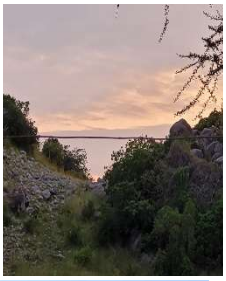
Year 7 and 8 Trip to Mavuno Farm

On Day 1 we departed from school with a grey bus. It was really hard to fit in all the luggage, all the food, all the camping materials and all of us, but we managed.

The fun of the trip began before even reaching Mavuno. On the bus Mr Brian was in charge of the music and our favourite song was Afande by Zuchu. All the children were dancing and laughing together and so was Mr Ally.



When we arrived at Mavuno, we were mesmerized by the beauty of the farm and the people that welcomed us, they were really kind individuals. We started unpacking our stuff and delivering them to the camp. It was a very hard task because of the amount of items we had brought and we had to carry it all down a long, rocky path. We then started putting up our tents but we had to wait for some students to restart all over because they messed up😅.Then Mr Dan, the farm owner, took us on a tour of the farm.





✿ On our amazing Mavuno Tour, we had discovered things we never knew about. For example, how chocolate is made from a fruit called cacao and the outside of the beans taste really good too. We saw vanilla vines growing up the cocoa bushes and found out the flower must be hand pollinated which is a lot of work, but the vanilla pods smell amazing! There were so many crops and fruits to see from pomegranates and dragon fruit to avocados and beans. We also learnt how some crops can actually help in our immune system. Surprisingly, we also discovered how perfume can be made from the Ylang Ylang tree. The best part about the tour was the rabbits and finding out their 💭 urine was used to fertilize the soil for better crops which was really cool. In fact the whole farm is run on organic principles, meaning no artificial chemicals are used as fertilisers or pesticides. Our tour ended in the dairy where we learned how to milk cows.

After this we played volleyball with the kids that lived on the farm. It was a very competitive game because of the talents the two teams had. Some of us helped to chop up veggies and we had macaroni and chopped up tomatoes for dinner and that was it for this day one of this amazing trip at Mavuno.

In the morning, we went for a warm up to play football ⚽ at the football pitch.😳 After that, we went back to camp for breakfast to drink tea prepared by Mr Ally and chapati prepared by the women we met at the camp. We then went hiking up a big hill⛰ with a great view of the lake. We thought we saw a submarine. We sat on the rocks at the top and started telling stories. After that we went back to camp to eat lunch of rice and chicken.



In the afternoon Mr Dan came to pick us up from the camp, we reached the fishing pond, he explained how to use the fishing rod. He said you should hold the fishing rod and put the wriggling worm on the hook. Then you fling the line but there should be no one in the way or their eyes could be damaged. When you feel something pulling, you pull slightly to the right to set the hook into the fish's mouth and pull outwards. The fish were slippery and hard to hold to take out the hooks. Ibrahim tried first and got one medium sized fish and after that was Elsa. In fact most of us caught a fish in the end. We even caught some pink fish! We fished types of fish named tilapia, and catfish. To catch the catfish you need to be patient because they are smart. Mr Ally nearly caught one but it got away!



We then went back to the field and played football, went on the swings, had a long chit chat, played with the dog and socialized with some of the kids that live there. The fish we caught were fried and EATEN!!!! They went well with the hot dogs we cooked on the jikos and Henry made noodles. We then had a huge bonfire with marshmallows and told some stories round the fire.



It was VERY VERY late in the night and a large storm came around. In the early hours Ethan woke me (Henry) up (I was very annoyed because I was having a peaceful slumber). Even the inside of the tent was wet. It was raining so heavily and we shouted out to the others and Mr Brian if they were OK. They all said yes. Ethan ran but I stayed to put my stuff in the middle of the tent then ran round to the shelter. It was incredibly hard to survive.

We lit a fire using charcoal as all the wood was wet to get warm and cooked breakfast which was chapati and eggs and fruit. After eating, we had a football and volleyball tournament with the Mavuno kids, and we lost 9-1 in the football game. Although in the volleyball game we won 24-23. Yusta playing as the server and Erither as the center, we were unstoppable 👌😎. They made an amazing come back in no time winning the next two games. They played volleyball as if they were pros. ✨ ✨

After that we went to the shop and bought some things that they make and grow, like: honey, jams and chutneys. Meanwhile we went back to our camp and took down our tents and packed our things.

Mr Ally planned to go and get some chips and chicken mishikaki in a restaurant. In the end we had to eat on the bus to save time and also because there were too many people to fit in the restaurant. We had lots of fun after eating food, the driver played songs and we sang along while dancing. It was the best time we ever spent together.

We can never forget this trip ever in our lives because it brought us together. Now we are friends in year 7 and year 8.

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