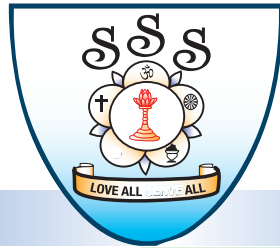


# SATHYA SAI SCHOOL- KISAJU

LOVE ALL – SERVE ALL

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## School Newsletter

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### EVENTS CHRONOLOGY

DATE	
9 <sup>th</sup> Aug:	3 HV Workshop for parents/guardians
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept:	School opening for 3 <sup>rd</sup> term
26 <sup>th</sup> Sept - 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept:	Term 3 opener exams
12 <sup>th</sup> Oct:	EHV Parenting workshop
20 <sup>th</sup> Oct:	Mashujaa day/Grama Seva - Kitengela
24 <sup>th</sup> Oct -26 <sup>th</sup> Oct:	Mid-term tests
11 <sup>th</sup> Nov - 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov:	KCPE Examination/School internal tests
16 <sup>th</sup> Nov:	Visit by Bro. Kishin Khubchandani & Bro. Ramesh Hathiramani
24 <sup>th</sup> Nov:	Founder's day celebrations
24 <sup>th</sup> Nov:	Closing day
6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2014:	Opening day term 1

### Grama Seva at Bethsaida Home for Aged and Disabled. Conducted on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2013

As part of the "Serve the planet" initiative the Students of Sathya Sai School - Kisaju carried out Grama Seva. A selected group of students and teachers left for the Bethsaida home located at Korrompoi village in Kitengela for Grama Seva on the 20th of October 2013. The Bethsaida Home is a residential home for 85 year old plus and other physically challenged ladies.



25 students and an alumni student accompanied by two teachers visited Bethsaida Home. The area Chief accompanied by a Senior School Trustee also took part in this Seva.

After an introductory talk about beloved Baba's teachings as implemented by Sathya Sai School – Kisaju, the students thanked the elderly ladies for having granted them the opportunity to serve them with food packs and various other items



containing blankets, rice, legumes, salt, oil, sugar, maize meal along with fresh tomatoes, onions, cabbage and kales from the school's Sai farm. The home highly appreciated the kind gesture, love and affection showed to them by the students.

### Visit by Bros. Kishin Khubchandani (Zone Chairman) and Ramesh Hathiramani (Central Coordinator) on 16<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Bro. Kishin Khubchandani (Zonal Chairman) along with Bro. Ramesh Hathiramani (Central Coordinator Region 93), visited our School on 16<sup>th</sup> Nov. Directors, Staff & Students welcome them with a march past. Head Master introduced the teaching fraternity, they then signed the visitors book and were shown a PowerPoint presentation on how values are inculcated in the syllabus. Students had prepared an EHV exhibition on how the "Thought of the Day" is practiced and lived by on the campus including how they maintain their Spiritual Diaries. After a tour of the School's facilities they were taken around the School's Farm, where students showed them practical farming skills they learn. In the Auditorium a lively programme was presented by Students that included poems, value based skits, dances, and practical classroom sessions. After the Head Master and Alumni (Head) addresses, Bro. Kuldip introduced Bro. Kishin and Bro. Ramesh to the students and invited them to address the students.



In his address, Bro. Kishin expressed that after the ground breaking ceremony which he conducted on 24th April 1999, he was visiting the School after 14+ years. Bro. Kishin expressed that he was impressed with the Value Based Education imparted to the students. He went on to bless the teachers to continue with the good work and gave his advise that all teachers should realize their importance. Without a teacher - there can be no judges, no lawyers, no doctors etc. He said that, all teachers should take pride in their teaching profession and should help children to develop a good character. Teachers are strong trees to invest in. A teacher = strong root = strong trunk = Humility - provides fruits selflessly. The happiness of a teacher lies in self satisfaction therefore, one should be contented. The child is born with wisdom, the teacher helps the child to illicit that knowledge.

Bro. Ramesh in his address expressed that it was his first visit and went on to express his satisfaction with the ongoing work carried out at Kisaju. He advised the School's management to continue with the good work and urged everyone to practice values and be an ambassador of Baba's five basic pillars - Love, Peace, Truth, Right Conduct and Non - Violence.

Before departure, Bro. Kishin, Bro. Ramesh & his graceful lady planted Avocado fruit trees.



CHARACTER IS THE MOST PRECIOUS GIFT OF EDUCATION.

-BABA

## EXPERIENCES: Students, Teachers, Parents/Guardians

### Jeff Isaac: STD 8

My humble gratitude goes to Sri Sathya Sai Baba for coming up with this fantastic, wonderful and unique school of its own nature here in Kenya. I joined this school in February this year in Std 8. I must admit that for that short time here I have experienced a lot that I didn't learn in my previous school where I had learnt for the last 7 years.

The daily EHV lessons and diaries have guided me to practice values at all times. The whole school is full of environment and culture of love which as well catalyses students' excellence. I thank the school for giving orphans an opportunity to access education since these are exemplary services. I will also help others in High school and at the community level to spread the school's teachings on values. I am very grateful that I came as a boy and now I am leaving the school as a gentleman. May God bless your work. Thank you.

### Nick Kiptoo: STD 7

I joined this school in the year 2009 in Std 3. Since the time of joining my life has changed due to EHV programme. My fellow gentlemen assisted me to understand values through soft talking and guidance. Later I joined the system. One term after school closing, I went back home and everyone admired my behaviour with many of them being curious to know where this unique school is situated. Some of them were very happy and sought for admission of their children in this school. Fortunately, they secured chances and now their children have followed the good trend.

My thanks and humble salutation goes to the Founder Sri Sathya Sai Baba for coming up with such an institution that is life transformational. SAIRAM

### Fidel Oduor: STD 4

I am a gentleman in Std 4 who joined this wonderful school in 2010 in Std 1. I was very rude to my parents, neighbours and teachers in school. Teachers guided me using Baba's five basic values of Love, Peace, Truth, Right Conduct and Non-Violence. I am now a disciplined gentleman who is guided by values at all times. May Baba's teaching continue forever.

### John Maina: Head of Alumni

I am delighted to be associated with Sathya Sai School-Kisaju. It is now almost 6 years since I left the school in 2007 but to me it still acts as my second home, a school which I miss even when I am out there and a school that I cannot hesitate to visit when I get the chance to. All this as a sign of my appreciation for the foundation Sathya Sai School laid for me. I will live to remember the loving teachers, the good environment and the best facilities you would ever find in primary and even some secondary schools. I am proud to be part of the Sathya Sai fraternity. I cannot fail to mention the developments that the school has undergone for example the ultra modern auditorium, the increased number of trees and orchards around the school that make me wish to be a student in the school once again.

Values still guide me even currently at Kisii University where I am pursuing a Degree in Communication and Media. I still uphold them and share them with the society. Sathya Sai School has motivated me to dedicate my life to service to mankind as Baba says "Service to Man is Service to God."

### From the Headmaster's Desk:

Mr. Mbogo



By Divine Grace, we are happy to say that the school has grown leaps and bounds since the inception from year 2001. Our school is an oasis of quality education in this part of our beloved country. The school governing body under the chairmanship of Bro. Kuldip Singh

firmly upholds the five basic human values which are the guiding principles in the day to day living on campus and the school community at large. The power of these values has been felt within, in the neighbourhood and far beyond. We try to live within and practice the human values. Every school activity is infused with human values - be it Academics, Curricular, Co-curricular and Extracurricular activities.

The Gentlemen wake up bright and early in the morning, after getting ready they sing God's Glory (Nagar Sankirtan), after breakfast they go straight into an EHV session where the thought of the day is discussed, elaborated, contemplated and practiced throughout the day. Every lesson has a value inculcated throughout the academic hours. The Gentlemen also partake in school maintenance, cleanliness, farm activities, winning trophies in various sports at inter school and District level and so much more.

I am also happy to report that our teachers and students go every Sunday to the Nairobi Sai Centre to conduct EHV lessons to the Narayanas who come for the feeding programme from Kibera, Kawangware and Kangemi village slums to name a few.

Every year our students also visit local community villages and serve the needy. We call it Grama Seva. This year in commemoration of Heroes Day and Avatar Day on October 20th being part of "Serve the Planet" initiative, our gentlemen accompanied by some teachers and a director, went to serve Bethsaida Home for aged ladies and disabled in Kitengela. For example, at a recent public celebrations of 'The Heroes Day' christened Mashujaa, the District education officer remarked in his speech that, "amongst the school which participated in the District celebrations, he had proudly noticed that students from Sathya Sai School are very disciplined".

This Grama Seva exercise instils virtues of service as "Service to Mankind is Service to God". I pray that this continues. Our School has extended its generosity to the needy and destitute children. The needy children learn free of charge here and receive every necessity. The local community is benefitting from the school in a myriad of other ways too! The magnificent Auditorium is now sought after for Weddings, graduations and networking functions to enhance the local community spirit.

The school allows cattle grazing to help the pastoral community on the school lawns from time to time including water. Our Gentlemen are keen on upkeep of the environment by planting and nurturing trees that provide shade and fruit which we will enjoy in the coming years as the orchards progress. The availability of sufficient water from both the borehole and harvesting tanks has enabled the proper and successful irrigation of crops in the farm and watering any areas that deserve it.

Over 120 plus students have graduated from this Institution and attained entries in several prestigious high schools and universities. The Alumni is growing and continues to show interest in school matters and they partake in the annual Teachers Day and Founder's Day celebrations. I can go on talking volumes about this prestigious school, one has to experience it to know. SAIRAM

### Message from the Founder

*Education has two aspects; the first is related to external and worldly education, which is nothing but acquiring bookish knowledge. In the modern world, we find many well versed and highly qualified in this aspect. The second aspect known as Educare, is related to human values. The word Educare means to bring out that which is within. Human Values are latent in every human being; one cannot acquire them from outside. They have to be elicited from within. Educare means to bring out human values. To 'bring out' means to translate them into action."*

**Sri Sathya Sai Baba**

### How can I help?

- By contributing to students' sponsorship program.
- By contributing to school food bank, textbooks, stationery, teaching aids and any other requirements in the daily running of the school.