

Mentor and Sponsor Newsletter

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Letter from a KF Scholar

Dear readers,

With my utmost respect and humility, I welcome you to the 2015 newsletter.

Generally, the newsletter has been a success with the efforts of the KF students who have gathered their expressions into one concrete piece of work just so as to excite you with the Kucetekela Foundation flavor.

This edition covers a wide range of exciting experiences by the students at their respective schools. Among the eye-catching, inspiring and soothing stories are those of the new KF scholars sharing with you their initial experiences at boarding school with KF.

The newsletter also includes the events that occurred at Chalo Trust School and Pestalozzi Education Center, including sports tournaments, a Valentine's Day celebration, and quiz and debate competitions. In conclusion, I would love to sincerely thank you for sparing your time to read this, please enjoy!

-- Tony Chisenga, *Grade 12 Pestalozzi*



Term I Events:

What the KF Scholars have been up to Term I



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MY MENTOR: *By Cecilia Banda, Grade 9 Chalo Trust*

Before I came to KF, I knew nothing about mentoring so when I was give a mentor, I didn't know what to really expect. My mentor is Mr. Mwaanga and his wife too. These people have made great effort to make me feel like family, and have succeeded.

I had a chance to meet their daughter who is also very nice person to be around. They have taught me to be hardworking and the fact that they are a humble people has boosted my confidence in them. They taught me to do my very best so that I am better than my parents.

I always look forward to seeing them as it gives me pleasure because am sure my time will be well spent and I will learn something new, something useful to my life.

I am grateful to my mentors and I thank KF for this great and rare opportunity of providing its students with mentors, I find it very helpful, and I think I have the best mentor of all time.



Chalo Trust School: Quiz and Debate

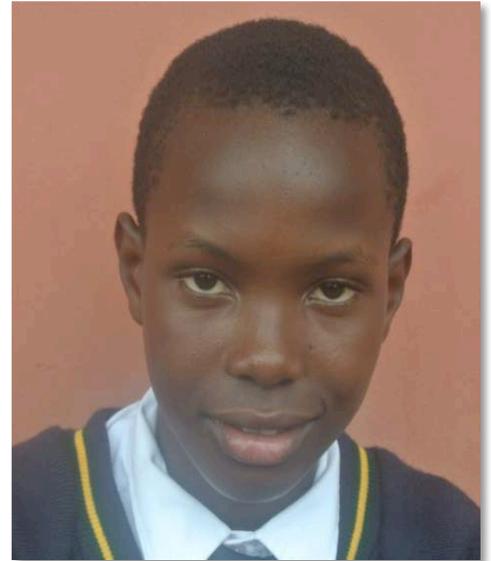
By Vincent Muyeni, Grade 9 Chalo Trust

It was a day that I had been anticipating since last term's quiz and it had finally arrived. This time around it was more interesting because we were competing against another school, Chudleigh School, in the upper secondary school section. This was held at our school, Chalo. The teachers organized the program while the students organized the venue.

The quiz started immediately after lunch. The teacher from the Social Sciences department and Sciences department gave the opening remarks. The master of ceremony, Mr. Njapau, quickly came forward and gave us a summary of the rules. The participants were called up front. From each school we had four participants. They were to go through the four subjects prepared by the teacher. These were Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Mathematics. Three points were awarded for the correct answer. A wrong answer meant that the question had to be given to the other team, which would be awarded one point for the correct answer. There were 20 questions for each subject.

The first subject was Chemistry followed by Physics, Biology and the Mathematics. The first part seemed a little challenging for Chudleigh School, but the competition got stiffer with the last subjects and as such substitutes were made.

The quiz finally ended and the judges announced their findings. There was silence before the result was announced, both schools were anxious to know who had emerged victorious. Chalo beat Chudleigh by an amazing 70-39 points. Clearly the early challenges for Chudleigh had worked well for us. We were so happy as a school. I hope to visit Chudleigh for another quiz in the near future!



By Kellyson Siamunjo, Grade 10 Chalo Trust



No one thought it would be the way it was. Even people who are reluctant towards debate can agree with me that it was a night to remember, and nobody wanted it to come to an end.

The debate took place on the first of March this year and was organized by the Communication Forum Club, which is under the Languages department of the school. This activity usually takes place at the end of every term but it had been previously neglected. So when we had it, it had been some time since we had the last one. The fact that there were new people around who participated gave it a new taste. Generally the participants were Grade 9 against Grade 8, and Grade 11 versus Grade 12.

The first to get the ball rolling were the Grade 8s and 9s. They opposed and proposed the motion ferociously. Their motion up for debate was *"city life is better than village life."* All of them came out with convincing points. My favorite part was when Gift, a new Grade 8 KF student, was called upfront. At first he looked so nervous, but in the end, he spoke with a boldness that surprised everyone. When it was over, the Grade 9s were victorious.

The second round was for the senior grades. Their motion up for debate was *'boarding school is better than day school.'* This started out well but confusion arose as some took it personally. In the end, the teachers managed to cool it down and the Grade 12 emerged winners.

When it finally ended, both motions up for debate continued into general topics of discussion for a while. Everyone loved it and so did I. In fact, it gave me an illusion of the National Assembly!

Remarks from New KF Grade 8's



Susan Kamono

A NEW EXPERIENCE: By Susan Kamono, Grade 8 Pestalozzi

During my first term stay here at Pestalozzi, I have had a brand new experience that I never imagined I would be part of my life.

One of the many interesting activities is acting, I never thought that I would be able to do that but because of the opportunity KF has given me, I am exploring this unknown talent with glee.

Another aspect I like about this school is the sporting activities. Getting involved in playing sports has improved my interaction with people as well as given me a chance to play a variety of sports I'm interested in trying.

Being my first time in boarding, I was a little nervous as to how I was going to settle in. However, with the help of the friends I've made and the other KF students, I soon adapted to the environment and now consider it my second home.

This experience has already helped me to grow. It has made me become more independent by giving me a chance to stay away from my family. This is a big step in life as most of us cling too much to our family. The experience has also helped me by building my social life in which I am freer to interact with different people from backgrounds similar or totally different from my own.

NEW EXPERIENCE AT CHALO: By Gift Kasweka, Grade 8 Chalo Trust

I had a challenging experience during my first days at Chalo. This is because I had never been in a boarding school before and I had not met a lot of new people in a long time. I first stepped into Chalo on a Sunday, a day when everybody goes for chapel. At first, the thought of being there for years gave me a feeling of being homesick. But after my initial shyness, I opened up and was made to feel at home by my friends and fellow KF students.

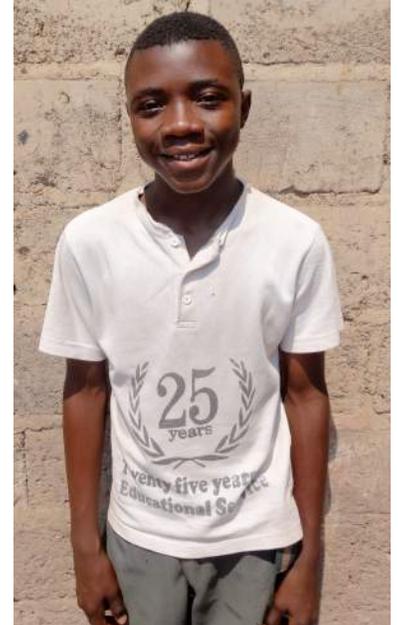
My first day in class was amusing, as we were only eight in total. This was surprising to me because at my previous school we were seventy-two! I was excited because we had different teachers for different subjects, something new that I was eager to experience. Another first was prep time in the evening after supper. This is time specifically allocated for personal study. On my first day of prep, I got tired of studying and slept- only waking up at the time that prep was ending.

In the first week, I discovered that there were a lot of extracurricular activities that made sure we were never idle. I immediately got involved with cross-country and clubs. Of these, cross-country demanded more of our time and energy. I was placed in the house called Lechwe. I was excited because this was also new to me! I did my best and came out first under the junior boys category at the inter-house cross-country competition at Chalo Trust.

Because I received first place, I was among the chosen students to go and represent the school at Baobab College for the ISAZ inter school cross-country competition. This time, I came third. I was awarded certificates from my school and from Baobab College, which made me very happy.

Now am looking forward to Term II! I would like to participate actively in soccer because I love it and am good at it.

What I can say is that I really enjoy being at Chalo and am looking forward to continuing to experience new great things. I know God will be with me as I do these interesting things.



Gift outside his home in Lilanda

KF Alumni Congratulations!

KF would like to congratulate our alumni students who received exciting news in Term I! Your hard work and dedication to continuing your educational careers is inspiring.



Elijah Biemba (KF Graduate 2011) signing his contract to Arizona State University. Elijah received a 4-year, 100% scholarship through the MasterCard Foundation to pursue a degree in Economics!

Edson Tembo (KF Graduate 2013) shaking hands with U.S. Ambassador Eric Schultz at the Education USA Program Graduation Ceremony. This program, provided through the U.S. Embassy, helped Edson navigate the college process in the U.S., where he successfully applied to 10 universities!

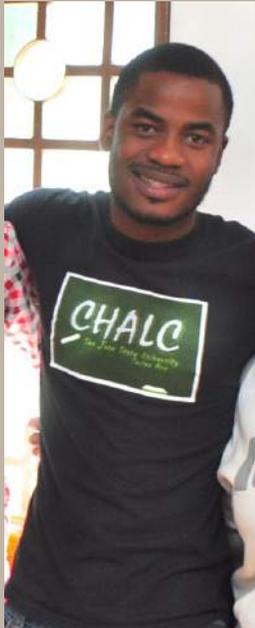


[Left] KF Executive Director with Margaret Ngoma (KF Graduate 2014) upon receiving her Grade 12 results- the highest at her school!

[Right] Margaret, KF Fellow, KF Executive Director, and Grace (KF Graduate 2014) celebrating the two student's selection to study medicine in Russia on full scholarship by the Zambian government!

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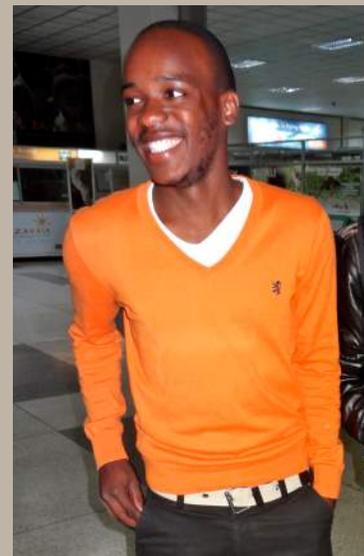
Kate Mhango (KF Graduate 2013) received a scholarship through the Zambian government to study Political Science in Russia.



Dalton Munkombwe (KF Graduate 2012) received a four-year, 100% scholarship to study at Rochester University in New York.



Congratulations to two KF Graduates of 2012, Bwalya Kasanda (left) and Justin Mushitu (right) who both received a four-year, 100% scholarship from the MasterCard Foundation to study at the University of British Columbia in Canada!



Chalo Trust School: Sports Update

NETBALL TOURNAMENT – *By Jessie Njungu, Grade 11 Chalo Trust*

This year was the first time in a long time that we were taking part in the netball and soccer tournament as a school. Being the captain of the Netball team, I made sure that the girls practiced extra hard while the boys were doing the same. We would practice every day after class because I believe practice makes perfect. The day we had been waiting for came, the fourteenth of March, to our excitement. We woke up very early in the morning and prepared for the trip.

We started off around seven in the morning and reached our final destination at noon. The first match was against Banani and they succeeded in beating us 13-0. As captain of the team I was very depressed because I was so confident in my team going into the tournament. Nevertheless, I encouraged my fellow players by telling them that we still had two games to play



Jessy racing at Baobab

For our next game, we played against Rhodes Park and we drew. This was a relief, but we had to win our last game in order for us to qualify to the Midlands (the next level). Going in for our third game, I noticed that everyone was really nervous. But once we started, everything changed and we were ready to face any opponents. We played Lake Road and we came out victorious with a 4-1 score.

Everyone was very happy especially our coach, Ms. Lungu, and the sports coordinator, Mr. Lungu. I personally was very proud of both myself and my amazing fellow KF students and teammates- Cecilia, Faith, Cararise, Mercy and Francine. From this incident I learned that hard work, commitment and cooperation surely pays off. The team can't wait to go for the Midlands and show the people out there what the Chalo netball team is worth.

CROSS COUNTRY – *By Lydia Njobvu, Grade 10 Chalo Trust*



Chalo boys finishing in the top three positions at Baobab

At the beginning of each year Chalo Trust school holds an interschool cross-country competition. This year, it was held on the 18th of February, 2015. There were three houses: Cheetah, Lechwe and Rhino. Each house started training two weeks earlier in order to prepare adequately for this awesome event. For the record, Cheetah has been the winning team for the past three years. Being a member of this team, I do my best to ensure that we maintain the winning spirit.

The event started at 08:00hrs. Everyone was divided into three main age groups: under 14, under 16 and under 19. The first group to race was the under 14, where KF's very own Francine Balasi and Emmanuel Banda came out first in the girls race and boys race, respectively. It was a very competitive race and Gift Kasweka, another KF Grade 8 student, was second.

The second age group was under sixteen, where KF's Mercy Mulenga carried the day followed by myself. Mercy and I have been major competitors from the time she came to Chalo. Despite our friendly competition, she always encourages me when I feel like giving up. The final age group, and the most intense competition, was the under 19. The race began and KF's Jessie carried the day. What surprises me is that one may easily underestimate Jessie by her simple looks, however, she always manages to leave her competitors many meters away.

At the end of the day, Cheetah, as usual, took first position followed by Rhino and then Lechwe. I always feel warm and proud when I see my fellow KF students taking part and coming out top. I also love the passion put in by people like Faith Sakala, a Grade 9 KF student. I am always inspired from Chalo's cross-country competitions.

Pestalozzi Education Center: Events

NETBALL TOURNAMENT – *By Mutinta Mubita, Grade 10 Pestalozzi*

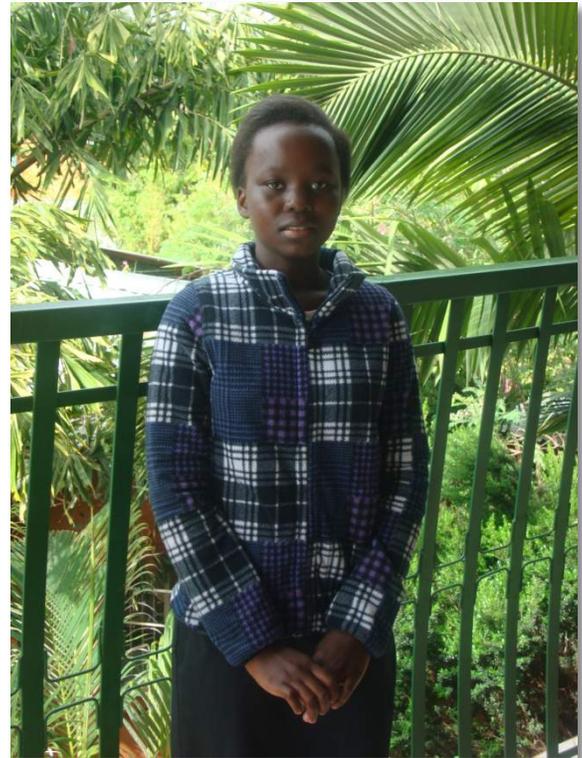
The preparation for the tournament started two weeks prior. The captain- being the head girl- made sure that we practiced intensely.

Before the actual day, our coach Mr. Shimooomba told us that we were supposed to win three games out of five games for us to qualify to go to the Olympic Youth Development Centre (OYDC).

We started off from school at 08:00 hrs and everyone was in high spirits. Our first game went on great, as we were able to beat the other team. The second game was even better than the first because we beat our opponents an amazing 21-0 score. This really boosted our confidence. Even though we drew the third game, we still thought we did great. We qualified and we are looking forward to playing at OYDC next term.

The experience was a lot of fun and I appreciated it so much. Our victory was unexpected because we were the only private school around, and rumor has it that public schools are much better at this sport.

I am grateful for the opportunity KF has provided- handing me to a school that not only looks after us but also develops us by exposing us to various activities.



Mutinta



The models! The author, Nelly, is second from the right

VALENTINE'S DAY– *By Nelly Kalukango, Grade 9 Pestalozzi*

An event where pupils can dress in civil clothes is always treasured. What made this event to be even more interesting was that it fell on Valentine's Day. Everyone was eager to see what had been put in place for that day.

The presentations were going to be on poetry, dance song, play and modeling. The event started at ten, with modeling as the first item. Being part of the model group, I was very nervous. I had stage fright but was excited at the same time, especially when I was cheered on.

For the introduction, the models wore blue jeans and white tops. Then there was a play in the middle called 'Long legs of Jesus' that a number of KF students performed. Then we

continued our modeling with the following categories: casual, summer and traditional. After that, we had our lunch.

After lunch, I sang a song and then our group continued modeling in the 'Cocktail' category. The judges were given time to add up the scores. Later the models were called back onstage to be given prizes.

Such events create moments that we as students always treasure because we get to know and use our talents- not just for our amusement but for other people as well. I will always remember this day because for the first time in my life, I both modeled and sang. Most of all, I got the prize of "Miss 'Personality'"!

Spotted! KF Students giving back through community service

Simangele (Grade 10) and Susan (Grade 8) volunteering at the House of Moses Orphanage with the Christian Alliance for Children. They will take part in a community outreach program that distributes food to women in five communities.



Lydia (Grade 10), Martin (Grade 10) and Kellyson (Grade 10) at their community's local clinic, the N'gombe Health Center. Here, the student volunteers will help take patient's temperature, weigh babies, and organize paperwork.

Andrew (Grade 11), Terry (Grade 8) and Jackson (Grade 10) sit with the head teacher at Mpungu Community School in the Kanyama compound. These students will address issues of education by helping teach and tutor in an underserved community.





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