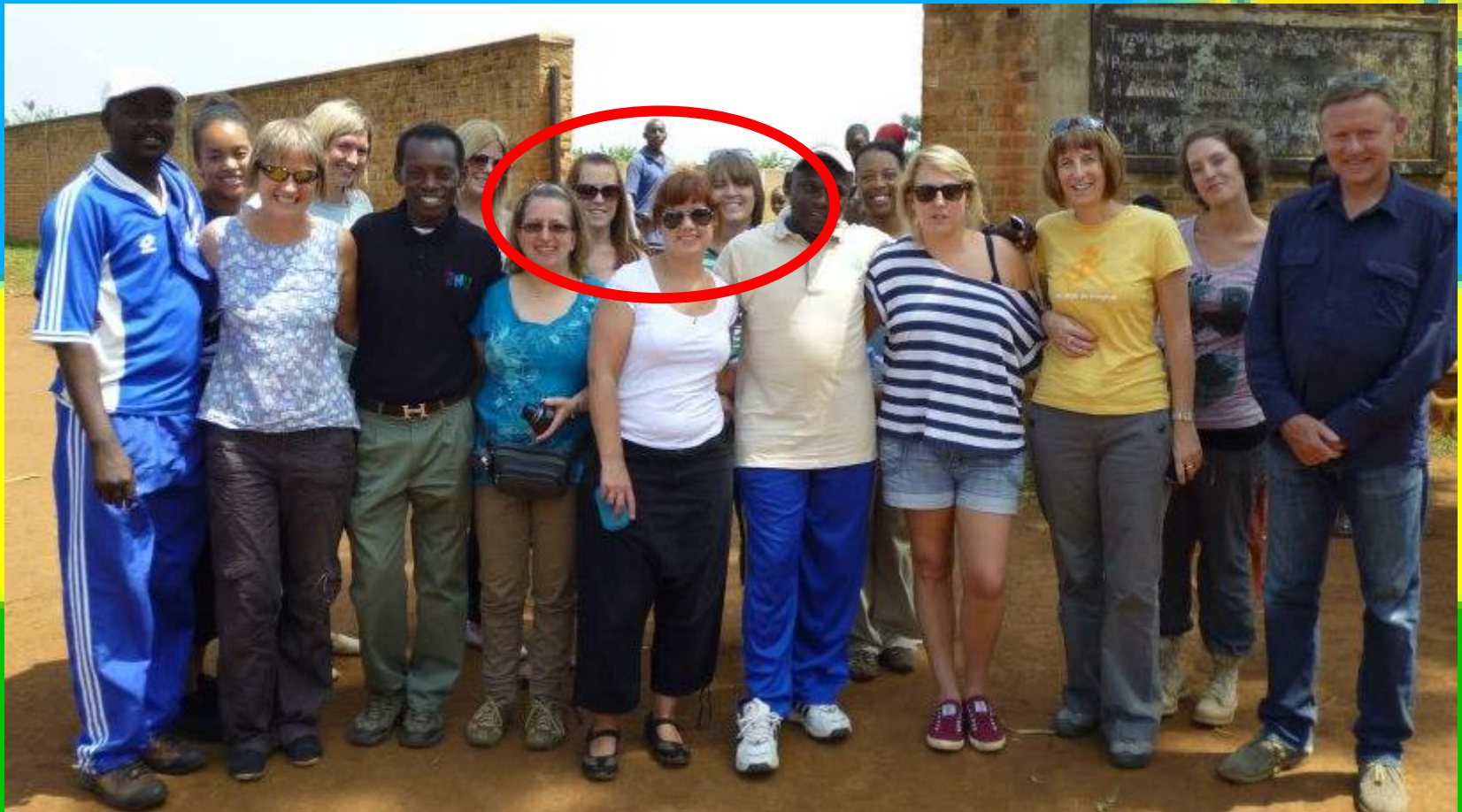
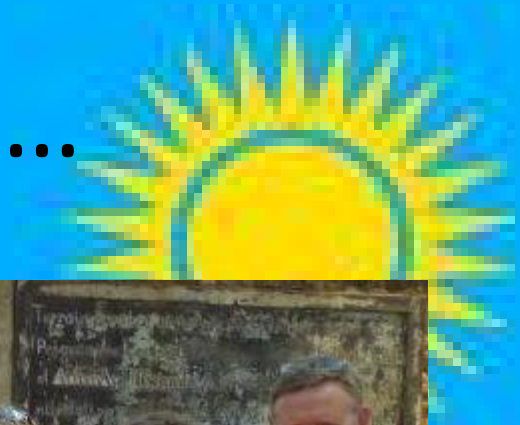


Our Trip to Rwanda...





We set off on Saturday morning, changed planes at Nairobi in Kenya and arrived into Kigali airport in Rwanda on Sunday afternoon.

After a light lunch of an omelette and chips, we travelled to our hotel called the **Dereva Hotel** which was in a district called Rwamagana.





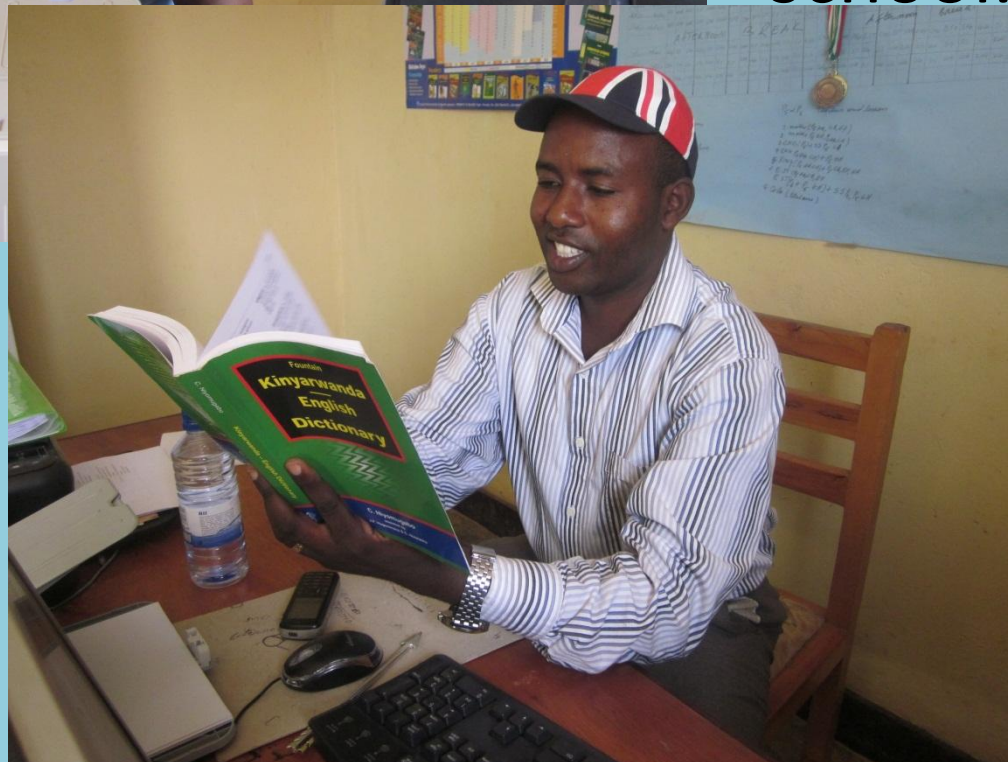
We had a good breakfast of toast, coffee, bananas and passion fruit. One morning – we had a delicious porridge.

We set off with our driver (Porro) to GS **Nyagasambu School** to meet Emmanuel and the children at the school.





We met with Emmanuel and were then welcomed by the pupils at the school.







We were made very welcome with dancing, drumming and singing. Later we shared gifts for the school (footballs, books, whiteboards and pens).

We had taken a Union Jack flag which was quickly hung on a flag pole next to the Rwandan flag!





GS Nyagasambu school looked very different to ours. They had one playground area to share with a volleyball net and some basketball poles. Classrooms were laid out around this playground area.

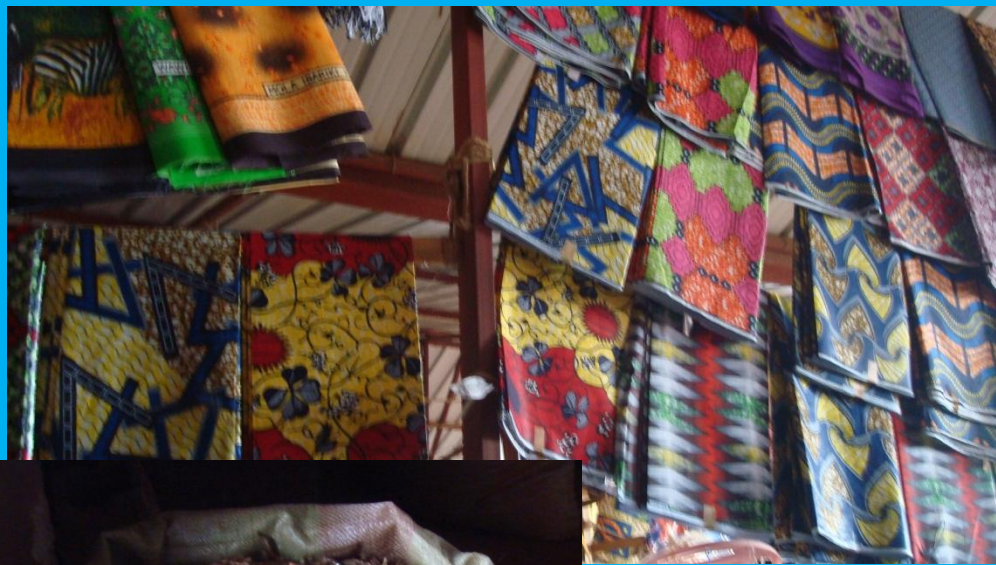


We had a tour of the school and got to meet lots of the pupils of all ages.





- Like us at Robin Hood, the children at GS Nyagasambu had a school uniform. Some children wore sandals. Others wore wellington boots if they thought it would rain.



Later that day we went to the local market.





There was everything for sale: food, materials, clothes.





We went for an early evening boat trip on the lake not far from Kigali.



We travelled that evening to IWE Girls School for a performance of dancing, singing and drumming.



On Tuesday we went back to school and spent some time in P1 and P2 (Year 1 and 2)

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A Gymnastics lesson!





That evening, we went to another Secondary school called Asperge. We were entertained with traditional dances, singing and drumming by pupils who wore fascinating traditional dress. We had dinner at the school.



We ate lots of
fish, meat, chips,
rice, banana,
pasta,
vegetables.



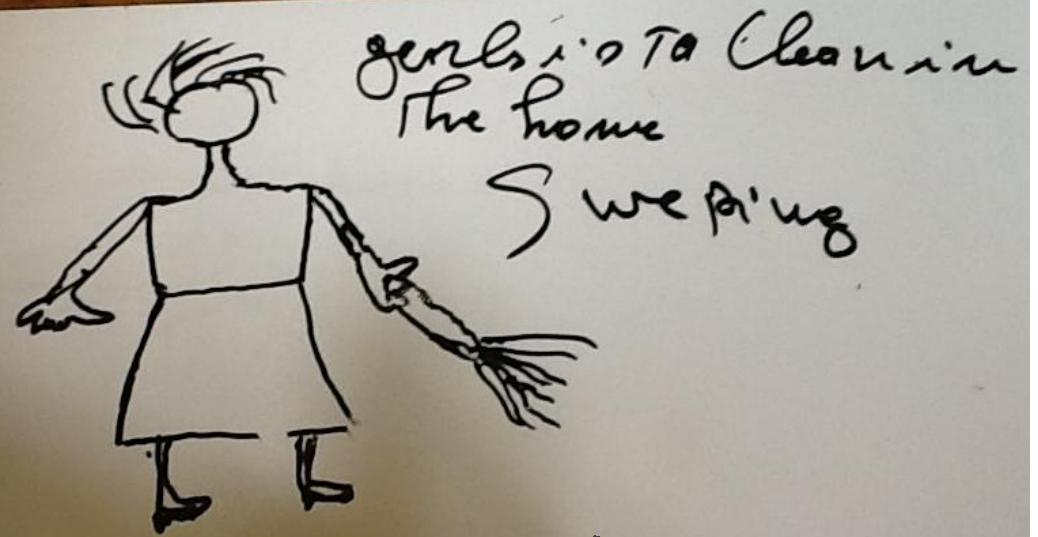
On Wednesday, we left early again for GS Nyagasambu. We spent time with P6 (Year 6) who had been doing project work with our Year 5 children at Robin Hood. They had stuck up our photos and the Art work which we had sent last year.







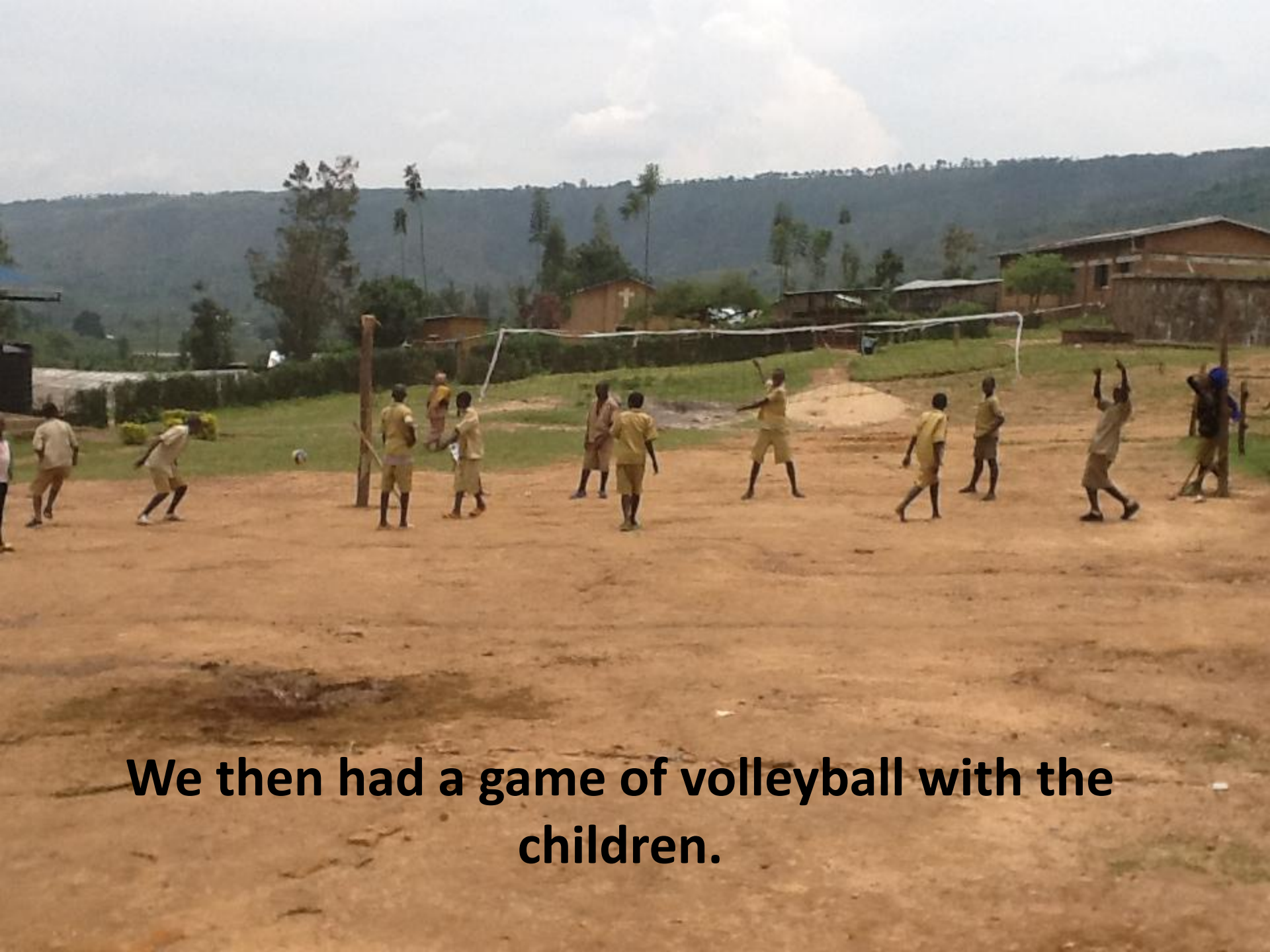
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We then had a game of volleyball with the children.



We met the school cows.... Have
you met our very own Robin Hood
cow today?



We also went to have lunch with Emmanuel and his family.

This is the local shop, just down the road from school.







On Thursday morning we were up by 5am to go to the Akagera National Park. We travelled for an hour or so to get there stopping at a local village.





Most people in rural Rwanda walk or cycle. They have to collect water from central water stations.





We reached Akagera National Park and travelled round the park in a very squashed minibuss. We were driving for about 6 hours, seeing animals and exploring the landscape. It was quite hot, although we did have a rainstorm.



A photograph of a giraffe standing in a savanna landscape. The giraffe is facing left, looking towards the viewer. It has a long neck and a body covered in a brown and white reticulated pattern. The background consists of green bushes and trees under a hazy sky. A blue speech bubble is overlaid on the lower left side of the image.

What animals
did we see?









We travelled back to the hotel







On Friday, we visited Kigali (the capital city of Rwanda)





We did a spot of shopping!



We had a
delicious
lunch!



Our last day...

Every last Saturday of the month, every person in Rwanda stops to help out for the day on a community project. This is called “umuganda”. We went to help join in a community project building a teachers housing shelter.







We drove straight from the community work to the airport. It took us over a day to travel home but we had had a fantastic time!