

RUN4KENIA – 2012 - 2016

After four years our school decided to organize a second “run4kenia” to make the teachers but also the students happy. Many of the students, parents but also teachers decided to participate and they looked for sponsors to collect as much money as possible for kids in Kenya.

My friend and I did not take part in 2012 but I can remember that it was a nice day for all of us, because we all knew that we were doing something useful to help other people, whose lives are not as good as ours. In 2016 Azra and I did not run either but we had another important job: taking pictures of the people running and also of the spectators who tried to cheer on the runners as much as possible.

So my friend and I were also most of the time active because we tried to take a lot of great pictures, from many different perspectives for the school’s homepage. With our pictures we try to show the people how great this project is and how much value it has.

The differences between this year and four years ago? Perhaps the age of the people taking part. But no matter whether older or younger in general we are all the same – trying to do something good and giving children the opportunity to attend school. With this event you can see that also the youngest of us give their best although they are just kids and not adults, they know which things are important in life and what helping each other means.

All in all we can say that we are proud and thankful to have a school which is so engaged and sociable in every kind of way, but this school could not exist without our great teachers who emphasis things like these and organize such special events.

Azra, Agnisa, 7b

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2012: A few weeks before the event we had to look for sponsors who would donate money for each lap we ran or 'just' for participating. The date of the charity run was the 14th of June in 2012. I was a 3rd former then and very excited on that day. At about 10:45 we went to the HAKA Arena with our teachers. First, the students from the "Oberstufe" built groups of 4 and competed against the Kenyan runners. Afterwards the charity run started and we had to run or walk for one hour. It was great fun because my friends were around me and the weather was so fine. To put it in a nutshell, it was a great event!

2016: This year the "run4kenia" was on the 9th of June, as four years ago, I was also a little bit nervous. After the second lesson we went to the HAKA Arena with our teachers. Our mood was bad, because it rained a lot and when we arrived there, we all were very wet. The event started with a relay race between teachers, parents, students and the Kenyan runners. Subsequently around 300 runners entered the running track. Some photos were taken and the students warmed up, then, after a while, the charity run started. As four years before we had to run or walk for one hour and fortunately the weather got better.

A big difference between the two charity runs was, that I had changed a lot, I was very ambitious and my aim was to run lots of laps in the stadium this year, because four years ago I was not trained enough and I participated just for fun. Unfortunately, I had hurt my leg a week before, so I was not very fit, nonetheless I ran 22 laps.

I hope that there will be a third "run4kenia" in four years' time, because although I will not be a student of BRG Traun anymore, I would really like to participate again and try to beat my personal high score.

Viktorija, 7b

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9th of June, 2016: It was not the first time that our whole school ran for the Kenya project. Unfortunately, it was raining at the beginning of the run not like four years before when the sun was shining brightly. We ran anyway.

I can't remember much of the "run4kenia" in 2012, although I think that we had more big sponsors like Asics, Adidas or famous marathon runners (for example Jürgen Ressar and Christian Pflügl) this year. More than 300 runners started when the bell rang at 11.30h. In 2012 there were "only" 270 participators. After an hour of running and many kilometers later, we arrived sweaty at the finishing line. Before the charity run teachers, students, parents and famous runners from Kenya took part in a relay race. Surprisingly, the students were better than the parents and the Kenyans with an unbelievable lead.

According to us, this year's charity run was way better than the one in 2012. Maybe that's because we were more involved and more aware of the good cause of the project. However, situation of the changing rooms could have been better.

To sum it all up, the "run4kenia" is a great opportunity to fundraise money for our Kenya project so that we can support our Godchildren. It is always great fun and we hope that there will be more "runs4kenia" in the future.

Laura and Julia, 7b

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“Run4kenia”, an event which was held at our for the second time on June, 9th. It was a rainy morning when we set off from school, but when the run started, the sun came out.

Everybody who wanted to help, could help. Students, teachers also parents could take part in the run. They just had to look for sponsors so they got money for the laps they ran. Some of the best runners ran 25 laps. That did not change!

What changed the most, was that the event was more professional this time. It was like an event you usually would watch on television. And for real, some students from 7a,b and 3g gave an interview for LT1.

Before the charity run, there was a relay race with some Kenyans like four years ago. The boys from our school were a bit faster so they won the competition against the Kenyans, the professional runner Mr. Pflügl and the teachers.

This year more teachers were involved in the run and there were more students running too. There was a lot to eat and to drink and we also had some photographers who took pictures of the runners and the spectators who supported the runners wholeheartedly.

All in all I can say that this run should become a tradition because we are known for our interest in helping people in need.

Ana, 7b