



Larry the Lion's Friday News



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Head of primary's Message

Dear Parents and Students,

This week has seen a flurry of activity as the last of the preparation is completed for the Outdoor Ed programme next week. The KS 2 students come off their normal timetable for the duration as they undertake different tasks and activities linked with team building and the topic under investigation. The teams stay together for the week with teachers and students getting to know each other in a more relaxed atmosphere. Years 4 and 5 will depart on Monday, Year 6 on Wednesday and Year 3 on Thursday. Year 4 practiced constructing their tents on Wednesday amidst the torrential downpour. They were undercover and managed the task successfully. I am hoping for warm, dry weather on Monday to make tent construction easier. They will all have a good week; it's a lovely time of the year. You should have received a text message from your CPR confirming successful communication as you will be receiving messages from them whilst your children are away. If you haven't received a message, please get in contact with your CPR immediately to confirm phone numbers.

Year 6 have started their practices for the 5/6 production 'Going for Goal'. The production is a great deal of work and it takes the whole team working together to make a successful production. Also, Invention Convention is on the



The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch with 2KW

calendar in November with both the KISU and interschool competitions. The year 5 and 6 s will certainly be busy next month!

Also coming hot on the heel of the half term break is Book Week. Teachers are already planning and preparing for this full week of reading related activities. It's one of my favourite weeks in the year as it's a celebration of something I love. There are many activities and competitions planned for the week including a return to the favourite x-treme reading. Please prepare to capture your children reading in extreme places over the holiday. The photos will be shared in fully packed assembly on the Friday which will also include the popular costume parade of favourite book characters. It's going to be amazing!!

Thank you to Years 3 and 4 for a fantastic bake sale!

I can't believe we are coming up on our first half term of the year!

Have a good weekend and Happy Independency

Best regards
Jude Payne

Ski Trip 2017

Please make sure your deposit of \$ 500 is paid to the bursar by **Wednesday 12th October**. This is the **deadline** for all students and adults coming on the ski trip.

Switzerland February half term 2017. The ski trip this year is to Gstaad in Switzerland. All students from yr 5 and up are welcome to join without an adult. Younger children can come with a caretaker. The cost is between \$ 2300-2500 depending how much clothes you need to rent/buy. The deposit deadline for this trip is **Wednesday 12th October \$500 per person**. For more information please contact Jeanette Moores j.moores@kisu.com



Assemblies

Early Years —Rec. VB (Viv)
Primary — KS 1/KS 2

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS	DATE
INDEPENDENCE DAY SCHOOL CLOSED	9th Oct
KS2 OUTDOOR EDUCATIONAL WEEK	10th-14th Oct
HALF TERM	17th-21st Oct
KIDS HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHT	28th Oct

PTA

Dear All

Last week was sealed with the PTA family picnic and thanks to all that managed to attend; it was a fun filled day for both parents and the children. The children had a go at the game of bingo, winning some goodies, as some parents enjoyed Yoga. A great thank you to Amanda for putting this together.

Next week the KS2 children will be going on their Outdoor ED trips and the children are already excited. As this is a rainy season in Uganda, we do hope you remember gumboots, raincoats and umbrellas. We look forward to hearing all the great stories of the experience of being away from home. For some this will be the first time I bet being away from home without parents. It will be such a great experience. We look forward to the photos too.

PTA Stand:

A great thank you to all the parents, teachers and the staff who continuously volunteer to support the PTA. It's because of your effort that we are able to put everything together. Many of you have helped in the shopping, setting up, selling, packing away and some have come with great new ideas which have made running the stand easier. It turns out the more hands we have the merrier our stand becomes. Thank you once again as your effort is all for a good cause as it enables us raise funds for a charitable cause.

Upcoming PTA Events:

Friday 28th October – Kids Halloween Movie Night

Friday, 11th November – PTA Quiz Night

Wednesday, 16th November – ISSAK swimming

Wednesday, 30th November – Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

The next PTA event this term is the kids Halloween movie night. As this coming week is the last week to half term- break, I wish you an enjoyable break. Remember to get costumes for Halloween movie night for those of you that don't already have 9th October is Uganda Independence. Enjoy the day.

Regards,

Julia PTA

Primary Computing

Students have taken keen interest in programming Lego Mindstorms and Lego Wedo for growing 21st century skills through inquiry-based and active learning to boost motivation. It's through this active, engaged experience that students find solutions to help them lay the foundation for lifelong learning. The hands-on solutions ignite children's natural desire to explore and discover.



MUSIC DYNAMICS

Assembly Performances

In our assembly this morning, Year 6 students performed a recorder piece entitled Swing Boats. We congratulate them upon a good performance that was enjoyed by everyone.



Individual Private Music Lessons

KISU runs a Private Music Lesson program for all age-groups where students seeking to improve their playing or singing ability have the option of taking individual private lessons for an additional fee. Approximately 10 professional musicians from around Kampala offer intensive weekly instruction in voice, keyboard, wind, string, and percussion instruments. Students may study singing, piano, classical guitar, electric guitar, bass guitar, modern drums, African drums, cornet, recorder, violin, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet and African Xylophone.

Registration is in progress now and forms can be obtained from the Secondary or Primary Office or from the Reception area. The cost per lesson is UGSHS 35,000 and a minimum of 10 lessons is required at registration each term. All payments must be in advance.

Music Recitals

KISU offers a variety of performing opportunities to students as a way of celebrating their musical achievements on their chosen instruments. Two recitals are organized every year in December and in May. More information on this will come your way in due course.

Associated Board of the Royal School of Music Examinations 2017.

KISU is a center of the International Music Examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM). Students that take lessons on individual instruments are presented with the opportunity to take music examinations conducted by an international assessor from the United Kingdom. Should you wish to have your child prepared for these international assessments, please let me know as soon as possible.

Dr. Benon Kigozi, Head of Music

Specialists Award

- ★ ICT Thymen Keizer — For working hard to build and program Lego Mindstorm Eve robot to accomplish a given task
- ★ Art Roksana Nabuilina — For an amazing Aboriginal story using dot painting techniques
- ★ Music Zara Heijstee — For constantly giving Ms. Jeanette new ideas of songs to sing in Music
- ★ Lara Gouws — For being the first person to earn her white belt in Recorder Karate. Well done
- ★ Abigail Sebatindira — For steady progress in Music and all around effort
- ★ Aiden Rwabwogo — For confidently singing in tune, a good voice tone and voice projection
- ★ PE Columba Lang — For his mature demonstrations and determined attitude towards Physical Education
- ★ Heather White — For being enthusiastic during swimming and P.E
- ★ Noah Muhumuza — For performing layups during basketball. Well done
- ★ Hauert Julien — For showing good sportsmanship in P.E. Keep it up!
- ★ EAL Kolokanto Rakotomahenina — For showing increased confidence by having a go at her work before asking for help
- ★ Liao Yuxuan — For making a great effort to use the new English words he's learned in class
- ★ French Columba Lang — For being an attentive and active learner in French class
- ★ Shona Rwabwogo — For a great accent in French
- ★ Lucky Basemera — For being an attentive, active and enthusiastic learner in French class
- ★ Han Seo-Park — For great participation in French
- ★ Jason Malan — For participating actively and being a role model during French class

Congratulations to all our
Stars

Early Years

Benefits of Exposing Young Children to Modern Technology

1. Better Hand-eye Coordination

Hand-eye coordination is essential as children begin school. They learn how to use their hands and eyes while writing and drawing.



2. Improves Language Skills

They learn new words and proper ways to pronounce them.

3. Promotes School Readiness and Cognitive Development

Many developmentally appropriate computer programs increase a child's readiness to learn Reading and Math.

4. Higher Capacity for Visual Attention

These simultaneous activities train children to pay attention to every detail on the screen in order to achieve the goals of the game.

5. Enhances Social Interaction Skills

Problem solving is a valuable social skill that can be carried throughout life.

6. Increases Motivation to Complete Tasks

These learning games may help create a foundation for children to keep on trying and to overcome challenges even outside the screen setting.

7. More Dynamic Spatial Skills

Through technology, they can learn how big a building may be compared to a cat; or how small an ant may be compared to a dog.

8. Develops Problem Solving Skills

This is helpful for their learning, especially in Math and Logical Reasoning.

9. Expands Horizons

Children begin to understand that life is more than just the four walls of the home or classroom.

10. Develops Skills and Talents

Technology presents opportunities to present different activities children may eventually engage in.

Year 2KW Assembly. Well done!



Director's Message

Independence

Best wishes to all of our Ugandan parents on the anniversary of Uganda's Independence on Sunday!

I have now lived and worked in four African countries (Malawi, Kenya, Zambia and Uganda) and while Malawi will always have a special place in my heart as the place where I spent a significant portion of my childhood, Uganda compares very favourably with the others. Of course, there are challenges to be faced and overcome in all of these countries, as there are everywhere in the world, but my family and I feel very lucky to have been made to feel so welcome in a country that truly deserves its moniker "The Pearl of Africa".

Of course, independence is something that both we (and, if it is not too patronizing, you) should be trying to develop in our young people. As an IB school we are committed to the learner qualities extolled by the International Baccalaureate Organisation. In its learner profile under "Inquirers" the IBO says:

"We nurture our curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research. We know how to learn independently and with others. We learn with enthusiasm and sustain our love of learning throughout life."

As you know I have been conducting "snapshot" observations of all KISU teachers in the past fortnight and I expect to finish these today (my colleagues will be relieved to hear!). One of the very things that I have been looking for in these lesson observations is whether or not the teacher has planned opportunities for students to show independence in their learning. Happily, I was able to observe many examples of young people being trusted to take ownership of their own learning and tackle problems and tasks with commitment and persistence on their own. And of course, the classroom is not the only place where we try to develop independence in our students; Outdoor Education Weeks are almost upon us and these provide excellent opportunities for students to stretch themselves personally and build the self-esteem that will allow them to be comfortable and confident when they are required to "go it alone" in their learning or in other aspects of their life.

But independence is not just about being willing and able to work at something on one's own; it is also about being independence of thought and action. More than ever we need to teach our young people to have the confidence to trust their own values and make up their own minds up about what is right and wrong. We must help them to develop sufficient self-esteem to be willing to stand apart from the crowd if they think it is right and to be morally courageous in the face of peer and media pressure. I really believe that the work that our students do in "Learning to Learn" at Key Stage 3 and in "Global Perspectives" in Key Stage 4 is really helping students to take ownership of their own learning and to understand better the challenges that the world they are heirs to is facing.

Happy Independence Day everybody!



'Dear Parents,

From the dates 10th of October to the 14th of October, two of our year 8 students (Teena and Dhvani) have organized a shoe, books and clothes drive for an orphanage on Horima road. It is called Karis children's orphanage. We would love if you could contribute to this CAS project by bringing in their needs: plain books or reading books, pens, pencils, stationery, sanitary pads, shoes, and clothes. You can bring toys too. They need sanitary pads the most and the ages range from 8 to 25-year-olds. We kindly request you not to bring shoes or clothes that are in a very bad condition (torn). On these dates (10th - 14th October), there will be labelled boxes at the reception all day where you can place the items you have brought to donate. We can really have a large impact on society and help children in need by just contributing and donating. Thank you so much and we hope you can donate!

Thank you, we would like it if this was put on the first page because we would love this project to be a success.

Regards,

Teena Bhatia and Dhvani Bhatt - Year 8 AS



ISSAK SPORTS Results

MONDAY	3-Oct	U16G	KISU	ISU	1-0 KISU
TUESDAY	4-Oct	U16G	RISU	KISU	Rescheduled for Oct 12
		U13G	KISU	AK	3-0 KISU (FF)
THURSDAY	6-Oct	SEC SWIM GALA @ GEMS			TBA
		U11B	KISU	ISU	13-11 ISU
		U11G	ISU	KISU	12-4 ISU
		U9B	KISU	ISU	10-8 KISU
		U9G	ISU	KISU	12-1 ISU
FRIDAY	7-Oct	U20B	KISU	VC	TBA!

Upcoming Games

TUESDAY	11-Oct	U20B	HIS	KISU
		U20G	KISU	HIS
WEDNESDAY	12-Oct	U20G	KISU	VC
THURSDAY	13-Oct	U13B	KISU	ISU
		U13G	ISU	KISU

Game After Half-Term Break

TUESDAY	25-Oct	U20G	KISU	RISU
		U9B	KISU	AMB
		U9G	AMB	KISU
THURSDAY	27-Oct	U16B	KISU	HIS
		U16G	HIS	KISU
		U11B	KISU	AK
		U11G	AK	KISU
		U9B	KISU	AK
		U9G	AK	KISU
FRIDAY	Oct 28	U20B	VC	KISU

The season schedule can be found on the school website under the Extracurricular Activities, Sports tab for future reference. Any changes to this schedule will be communicated here and by email.

Secondary ISSAK Swim Gala

The results of the gala are being finalized and are yet to be announced but these are not needed to know that KISU put on an outstanding, all-round performance on Thursday at GEMS for the first of two Secondary ISSAK Swimming Galas this year.

Now, you may be thinking of just our swimmers, who, not to sell them short, were stunning. But the success of this day for KISU was a true collaboration of coaches, parents, swimmers, and CAS students, playing their part as member of the team.

Agori & Moody made sure to capture all of this success, snapping photos and shooting videos of our swimmers while Naman held down the fort, marshalling our swimmers to the starting blocks. Paulina checked our swimmers in at our lane and recorded our place finish and coach MK gave swimmers a few last minute reminders and motivation for their race. Our parents were also a huge help, scouting out the opposition and recording all swimmers place finishes as evidence of the competition and to inform our strategies.

Our swimmers were brilliant. They looked smart, professional, and organized, dressed in their KISU Swim Team Shirts. All swimmers showed responsibility, either keeping in mind their events or seeking out their events, then getting themselves to the start line in good time. They showed sportsmanship, congratulating their opponents on a good race and winning humbly. Students were supportive, cheering each other on and caring for their teammates when sick or injured. We had students showing bravery, humility, and commitment, stepping up to the plate, to fill in for teammates who could not swim. Our reserve swimmers displayed a true understanding of 'team' and commitment, joining for the day, prepared to swim any race needed to be filled by a swimmer who may happen to fall sick or injured. And of course, every student, giving it their all, competing hard for another league swimming title.

A couple pieces of information for you to draw the conclusion...

- * KISU usually performs better in relay events, than in Individual events
- * KISU enters a swimmer/relay team in every event of the competition

Another beautiful day in sport for KISU. Miss T is so very proud of the individuals, students, & athletes you proved to be, yet again Keep it up! GO LIONS!

Sport in the Community

KISU students are also highly involved in Sport outside of school in the Kampala community. This weekend, we've got swimmers competing in the Uganda Swimming Federation's 15th annual Independence gala as well as our Junior NBA Boys Basketball Players competing in their conference (quarter) final. We take pride in our students involvement in community sport and wish them the best this weekend in their competitions!

Outdoor Education Week

Outdoor Education offers a unique learning opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of the ideas and concepts learned in the classroom. It is also a chance for them to form new friendships and develop a sense of independence. Primary's week is finally here! Watch this space for a review of each trip!

