

February 2017 Newsletter

Warm wishes from Kalebuka

From all of our girls, and the rest of the Malaika family, we wish you and your loved ones a very **Happy Valentine's Day!**

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News from our School!

A Successful First Term



In the month of January, we simultaneously welcomed a New Year and bid farewell to a busy but fruitful first term.

It was an eventful semester punctuated by engaging field trips and a number of special visitors who brought with them unique insights from around the world. The girls voted for the new **Student Council** and their family members selected their representatives for the **Parents' Committee**.



This is an important year for me, because I promised my mother I'd make her proud and do well in my studies. I'm also a flutist, so I know I must read and practice a lot to achieve my goals. There's no time to lose!

Alphonsine Mumba, Grade 5B

Special Guests

Visitors from **Hyper Psaro** came to the School to impress upon our students the importance of basic hygiene in preventing the spread of disease.



In particular, they showed the girls how the simple act of washing one's hands can dramatically decrease rates of infection. Hyper Psaro and **Unilever** also generously donated a number of hygiene-promoting items, including soap.



Volunteer **Valère Berlage** also paid a visit to the school, during which he taught an engaging lesson on states of matter, electricity and the precipitation cycle to students in Grades 5 and 6.

Make a Difference!



Give a girl an imagination
\$5 provides school books
for one month



Give a girl a full tummy
\$20 provides two meals a
day for one month



Give a girl knowledge
\$77.50 provides one month
of education

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News from our Center!

Continuing Education For All

Learning is certainly not



Photo Courtesy of Lukas Mürker

limited to our girls! Members of our staff are constantly updating their knowledge-base through various workshops.

Our Country Manager, **Sarah Kalumba**, attended a **Football for Hope** workshop in Lesotho that was aimed at setting NGOs on a path towards self-sustainability via income-generating social enterprises.



Our Youth Coach, **Adrienne Kikunguru**, attended a very different—but no less important—workshop in Kigali on menstrual hygiene. This fell under the umbrella of the **East Africa Peace Festival** organized by **streetfootballworld**. There remains a dearth of knowledge in Africa about menstrual hygiene, as well as lingering stigmas and taboos surrounding female reproductive health. It is therefore vitally important that our staff be able to teach the young women who attend classes at our Center how to properly care for their bodies.

Malaika in the Media

Noella and Eve for Twenty6

TWENTY

London-based digital magazine **Twenty6** recently sat down with **Noella** and Malaika Goodwill Ambassador **Eve** to discuss female empowerment and what it means to be educating a new generation of change-agents. Read the full

story [here](#).

Changing the World, One Woman at a Time

Stylaphile featured Noella in an article celebrating ordinary women affecting extraordinary change. To read why Noella was chosen as one of Stylaphile's real "it" girls, follow this [link](#).

The logo for Stylaphile, featuring the word "Stylaphile" in a bold, black, serif font on a white background.

Bits & Bytes

Educating Africa: A Global Priority



Last December, Noella had the honor of addressing the **UK Parliament**, where she discussed the importance of investing in education. A video of the discussion is available [here](#).

Girl Rising

Dina Mukendi, our



Photo Courtesy of Girl Rising

The movie follows nine girls in developing countries as they overcome obstacles in order to obtain an education and thereby change their futures. Featured in the film is our very own Founder! Visit girlrising.com to learn more.

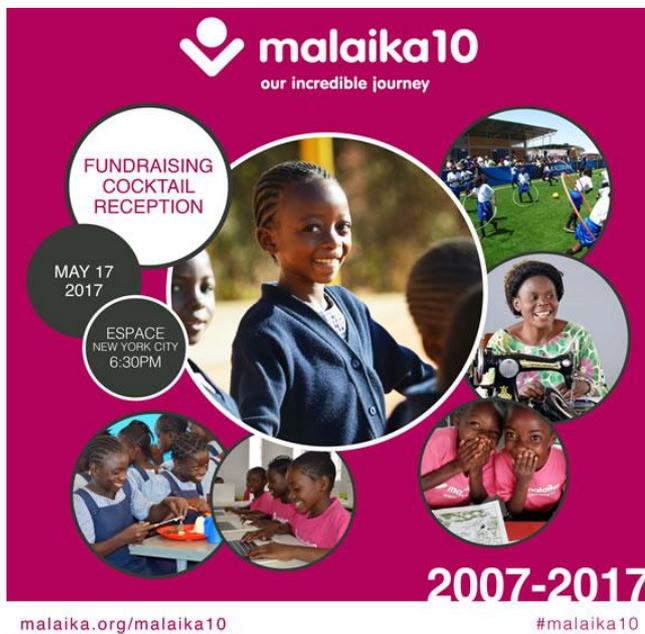
Thank You!



Our immense gratitude goes out to everyone who donated to Malaika in honor of Noella's birthday on Christmas Day. Your generous support is indeed the best birthday gift she could ask for. Thank you.

And This Just In...

...we're nearly SOLD OUT! With just over 100 tickets left, there's no time to spare! Join us in celebrating a decade of Malaika at our **cocktail reception** in New York on **May 17, 2017**.



Hosted by television personality **June Sarpong**, the night will feature performances by Grammy Award-winning musician **Eve** and MTV Africa’s “Best Francophone Artist” **Fally Ipupa**. Humanitarian **Khaliah Ali** is the keynote speaker and African dance group **Batoto Yetu** will open the night. We are excited to be welcoming **three of our Grade 6 students** and **three of our staff**, coming straight from Congo to share their experiences on the ground!

To secure your seat, visit malaika.org/malaika10



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