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Head of primary's Message

Dear Parents and Students,

I am working in London for the next few days at one of the large recruitment fairs. It's a busy time where administrators are looking through mountains of CVs of prospective candidates, setting up interviews and making decisions about staff for the new school year. International teaching is one of the areas where people have to make decisions well in advance of their leaving date, usually up to one year. It is difficult to imagine at the start of the year if you will be ready to leave at the end. As recruitment is a long process with international fairs beginning in December, time is needed on the side of the recruiters and the candidates. Being amongst administrators from the world over provides wonderful opportunities for conversations on how things are done in their schools, the problems faced, the high points and what life is like there. Often there are more similarities as wherever you



This week 4AR had their class assembly. They presented a play about how it is good to be me. Well done!

are, we all work in schools with students. And children are the constant factor – the enthusiasm, the interest, the questions, the uphill struggles, the downhill sprints, the energy, the motivation and the desire to learn. I feel very proud to be representing our school and am looking forward to meeting with people who have an interest in joining us next year.

It is also pleasant to be in my home country again. I am especially appreciative of the fact that as I type this St Paul's Cathedral, an amazing piece of architecture and an iconic building in London, is framed in the window, a short distance away.

Have a great weekend and week ahead.

Jude Payne



WELCOME COFFEE **MORNING** **FOR NEW PARENTS**

The PTA will be hosting a coffee morning on 22nd January from 7:45 in the area above the main reception.

All new parents are welcome and we would love to meet you.



IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS	DATE
PTA PICNIC	17th Jan
PTA WELCOME COFFEE MORNING	22nd Jan
LIBERATION DAY	26th Jan
STUDENT- LED CONFERENCES NO SCHOOL FOR KS1 & KS 2 ONLY EY YEARS & SECONDARY WILL HAVE NORMAL SCHOOL	28th Jan
PTA DINNER DANCE	31st Jan
KEY STAGE 1 SHOW	5th Feb

Primary Assemblies

Early Years — Rec. CN
Primary — 1KH

PTA

Dear All

I hope you have all enjoyed your first two weeks back at school.

We have hardly had to worry about the traffic in the mornings/ afternoons, but that will all change within the next two weeks. The Ugandan schools are due to commence with Term 1 for 2015 from the first week of February, so be prepared to wake and leave home a little earlier in order to get to school on time.

School photographs were postponed this week and will be re-scheduled for the first week in March. Dates to be confirmed once finalised. Those parents who may have already completed and paid for their order forms, not to worry – I have them and will keep them until the photographs have been taken. You will all receive sample photographs of your child/ren's individual as well as sibling (if ordered) photographs in March, whereupon you can confirm your final order.

Well done to all children who participated in the inter-house Cross-country, you will all be notified shortly as to whether you will be competing in the inter-schools Cross-Country event at Heritage on Wednesday 21st January.

We also have Primary inter-house football & Secondary inter-house basketball on Tuesday 20th January – so please remember to all wear your house shirts.

Finally, we will be having our second PTA coffee morning on Thursday 22nd January in the area above the main reception from 07:45. To all new parents, please come along – we would really like to meet you.

Have a warm and bright weekend.

Many thanks

Kind regards

Rose Bowmaker

PTA Chair

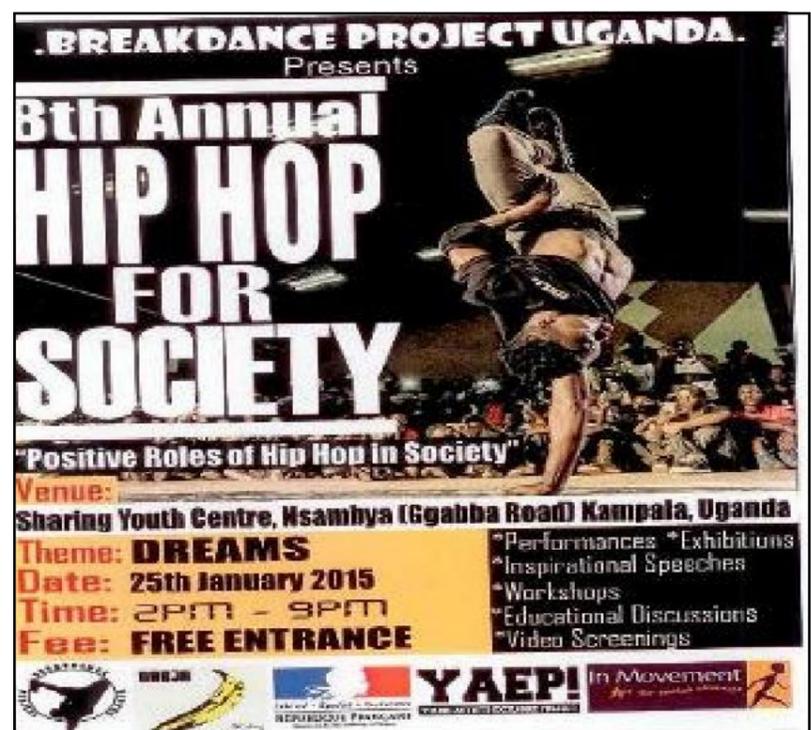
Stars of the Week

Primary

- 1LR Aicha Barry Leila — For fantastic work halving and doubling
- 1KH Aryan Vaya — For adding details to his own story and working hard on both reading and writing
- 2DB Lucky Bernadette — For showing enthusiasm and being prepared daily for the KS 1 production. Great example!
- 2EN Joel Adekolapo — For staying focused during weekend news writing and for excellent spelling skills!
- 3ED Avenesu Claire Murima — For a great week at KISU
- 3RA Vanya Nikolic — For always giving his best efforts during Maths time. You are working with accuracy when rounding numbers
- 4AR Alina Manji — For thinking carefully about her written work and using some beautiful adjective phrases
- 4PM Gabriel Nyeko — For improving the presentation of his work greatly! Fantastic effort!
- 5LE Nziza Sebunya — For being very enthusiastic about all tasks in " The Highway man"
- 5RB Dawit Ashenafi — For working diligently on his maths division word problem
- 6SR Esi Boaitey — For great interest and enthusiasm in her reading and for the excellent details she puts into her reading record
- 6GK Ethelbert Unegbu — For working hard at long division in Maths and making great progress. Well done!

Congratulations to all our
Stars!

Year 6 students working on DT project



Early Years

RHYMING

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT

What is rhyming?

Yes, I'm sure all of you already know that rhyming words sound the same at the end! It's a phonemic awareness skill, meaning that it's all about manipulating oral language. Rhyming is just a part of phonemic awareness . . . of working with language, sounds within language, and playing with language.

Why is teaching rhyming important?

Teaching rhyming is important for so many reasons! To begin with, a multitude of research has shown a correlation between rhyming mastery and eventual reading preparedness. Now, if your child isn't a rhyming machine right now, please don't be concerned! This doesn't mean he/she is going to be a below-average reader when they are older. It just means that you can incorporate more rhyming activities into your day.

On top of that, rhyming helps your little ones improve their oral language skills overall. It helps them to playfully manipulate their language, which gives them a kind of "permission" to manipulate language in other ways. Children have more ownership over their language when they're encouraged to change it and play with how they speak.

As previously mentioned, rhyming is an aspect of phonemic awareness (awareness of how to listen to, identify, and change around the sounds in spoken language). Phonemic awareness lays the groundwork for written language. Rhyming is a precursor to learning how to read and write.

The children in Kindergarten 3 are currently being introduced to this area of learning!

Parents are advised we have a couple of cases of head lice in school and we therefore request you check your child's head regularly.

Treatments can be obtained from local pharmacies should you require it.

Thank you

STUDENT – LED CONFERENCES

Wednesday 28th January 2015,
KS 1 and KS 2 only

Dear Parents,

You are cordially invited to join your child for a student-led conference. This conference provides a chance for your child to show you some of what they have done at school throughout the year so far. Please call or visit Jessica in the Primary Office to reserve a time slot from Monday 19th – 23rd January.

Please note that normal classes do not run for KS 1 and KS 2 during student-led conference children will arrive at school with parents to attend the conference and leave with them once it is finished. Please note that students should wear their uniform to school for the conference

It is a normal school day for Early Years and Secondary students.

Clubs will run as normal except those led by the teachers who will be involved in conference

Look forward to seeing you !

Kind regards,

Jude Payne
Primary Head

Music Dynamics

ABRSM Examinations

KISU is a centre for Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music Examinations that are taken annually. The ABRSM examiners come out here for about a week from England to assess our students on various instruments of their choice including voice, piano, recorder, guitar, flute, and clarinet. The practical examinations will take place at the end of May and beginning of June. The registration deadline for the practical examinations is 27 February 2015. The exact examination date will be communicated in due course. The fees for the different grades are as follows:

Grade	Fees (GBP)	Fees (UGX)
Prep Test	25	112,500
Grade 1	27	121,500
Grade 2	30	135,000
Grade 3	34	153,000
Grade 4	36	162,000
Grade 5	39	175,500
Grade 6	41	184,500
Grade 7	47	211,500
Grade 8	54	243,000
Performance Assessment	39	175,500

ABRSM Diploma

This year we are happy to introduce the ABRSM Diploma here at KISU. We currently have one student being prepared for it. The fees for the ABRSM Diploma **UGX 450,000**

If you need more information regarding the ABRSM examinations please contact me on 0774 655864

Dr. Benon Kigozi, Head of Music

Director of Sport

Happy New Year to you all!

The term has started in earnest as far as school sport goes, with our inter-house cross-country event. Our Primary students gathered last Friday to compete, whilst our Secondary students ran their events by year group during their PE lessons this week. Well done to everyone who competed. Every student who finished the course got at least 1 house point, with more points available to those who finished in the top ten – up to 25 points for the winner of each race. The winners were:

Year 3 Girls: Habesha Sredojevic	Year 3 Boys: Yonael Yonas
Year 4 Girls: Takondwa Kamwendo	Year 4 Boys: Maddox Chukwuma
Year 5 Girls: Kayla Gouws	Year 5 Boys: Yosias Yonas
Year 6 Girls: Nina Tobin	Year 6 Boys: Bukenya Lubega
Year 7 Girls: Katherine Bowmaker	Year 7 Boys: Stephane Okenge
Year 8 Girls: Ranto Rakotondrafara	Year 8 Boys: George Blom
Year 9 Girls: Lalla Haidara	Year 9 Boys: Wu Run Bo
Year 10 Girls: Julie Santana	Year 10 Boys: Emmanuel Aziku
Year 11 Girls: Milenka Sloots	Year 11 Boys: Gabriel William
IB Girls: Isabelle Schmidt	IB Boys: Siddharth Ajay

Once all the points were counted, the final scores for each house were as follows:

In Primary:

In Secondary:

1 st	Otukei	290 points	1 st	Kibale	419 points
2 nd	Kibale	235 points	2 nd	Otukei	318 points
3 rd	Semliki	232 points	3 rd	Semliki	259 points
4 th	Bwindi	183 points	4 th	Bwindi	217 points

Our Primary cross-country squad will be going to Heritage International School on Wednesday 21st January to compete in the ISSAK competition. Unfortunately, our Secondary students will not be attending, due to safety concerns regarding part of their course being on a road that is not closed to traffic.

On Tuesday 20th January we have our inter-house Primary Football and Secondary Basketball competitions. Year 3 & 4 will compete from 0850 to 1050; year 5 & 6 from 1110 to 1230 up on the field. Year 7 & 8 will compete from 0810 to 1050; year 9 & 10 from 1110 to 1310; year 11 & IB from 1350 to 1510 on the indoor and outdoor basketball courts.

Our ISSAK football (for U7, U9 and U11) and basketball (for U13, U16 and Open) matches also start next week, so please come along and support our teams. It would be great to get a few more trophies this term!

Have a great weekend
John Porteous

More Highlights from Primary Cross Country

