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Swanland pupils showing off their smiles

Swanland School Update

We continue to be amazed at the resilience and hope displayed by the children and staff at Swanland School. This year has been a difficult one for them as the extreme heavy rains from Feb to June played havoc with their site and homes in the Ngando community. Despite all this, the **children come to school with a smile on their face** and the teachers show amazing dedication to continue to provide a quality education despite their limited resources.

As with Esther's school, the top class 8 are preparing hard for their KCPE exams. Success in these national exams will enable them to continue their studies at High School. Thanks to your donations last year, we have a ring-fenced budget to allocate again this year to support those children reaching the required standard to set them up with equipment and uniforms to take their education to the next level.

Esther's School Update

This scene from Esther's school wouldn't look out of place in our UK primary schools. It's great to see the children getting good access to computers in their own school. Many thanks to those who gave generously to help us fund the purchase of the computers. Esther was able to link up with other schools and benefit from the Kenyan government's schools computer procurement programme and get all the desktops you see at a reduced price. It is an excellent facility for the school and will ensure they continue to meet the curriculum guidelines and the ever expanding digital platform.

The past few years have seen steady progress at Esther's School and it's pleasing to see how our support and investment is creating a lasting legacy for many years to come. **The school caters for 450 pupils and is widely accepted as one of the best in the region.**



Esther's School computer room

A New Swanland School Building

For several months now we have been looking at options to rebuild the Swanland School on another site, but still within the same Ngando area. The current site suffers from local flooding and an escalating rent. We believe we have found the right site and are excited about the plans (pictured right) to create a new purpose built building for the 250 children and staff. We have received two quotes from local contractors and the overall project **estimate is around £35k** (it's amazing what we can do with the money – the price here would be more than an order of magnitude more!)

We need to secure the funding before we commit, so we are asking for pledges towards the cost.

If you would like to be part of creating a lasting legacy for Swanland School and improved facilities for these underprivileged children in the Ngando slums, then do please get in touch to pledge your offering. Please contact RichardMSwain@gmail.com.



An architect's drawing of the new Swanland School