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SCHOOL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The colleagues who produce these newsletters for us are sadly accustomed to my tendency to hand in my contribution at the 11th hour! But, of course, today, as I write this, at (quite literally!) 11:00, that hour has special significance, being that of the 11th day of the 11th month. It is Remembrance Day: the day each year when we recall with gratitude and due reverence all those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their countries in war (note to FIFA- that's *all* countries!).

I know many of you, like me, will be dismayed, even distraught, to have seen the recent political victories for those who promulgate division and exclusion- those who set a magnifying glass to the differences between races, religions and nations- those who fan our fears to feed our prejudices.

The old adage tells us that “we get the politicians that we deserve” but I believe it is exactly the opposite- politicians and governments get the electorates *they* deserve. Prejudice is de facto, the result of ignorance. The etymology of the word suggests we should define it as “judging before” i.e. before all of the relevant information has been considered. The antidote to prejudice is *education*.

Demographic analysis will show that those who voted for “Brexit” and Trump were on average older (and whiter and poorer) than those who voted the other way and my heart goes out to the millions of young people in the UK and the US who have been left bemused, angered and (worst of all!) disillusioned by the results of the recent electoral processes in their countries. Many of these older voters were not well-served by their educational experiences, leaving them susceptible to politicians who explain (and of course exaggerate) the ills of world in facile, emotive and prejudiced terms. However, far too many people under the age of 35 also supported “Brexit” and Trump for my liking, begging the question, “Are political leaders really doing enough to educate their electorates?” Notice how often politicians will use valuable air-time to convince us that their manifesto will deliver greater prosperity than that of their rivals. Politicians have “educated” us to use monetary wealth as the sole measure of success, even happiness. And yet how many of those who died for their countries in war would say that their main motivation in fighting was to secure greater wealth for themselves and their families? Very few, I suspect; my guess is that most, if asked, would have used one of two words to describe why they were willing to make the ultimate sacrifice”peace” and “freedom”.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

12th Nov	Secondary ISSAK Football Finals @ ISU
14th Nov	'Internet Safety' Parents Meeting
14th-18th Nov	Anti Bullying Week
16th Nov	Club B lists on-line; ISAAK Swimming Gala @ KISU
21st-23rd Nov	Club B registration
21st-25th Nov	Secondary Outdoor Ed Week No Clubs all week
26th Nov	Bazaar
28th Nov	Club B Starts
2nd Dec	Secondary Music Recital
3rd Dec	Tracking Report sent home
5th Dec	House Colour Day
8th Dec	Super Learning Day1
9th Dec	PSHE Student Council Elections; Secondary Concert
12-14th Dec	No Clubs
14th Dec	End of Term

So yes, politicians need to raise the level of their public debates- stop talking about money and start talking to us about values and principles. Perhaps the greatest irony and tragedy of our current situation is that the one man who has set such a fine example in this regard, President Obama, is leaving the stage (broken-hearted, one suspects). But it is these same politicians who lead our public education systems and are they really doing enough to promote tolerance and altruism in our students?

You have heard me before saying that I believe an education in an excellent international school like KISU is priceless in preparing young people for life in the "global village". But it is not just what such an education can do for the individual student but what, through those students, it can do for society at large. And what makes such an education so valuable...?

- Sharing your educational experience with children from all over the world of different races, ethnicities and religions in an environment where cultural, religious and ethnic diversity is celebrated
- Sharing your education with children of all different abilities and talents in an environment where each of you is equally valued and cherished as an individual
- Taking part in regular community service activities to raise your awareness of the challenges that so many face in their daily lives and enkindling in you a lifelong commitment to serving others
- Learning to work in teams of all kinds, whether in the classroom, the rehearsal room or the sports field and developing your ability to form and maintain relationships with all kinds of people
- Experiencing learning that challenges you to be inquisitive, resilient, collaborative and creative and where your voice in the process is heard and valued
- Experiencing learning that takes you beyond the classroom and out into the real world and that encourages you to see learning as a lifelong process of self-development rather than merely a ticket to a good university and future prosperity
- Learning to be confident and articulate in public forums
- Learning to take risks, to think critically and independently and to have the courage to stand up for what you believe in
- Experiencing learning that is designed to show you that things are often not as simple as they seem- that there are usually multiple sides to issues and that these deserve careful and thoughtful consideration

Political forces that promote division, exclusion, self-interest, fear, confrontation and prejudice are soon defeated history tells us. But if more children around the world were lucky enough to have an educational experience like the one our students enjoy, then I think we would be unlikely to have to experience again the sense of foreboding and trepidation that many of us feel today- and that on a day when we remember those who fought and died to secure peace and freedom for us.

Regards

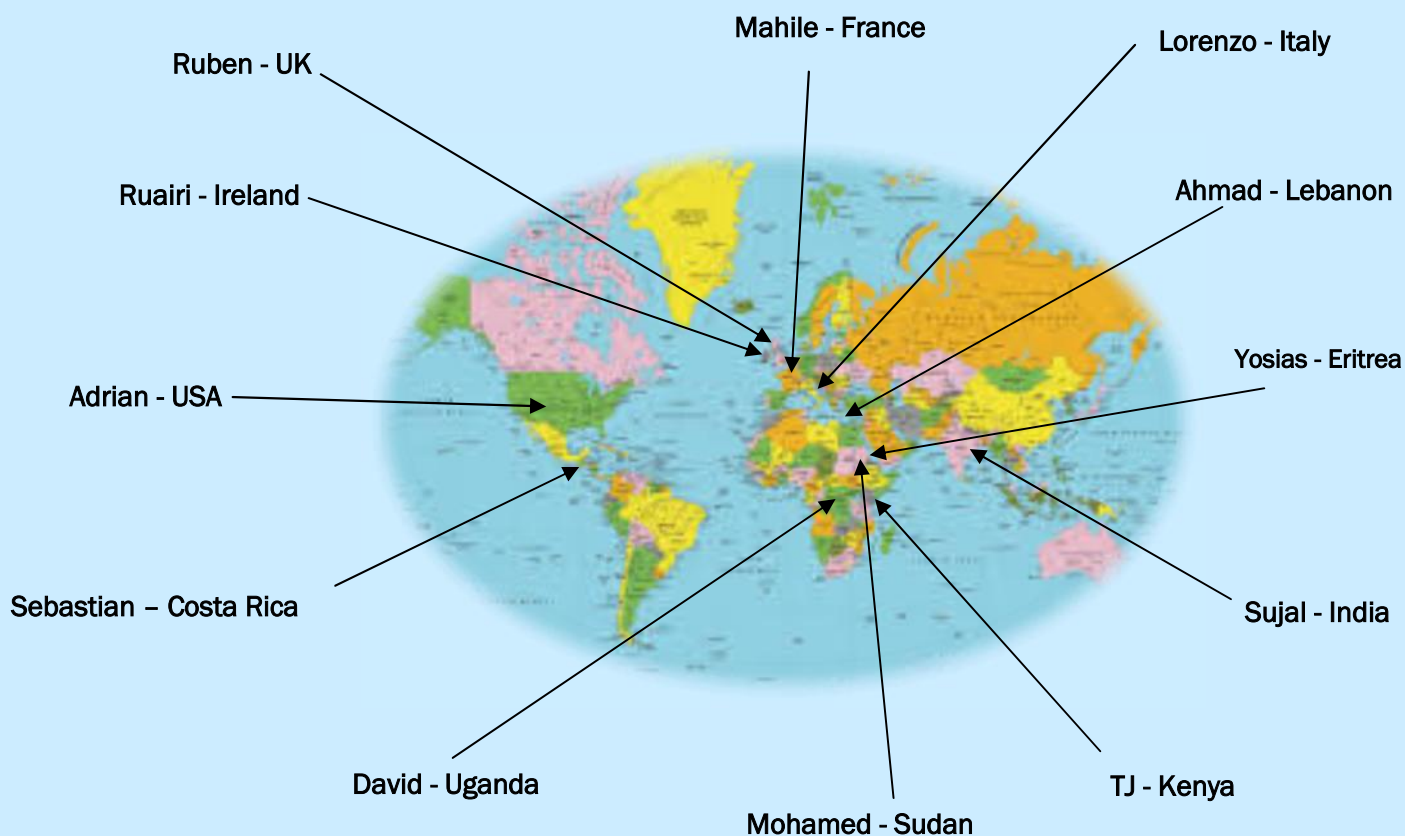
Steve Lang

School Director

Monday 14th November "internet safety"

At KISU we have designated the week beginning the 14th November as "anti-bullying week". During that week we will be holding a number of events that will focus on reducing bullying both in and out of school. One of the events that we will hold will be an afterschool session for parents that will look at the role that the internet and social media may play in bullying. We will be holding the session in our **ICT suite** and it will be a very hands on hour in which we will try to give parents the tools and knowledge to help keep their children safe whilst they use technology. No previous knowledge will be presumed and the session is particularly aimed at parents who feel that their children have far more knowledge about the internet than they do.

The question "What is an International School?" is quite a difficult one to answer. "What is an international student body?" is much easier. How international the student body is at KISU was reflected on the team sheet for last night U13 boys team during their 6 – 2 victory over GEMS on Tuesday evening. Good luck to the U13s in their ISAACfinal on Saturday at ISU.



Regards

Terry Garbett

Head of Secondary



Asus Zen AiO Pro



There has not been much said about all-in-ones because they have not really caught on apart from the iMac but I am beginning to think that that's the way to go with desktops to minimize space and all. I have been looking into them lately and I think I have found one that ticks all my boxes. The Asus Zen AiO Pro Z240IC. From first looks, it is huge at 23 inches and comes cool with 4k resolution. It does not end there, it also comes sporting a Large-capacity 512GB solid-state drive (SSD) and 1TB hard drive underneath it is an Intel Core i7 processor with a gaming-class discrete graphics and USB-C port. Now that is serious business although there is the little matter of it not having an HDMI in port. Who builds a 4k 23 inch PC without HDMI in?

Like the iMacs, the exterior of the Asus is all metal and glass, with a similarly curved back panel that tapers to a sharp edge all around. Instead of light, matte silver, the AiO Pro's design consists of visible horizontal brush lines over a silver body. The slim system takes up very little space on your desk. A single tilting hinge connected to a metal arm supports the AiO Pro's display, and there is ample space underneath for storing the included wireless keyboard.

On the other hand, mimicking the iMac design so closely also means that the I/O ports are in located at the back, out of reach unless you turn the system completely around. Connectors include a Gigabit Ethernet port, a pair of HDMI-out ports for attaching multiple monitors, an SD card reader, a USB 2.0 port, four USB 3.0 ports, and a [USB-C port](#).

At 3,840 by 2,160, the 23.8-inch touch screen has a 4K Ultra-High-Definition (UHD) resolution. That is equivalent to four 1080p HD windows, tiled in the four quadrants of the display; you can have two 1080p videos playing on top of one other while still showing a tall Web browser window occupying 1,920 by 2,160 pixels.

There's a wireless keyboard and mouse bundled in, both of which use an included USB dongle that fills the single USB 2.0 port. The keyboard has scalloped keys that are comfortable to use, and it includes a numeric keypad . The system has two drives: a 512GB solid-state drive (SSD) as the boot drive (C:), and a 1TB 5,400rpm SATA hard drive for extra data. The abundance of storage is good for photo and video hobbyists who tend to collect content they find on the Web or create themselves. The 512GB capacity for the C: drive is ideal for all your apps, Internet cache files, and everyday documents.

There's 16GB of system memory to support apps like Adobe Creative Cloud, and help you keep dozens of windows open and responsive while multitasking your projects. A quad-core Intel Core i7-6700T CPU and an Nvidia GeForce GTX 960M discrete graphics card give the Asus AiO Pro the power to breeze.

This is a serious and powerful end to end machine and I reckon Asus wanted to produce a machine that people would fall in love with in both looks and performance and I think they got it right. Going price, save up about \$1,499.99 only.

Robert Buga

Head of IT

ISSAK**Secondary Basketball****This Week's Secondary Football & Primary Basketball Results**

TUESDAY	8-Nov	U20B	KISU	AK	1-1
		U13B	GEMS	KISU	6-2 KISU
WEDNESDAY	9-Nov	U20 GIRLS SEMI	ISU	KISU	3-3 (3-2 ISU penalties)

Season 1 comes to a close...

Congratulations to all teams, players & coaches, on a truly great season in sport! It was such a pleasure seeing every player and every team develop over the course of these 3 months. Our players & teams were a true reflection of KISU's ethos and values, displaying resilience, commitment, skill, & knowledge; sportsmanship, cooperation, and courage. I was also reminded at the Secondary Poetry Slam last evening of how versatile, well-rounded, and balanced our student athletes are as they courageously stood in front of a crowd of their peers, parents, and teachers and performed poems that were clever, powerful, and insightful. As always, our students and athletes making us all very proud.

But all of this success cannot go without also recognizing the leaders who supported and encouraged them in this learning experience- their coaches. Our players were led by a team of experienced, knowledgeable, and passionate coaches, whose leadership our students, and sports program, indisputably benefited from. We are all thankful for their investment in the development of our athletes and sports program. We have so much to celebrate and will be looking forward to that towards the end of the year at the Sports Awards Gala.

A special congrats to the following teams and coaches for reaching the league final:

- U9 Boys Basketball, led by Coach Steve & Mr Yovan
- U13 Boys Football, led by Mr Garbett

All final matches will take place on Saturday at ISU tomorrow (Saturday, November 12th). U9s will tip-off at 9:30 vs Ambrosoli while the U13B kick-off at 11:30 vs the hosts, ISU. Your support makes a big difference so we hope to see you there, cheering us on!

Season 2 ISSAK Trials

Season 2 of ISSAK is fast approaching. Primary students (U9 & U11s) will switch to football and Secondary teams (u13m, U16, U20) will switch to basketball. See below for team coaches & trial days.

U13 girls	Ms Rothwell & Coach Steve
U13 boys	Coach Ronnie & Mr Yovan
U16 girls	Coach Ronnie & Miss T
U16 boys	Coach TP
U20 girls	Coach Ronnie & Miss T
U20 boys	Coach TP

All girls'

teams will trial on **Monday, November 14th & Wednesday, November 16th**.

All boys' teams will trial on **Tuesday, November 15th & Thursday, November 17th** (except U11 boys who will have their 2nd trial on Friday, November 18th due to their year 5/6 production).

Teams will be posted on Friday and Practices will begin immediately the next week (except for Secondary, who will be on Outdoor Education for the week).

Students who do not make the team can still play organized, semi-competitive basketball or football by signing up for our Lion's League! This will be offered on Wednesdays and you can sign up for it by submitting a club form during club sign up week.

CLUBS

Next week will be the last of Club Block A. Please see below for some important club dates:

- Club B lists & sign up form on website, **Wednesday, November 16th**
- Club A session finished – Saturday, November 19th
- Club B Registration OPENS– Thursday, November 17th
- Club B Registration CLOSED- Sunday, November 20th, 11:59 pm
- NO CLUBS- November 21st- 27th
- Club B Start – November 28th for two weeks
- NO CLUBS- Dec 12th – January 6th
- Club B resume with week 3 of 10, Monday, January

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at sportsdirector@kisu.com

Secondary Outdoor Education

Secondary Outdoor Education Week is nearly here! It is important trips are well prepared to allow for a successful, safe, and fun experience! Parents and students can help by:

- ensuring you have returned their medical & emergency contact information to the trip leader
- checking you have all items on the packing list
- checking your tent is in good condition
- mentally preparing yourself for a week of experiential learning beyond classroom walls, where you will develop as independent, reflective, and confident learners, communicators, leaders and thinkers



Year	Trip Leader	Destination
7	Ms Douville, e.douville@kisu.com	Kazi Sailing Club and Lakeside Adventure
8	Ms Frances, n.frances@kisu.com	Mukono
9	Mr Buga, r.buga@kisu.com	Kulika Farm
10	Mrs Kabuka, c.luyombo@kisu.com	Mbarara, Lake Mburu
11	Ms Sophie Pihut	Fort Portal
DP1	Mrs Rabanowitz, r.rabanowitz@kisu.com	Jinja
DP2	Mrs Raval-Shah, t.raval@kisu.com	Watamu, Kenya

You may also contact the Sports Director,
Miss Racquel Theberge,
 at sportsdirector@kisu.com

SOME PHOTOS FOR ISSAK



Dear All,

It's yet another busy week coming up with ISSAK season 2 trials which begin next week so please don't miss out. I encourage parents not to miss reading the newsletters as they are full of information and forth coming events that you don't want to miss.

As PTA we have a busy week ahead with lots of activities that require a lot of assistance. Please contact me where you feel you can lend a hand.

Upcoming PTA Events:

Wednesday 16th November – ISSAK Swimming Gala and ISSAK season 2 trials Girls (PTA Stand)

Thursday 17th November – Y5&6 Production (PTA stand)

Friday 18th November – PTA Quiz Night

Saturday 19th November – ISSAK Finals day (PTA Stand)

Wednesday 30th November – Teacher Appreciation Lunch

Tickets for the quiz night are already on sale. You can purchase your tickets from the primary office, 'Jacqui Lang and I will be selling the tickets in the cafeteria every day before 9am. Great prizes to be won so don't miss out. Friends and families are all welcome to attend.

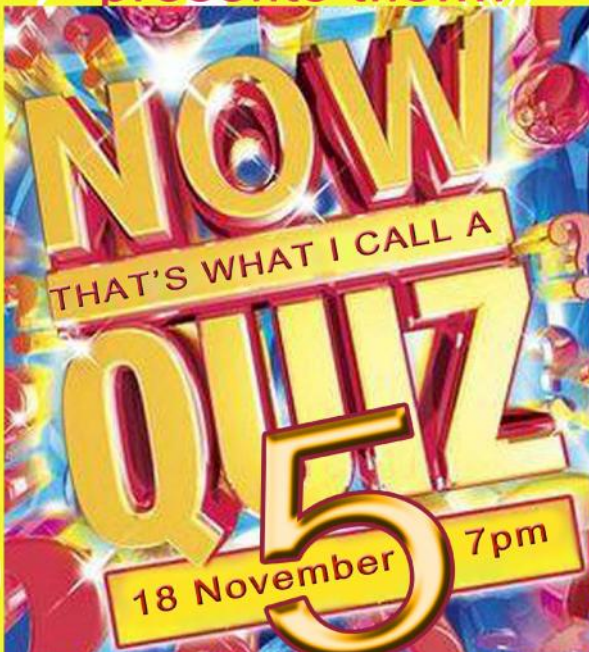
Enjoy your weekend.

Kind regards

Julia Karungi Kimbaleeba

PTA Chair

KISU PTA proudly presents the...



Come along with your friends and family and flex your brain!

KISU Auditorium 30 000/= per person
(Includes Bites)

Maximum Team Size 8

Cash bar will be available