
LEWA EDUCATION PROGRAMME REPORT- BOOPY TOURNAMENT

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PREPARATIONS

Girls from twelve out of the eighteen Lewa supported schools had the opportunity to participate in this years Boopy football tournament. The twelve schools were Ntugi, Munanda, Subuiga, Mutunyi, Lewa Downs, Leparua, Ntalabany, Rugusu, Kanyunga, Ntumburi and Kilimani primary schools.

The event was attended by a total of 180 players, 24 teachers, spectating students, Lewa staff representatives, parents and representatives from Boopy, .The tournament began at 7am at the Lewa soccer pitch, amidst very excited cheering from other students who had come to support their school teams. Each team player was issued with a t-shirt bearing the Boopy mascot and Lewa logo.

OPENING CEREMONY

The day commenced with congregational prayers, flag raising of both the Kenya national and Boopyflags, introductions of each team, the officials manning the game, the rules and the mapped out plan for the matches of the day. The weather was cool and conducive for the day's activities except for a few drops of rain towards the end, but did not deter the activity nor the excitement of it.



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THE TOURNAMENT.

The LEP was supported but a number of volunteer referees, who work with the National Football Association and school teachers filling in as the lines men. Each game was allocated a total of twenty five minutes; i.e. ten minutes for the first half, five minutes at half time and another ten minutes for the final half.

After the excitement and tournament experience last year, the teams were well prepared, organized and in much better shape in preparation for this years game. The level of skill and competition was much higher, with most of the goals scored during penalty shoot outs.

The teams were cheered on by their fellow students including boys,the LEP team, Lewa team including Mike Watson, Lewa's CEO; John Pameri Chief of Security; Mary Siboe, Lewa's Chief Administration Officer amongst a host of other visitors. Amidst the excitement of the game, Lewa's CEO, flew in with the helicopter regaling the crowd with various, air maneuvers exciting the children enough to bring the game to a complete standstill, as the crowd stood in awe of the helicopter overhead.



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(Nicholas Mutemebei, was the days commentator)



(Faith Riunga and Mike Watson discuss the days activities)



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(Penaltyshoot out at the final game)

REFRESHMENTS

The LEP team, the adult literacy students with assistance from some parents, prepared and served the days refreshments, which included hot tea, hot lunch and soft drinks. There was also a DJ who played music to keep the enthusiasm and excitement of the day's activities going. The children had ample opportunity to showcase their different dancing skills and talent. Song and dance is one of the key components of African culture and is therefore always much appreciated by all in attendance but mostly by children during any activity.



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GAME DRIVES

As is the norm, Ephantus the CEC (Conservation Education Coordinator) gave conservation talks and rides to all the teams who were not participating in any ongoing games as well as the spectators. The children were in luck as they saw lions, rhinos and an array of other wildlife.



SPEECHES AND AWARDS

Before the speeches the girls were given a brief talk by Agnes Mugo, Lewa's senior nurse who advised personal hygiene, reproductive health, dangers of early pregnancies, importance of education amongst a host of other topics including the value of the conservation work being done by Lewa.



(And the winner is... Kanyunga primary school girls, dancing in celebration)

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Kanyunga primary school emerged the winner of this year's tournament, with each player receiving a backpack containing sanitary pads, geometrical sets , panties, pens and pencils. The team placing second received panties, geometrical sets and a clipboard. In line with the promotion of team spirit, all other participants from other schools were also presented with two packets of sanitary towels per girl, pens and pencils.



Mike talked to the children on the importance of wildlife conservation and informed them that they are the greatest ambassadors of wildlife conservation on the rind of Lewa and areas of conservation.

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Many thanks to Eco-sys Action team and we hope that this annual event will involve boys' in future. This annual tournament provides a rare opportunity through sports to communicate the value of conservation to the communities supported by Lewa and Boopy did it very well.

Ahsante sana! Ashe ! Thank you! Merci!