



Black Rhino Academy Foundation

Annual Report

2020/21 School year



Dear Friends and Supporters,

For many students all over the world the 2020/21 School year was beyond challenging. Many students spent most of the year in remote learning, unable to connect with friends and teachers in person. Therefore we consider ourselves very lucky that in Tanzania after a short time of remote learning from April - June 2020, we were able to start our school year in August 2020 in person with most students returning to full-time learning. It was certainly to our advantage that Black Rhino is still fairly small and we didn't need to create separate groups to minimise the chance of Covid 19 spreading here. Despite some signs of Covid also being around Tanzania and Karatu, we never detected any cases amongst our students or staff and we are very grateful for that. As a region in Tanzania mostly relying on tourism for income, our parents and families were still impacted by Covid 19 every day as many saw financial struggles. We have tried our best to accommodate tough economic situations amongst Black Rhino families and continue to evaluate our financial aid program so that we can best serve our community.



We hope this report gives you an impression of what this past year has been like for our students and how Black Rhino continues to grow both in student and staff numbers as well as physically. Thanks to your support our students have access to great education!

Thank you,

Nickson and Caroline
Co-Founders



Academics and Activities

Due to Covid-19 we did not arrange any school trips outside of school but children enjoyed a number of activities around campus throughout the school year.

Term 1

We finished the first term in December with **Sports Day**. Our students got to play various games and races, some of which even included parents and we finished the day with a watermelon eating contest.



Term 2

Book week

We had our annual book week at school in March 2021 with each class performing a skit or song related to stories and topics they studied that week.



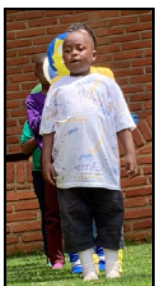
Reception and Year 1



Year 2



Year 4



Year 3 Performing a skit about emotions: disgust, happiness, sadness, fear, and anger



Continuing Education/Professional Development

The Black Rhino teachers stepped into the role of educators for themselves incredibly well with our own teachers rotating the responsibility to plan and lead professional development for each other. Our own Ms Juliana (Year 1 teacher) led a great afternoon session about teamwork with teachers as well as housekeeping staff having to master various challenges. Coordinating movements and working together is not as easy as it seems but everyone had a great time and discussed after each game how they could have improved by communicating or coordinating better.



Club Day

We ended term 2 with club day during which the art club presented their self portraits, the science club showed everyone how a volcano erupts and the cooking club served lunch for the rest of the school (with some help from the kitchen).



Term 3

Black Rhino's first Annual End of Year Concert

The children worked incredible hard for most of the term with all year groups performing a song/dance or play. The highlight was the Year 2-4 group with their play about an African fable called the Lion and the Mouse. If you have not had a chance to watch it, here is the link again:

[Black Rhino Academy Jungle Concert \(https://youtu.be/CXrhmNyogR0\)](https://youtu.be/CXrhmNyogR0)





Update on Student numbers as of August 31st 2021

Class	New this school year	Total	Full fees	Financial Aid	Scholarship	Staff
Nursery	6	6	2	0	1	3
Reception	2	9	1	7	1	
Year 1	4	10	7	3		
Year 2	2	4	2	2		
Year 3	4	14	4	9		1
Year 4	1	7	3	3		1
Year 5	1	10	3	5	1	1
Total	20	60	22	29	3	6

Nationalities

The vast majority of our students continue to be Tanzanians. 90% of our students are Tanzanian (54 students), 7% have one Tanzanian parent (4 students) and 3% are non-Tanzanian (2 students).

Boarding

Our boarding is growing well. We have added 4 new girls and 6 new boys in August 2021. This brings our total boarding students to 23 with 17 boys and 6 girls. This means that our current boys dormitory is full.

Transport

We have purchased a third school bus in Tanzania. We were lucky to find the same model in a used condition. It needed some work on the inside and general service but it was still a good deal. Our two existing buses are now completely full until we bring the third bus into use later this school year.

Staffing

As of the end of August, we have 43 permanent staff members. 11 teachers, 1 head of school, 2 boarding matrons, 2 drivers, 11 groundskeepers, 6 housekeepers, 8 security guards (day and night), 1 admin assistant and 1 social worker who is also acting as a car attendant.



The new school year in August 2021 started with the arrival of our new Head of School, Paul Horstead. Paul has experience leading schools in all continents including time in Malawi. He has already instituted many new structured and systems, while also providing professional development training to our teachers.

CECAFA U20 November 2020

Soon after the new Sportsfield was finished, we were honoured to host part of the CECAFA U20 Football Tournament. Organised by the Council for East and Central Africa Football Association for the under 20 age group, it also served as the qualifier tournament for the U20 Africa Cup of Nations. The final ended up being between Tanzania and Uganda with the Ugandan Team winning. But this meant that Tanzania coming in second place qualified for the Africa Cup of Nations in 2021. The Tanzanian Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa flew in to hand over the trophy after the final and it was an exciting day for Karatu and Black Rhino Academy.



Tanzanian Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa with the Captain of the Ugandan team

Capital

2020/21 also turned out to be another exciting year for capital developments. The decision to not start the school hall in 2020 meant that we bought us some time by building two more classroom blocks with 5 total new classrooms. This has allowed us to move our dining space into a bigger classroom and also move the two youngest classes closer to the playground and further from the other classrooms. Our very small computer equipment also got a permanent classroom which will be safer for the laptops currently being used for our Digital Literacy curriculum.



The other capital development was the new head of school house. Built in just 2 months to be ready just in time for Paul to arrive in July, it still smelled like paint the day he arrived. It sits at the very top of the property and definitely has the best view of the crater rim.



Going Forward

This school year has been off to a great start with many new exciting developments already. We received our first order of school and sports supplies from the UK. Until this year we purchased all our school supplies locally. Paul selected our first Black Rhino Student Council so students will start to have a voice when it comes to decisions affecting them too.



Black Rhino's first student council

Capital - School Hall

After much consideration and looking at our current infrastructure, we would like to start construction on the school hall in January with paperwork and preparations such as building permit and clearing/levelling of the site to start in November/December. This is our biggest building project so far and requires careful planning and most of our Co-Founders time to oversee. Its planned completion in July 2023, is highly anticipated by students and staff.



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