

Progress Updates on Dr Aggrey Primary School, October 2025



Warm greetings to our dear friends from Blackheath Cricket Club

From the boys and girls of Dr Aggrey Primary School, our teachers, parents, and staff — and the entire Starehe Hub community — we send you our heartfelt appreciation. Your continued friendship and support mean the world to us.

We are especially grateful for the funds raised after your game with Kongonis in August, and for the generous cricket equipment donations from your members and friends. Because of you, the East Africa Character Development Trust (EACDT) continues to touch the lives of children from underprivileged communities in Nairobi, nurturing their talents, character, and confidence through cricket.

A Programme that's Changing Lives

At Dr Aggrey Primary School, four dedicated EACDT coaches have been working tirelessly to transform young lives. This year alone, 790 pupils (418 boys and 372 girls) have benefited from the programme — part of the 2,729 children (53% of whom were boys) reached in the four Starehe Hub schools, which also include Juja Road, Muslim, and St Brigid's Primary Schools.

Between January and October 2025, the coaches delivered 830 sessions, blending cricket training with vital lessons in character and life skills. Across all ten partner schools in Nairobi, EACDT reaches more than 5,000 pupils weekly — an extraordinary journey of growth and transformation that, over the last decade, has touched more than 17,000 young lives.

A Warm Welcome to Our New Head Teacher

We are delighted to introduce our new Head Teacher, Mr Peter Koigi, who has brought renewed enthusiasm and vision to the school. Passionate about the EACDT programme, he has proposed the construction of cricket training nets to help our pupils train better and dream bigger. He has also opened the door to neighboring schools to participate in future cricket tournaments — an inspiring step towards growing the game and spreading its values.

Mr Peter Koigi, our teachers, and the pupils are eagerly looking forward to welcoming friends from Blackheath Cricket Club to Dr Aggrey soon!



From left – Mr Peter Koigi (Head Teacher, Dr Aggrey Primary School), Mr Francis Mungai (EACDT Operations Manager), Collins Odhiambo (EACDT Programme Director), and Mr Erick Odhiambo (Games Teacher, Dr Aggrey Primary School).

Building Character and Life Skills

At the heart of our work lies character education. Through the guidance of our coaches and character tutors, pupils at Dr Aggrey have learned to live by the EACDT's eight key traits: Curiosity, Determination, Enthusiasm, Gratitude, Integrity, Optimism, Self-Control, and Social Intelligence.

Our sessions encourage lively discussions on moral values, personal responsibility, and social issues such as gender-based violence, substance abuse, and crime. Teachers have noticed remarkable improvements — fewer disciplinary cases, better teamwork, punctuality, and a renewed sense of self-belief among pupils.



Pupils engaged in interactive discussion during Character Education session

Cricket: Shaping Character, Inspiring Change

Cricket has become a way of life at Dr Aggrey. Training happens during PE lessons, breaks, and free periods, ensuring that every moment counts. Pupils have learned to bat, bowl, and field with skill and pride, while also mastering scoring and umpiring. Our Starehe Hub teams played four friendly matches this year against international schools such as Peponi and Cavina, winning three and drawing one. These games are more than sport — they are bridges that connect children from different backgrounds, breaking barriers and building confidence.

Gilbert's Story: A Journey of Transformation

One of our most inspiring pupils is 14-year-old Gilbert Ojwang', a Grade 8 student whose story reflects the heart of what EACDT stands for.

When Gilbert first joined the programme, he was struggling with poor behaviour and had fallen into bad company. Concerned, his mother sought help from our coaches. Together with his teachers, they began counselling him and involving him more deeply in cricket and character lessons.

Within months, Gilbert's transformation was remarkable.



Left: Gilbert Ojwang. Right: Gilbert's mother during a visit to the coaches at school.

He grew more disciplined, focused on his studies, and earned back the community's trust. Today, Gilbert is among the most improved cricketers at Dr Aggrey — and a role model to his peers, even encouraging his old friends to change their ways.

Picture below: Cricket Training sessions at Dr Aggrey Primary School



Beyond Cricket – Supporting Our Schools

For over a decade, EACDT has been a vital partner in helping schools like ours deliver quality Physical and Health Education. While teachers focus on theory, EACDT coaches lead the practical sessions — blending sport with lessons in integrity, teamwork, and resilience. This collaboration has greatly enriched learning and boosted our pupils' physical and emotional wellbeing.

A Special Visit from the UK

This year, we were honoured to host Mr David Henderson, an IT and media expert from the UK. Mr David spent time with our pupils and teachers, visiting homes in the nearby Majengo community. He was deeply moved by the joy and optimism of our children, despite their daily struggles.

“I have now seen where the donations from well-wishers go,” he shared. “It’s emotional to witness the incredible impact of the programme.”



Mr David during a visit to St. Brigid's Primary School, a centre for integrated learning that supports partially visually impaired pupils. The school is located next to Dr Aggrey Primary School

Mr David also shared his professional insights on web design, social media, and public relations, helping us improve how we tell our story. His visit brought immense joy to everyone at Dr Aggrey.

Looking Ahead: Our End-of-Year Holiday Camp

As the year draws to a close, we are preparing for our annual six-week Holiday Camp this November. The camp will bring together selected pupils from all four Starehe Hub schools for intensive cricket training and character-building activities — a highlight our pupils eagerly look forward to each year.

With Heartfelt Thanks

To our wonderful friends at **Blackheath Cricket Club**, we say *thank you*. Your generosity continues to light up young lives, instill hope, and nurture dreams that once seemed impossible. Every bat swung, every lesson learned, and every smile shared is a reflection of your kindness.

Together, we are building not just cricketers, but confident, compassionate, and capable young citizens for the future.

Photo Gallery: Our activities at Starehe Hub

