

Dear Monica and the Hudson Middle School students,

I hope this email finds you well! Witness has been doing really well at Orkeeswa School, and I wanted to share some recent photos of her with you. Please feel free to share these with your supporters in Hudson that helped make your scholarship support a reality!

As you may have seen in our recent [newsletter](#), we have extended our Pre-Form One (6th grade) English Immersion Program from three months to 15 months. With this change, Witness and her classmates are now going through a year-long curriculum focused on project-based learning designed to strengthen their language skills. By building a stronger foundation for our students' secondary education, this new program will improve their chances later on to qualify for Advanced Level studies and University.

I've included some photos and remarks from Witness about her experience so far in this new, expanded 6th grade program. I hope you enjoy them, and please feel free to write to Witness at any time by sending an email through sponsor@ieftz.org, or a letter to our PO Box in Monduli.





Since coming to Pre-Form One, I have started to play new sports like basketball. In primary school, girls only play netball. So basketball, volleyball, and soccer are all new for me. I also have started speaking English, which I didn't do in primary school. I also have made a puppet, a book, and a car, which I didn't know how to do before I came to Orkeeswa.



I am also in clubs now! In Zumba Club, we danced and had a lot of fun. In Bike Club, we are going to learn how to ride a bike. I'm very excited to learn! Not many girls around Orkeeswa ride bikes. Many people don't think that girls should learn how to ride a bike. My brother wants to teach me how to ride a bike but his bike is very big so I am excited to learn on a small bike at school!



I love all of the projects we have done! I love my book, my car, and my puppet. If I had to choose a favorite, I think it is my book. When you write a book, it makes you have a good memory. I got to remember many things from when I was younger. I liked writing about when I was a baby and when I went to school for the first time. My favorite part in my book was when I wrote about coming to Orkeeswa for the first time. I liked writing because I love school.



Other new things I have done are dancing and doing drama class, as well as reading storybooks in the library. Of all the new things I have done, I like playing sports the best, and basketball is my favorite sport. I have learned a lot about how to play since I came to Orkeeswa, since there were no basketball courts in my primary school. Now that I've come here, I've played a lot and I have learned how to play and how to be part of a team. When we are playing together, we are having so much fun. We are also keeping our bodies strong and healthy.



These new experiences have been great learning opportunities for Witness, in addition to her academic classes. Witness is working hard with her studies and is doing especially well in geography and reading comprehension.

Thank you for your support of Witness and Orkeeswa School. Your scholarship support makes these new experiences in academics, sports and extra curricular activities a reality for our 6th grade students and allows them to develop their potential as scholars and leaders. I have also attached a copy of our 2015 Annual Report and hope you enjoy seeing some of the impacts you have had as a student sponsor on not only Witness's education, but also Orkeeswa School and the surrounding community.

Again, thank you for your support!
Warm regards,
Lisa