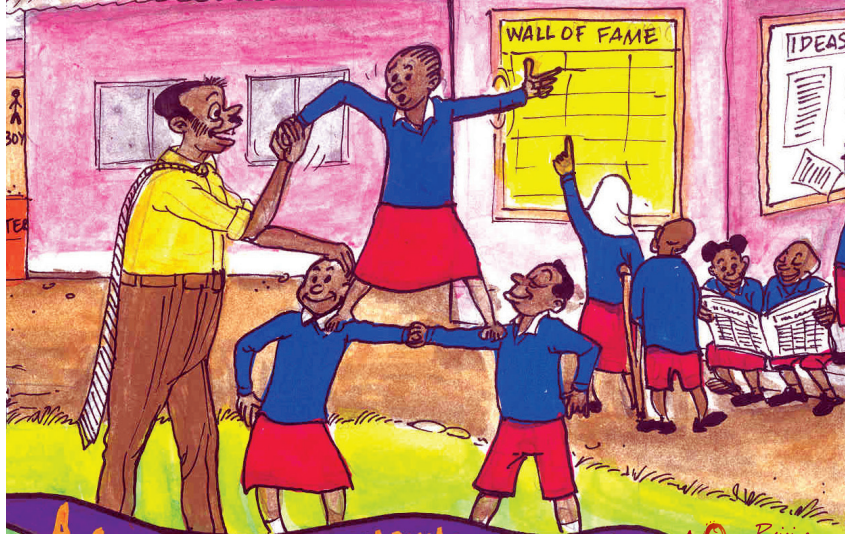



What is a
GOOD Learning
Environment?



A good school is everyone's right!


 Raising
Voices




Fatima, you're so smart today!




Thanks!



What's the special occasion?



Oh, no reason... I just want
to be on the board this week.

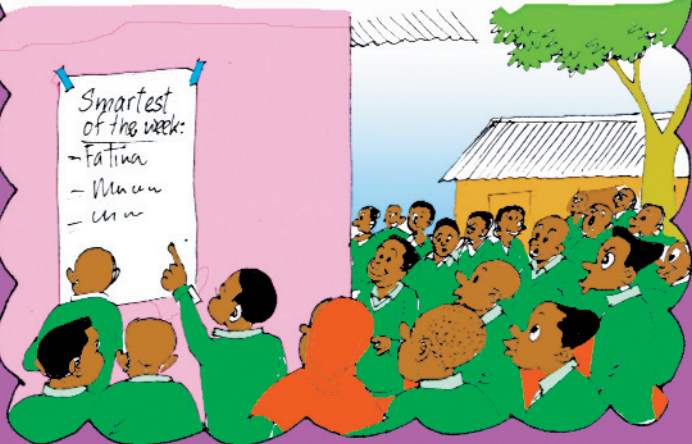


The board?
What board?



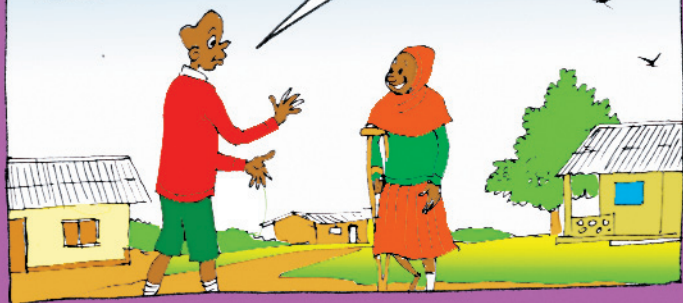
Our school has a Board of Fame...
If you're the smartest, or you improve in your studies, you get your name there!

They even announce your name at assembly!




Wow! That's great!

Our school doesn't have one.




Sorry, Peter. I have to rush. I'll miss practice!





Practice?
For what?

I'm on the debate team.
Tomorrow we have
a competition.



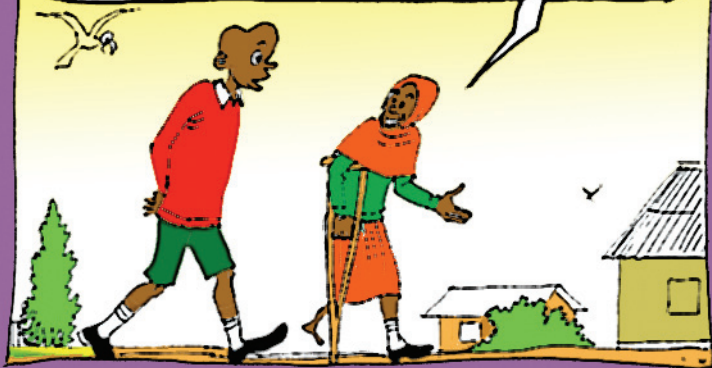
Really? About
what?

The topic is, "In a *Good School*, students help make the rules." We are arguing "for".

Ha! That's going to be difficult! Students never make the rules!



Oh, but in our school, we have a Student Council. And we help write classroom rules at the beginning of every term.



Really? Your school sounds great!
I wish I went there.



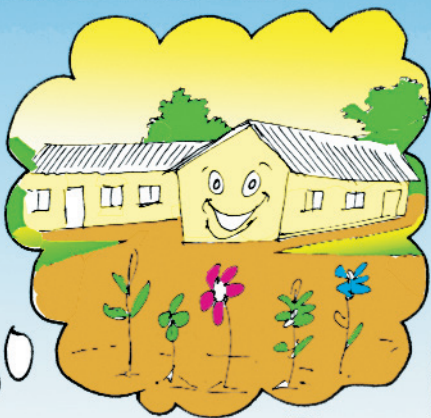
Sure! You're welcome! Why don't you come with me on Saturday?



You're going to school on Saturday?



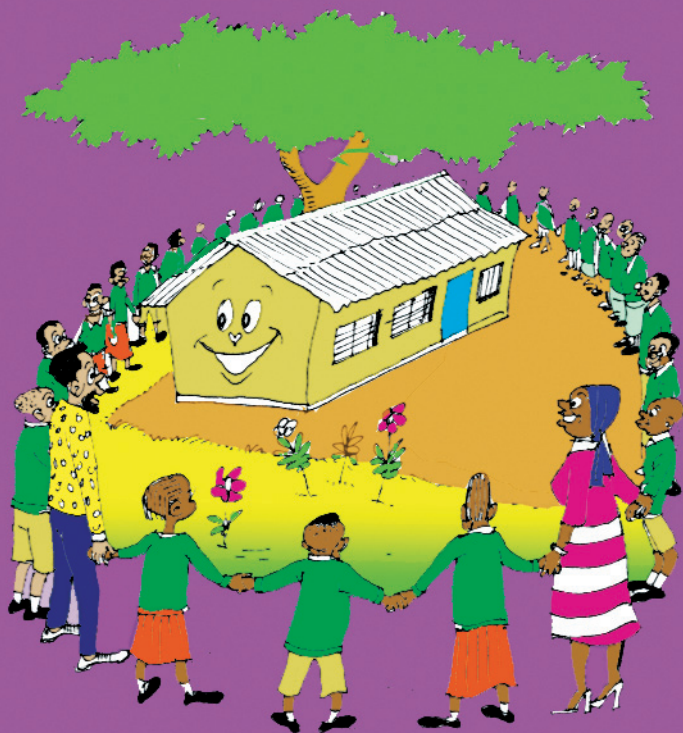
We're having a school pride day...
Everyone is coming to help clean the
compound and make it look smart.
We're even planting trees!



Thanks for inviting me!



***Good Schools* like Fatima's School
have a healthy physical and
psychological environment.**



A healthy environment can help children develop to their full potential.



So, what is a healthy and s

A healthy and supportive environment means many things!



And supportive environment?

A healthy environment means both the psychological environment and the physical environment.

1. Students have a voice.
2. Our school is violence-free.
3. Girls and boys are valued equally.
4. Our compound is clean and safe.

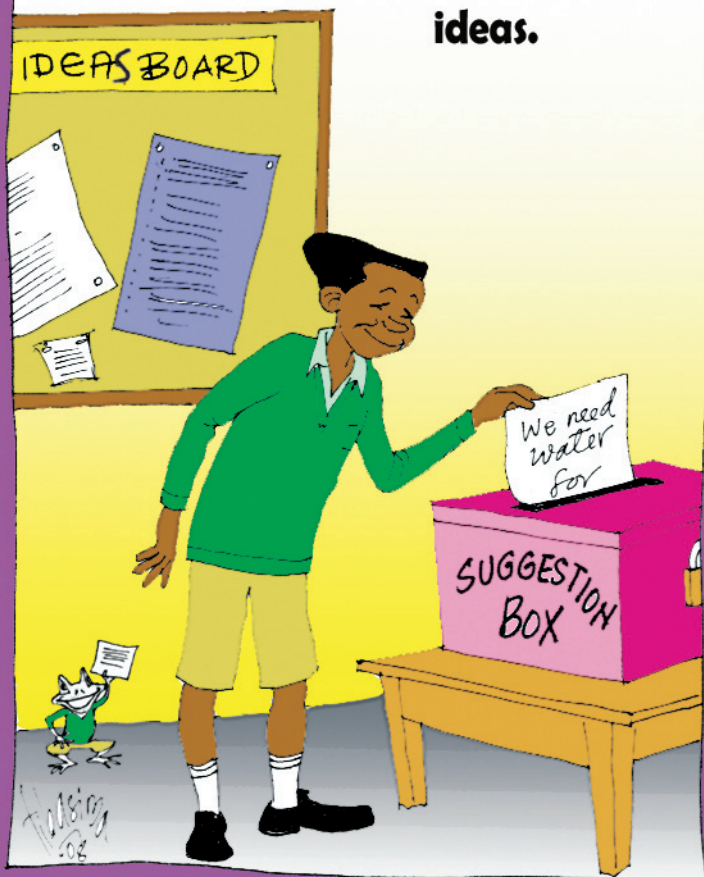
See our Health and Supportive Environment!

Our school has a healthy and supportive environment!



That means how we think and feel matters!

**It means we
contribute
ideas.**

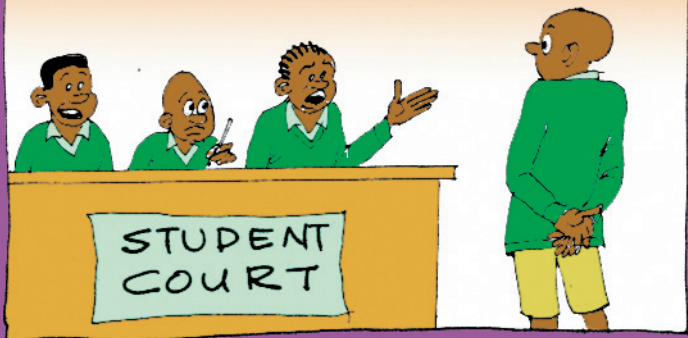


And our ideas help create change!

Yeah!! We have water to wash our hands!



**Having a voice means we
participate in our own discipline,**



**we help write our
classroom rules ...**

CLASS RULES

1. Be on time
2. Respect each other
3. Ask questions
4. Be smart
in center

**and we participate in how our
school is run!**



**Having a voice also means we have
the freedom to express ourselves!
We have opinions.**



We have essay and debate competitions,



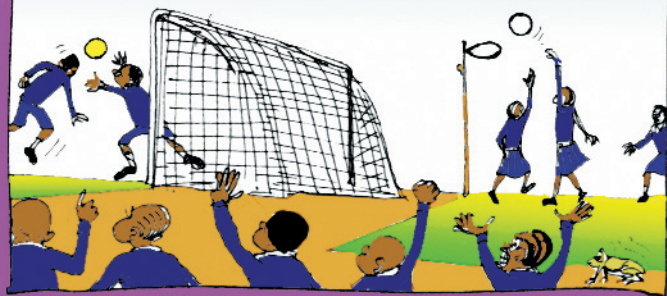
we have music,



and drama



and sports!



**Having a voice means our expression
is valued**



That's great! Our school has a healthy supportive environment too!



That means there are rules and policies in place to protect everyone!

**Violence-free means we feel
protected and safe**



We feel accepted by our peers



In our school, you can't bully other students!



Hey, give me that!



Bullying is when someone makes you feel bad or hurts you repeatedly because they are bigger than you.

If someone bullies you, you can report it to the counsellor or head teacher.



They will take action while keeping your talk private.



Your behaviour is not allowed in this school!

**In our school, sexual harassment
is not acceptable!**



No one is allowed to touch your private parts, or do or say things that make you feel bad.

Come to my house after school...I have a surprise for you!



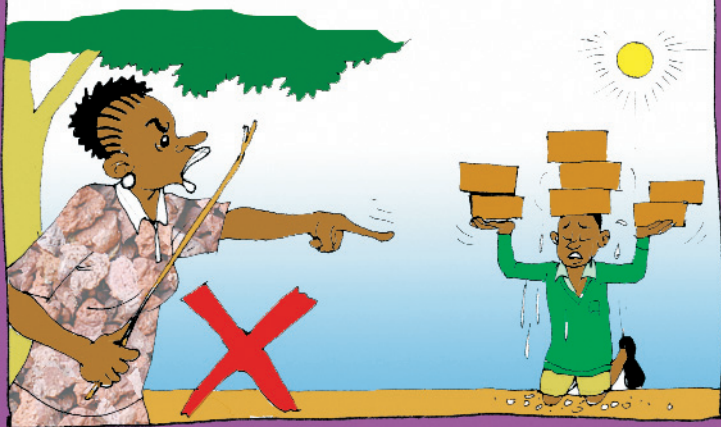
If it happens, you can tell the head teacher or counsellor.



They will protect you and do the right thing!



They use positive discipline.

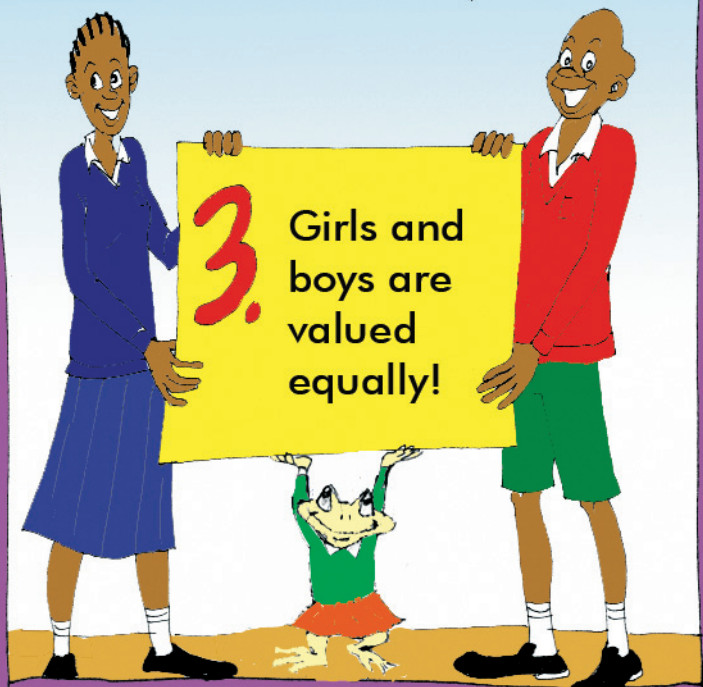


Violence-free also means our teachers never use fear or shame to punish us.



That's great!

Our school has a healthy and supportive environment too!





That means girls
have the same
opportunities as
boys:

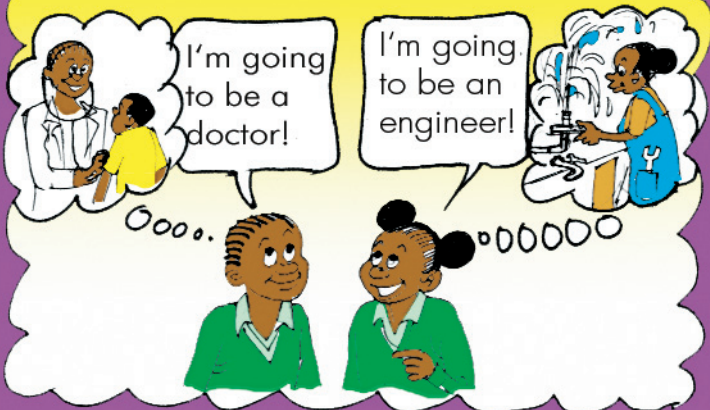
in the classroom,



in sports



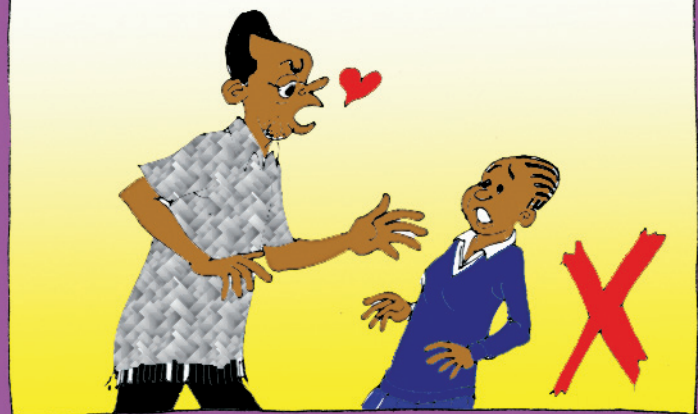
and in our ambitions.



It means girls are not made to do an unequal share of work,



they are never exploited or abused



and their personal needs are cared for.

Madame, I don't have any sanitary pads.

Here, you can use these!

And there is water to wash just there.



That's fantastic! Our school has a healthy and supportive environment too!

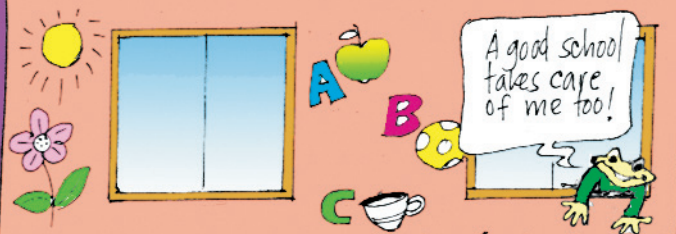


That means how we feel at school affects how we perform!

**That's why a *Good School*
is also a clean school**



**where our classrooms are
decorated!**



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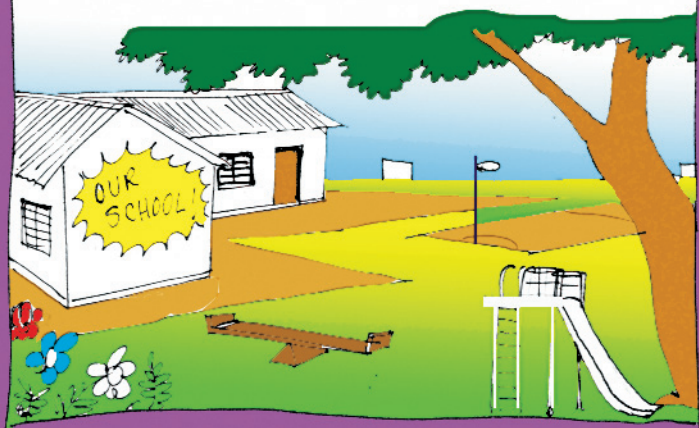
We uphold high standards.



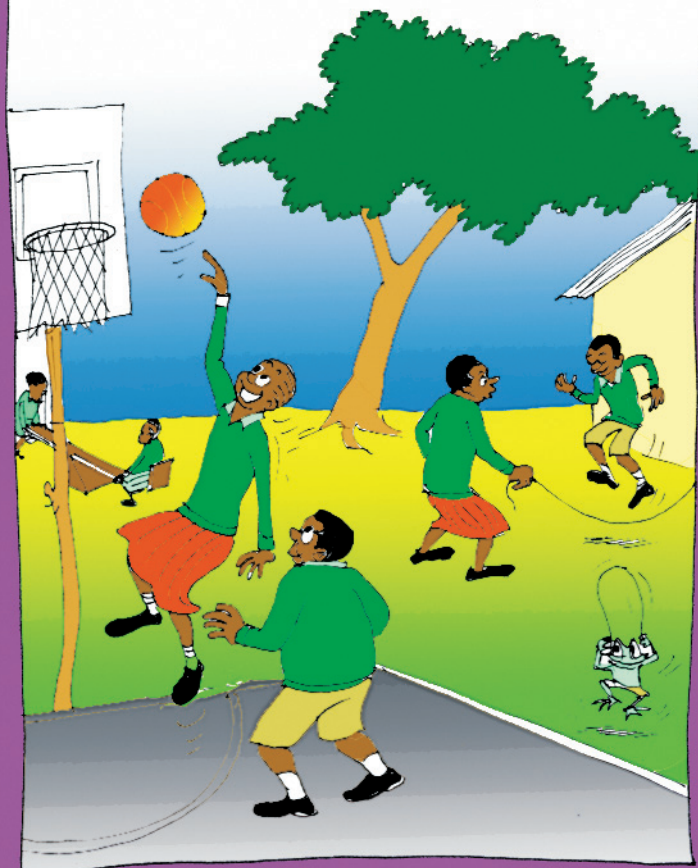
There are separate, clean toilets for boys and girls



and the compound is smart and safe!



There are places to play!



There are nice trees and flowers!



We have the basic tools we need for learning!



In our school,
what we think...

and how we feel
matters!



A Good School has a healthy c

We have a voice!

Our school is violence-free!



Is your school environ

y and supportive environment!

Girls and boys are valued equally!

Our compound is clean!

And safe!



Environment healthy?





What can you do to create a child-friendly environment?

- Put up a suggestion box.
- Write class rules together.
- Hold essay and debate competitions.
- Write a school policy on bullying and sexual violence.
- Throw away the cane.
- Post student work in your classrooms.
- Keep the toilets and classrooms clean.
- Plant flowers.
- Have a School Pride Day.
- Visit other schools and share ideas.
- Clean the school compound.

How to use this booklet

- Read this book as a class assignment.
- Ask students and teachers to make a list of what they can do to help children have a voice.
- Make a list of what can be done to make your school violence-free.
- Make a list of what can be done to make your school environment clean and safe.
- Try to do some of the things on your lists.
- Have an essay or speech competition called, "How I feel at school affects how I learn."
- Involve other teachers by holding discussions in staff meetings.
- Discuss how boys and girls are treated in your school. Are they treated equally?



WRITE YOUR

Notes

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IDEAS HERE.

DRAMA COMPETITION
Next Friday
* Don't miss !

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