

HESHIMA NEWSLETTER

January 2015

Heshima has had a good few months. Highlights include:

- A large order from Maasai Wanderings
- Start of the new training group
- Excellent Volunteers

Volunteers

Alan, our new Heshima Secretary, came out in the beginning of October. He helped with all aspects of Heshima from the building to the preschool.



See our [facebook](#) page for more of his photos.



Georgia Brown, an Australian volunteer, came out at the end of

October for 2 weeks, full of great ideas. She was a real help to Maja with the textiles and together they designed some new products (see above and below)



Georgia also came up with the idea of the [Bandana day](#) Fundraiser. Email if you are interested in setting one up.



Rakesh and Apeksha, friends of Minesh, came this month, as part of a year long tour around the world. They spent time painting the classroom as well as making displays, helping teach the



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preschool class and redesigning the [Heshima website](#), leaflet and setting up a database for our products.



Textiles

A new group of 5 trainees have started their training with Adelfina, one of our previous trainees as the new trainer. They have made a great start. Training is in the mornings and there are English classes in the afternoons.

The women who have finished their training are now making products for Heshima, so are earning an income.



We had a large order from a safari company, [Maasai Wanderings](#), who own a number of tented camps in the Serengeti and the other national parks. Heshima made bed runners, cushions and napkins for one of their new camps. With the money from these sales we have invested in some new sewing machines and furniture for the textile room.



Maja has also designed some tunic tops, photos to follow on facebook.



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Saturday School

Saturday School is still overly busy and after a few weeks of 140 students, we have decided to focus on the 10+ year olds for a term and then switch to the younger ones for a term, so that we can provide a quality rather than quantity learning environment.



Our previous teacher Mwamvita has been doing her Teacher Training Diploma, funded by Heshima and will re-join us in June.



Preschool



Since September Costantine has been teaching our preschool class. He has proved to be an excellent teacher and very patient with the children. One day a week he has been coming to Braeburn International School's preschool class as part of a programme of professional development.

The sandpit and climbing frame, built over the summer, have been much enjoyed by all the children.

General

Steve is working on registering Heshima as a Tanzanian NGO, which will make a lot of new things possible for us here. The shop room is almost finished, the windows having been recently completed.

DONATIONS

We have received lots of donations to Heshima through our [virginmoneygiving](https://www.virginmoneygiving.com) account and



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directly. Thank you to you all and a particular thank you to the Mojacar Anglican Church, who are long term supporters of Heshima We greatly appreciate your support and encouragement and your continued interest in the work of Heshima.



Best Wishes,
All of us at Heshima



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