



# Larry the Lion's Friday News



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## Head of primary's Message

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome back to school after a well deserved holiday and hopefully some rest and relaxation for you parents. I saw many children yawning or looking sleepy first thing on Monday morning as there was the usual readjustment of having to get up at a particular time once again. Mind you, some parents have commented that during the holiday their children bounced awake even earlier in the mornings and were quite determined to ensure the whole house should share in their enthusiasm for the holiday. I also saw many parents smiling widely as they dropped their children off.

As the playgrounds were filling, there were many conversations and greetings as though long lost friends had reunited. It was good to see school with children and staff once again. It was an extremely quiet place over the last two weeks. Everyone was soon into their routines and term 3 had begun.

It is a short term, only ten weeks and so much to pack in. This week saw Otukey house in free dress on Wednesday as their prize for winning the house points competition. Thursday was due to see the Interschool Athletics hosted here at KISU. Unfortunately the rain came down (in a



Under 9 Football Champions

and the sky rolled with thunder for good effect, the final result being the event was sadly postponed. The field was rather waterlogged and it would have turned into a 'slip and slide' event rather than precision athletics. We will let you know the new date as soon as possible.

About half of the year 6 children will be jetting off for a week of study in Zanzibar early Monday morning. They are scheduled to leave school at 1.30am for the airport. There are plenty of happy faces about the prospect of their trip although I'm sure those smiles will be somewhat diluted at that time of the morning. I wish them a fantastic trip and can't wait to hear about their adventures. Also next week we will be celebrating Earth Week and a number of activities, including a recycled fashion show in KS2, are under organisation. There is also a dress up day across Secondary and Primary on Wednesday where the students are asked to come in blue (water) and green (earth). The cost is 2,000UGX. The money raised is being donated to provide hand sanitation facilities in some of the community link school. Not to leave parents out,

on Friday night the PTA have organised KISU Royale where you are invited to come and play the various games on offer. The outside stage will be transformed into a scene from Casino Royale and if we are extremely lucky, perhaps a certain British agent may saunter by.

Best regards  
Jude Payne

### Term 3 fees due

Please remember that term 3 fees are now overdue and we'd be very grateful for your help in ensuring that we don't have to waste energy and resources chasing up missing payments.

Please remember that if you are paying fees by bank transfer it is absolutely vital that the children's names are included in the transfer title and that a copy of the actual transfer details including swift code, is given to the bursars. It is likely that hundreds of people are transferring exactly the same sums as yourself and it can prove a nightmare to work out whose is whose without these details.

Your help is very much appreciated.

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS	DATE
PTA COFFEE MORNING	22nd April
YEAR 6 TRIP TO ZANIZIBAR	20th-24th April
EARTH WEEK	20th-24th
PTA KISU ROYALE	24th April
MUSIC FESTIVAL AT ISU	30th April
EARLY YEARS AND KS1 MINI OLYMPICS	30th April

## Stars of the Week

### Primary

- ★ 1LR Noah Mugisha Muhumuza — For practicing and applying his sounds during phonics. Well done!
- ★ 1KH Amara Kimbaleeba — For great partitioning of her two digit numbers, and adding of tens and units!
- ★ 2EN Elektra Gutjahr — For great improvement in her writing, using a variety of time connectives in her holiday news!
- ★ 2DB Kaze Ishiimwe Karen — For working enthusiastically to understand division using grouping. Well done!
- ★ 3ED Radrashish Jassal — For a great start at KISU
- ★ 3RA Rafael Mclean — For sharing the rocks from Namibia with the class— connecting to our class topic Rocks and Soils
- ★ 4AR All of 4AR — For a fantastic first week back
- ★ 4PM Victor Stahle — For correcting his teacher's mistakes on a number of occasions!
- ★ 5RB Scout Pollack — For your willingness to participate in an improvisation and beautiful acting
- ★ 5LE Elijah Baingana — For your willingness to participate in an improvisation and great humour  
For making a good effort in all subjects
- ★ 6SR Ammar Champeli — For focused effort and determination to succeed in Numeracy. Keep it up!
- ★ 6GK Dishin Vyas — For the great effort put into his movie genre poster

Congratulations to all our  
Stars!

## PTA

Dear All

Welcome back, trusting you all had a wonderful holiday.

Despite being our shortest term, there is a lot going on...

The Primary Inter-Schools Athletics meeting was meant to take place this week Thursday, but due to the rain and bad weather – it was postponed. All participants will be notified once another date has been finalised.

Next week:

Earth week – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015

PTA New Parents & Welcome Back coffee morning – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 07:45 above main reception

Spanish Day – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

KISU Royale is coming up – so please watch this space. This is a fantastic fundraising event, thoroughly enjoyed by all those who have attended in the past and with many wonderful prizes up for grabs – so don't delay, buy your tickets now from either Archana, Sarah or myself.

Many thanks

Kind regards

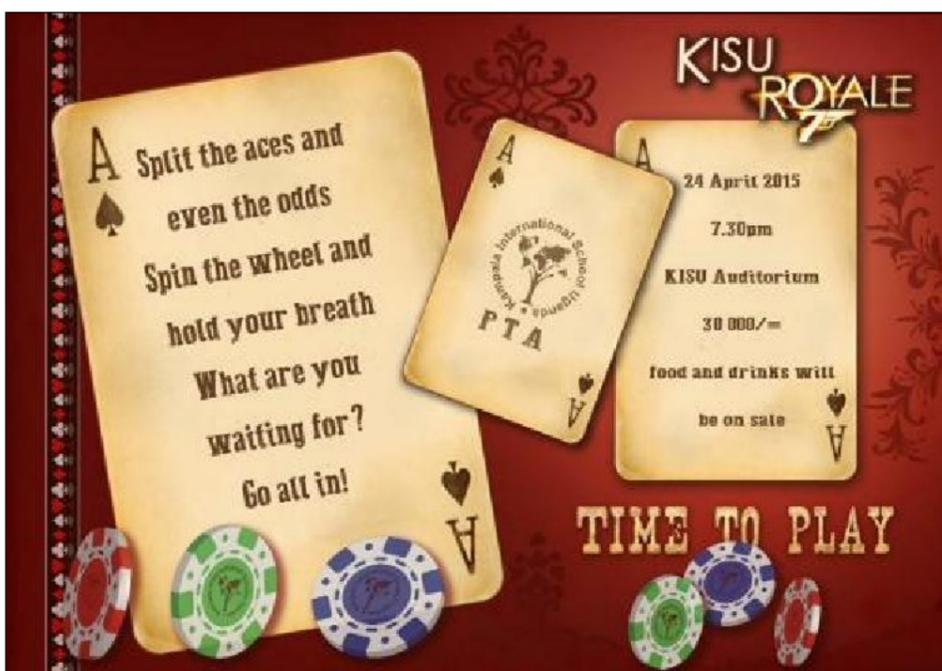
Rose Bowmaker

PTA Chair

## WELCOME COFFEE MORNING FOR NEW PARENTS

The PTA will be hosting a coffee morning on  
Wednesday 22nd April 2015 from 7:45 in the area  
above the main reception.

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



# School Community /Class News

## Early Years

Welcome to the third term in Kindergarten 2. We hope everyone had an enjoyable and a relaxing holiday and that the children are excited to be starting another term. We welcome all the new children and parents who have joined us this term. We look forward to getting to know you all and making you feel a part of our wonderful school community. We hope all the children will find the experiences in this setting enjoyable, stimulating and challenging.

Our first two weeks are going to be settling in time and making new friends. We shall also refresh our memories with our Kindergarten 2 routine. We are looking forward to a happy and exciting term!



## Early Years & Key Stage 1 Community Link Fund Raiser

Now that most of the money has been collected from the annual 'slip & slide' event we are able to give you the final amount raised. Collaboratively we have raised a grand total of 2,842,750/= (Two million eight hundred and forty-two thousand, seven hundred and fifty Ugandan shillings.)

This money will go towards extending the two toilets that St. Catherine's (our community link) currently have. Our goal is to build another eight. At this time the school has 300 children, aged between three and thirteen years of age and 20 teachers, so you can see there is a need for more toilets. Previously with money raised we were able to install a water tank and guttering to enable the collection of rain water to give the children and staff fresh water for drinking and washing hands. The toilets are part of a 3 phase project and we thank everyone who contributed their support in helping us try and reach these goals.

Thank you to the PTA for their large contribution in paying for the two bouncy castles on the day, which of course is what your children enjoyed the most.



## EARTH WEEK

### Its Earth Week!

Earth Day is on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April and to celebrate, the whole school is having a non uniform day where children must wear blue to represent water and green to represent the Earth. The fee is 2000ush which will be used to provide hand sanitation facilities to rural schools. Also, don't forget to send your child to school with recyclable materials as they are making recycled outfits and crafts!



*On behalf of the PTA –*

*We would just like to wish the family of Rahel Ta'ame our deepest sympathies. Taken so young, but definitely not forgotten.*

### Primary Assemblies

Early Years — KG 2LK

Primary — Earth Day

# Director's Message

In England there is a saying that you should not 'blow your own trumpet'. In other words people should be quiet and not shout about their achievements, instead waiting for others to do so instead (or not, as the case may be).

Well today I am ignoring that and KISU is going to blow its own trumpet.

In the last 2 years, thanks to a huge amount of work by the entire school community, the school has achieved 3 very significant accolades.

## **International Baccalaureate Organisation 5 year re-authorisation**

KISU was first authorized to teach the IB Diploma Programme in 2008, making it an *IB World School*. Since those early days the school has developed the IB ethos through all age ranges and the IB Learner Profile has become an integral part of shaping what we do. Our students have achieved success in their Diplomas and as a result they have moved on to quality universities and colleges on at least 5 continents. In late 2013 the school undertook an official IB evaluation visit to see how the school had progressed. The visitor's report highlighted the significant development of our curriculum and the commitment to the programme by the school's Advisory Board. The school was subsequently re-authorised in early 2014 and our IB Diploma Programme continues to flourish, with the largest cohort in the history of the school currently studying the IB Diploma Programme.

## **Council of International Schools 10 Year reaccreditation**

Back in 2002 the school undertook a significant self study and started working towards achieving accreditation from the European Council of International Schools (ECIS). This was achieved in 2004 and marked a milestone in the school's history. Two years ago in 2013 the entire process was repeated and what is now known as the Council of International Schools (CIS) awarded KISU re-accreditation status earlier this year. This means that KISU is among a small but significant group of 490 international schools worldwide that have demonstrated a desire and success in continually developing all aspects of their operation in the furtherance of quality international education.

## **New England Association of Schools and Colleges**

### **(NEASC) 10 year re-accreditation**

I'm delighted to announce another milestone in the school's history, whereby KISU has now also achieved 10 year re-accreditation with the NEASC. This news arrived during the recent vacation and has provided a great start to the term. Accreditation by NEASC is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and indicates that our school meets or exceeds established US criteria within the profession for the assessment of institutional quality. As such KISU remains one of only 617 schools throughout the world to achieve this status, most of whom are in the USA.

These three accolades help to show that the quality of education here at KISU is well above the norm. However there is another element to KISU that is perhaps even more valuable; our staff.

International schools have an understandable reputation for staff being somewhat transient. New staff joining a school are a significant asset, as they bring with them new ideas and fresh approaches. At the same time, for a school to develop a genuine ethos, having long term staff members brings with it stability and an overarching culture.

We are extremely fortunate to have a number of staff at KISU who have been with us for many years. Their dedication to the school and the wellbeing of our students is unsurpassed and they have played a major role in helping the school to become one of the best in the region.

Just about everyone in the school knows Partick Awany. Every morning he is at the Early Years entrance welcoming students and their parents and every afternoon he can be found at the main entrance ensuring the safety and security of those still at school after most have gone home. Patrick joined what was then Kabira School back on 16<sup>th</sup> April 1995 and this means that Thursday of this week marked his 20<sup>th</sup> year of service. I am sure that everyone in the school community joins me in thanking Patrick for his continued work and for his genuine care for our children. Thanks Patrick.

As I say, Patrick is not alone in being a long serving member of our school staff and I'd also like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the following people who have helped to shape KISU's development over the last 15 years plus. Whenever I write a list, it's always hard to know where to start, so in this case I thought I'd start with the longest serving first.

Janet Birike:

Janet joined KISU in September 1993 and is one of 3 people who started at the same time. Janet works with Year 6 at the moment and can be seen every day organizing and supporting the learning of our oldest Primary students in 6GK. Calm and unflappable, Janet has kept a steady eye on her charges and she's a well respected and much loved member of the team.

Jackie Thompson:

Jackie is our Early Years Coordinator and teacher of KG3. She also started at KISU right at the very beginning when the school had just 60 students. She'll not thank me for pointing out that she has been here 7 times longer than her current class have been on the planet. Everything that goes on in Early Years has had Jackie's input somewhere along the line and for many of our older students, she was their first teacher.

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# Director's Message

Terry Namubiru:

Terry also joined the school way back in 1993 near the very beginning of KISU. Currently Terry works with children in KG3 and still has the energy to keep up with 3 year olds after so long. Parents sometimes complain about how draining it is to have a 3 year old; imagine what it's like to have a whole host of three year olds for 22 years!

Julius Kalanzi:

Julius has been at the school since March 1994 and is the senior supervisor in the Key Stage 2 area. He's perhaps most often seen at PTA events, where he organizes and arranges things to be at the right place at the right time. He works closely with both academic and ancillary staff to ensure the smooth operation of his section and is always a smiling person dedicated to helping others.

Simon Ssentamu:

Simon joined the school in August 1994 and is currently our Head of Ancillary Staff. Simon is well known to a few, but spends a great deal of time out and about on school business too, whether its driving students to matches, arranging work permits and licensing or simply being sent on the hunt for some vital teaching resource that only he can find.

Rose Olule:

Rose is my Personal Assistant and Office Manager. She has been at the school since the end of August 1994 and her role has changed over the years. If you call the main office, Rose is most likely the person you are talking to. People often say that a PA is the person who actually makes sure that the boss does their job well. Thanks Rose!

Eva Chipo:

Eva joined KISU in September 1994 and is most widely seen by students and parents when an event is being held and we need sustenance! Most of the time, Eva works in and around the administration building helping to support everyone who works there.

Lydia Kiwanuka:

Lydia is known by everyone who started at the school when they were very young. She has worked in Early Years for over 2 decades and it was great to see some of our graduating class last year seeking her out for a photograph, as she was their first teacher in an education where they have only known one school.

Miriam Namakoye:

Miriam joined KISU in early 1998 and is one of the smiling faces that greet you when you walk into Key Stage 1. She currently works with 2DB where she is a much loved and valued member of the team.

Sam Obura:

Sam started at the school in early 1998 and works as a member of the school's ancillary team. He is seen around and about school on a daily basis making sure that things are in order and safe, so that we can all get on with the business of learning.

Doreen Kizito:

Since November 1998 Doreen has worked largely behind the scenes in the main office. Students know her best when they need something photocopying and the chances are that she is the person they will be asking "please can I just have a copy of this...could you possibly bind it for me too...with a nice cover as well...pleeeeeease!".

Geresom Byaruhanga:

The chances are that almost nobody at school knows Geresom, but we have a lot to thank him for. In his current role he works at times helping with gardening at the school and the rest of the time he works as a member of our security team off site. He's been at the school since January 1999.

Margaret Nakalanzi:

Joining KISU in early 1999, Margaret like Eva, is most often seen by students and parents when there is an event on that requires food and drink. Working within the catering team she helps to ensure that we have ample supplies of tea and coffee, biscuits and milk.

So we have a lot to blow our own trumpets about; a school accredited and authorized by internationally renowned organizations and a staff that most schools on earth would find hard to better. Did I mention that the children are great too.....

Have a great week.

Neil Wrightson

## Director of Sports

First of all, belated congratulations to our Under 9 Boys Football squad who won their ISSAK final before the Easter break. It went to extra time against a spirited Ambrosoli team who had managed to get one goal in front against our KISU boys. After equalising and then peppering the Ambrosoli goal with shot after shot, our team managed to get a goal in front during the first half of that extra time and held on to win – well done to their coach Mr Kimoto and all the lads. Our Under 11 girls had a tough final against a very strong Aga Khan team. We played really well, but despite their best efforts our girls could not defeat Aga Khan, eventually losing the final 3-1. Nevertheless, well done to the squad and their coach, Ms Rothwell

Well, after living an almost charmed life weather-wise this academic year, the rain gods finally caught up with me this week and I had to postpone the ISSAK Primary Athletics Meet due to a waterlogged field (and the fact that it didn't stop raining until mid-morning). I am negotiating an alternative date with the other schools and will announce the new date as soon as possible.

What a fantastic week back!

