

OUR AIMS & VISION STATEMENT

We 'Start children off on the way they should go ...' through inspiring everyone to:

LOVE Jesus and each other

APPRECIATE themselves and the gifts they have been given

ACHIEVE their full potential...

'So even when they are older they will not turn from it' - Proverbs 22:6

Greetings from the Bethany pre and primary school!

It is finally the end of the year and there is so much we are thankful for, indeed the Lord has been so gracious to us all. The 2021 school year was a great success, beginning on 6th of January and ending on 10th of December. In the course of the year, three of our teaching staff left for various reasons, it was disappointing to see them leave but we did manage to replace them with other new wonderful teachers. We still have our most competent and committed teaching staff yet.

Pupil on roll (DEC 2021)

CLASS	B.C	S.T	B.T	REC	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	TTL
BB	7	2	2	-	1	2	9	4	4	4	35
BG	8	1	8	7	9	5	8	7	12	5	70
TOTAL	15	3	10	7	10	7	17	10	16	9	105
VB	1	8	14	11	8	8	5	3	4	5	75
VG	7	19	8	12	14	13	15	9	11	10	110
TOTAL	8	26	22	23	22	20	20	12	14	15	185
GT	23	30	32	30	31	28	37	23	31	24	290

We are indeed grateful to all our supporters who have made it possible for the Bethany school to achieve the following:

- Provide free education, free food (breakfast and Lunch) to 300+ children.
- First aid to all the children whilst at school.
- There are 60 pupils who have graduated from the Bethany school since 2017- and are doing amazingly well at secondary school. We are indeed very proud of each one of them.

The Quality of Teaching and Learning

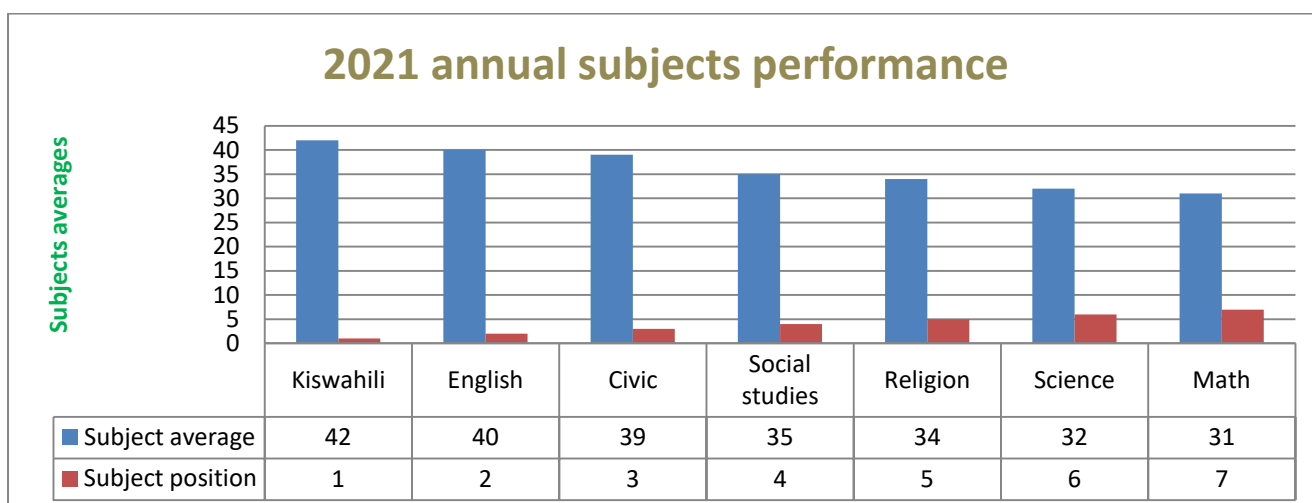
R.E.: learning about God is the key aspect of our school life; God is the centre of all we do. The introduction of our Bible verse challenge has truly been a success, it is so encouraging to see everyone is taking part in it, our little ones are always the best, and we still need to come up with areas to focus our RE sessions on.

Science: The teaching of science needs to be more creative, ICT, children to be provided with more hands on activities, experiments, etc

Mathematics: This is still a challenge, but throughout the year we have managed to put some strategies in place to help our pupils enjoy learning mathematics. Mental maths challenge has helped to get children excited. We are thinking of introducing a maths champion of the week/month, this will involve rewarding a child who performs well in mathematics.

English: Morning speech, Bible verse challenges, debates etc have played a big role in promoting the speaking of English, daily spelling tests for our KS1 children has also helped to raise the achievement in reading and writing skills. Phonics is still one of our best approaches when it comes to teaching our preschool pupils to read and write. I am particularly impressed by our reception and big toddler's classes reading skills, all the children know how to read and write effectively. This has proved that all our morning phonics sessions are a success!

Subjects' performance



Our school strengths

- Putting Jesus at the centre of all we do
- Supporting our school vision
- English speaking skills have improved tremendously
- Positive outlook on hardwork
- School attendance is of a higher percentage

Our areas of weakness

- No hands on activities, real life experiences
- More work is needed on improving creativity in learning and teaching
- Special needs children are sometimes not considered in lesson planning
- Poor time management (during teaching)
- Children are not provided with enough time for reading books

Our areas of focus

- Provide more hands on activities, let children experiment
- Provide plenty of handwriting and reading exercises to pupils
- Use different strategies to promote the learning and teaching of mathematics
- To set individual targets for each pupil depending on his/her needs
- Teachers to read and research more on their subjects
- To provide accurate information regarding pupils (honesty)

Challenges

- Pupil lateness to school remains one of our biggest challenges that affects the learning process; I think the parents are not taking punctuality as seriously as they should. We are yet to find the best solution to this problem. Adding on to that children missing school is also a problem, parents are happy to stay home with their kids and do shamba work (work in the fields). Furthermore, sick children are left at home without medical care; hence they miss school and all the learning, this is not done deliberately, some parents cannot afford to provide medical care to their sick children. However I am so grateful that our school is able to provide at least first aid to all the sick children whilst at school and sometimes provide medical assistance such as take them to the hospital for further check-ups.

Thank You!

A big thank you to all our UK supporters and volunteers for your ongoing generosity and dedication to the Bethany project, you cannot possibly know how grateful we are for your support. It is evident that our school has achieved so much and will continue to do so for many years to come. Thank you for taking the time and energy to invest in the Bethany vision, your support is integral to our ability to serve our Tanzanian community and improve the quality of education and life in general. Together we are indeed helping to make a positive and lasting difference in the lives of all our young people here at the Bethany family and the community around us. I know we still have a long way to go but we continue to believe that no matter what lies ahead God is always faithful!

May God continue to bless you.

Happy New Year!

Every blessing,

Emmakulatha Robert (Bethany school HT)