



Larry the Lion's Friday News



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Head of primary's Message

Dear Parents and Students,

Thank you to you all for making Wednesday a tremendous success. As I walked around the campus I met many smiling parents and students. I hope you found the day to be informative, encouraging and worthwhile. Here are a few quotes from students:

"I loved the conferences! I could explain my work and show what I was good at."

"I talked to my mum and told her what I wanted to get better at."

"I liked showing my mum and dad my P.E. I wanted them to see how good I was."

"My conference was good. I showed all of my work and I could tell my mum and dad what I did well and what I needed to improve. They were pleased with me."

I watched Miss Rowlinson explain the activities to one of her year 1 students. The little girl nodded knowingly, walked over to her mother and proceeded to list the activities in a clear, confident voice. Some of the best activities saw mum and dad being taught by their children, I did wonder if any parents tried the high jump. There was certainly an atmosphere of industry and confidence pervading the building and a definite sense of conferences being child led, exactly how they should be.



Sharing work based on 'The highwayman' during the Student –Led Conference

Next week, on Thursday evening at 6.00pm, you are cordially invited to the KS1 performance. The children have been working hard to learn lines, songs and dances. The scenery is being constructed and the backdrop almost ready to hang. If you want to hear the rumble in the jungle, then please join us on the savannah with a host of wild animals including some extremely cheeky monkeys.

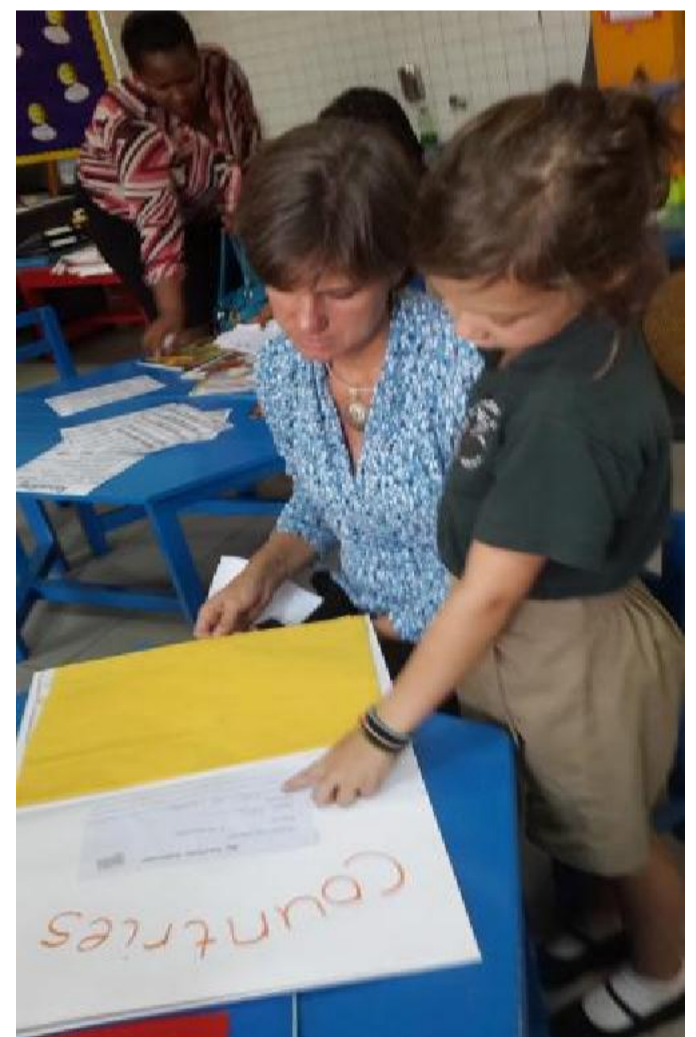
Have a great weekend and week ahead

Jude Payne

A HUGE thank you goes to all KS 1 and KS2 parents for being so supportive, with great enthusiasm, positive responses, love and care during the student- led conferences, Thanks for making the conferences so SUCCESSFUL.

Primary Assemblies

Early Years — Rec. ED
Primary — 4PM



IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS	DATE
KEY STAGE 1 SHOW	5th Feb
HOUSE SHIRT DAY	9th Feb
I/H PRIMARY ATHLETICS	13th Feb
HALF TERM	16-17th Feb
ISU PRIMARY ATHLETICS @KISU	25th Feb

Stars of the Week

Early Years

- ★ KG 2CK Shalom Dawit— For settling into his new school setting
- ★ Alek Khalil — For settling so quickly into her new school setting
- ★ KG 2LK Paige Bituature — For settling quickly into her new setting
- ★ Agaba Joshua Kaijuka — For settling nicely into his new school
- ★ Thuso Muruma — For settling into his new setting
- ★ KG 3EN Gun – hyung Kim — For settling into his new school quickly
- ★ Hayle — Louise Slabbert — For settling into her new school quickly
- ★ KG 3JT Nicklas Thorning, Matias Pacheco, Ryan Wang — For settling so quickly into their new school
- ★ REC. ED Sofya Ose — For her creativity and confidence when presenting her ideas to a group
- ★ REC.CN Johann Nettekovan — For trying very hard to blend sounds in order to read simple words

Primary

- ★ 1KH Pauline Brendle — For her fantastic effort during performance practice
- ★ 1LR Sammy Mclean — For his super explaining and effort during his student— led conference
- ★ 2DB Ojochenemi Cheni Usman — For displaying leadership skills during group research on Our Human Bones
- ★ 2EN Meadow Pollack — For being extra helpful and following instructions
- ★ 3ED Keza Rujugiro — For an interesting mystery story using adverts and speech marks
- ★ 3RA Arin Loken — For improving in his writing structure and grammar. Well done!
- ★ 4AR Nahom Ghebremeskel — For working really well as part of a team and being open to the ideas of others
- ★ 4PM Nyaliet Gai Riek — For continuing to develop her language skills and technical writing in literacy. Great word choices. Well done
- ★ 5LE All of 5LE— For creating our play in a very short time
- ★ 5RB Ammarah Sakrani — For displaying great enthusiasm at the Student – Led Conferences
- ★ 6SR Aleser Morvi — For being extremely helpful and reliable in class. Thanks Aleser!
- ★ 6GK Janesh Vakariya — For trying hard to improve his handwriting and for always having a positive attitude

Congratulations to all our
Stars!

PTA

Dear All

This coming Saturday 31st January is an ISSAK catch-up day for both primary football and secondary basketball matches. Please note that all the girls' matches will take place at ISU and all the boys' matches will take place at KISU.

The PTA will have a food stand at KISU – where you will be able to buy refreshments, but please bring a water bottle, hat and sunscreen – it has been extremely hot recently and you need to keep yourselves hydrated and protected from the sun! Any help or assistance manning the PTA stand will be greatly appreciated. Please could you let me know if you are able to lend a helping hand.

Thursday 5th February is the KS 1 show – please come along and show your support for your children. They have been practicing and working very hard for their show.

Friday 6th February is the second Inter-schools Cross-country event at Rainbow – if you are able, please come along to cheer-on and encourage your child/ren. They really appreciate it.

Reminder that Monday 9th February is House shirt day – please can your child come to school wearing their coloured PE house shirt.

Mid-term break is almost upon us – Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th February only. School will close as per normal on Friday 13th and will resume again on Wednesday 18th February.

Please can ALL parents ensure that the school Admin/Primary & Secondary offices have your CORRECT contact details – telephone and email addresses. It is vital for school communication and without your correct details, the school/PTA cannot contact you when required.

Enjoy your weekend.

Many thanks
Kind regards

Rose Bowmaker
PTA Chair

Dear Parents,

Please make sure your child brings a hat and water bottle to school every day. Also consult their class timetable to ensure they wear the correct uniform for PE days and bring their swimming kit on swimming days. Thank you.

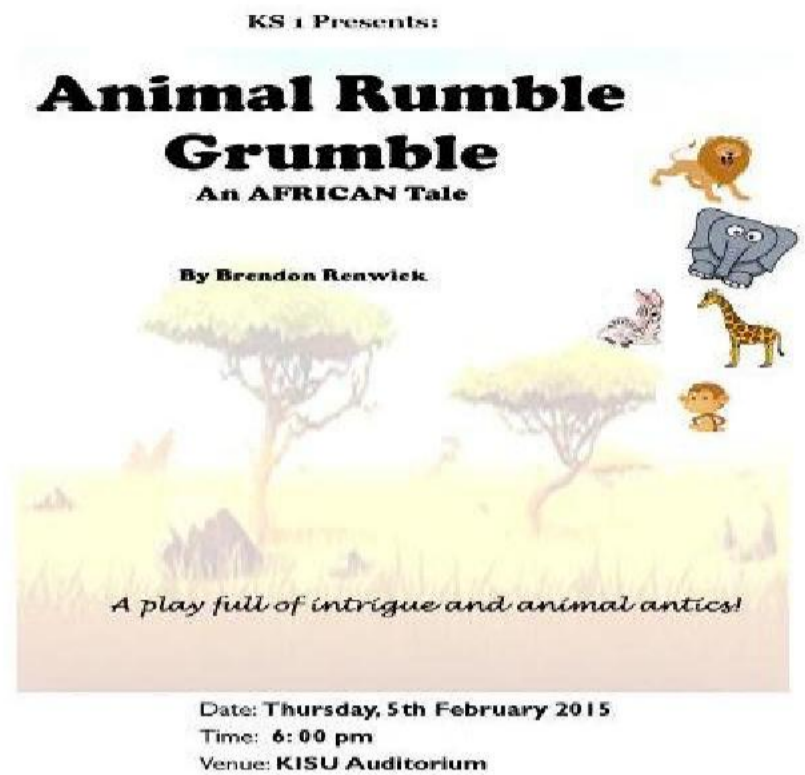


Early Years

In the mind of an early years child...

- Teacher: "Have you got feathers like birds?"
Child: "No we have t-shirts."
- Child: "How old are you?"
Teacher: "Very old; thirty-five."
Child: "My father is one hundred and stronger and younger than you."
- Teacher: "You have hurt my finger."
Child: "It's not me it's my head!"
- Child 1: "Who is the king of the jungle?"
Child 2: "Hamza." (A friend in class)

KS 1 Production



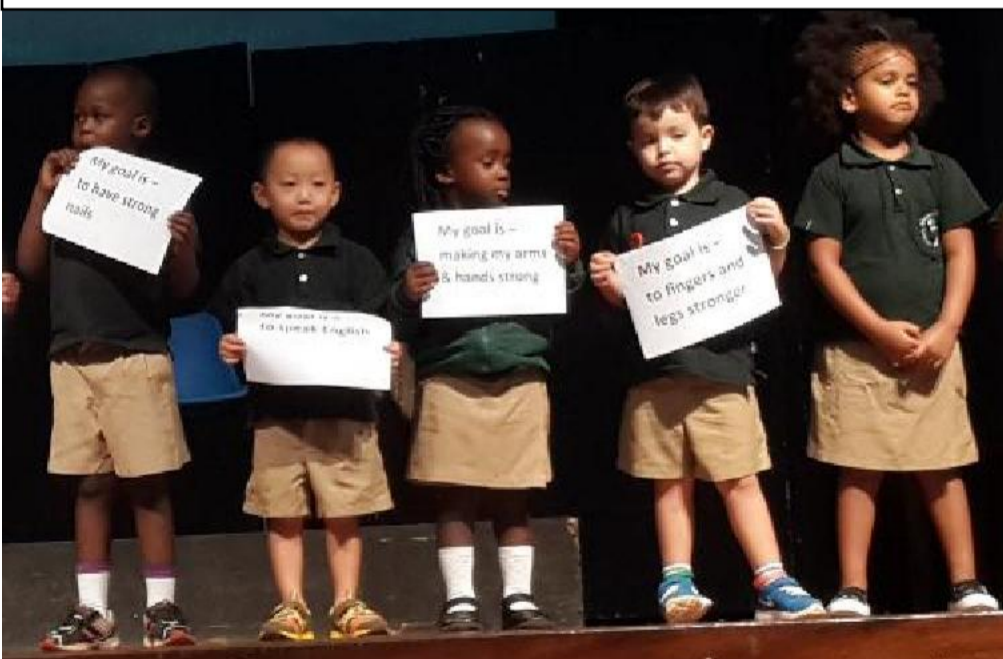
Dear Family and Friends,

Key Stage 1 invites you to our 2015 production, *Animal Rumble Grumble*. Year 1 and 2 students have been working hard to bring each character to life as they prepare for the play. It will take place on **Thursday, 5th February 2015, 6:00 pm, at the KISU Auditorium**. Come and experience a play full of intrigue and animal antics!

See you there!

KS1 Team

KG 3JT sharing their personal goals in assembly



Director of Sports

Tomorrow is a busy day of ISSAK matches, with our girls going to ISU for a number of fixtures and our boys here at KISU. There is another ISSAK catch-up day next Saturday, where our boys will be at ISU and our girls will be at home. The coaches of the various teams should have already informed you of the schedule of games for tomorrow. Next Saturday's fixtures will be announced early next week.

Next Friday sees our Primary cross-country runners go to Rainbow for the second ISSAK cross-country meet. Unfortunately, our Secondary students will not be attending due to safety concerns regarding the race route outside the school grounds.

Good luck to all our athletes and teams!

ISSAK SEASON 2- Football!

Our primary footballers opened their season in December at Heritage International School. Despite Heritage's home field advantage, KISU's U11 Boys and Girls pulled through with a 3-3 draw and a 1-0 victory, respectively. Our U11 girls are undefeated this season with a 3-0 record, conquering ISU 4-1 and Heritage again, by forfeit, Nicole, Nina, and Hellena scoring goals for KISU. Our boys look forward to their first victory this Saturday!

All Boys' teams are at home this Saturday, January 31st while the girls travel to ISU. Staff, students, and parents- be sure to come out and support your Lions!

Director's Message

It's good to be back after 2 weeks in the UK recruiting teachers for the next academic year. The timeframe involved in international teaching contracts can seem quite odd to most people. It is not uncommon for international educators to have to indicate their intentions 10 or 11 months in advance and it can be an un-nerving experience.

In most jobs people find another position before they resign their current post. For international educators it is the other way round, where teachers have to resign many months before they know if they can get another job. If you're single it's not too bad, but if you have children then it can be very scary. And so it was, that at 2 recruitment fairs held in London, we got to meet a whole variety of teachers, all in a state of nervous tension, trying to secure employment for the academic year starting in 7 months time.

Some candidates were great, and some less so. Everyone had their own strengths and one of the trickiest jobs is trying to work out whether they will comfortably fit in with our school. People can be very well qualified and come with excellent references, but can they thrive in a place where the internet, water and electricity have a somewhat irregular nature? Do they have the personality to relate well with our students? Do they have the passion for education we seek? And do they have the ability to deal with the unexpected without falling to pieces?

The one thing I've learned in recruiting is to not lie, giving every viewpoint possible. Before I left, I asked teachers who had joined us in the last few years for things to tell prospective candidates; after all they have been on the receiving end of my interview before and know whether I missed anything useful out. Mentioning the limited availability of specific hair care products seems to be a regular thing; not something I particularly worry about, given my lack of hair!

This year we are in the fortunate position of not having to recruiting many staff. On paper this sounds great, but in reality it makes recruitment harder, when almost every job available has tied with it a position of additional responsibility. It's like trying to do a jigsaw where when one piece is put down, it affects the shape of all the other pieces. What would have fitted together ten minutes ago won't fit any more.

I'm pleased to say that by the time we actually interviewed people, almost all we met had got over the greatest hurdle; the idea of living in Uganda. Given the international press coverage for things such as Ebola and the inability for many news organizations to show things in context, you'd be amazed at how many people think that the whole of Africa is either a war zone or everyone is suffering a terrible disease. It's a shame, when places like Uganda have so much to offer. When in conversation

I am able point out that sitting in a London hotel we are closer to an Ebola victim than sitting at school in Kampala, people suddenly start getting things into perspective

At the CIS job fair I met a colleague from one of my former schools in the South of France. We compared notes on prospective teachers and it became apparent that he suffered from too many people applying, simply because they loved the idea of living on the Cote D' Azure. I on the other hand had to drum up interest because people are scared off by Africa. Yet when we got down to it, the problems of living in the South of France for a poorly paid teacher in a very expensive place were fairly considerable in comparison to the hardships our teachers face. It's more a case that the challenges are different.

The fact of the matter is that there is no perfect job in a perfect location. And if there is, the chances are that someone is very happy there and is unlikely to move on. We all have to balance the pros and cons of every posting. Our teachers are a fairly resilient bunch, many of them living thousands of miles away from their friends and family, just like many of our KISU families. For others, whether Ugandan or expatriate, Uganda is their home and the concept of travelling thousands of miles every holiday to visit relatives seems quite odd.

Sadly I am one of those people who will be moving on at the end of this academic year. My parents are now in their eighties and their health is deteriorating. I have been going 'home' almost every holiday, but my feeling of guilt in leaving again gets stronger every time I return. So it's time for me to go back to be nearer to them. I'm therefore one of the people for whom the future is very uncertain, so I know exactly what potential candidates are feeling. Still, it's an exciting opportunity too and the concept of experiencing 4 seasons again for the first time in 20 years is something I'm really looking forward to.

The diversity of KISU community members is staggering and it helps to make our school so interesting and 'international'. Our students accept change better than most of us adults and they are always willing to welcome new people and adapt to new circumstances. This concept they will someday take back to their home wherever that may be, and over time hopefully people many thousands of miles away will benefit from the education and mindset of KISU.

Have a great week.
Neil Wrightson



Student –Led Conferences



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

Year 5LE performed an amazing assembly about 'The Highwayman'

