Loreto School Kenya April 2012 – charity update

When I visited the school previously we were warmly welcomed with dances, speeches and songs. We felt that we were honoured guests. I received the same welcome when I visited again last month. I can report back that the water supply funded by DBGS donations has remained constant and the Headteacher is keen to point out that instances of water borne illness have decreased. Children are still benefiting from the free lunch programme, for a number of them it is still the only daily meal they are guaranteed. The First Aid provision has been well maintained and the stocks have been replenished. Many of the children were keen to show me their smart new uniforms provided through the annual donation.

The New Kitchen. As well as maintaining previous initiatives this year’s donation was largely used to build a new kitchen area. Previously food was cooked on an open fire in the back of one of the classrooms! Now a simple but effective new area has been designed and is nearing completion. It includes locally engineered ovens that are much more efficient making them more environmentally friendly as well as safer.

It was a humbling experience to see how much has been achieved with the charitable donations DBGS has made. I came away confident that the donations have been put to excellent use. The money has literally changed lives for some of the community’s poorest. From the outset we have insisted that money donated is spent to benefit the local community and wherever possible local tradesmen have been used and supplies purchased to aid the local economy. As you can imagine the community of Loreto Primary School are hugely grateful and pray that our school community can continue to offer some assistance.

Some photographs of my visit are attached.

A letter from the Headteacher of Loreto Primary School will be on display in the school office.

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