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Welcome to the latest newsletter from the Friends of Amasango.

We hope you enjoy seeing what the students at Amasango have been participating in over the summer. Of course, it is winter in South Africa, and despite the sun shining during the day, nights are cold. There have been a few developments at the school recently, so read on to find out more about them.

Your support and prayers continue to be invaluable, and the students, staff and trustees are so thankful for your generosity.

Invitation to the Friends of Amasango AGM

30th September 2023
11:30am
St Andrews Roxbourne

89 Malvern Avenue, South Harrow, HA2 9ER

You are also welcome to join us on Zoom - Link:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6878344081>

Fundraiser Quiz

Saturday 30th September
St Andrews Roxbourne

89 Malvern Avenue, South Harrow, HA2 9ER

7pm for 7:30pm start

Come and join a fun quiz either as a team of 6-8 people or to join another team

Tickets are £10

Raffle on the night

Bring your own food, drinks and glasses and a good sense of fun!

Please contact rebecca_pennells@yahoo.co.uk for more information

Principal visit to the UK

Once again, we are pleased to welcome Dr Girlie Shadaya to the UK to visit a number of churches, schools, Rotary groups and other organisations to thank supporters and promote the work of Amasango to new audiences. Dr Girlie Shadaya will be focusing her visits this year around London, Birmingham and Bristol. Each year the locations will change to ensure that all areas are covered and everyone is thanked.



Frama Supported Staff

Most of the staff at Amasango are employed by the Department for Education, but there are 7 who are supported by the Friends of Amasango. This allows us to exceed the staff-to-student ratio in addition to providing extra pairs of hands across the school site.



Sporting activities

The students are always engaging in different sporting activities, and the winter term is no different. Cross country, football and netball teams have all been practising and participating in fixtures. Note that the netballers are practising on the old station platforms just outside the school gates! Friends of Amasango have recently purchased trainers and equipment for all the sports teams, as well as the tracksuits you can see being worn. Your generosity has enabled this, Thank you!



New school site - update

The saga of the new school site continues. The site has been confirmed for some time now and is above Grahamstown and within the wider community. As you can see, no progress has yet been made with fencing and securing the site as the legal tussle with the Department for Education continues. Your prayers for progress are welcomed, and the date of 14th September has been set to start work. We will let you know how this goes! Once the site is secure and utilities have been provided, then the next stage is to move all the existing classrooms from the railway sidings. This will be a huge step for Amasango who has fought for better facilities for over 20 years,



Makana Brick SA



Collaboration with Khanya

Khanya is another UK-based charity that seeks to train young people and adults in vocational skills. They have already worked in collaboration with Amasango in training the Hair and Beauty Salon teachers. Now, two staff from Amasango have completed a brick-laying course with the view that they will then teach students at Amasango. This is a vision that the school has to increase its offering of vocational skills.

Trustee visits

Over the course of the last year, several Trustees have made the journey to South Africa to visit Amasango. This is enormously useful to both the school and the charity as it helps us to see how the school is running and to see the fruits of our collaboration with the school staff. Martin Coombs has just returned from a two-month volunteering stint where he has been doing a wide range of tasks ranging from coaching students in Maths to general school maintenance.

As always, we would like to thank you all for your support through donations, prayers and conversations with us and the people you know. The staff and students at Amasango extend their thanks to you and acknowledge that without your support, their work would not be as fruitful. Lives are changed on a daily basis, and having been a Trustee for many years, I have seen how Amasango has changed lives in unimaginable ways. Thank you!



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