



SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

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HEAD OF SECONDARY'S MESSAGE

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

12th May	Transition Meeting with Yr.6 Parents
15th May	4th Tracking Reports go Home
16th May	ISSAK Volleyball Finals
19th May	Yr.6 Transition day 1.
20th May	Music Recital
21st May	Non uniform Day
26th May	DP Exams Finish
27th May	Yr.6 Transition day2.
27th May	PTA AGM
29th May	DP2 Graduation
30th May	Art Jam
1st June	End of Year Exams Start (no assembly)
3rd June	Public Holiday– No School
5th June	Final IGCSE Exams
9th June	Public Holiday—No School
10th June	Exams End
15th June	Leavers Assembly

Dear Secondary Parents and Students,

If you are a parent of an IB Diploma student you will already know about a programme called ManageBac. ManageBac is used for planning, assessment recording, communication and creating CAS portfolios. Whilst I was checking the CAS portfolios this week it struck me that as parents you might not be aware of the huge range of things that our students do as part of their CAS programme. So today I am going to take the opportunity to share some of the projects with you. After a project, students write up their reflections and post them on ManageBac. The list below comes from DP1 and have all been posted in just the last week:

- Graduation Brunch – Organising and cooking brunch for DP2 and their teachers on the morning of graduation.
 - Dawn Children Center – Dawn is a Neuro-Development and daycare center, pre-school and kindergarten for children with or without special needs located in Bukoto.
 - KEAC trip to Kateete Village – visiting a local village with the aim of supplying them with clean water (details of this trip were in a past Newsletter)
 - PE assistant – helping out with after school early years PE.
 - Kick Boxing – learning a new sport.
 - Spanish day – organising and taking part in Spanish language activities.
- Working on the Wobulenzi Year Book Page – creating a Year Book page re-

flecting the work done during DP1's visit to Wobulenzi Town Academy

- Lend a helping hand to Nepal (Nepal Earthquake 2015) - UNICEF - presenting in assembly an idea for raising money to support UNICEF work in Nepal and then raising the money to send to UNICEF.
- Interact Club – a junior version of the Rotary Club.
- Open Girls Volleyball Team 2015 - this comes under the action part of CAS

These projects are just a small sample of what the students at KISU get involved with all the way from Early Years to DP2.

WANTED

Volunteering opportunity

An English student from New Cairo British International School is looking for a volunteering opportunity in Uganda for next academic year.

He is just finishing his IB Diploma exams and would be willing to consider any opportunity.

If you think you may know of something suitable please contact me at secondaryhead@kisu.com

Terry Garbett — Secondary Head

This week has seen 3 fairly significant events that affect me. A general election in the country I call home, Europe Day celebrations and the 70th Anniversary of the ending of WW2 in Europe. Each of these events has had, and will have, a direct effect on me.

I was born into a world where only 20 years earlier the whole of Europe had been fighting and the horrors of war, xenophobia, hatred and mistrust had been at their height. My grandparents' front door was blown off in an air raid, my great grandfather's business was totally destroyed by an incendiary bomb and my Dad's cousin was killed whilst flying a spitfire over to Belgium.

Until recently I didn't even know that my Dad had a cousin and I guess he never talked about him simply because he died when my Dad was a child, long before I was born.

Then a few years ago my Dad received a letter from a man in Belgium. Apparently the remains of the shot down spitfire had been found and after a bit of research, the pilot had been identified and my father had been traced.

For someone in another country, who speaks a different language, to go to the trouble of trying to find the only living relative of a young man who died over 60 years earlier, is remarkable to me. My parents have since been over to Belgium to meet the man who wrote to my Dad and a friendship has developed between complete strangers.

In a cardboard box at my parents' house is a piece of that very aircraft, a reminder to us of a person I never knew, who died in a conflict that has always been history to me but was real life to my parents.

I have been very lucky to have never been affected by the horrors of conflict and I cannot fully imagine what war is like, or how people can hate so much. In the summer I will return to a reasonably harmonious Europe and my summer holiday will be the usual road trip across the continent, through countries that used to hate each other and who now don't even bother with passport controls or border guards, such is their level of trust and mutual respect.

At the Europe Day celebrations on Thursday, the EU Ambassador spoke of the way Europe had come together. In his reply, the Ugandan Prime Minister picked up on this and lamented times when this region was so much more unified than it is today. This said, he emphasized hope and the same desires shared by almost everyone on earth: peace and working

together to make things better for everyone.

Like all too many things it's an easy thing to say and incredibly difficult to achieve, especially in an economic downturn when people start looking for others to blame.

The election results in the UK seem to have come as a bit of a surprise and I can't work out whether people have voted for who they think will make things better in the future, or have voted to 'blame' those they think have made things worse in the past.

Scotland only recently voted very strongly to remain being a part of Britain. Yet now the very party whose aim was Scottish independence has been voted in as being the most popular political party in Scotland, where their MPs will take up seats in parliament in London, England! It's really very odd to someone looking in from the outside.

I guess the joy of not living in the UK for over 20 years is that I really have no idea what all the politicians are on about. The country seems just the same as it has been all my life; a fairly safe place with rather dull weather and where people don't smile enough, considering how lucky they are.

I guess this is the bit that gets to me. It is so easy for us to be caught up in negativity, that we forget all the things we have to be grateful for.

Being a part of the KISU community is a privilege for me. I come to work each day to be greeted by friendly children with big smiles. I work with hundreds of people for whom I have admiration and respect. I even get paid for being here! Of course there are bad days when things go wrong, something doesn't go as planned or I have a hard time. But that's life, and without the bad, how on earth do we actually recognize the good?

Children are almost always in a hurry to grow up and people my age almost always want to be young again. There must be a 'perfect' age somewhere. The only trouble is that we seldom recognize it. Somehow I feel I should have been far more grateful than I was when I was young, but instead I often looked for people and things to blame and I spent half my time feeling badly done by.

Well I've finally grown up. The blame game is stupid and achieves nothing. Like so many of us, I have a huge amount to be thankful for and one of them is being here doing this job at KISU. Thanks for that.

Have a great week.

Announcement regarding the upcoming Sports Awards Gala Evening on Tuesday 26 May.

Please be aware that our first annual Sports Awards Gala is for Secondary students only this year. We are hoping to hold a separate Primary Gala next year. Parents of Secondary students who have competed in inter-school sports this year should have received an invitation to the Gala on 26 May. It is essential that you RSVP so that we have some idea of numbers attending. If you have not received an invite please contact me on sportsdirector@kisu.com and I will ensure you receive one asap.

MUSIC DYNAMICS**Music Recital and ABRSM Examinations**

Our May 2015 Recital is scheduled for 20th May 2015 and it will feature students performing individually on various instruments including voice, guitar, piano, violin, drums, flute, etc. The ABRSM Examinations will take place on the 1st and 2nd June 2015 here at KISU. Below is the examination schedule for your information.

Monday 1 June 2015		Subject	Grade	Start	End
ADAM	MONTESSON	PIANO	PT	9:00 AM	9:10:00 AM
AINA	RAKOTAMALALA	PIANO	PT	9:10:00 AM	9:20:00 AM
YUET CHING	LAU	VIOLIN	08	9:20:00 AM	9:50:00 AM
PHELADI	MMINELE	PIANO	02	9:50:00 AM	10:02:00 AM
PHELADI	MMINELE	SINGING	04	10:02:00 AM	10:17:00 AM
ARSEMA	ASHENAFI	PIANO	01	10:17:00 AM	10:29:00 AM
VICTOR	EBERECHUKWU	PIANO	01	10:29:00 AM	10:41:00 AM
TSZ HANG	LAU	FLUTE	06	10:56:00 AM	11:16:00 AM
TIN MAN	LAU	PIANO	03	11:16:00 AM	11:28:00 AM
NIHARIKA	MALLIK	SINGING	PT	11:28:00 AM	11:38:00 AM
LAURA	GAUWS	PIANO	PT	11:38:00 AM	11:48:00 AM
KOUBNA	CHAMAS	PIANO	01	11:48:00 AM	12:00:00 PM
TSZ HANG	LAU	PIANO	04	12:00:00 PM	12:15:00 PM
KEZA	RUJUGIRO	PIANO	PT	12:15:00 PM	12:25:00 PM
FUNG WAI	SHAN	PIANO	08	12:25:00 PM	12:55:00 PM
OWEN	RUJUGIRO	PIANO	PT	1:55:00 PM	2:05:00 PM
JASON	MALAN	PIANO	PT	2:05:00 PM	2:15:00 PM
OMARA	NYONYOZI	VIOLIN	PT	2:15:00 PM	2:27:00 PM
LARA	CHAMAS	PIANO	05	2:27:00 PM	2:42:00 PM
KAYLA	GAUWS	PIANO	01	2:42:00 PM	2:54:00 PM
ABORISADE TREASURE	TEMIDAYO	PIANO	PT	2:54:00 PM	3:04:00 PM
OSA	EDDSOMWAN	VIOLIN	01	3:04:00 PM	3:16:00 PM
DORIS	MABANGA	SINGING	08	3:31:00 PM	4:01:00 PM
DISH CHINTAN	VYAS	GUITAR	PT	4:01:00 PM	4:13:00 PM
ROSE	GRAYMORE	PIANO	01	4:13:00 PM	4:25:00 PM
MARIO	RAKOTAMALALA	PIANO	03	4:25:00 PM	4:37:00 PM
YUET CHING	LAU	PIANO	06	4:37:00 PM	4:57:00 PM
Tuesday 2 June 2017					
DAWIT	ASHENAFI	PIANO	PT	9:00 AM	9:10:00 AM
ELIZABETH	NAMULINDWA	PIANO	01	9:10:00 AM	9:22:00 AM
KANEN	KURUVILLA	PIANO	06	9:22:00 AM	9:42:00 AM
JOEL BIJU	THOMAS	GUITAR	04	9:42:00 AM	9:59:00 AM
PEDDAWANDLA SA	CHARITH	GUITAR	04	9:59:00 AM	10:16:00 AM
SOMA	RUSHYANTHREDDY	GUITAR	04	10:16:00 AM	10:33:00 AM

Dr. Benon Kigozi, Head of Music

Photography Club

The photography club this year was run by Rana Hijazi as one of her Diploma CAS projects. Students were given tuition on composition and different types of photography. They were also given the opportunity to build a pin-hole camera. The club ended with a day at Makerere University where students could try out their pin-hole cameras and develop their pictures in the dark room. Shown below are a variety of photos taken as part of the club.



SPORTS CORNER

ISSAK Volleyball



KISU's volleyball season is coming to an end and the results are in our favour! Both the U13 girls and boys finished their season on Thursday, April 30th, placing second behind the HIS Lions. Both teams will play each other in the finals on Saturday, May 16th at ISU and look forward to their chance at taking the win!

The U16 boys and girls hold first place in their division, followed by ISU in the boys division and HIS in the girls; however, after their losses against HIS yesterday, they may have lost their spot at the top. Raymond played the best game of his season, shutting down HIS's big hitter with precisely timed blocks while Willem played smart defence and Asad made accurate passes. Despite our moments of good play, we couldn't match the performance of the home team nor ignore the challenging court conditions of mud and wind. In the end, the boys lost 2-0 while the girls played a closer match, losing 2-1. KISU U16s girls and boys have one match remaining on Thursday, May 12th at home against RISU when they hope to add another win to their 4-1 and 3-2 records, respectively.

It is important to note that our Open teams are in fact our U16 teams. Needless to say, we have faced some tough competition this season. Nonetheless, we have stepped up and seriously competed despite our 0-5 season record, with many of the matches going to 5 sets and with only a few point differences. The Open teams have one match remaining in their season on Monday, May 11th against the first placed team, ISU

Racquel Theberge

PTA NEWS

Exam time has begun for IGCSE & IB Students...please can everyone remember to be considerate of those writing exams at the moment and walk/talk quietly when passing these specific areas. Thank you!

Sport:-

Next week Wednesday 13th May beginning at 09:30, hopefully, weather permitting, will be the Primary Inter Schools Athletics event. Please come along a support your children. PTA will be selling refreshments and snacks.

ISSAK finals are due to take place this coming Saturday 16th May – good luck to all competing teams.

KISU Royale tickets are still on sale with Archana. We have some wonderful prizes this year and yummy food on sale – so don't delay!

Enjoy your weekend.

Rose Bowmaker— PTA Chair