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Mombasa Show: Learners showcase their projects

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Have you ever been to an agricultural or trade show? What did you love most?

The shows organised by the Agricultural Society of Kenya (ASK) provide interesting learning opportunities for pupils and students.

What makes them exciting are the demonstrations by various exhibitors, which provide a practical learning experience for show goers.

People go to the shows to exchange experiences, learn new techniques and build networks.

The most recent show was the Mombasa International Show in Mombasa, which started from August 29 and ended on September 2.

The show had many new projects on display attracting over 3,000 people, including students from different schools and institutions of higher learning.

The show was fun as everyone was allowed to visit the stand of their choice, ask questions and gain more information about the products exhibited.

The show's theme was 'Promot-



From Left: Aga Khan Academy Students Naira Gillani 12, Umni Khadija 14, Maheera Intikhan 12 and Yanna Mbugua 11 at the Young Farmers Club stand at the Mombasa International Show. WACHIRA MWANGI/NATION

ing Innovation and Technology in Agriculture and Trade.

During the show, young farmers from different schools also had an opportunity to showcase their projects in the young farmers and book club.

Umni Khadija, 14, from Aga Khan Academy, Mombasa had compiled a detailed report on the benefits, nutrients, calories percentage and different ways to cook eggs, potatoes and bananas.

She also explained uses of coconut to show goers. "Coconut



Fahari Primary school pupils in a learning session at the Anti-Doping Agency of Kenya stand at the show.

is very nutritious. One can enjoy eating the fruit and its oil can be extracted and used," Khadija explained.

Maheera Intikhan, 12, a grade seven student presented a project called 'Stop! Let's work hard for our basic needs.'

Her project aimed at showing simple recipes for cooking simple Swahili foods like samosa and doughnuts, which can be adopted by the jobless and street beggars.

"Along many streets in major towns in Kenya, you will find people sitting and begging. Instead of begging, these people can do some little business like selling groundnuts and some foodstuff to earn a living," Maheera said.

Naira Gillani, 12, showcased various handmade crafts using A4 papers, which could be used as success cards, congratulatory letters, Christmas cards among others.

Yanna Mbugua, 11, presented a project that can assist street children by providing a platform where they can showcase their talents.

Students from various schools like, Mutini Primary school, Makueni County, Fahari primary

school, Mombasa took part in anti-doping programmes hosted by the Anti-Doping Agency of Kenya (ADAK) at the show.

The head teacher of Mutini Primary school, Onesmus Mbaluka said the programme is useful because it helps pupils avoid using drugs. From the school, 46 students attended the fair.

The students learnt about how to pursue sports without using drugs. Doping is the use of banned performance-enhancing drugs by athletic competitors.

The Chief Executive Officer of ADAK, Japhet Rugut said the country has many upcoming talents and that they should avoid shortcuts.

There were 190 exhibitors in total at the show. International exhibitors came from Uganda, Tanzania, China, Egypt, Turkey and Ukraine.

Show goers also learnt about the operations of different firms in Mombasa like Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) and Kenya Ferry Services (KFS) among others.

ASK Coast branch chairperson, Anisa Abdallah ensured security for the showgoers. CCTV cameras were installed at strategic places at the showground.

Several musical groups entertained the show goers, among them the little karatekas, various traditional groups and the police band.

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1. What stays in one corner but travels around the world?
2. The gas usually filled in the electric bulb is?
3. Exposure to sunlight helps a person improve his health because?
4. If I stand on top of a hill and ring a loud bell between two houses. Which house will hear the bell first?
5. Friction can be reduced by changing from?
6. What is the scout's motto?
7. How many times does the human heart beat in a day?
8. What are the tree types of habitats?
9. What is the other name

for a golf hole?
10. What is the instrument used for seeing objects at the surface of water from a submarine?

Send your answers to juniorspot@ke.nationmedia.com <mailto:juniorspot@ke.nationmedia.com> by close of Tuesday September 3rd. Indicate your name, age, school and contact.

Names of the first five pupils to send in the correct answers will be published in the next edition on September 10, 2018. They will also win Juniorspot T-shirts.

- LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWERS:
1. Light
 2. Mercury
 3. Cardiology
 4. Seven
 5. 888 + 88 + 8 + 8 + 8 = 1000
 6. Mount Sinai
 7. Year when the month of February has 29 days. It has 366 days.
 8. Philomena Mwili
 9. From pigments in the organisms they eat
- LAST WEEK'S WINNERS ARE:
- LOISE HINGA, THIKA ROAD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL-KIAMBU COUNTY
- ELIZABETH OBEGI ONKOBA, 10, SOLIDARITY PRIMARY SCHOOL, NAIROBI COUNTY
- ENOCK ORANGE ONKOBA, 11, SOLIDARITY PRIMARY SCHOOL, NAIROBI COUNTY

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Facts With Fun

- DID YOU KNOW? ...**
- Your nose and ears continue growing throughout your entire life.
 - Female elephants are called cows. They start to have calves when they are about 12 years old and they are pregnant for 22 months.
 - The first bicycle was invented in 1817. It had no pedals — you had to sit on the seat and scoot it with your feet. Can you believe it?
 - Did you know that if you shout at someone underwater, they will hear you faster than on land? Sound travels four times faster in water than in air!
 - The smallest bone in your body is in the ear. It's called the staples bone and just as big as a grain of rice.
 - Butterflies taste their food by standing on it. Their receptors are in their feet unlike humans who use their mouths.



One of the trickiest tongue twister in the English language is "sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick" Give it a try!

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