

Co-Curricular project

Mwiri 2015 - 2017

Co-Curricular. Our aims and actions

- To support the running of clubs and societies – money each term
- To renovate dilapidated Main Hall for Co-curricular use
- Ask for reports on club activities
- Have a Skype call with Mwiri each term to track what's happening

Co-Curricular

- Co-Ca for short
- 17 hours approximately allocated to co-ca in the timetable
- Spread over 6 days. Only Monday has no clubs
- No lessons on Wednesday afternoons
- Boys meant to do at least two activities
- Timetable clashes are inevitable. e.g. Debating and Writers club are at the same time.

Clubs and Societies

Some more active than others. Some more costly than others

- 1. Mpala (Music. Dance. Drama)
- 2. Chess and mind games
- 3. Wildlife
- 4. Scripture Union
- 5. Lawn tennis
- 6. Readers and writers
- 7. Debating
- 8. Scouts
- 9. ICT
- 10. Red Cross

Wildlife Club.

Paul Butono, Deputy Head, and main contact for Friends of Mwiri



- Popular club
- Orange, guava, mango and jack fruit seedlings from a climate change NGO
- Flowering hedges
- Botanical garden round the pool
- Problem - long dry season – some plants died

Wildlife club

Clearing the pool



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Wildlife Club. Planting Mvule trees

Mwiri received the Mvule tree seedlings from the National Forest Authority

Clearing the ground for planting mvule trees



Club members preparing to dig



Wildlife club. Beautifying Mwiri hill

Flower seedlings bought



Flower planting in front of the Staffroom



Mpala (Music, dance and drama)

- Most costly club. A paid music teacher comes twice a week.
- I gather no member of staff can teach music etc
- S1s, S2s and S3s are the most interested. Small incentives help like providing oranges or bananas !
- Older boys less interested because it is new to them.
- Choir instituted but numbers few. (But SU have a choir)
- Main activity is during the first two terms of the year

Mpala

- Talent show held
- Mr Mwiri contest
- Bought some traditional drums
- Would like more instruments
- Want benchmarking to be done with other schools to learn from them

Scripture Union

- Samson Okhwayo, long time teacher at Mwiri, and an OB, is patron.
- Popular well attended club
- Weekly fellowships
- Prayer sessions
- Bible quiz
- Bible study sessions
- SU camps
- Visit to orphanage
- Joint functions with Wanyange
- They would like more Bible Study guides

Debating

- Debating more popular recently after Stanbic Bank arranged a schools debating competition.
- The Uganda Olympic Committee arranged a national debate on Olympic Values. Mwiri participated among 17 schools. They came 3rd.
- Olympic debates in 2016 and 2017. Fully funded by UOC.
- Club members realise they lack modern debating skills such as accuracy, defence and evidence, and want lots more debating in school.
- Debate and speech challenge recently – 4 schools around Jinja. Mwiri emerged best and one boy was named Best Speaker.

Debating

- The second Busoga schools regional debate competition was held at Busoga College Mwiri in May (Kakira SS won)
- Has been a change from traditional British model to Karl Popper model
- Some attended a seminar on the Karl Popper model of debating at Viva College School (new school at the foot of the hill).
- Would like to be able to record and replay events. Lack video camera and laptop.
- Have held competitions between houses, classes, streams
- Realise they need to read more to acquire more knowledge of current affairs

Writers' Club

- New Mwirian revived
- Weekly articles pinned up on various notice boards.
- Would like a club laptop for typing up articles
- Present school diaries during school assemblies

Reading and Books

- Meant to be the Readers and Writers club
- Consignments of library books sent to Mwiri
- Particularly “junior” readers – books to appeal to 12-13 year olds
- Ideally short, exciting stories, reasonably simple English.
- Authors like Michael Morpugo
- Kept in a dedicated section of the library
- But doesn't seem to be a way of tracking which books are the most popular.
- Robert Kisubi's son says one copy of David Copperfield and it's always out.

Shipping books

- Want to pay tribute to Yousuf Al Minji from Salabed
- Has shipped books for Mwiri over the years at his company's cost
- About to ship more.
- Manchester Grammar School. Link has weakened but ...
- They are going to send about 3000 kg of science text books via Salabed
- Still in discussions, but they may contribute towards the cost
- Busoga schools will benefit as well as Mwiri

Shipping books



Scouts

- In June this year they attended the Scouting competition in Buwenda near Jinja
- They came 3rd of 12 schools after Jinja SS and Butiki
- They could not attend some other competitions through lack of funds
- Scouts help on Sports Day, and provide First Aid
- On Wednesdays and Sunday afternoons they help with tidying the school mainly around the Main Hall and Mess.
- Some uniforms have been bought for the club. Boys are supposed to buy their own but cannot always afford it.

Tennis. Mwiri's victorious team

Team at Kabale



Tennis team - Gulu

Headmaster Mr Kisame Micheal seeing off the National School BCMwiri Tennis team that will participate in 2017 East African Secondary School Games from August 16 – 27 at St. Joseph's Layibi College in Gulu.



Racquets and balls from Friends of Mwiri

Tennis racquets and balls arrive, many thanks to Allan Kiwanuka



Allan taking a selfie with a boy he mentors



Tennis courts renovated 2010 by a charity



Chess and mind games

(photo was sent to me by Bob Sparkes – no other photos!)



Chess and mind games

played both for leisure and in competitions

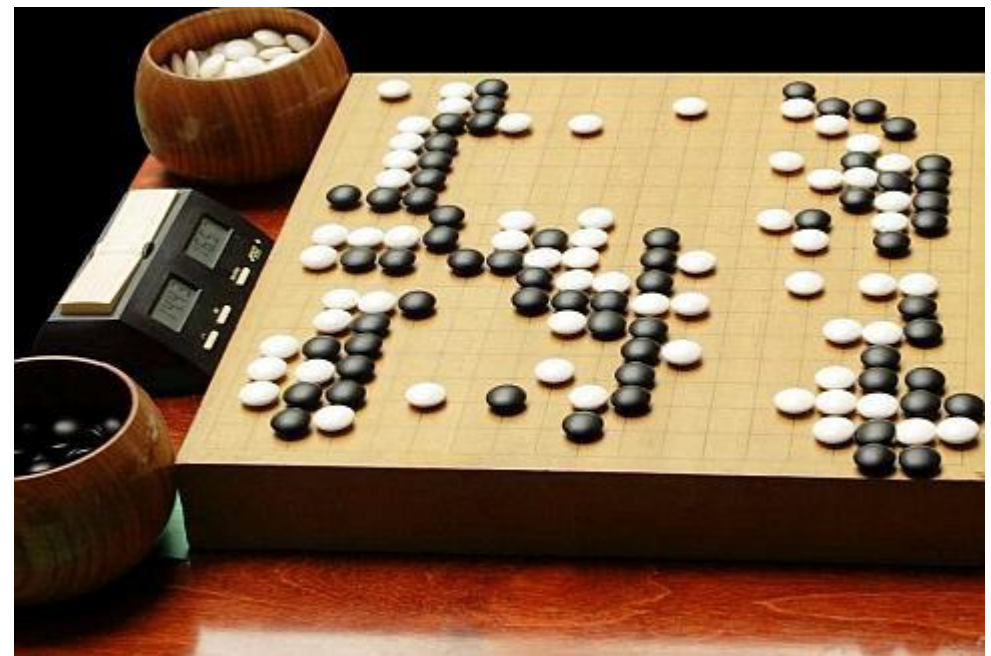
- Games played:
 - Chess
 - Draughts
 - Scrabble
 - Go
 - Morabaraba
 - Connect 4 and other board games
- Some games – could make their own boards and use bottle tops.
- Older boys train up the younger ones
- Internal competitions at house and class level

Mind games

Morabaraba



Go



Chess

- Very popular
- School has a good record in school competitions
- Schools tournament each April. Sometimes hosted at Mwiri
- More chess sets always welcome!
- “Queen of Katwe” film. Influence?
- Surge of interest including girls.



- Chess master OB Bob Bibasa will go to Mwiri to coach the boys