children in their lessons.

ACHIEVEMENT OF THE YEAR 2010

During the year we got a donation of around one thousand library books from a charitable society which helps schools in buying library books. It was a precious gift to our children. They enjoy reading story books during their free time.

In this academic year we decided to prepare a school dairy of our own and we made it. We started using it from January 2011. We did repair the flooring of one of the class rooms, we could put floor tiles it can reduce the amount of dust in the room.

On 24th of November, there was an anticipated Christmas celebration for the boarders and those working within the school compound. Our volunteers Sabrina and Elizabeth Cooked the food for that evening. Our boarders put up Christmas programs. It was very good .After the programs all enjoyed the delicious food, which was different from the usual one.

On 26th November , the closing day of the academic year 2010 there was a gathering of the pupils teachers and parents, Rev Fr. Jomat celebrated the thanks mass, most of the parents also participated in it. It was the Annual Prize day. Most of the pupils got prizes in one or other programs in which they excelled

2011 VISION

Next academic year 2011 we like to have one more van or mini bus which can transport more pupils to the school .The present one cannot reach school on time if it goes for one more trip to collect pupils. Because of this transport problem many who wanted to come S.F.S school cannot come. So it is an urgent need to get a school van.

We need to consider seriously the accommodation for the teaching staff. If we accommodate them within the compound it will be a big help for the pupils in boarding Because of the poor condition of the road teachers cannot reach school many times.

Still we need to repair some more class rooms, the floor of those rooms are in very poor condition.

The school requires more library books (reference books) and computers in order to give the quality education to the pupils.

This new academic year we have 260 pupils in all .There are 50 new admissions; out of this 10 are orphans from Kibera slum in Nairobi. The number of boarders has also gone to 120 this year. There is a great hope for the school as the population is increasing in this area.