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the **weekly**
BULLETIN



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'In the words of
**SERVANT
LEADERS**'

"When we work together, we can live in harmony and make this world better than we found it."
Henry Wanyoike

ADMIN NOTES

TELEPHONE LINES

Please use the following numbers to contact the school:

Wireless lines

020 243 0260
020 243 0261-3
020 243 0265
020 243 0266

REPORTS AVAILABLE ON-LINE

In order to facilitate further communication with our parents, Brookhouse has established an online portal on our school website (www.brookhouse.ac.ke).

This gives parents an opportunity to access their child's records, including current academic reports and transcripts, securely over the internet.

To ensure full privacy and confidentiality of records, access is password protected and parents can only view the records of their own child/children. In order to access this facility, please register by sending your name, child/children names and class to online@brookhouse.ac.ke

From The Director ...

During the Board Advisory Group lunch last week we welcomed Brookhouse Patron, Henry Wanyoike, who epitomises a deep commitment to giving back to society. Through his marathon runs, Henry raises significant funds to support his Foundation's work for various projects to uplift local communities. Our students can learn much from Henry's example of humble servant leadership - he does not have the use of his sight, but Henry's insight far exceeds most of us. Henry is another Kenyan who makes us proud of the servant leader example set by our Brookhouse patrons.

On another note, my grateful thanks to all the staff, students and parents who welcomed our visitors from the Council of International Schools last week. The visiting CIS team gave a very positive debrief report before they left, reflecting their impressions of the school as a vibrant and successful educational community.

Mr John O'Connor,
Director

NOTES FOR THE WEEK

Last week: was Environment Week and the committee organised a range of exciting activities, including treasure hunts, assembly presentations and paper recycling to highlight environmental concerns and inspire students to take action. In the Prep School, student rika meetings were held on Monday, Mr Milla accompanied a group of students to Kasarani where they competed in the Braeburn Athletics competition on Tuesday and the Year 7 students travelled to Naivasha for an enjoyable overnight Geography trip on Friday. Over the course of the week there were fixtures for our rounders, football and basketball teams across all age groups. The Secondary School hosted representatives from the University of British Columbia (UBC) who met with our Senior students as part of their Careers programme on Monday and finally, Brookhouse hosted representatives from CIS for a 3 day visit which took place from Wednesday to Friday.



Year 7 field survey trip to Naivasha

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- **Over the weekend:** there was a very well attended and informative Parent/Child seminar in Prep School with guest speaker Dr Chris Hart, Mr Franklin oversaw orchestral rehearsals for *Beauty and the Beast* on both Saturday and Sunday, Mr Milafu and his team ran another successful round of SAT tests and Mr Ajode ensured that the 42 students undertaking the PA-K Bronze and Silver awards successfully completed their First Aid training. Additionally, a delegation of 5 students and 5 staff members attended a Round Square East African cluster meeting at Starehe, where the theme was “refugees.” Many thanks to the staff, students and parents who made all of these weekend events such a success.
- **This week:** began with student rika meetings and Inter-House athletics in the Secondary School on Monday and continues with the Senior Mathematics Challenge on Tuesday, the launch of our Christmas Buckets Appeal on Wednesday and a ‘Page Turners’ book club meeting on Thursday. The Prep School hosts a teatime concert on Tuesday at 2pm and students will take to the stage in the Prep Inter-House verse speaking competition on Thursday. The Mothers’ Breakfast takes place on Friday and begins at 7.30am in the Sixth Form Centre; please see the article in this bulletin for more details. Alongside our usual sporting fixtures, the KAIIS semi-finals and finals take place on Wednesday and Friday respectively, there is a KSF swimming gala at Makini School and the U11 and U13 rounders teams will compete in the Hillcrest tournament at the weekend. This week also sees the return of our delegation from the Japan Science Fair and we look forward to hearing about their experiences in Kyoto. It is another busy weekend with those involved in the musical production attending rehearsals on both Saturday and Sunday and boarding students undertaking a Service Learning visit to Kenyatta National Hospital on Sunday.
- **Rehearsals:** for the musical production of *Beauty and the Beast* are well underway and I know that Mr Franklin, the orchestra and the cast are working hard in preparation. There will be a four-night run from Wednesday 30th November - Saturday 3rd December 2016. Tickets will, no doubt, sell fast and details are contained in this bulletin.
- **Senior pupils:** are reminded that they must adhere to the deadlines for their university applications; parents should contact Mr Milafu, Mrs Okech or Miss Kariuki in the Sixth Form office if they have any questions in this regard.
- **Round Square:** Mr Ng’ang’a has published the information for the upcoming 2017 conferences in this bulletin. As places on the student delegations for these trips will fill very fast, please see him for further details as soon as possible. Next term our students participate in the Africa Regional Conferences at St Andrew’s Turi and ISK in Nairobi, amongst others further afield, providing students with an opportunity to participate in a conference without extensive travel.
- **TEDx:** on Saturday 19th November 2016 the school stages another exciting TEDx youth event in the Burudani Theatre and all are welcome to come along and watch the student speakers present talks that will, no doubt, engage and inspire. The premise of TED is simple: ‘innovative ideas worth spreading’. Further details are included in this bulletin.
- **Languages:** the Inter-Schools verse speaking competition for Languages takes place on Saturday 19th November 2016 and details are available from Mrs Kyalo, Head of Languages Faculty.
- **The Brookshop:** is open and Ms Mwangi will continue to update parents on the same. Both new and second-hand uniform and some stationery items are available.

With kind regards,

Ms Kelly Taberham,

Bulletin Coordinator

KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

Please note the following for the new academic year:-

- Term 1 classes commenced on Tuesday 30th August 2016.
- The TEDx Youth event is on Saturday 19th November 2016.
- The Rhino Cup Debating Final will be held on Thursday 24th November 2016.
- International Day hosted by the boarders in Mandela House is on Saturday 26th November 2016.
- The School Musical “Beauty and the Beast” will run during the evenings from Wednesday 30th November to Saturday 3rd December 2016.
- Carols Evening is on Wednesday 7th December 2016.
- Parent Consultations will be held on Thursday afternoon 8th and Friday morning 9th December 2016.
- Term 1 concludes at lunchtime on Friday 9th December 2016.

TEDxYouth@BrookhouseSchool

TED (Technology, Entertainment and Design) is a global set of conferences formed to disseminate “ideas worth spreading.” TED was founded in 1984 in California and has since spread around the world, offering live streaming of talks and conferences. The talks address a wide range of topics within the research and practice of science and culture, often through storytelling. The speakers are given a short time to present their ideas in the most innovative and engaging way they can.



TEDxYouth@BrookhouseSchool is an independently organised TED event that will be held at the Burudani Theatre on Saturday 19th November 2016 from 10.00am to 4.00pm. The event brings together an audience of secondary school students and adults for half a day of inspiring talks and conversation. The speakers and performers will be a combination of students and adults who will present their world-changing ideas within a six minute time frame. The theme of this year's event is: “What Now?” If you would like to attend please contact Ms Joyce Gacheru at jgacheru@brookhouse.ac.ke.

Mrs Lucy Ayodo,
Director of Advancement

BROOKHOUSE STUDENT IS THE YOUNGEST ARTIST TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE KENYA ARTS DIARY 2017

Katanu Kay Sanna, BTEC Art and Design student in Year 13RK is the youngest artist whose work has been selected to go into the Kenyan Artists Diary. This is a big achievement for an Art student. She has been exhibiting her work at Lavington Mall and at the Dustin d2 Hotels monthly group shows. Please do congratulate her for this accomplishment.

Mrs Sobia Mughal,
BTEC Art Course Leader





As you may be aware Brookhouse School is a Global member of the prestigious Round Square network of schools worldwide (www.roundsquare.org). As part of the Round Square IDEALS students from Round Square member schools are encouraged to attend Young Round Square (YRS), Junior, Regional and International Conferences.

The following conferences are available for students in 2017:-

Regional Conference

For 11 -13 year olds

Hosted at

Mayo College

India

8th – 14th January 2017

Regional Conference

For 14 -15 year olds

Hosted at

St. Andrew's Turi

Kenya

12th - 16th February 2017

Regional Conference

For 15 - 18 year olds

Hosted at

International School of Kenya (ISK)

Kenya

22nd – 27th March 2017

International Conference

For 15 - 18 year olds

Hosted by

Bridge House School, St George's Grammar School

& St. Cyprian's School

Cape Town, South Africa

29th September - 5th October 2017

I encourage all students and their parents to consider these wonderful educational opportunities. A conference delegation is typically six students and places fill up very fast, so please contact me at the Round Square office for costings and further details.

Mr Willie Ng'ang'a,
Senior Round Square Rep

ROUND SQUARE CLUSTER MEETING

Over the weekend, a Brookhouse delegation of five students accompanied by members of staff attended the East African cluster meeting at Starehe Boys' Centre & School. In attendance were five schools including the International School of Kenya, Brookhouse School, Starehe Boys' Centre & School, St Constantine's International School and St Andrews, Turi.

The theme was on "refugees." We had a keynote speaker from the United Nations High Commission for Refugees who helped the students to better understand people seeking asylum and refugees. Another keynote speaker was from the Xavier Project that is involved in supporting refugee children's education in Kenya and Uganda. Funi, a refugee from South Sudan, who was born in Kenya, shared her life experiences living as a refugee in Kenya. In the baraza groups, students engaged in meaningful discussions on how to appreciate, accommodate and live with refugees. They also discussed prospective projects that they would engage their schools in.

Mr Willie Ng'ang'a,
Senior Round Square Rep

YEAR 7 GEOGRAPHY TRIP

Year 7 had a great Field Survey trip to Naivasha on the weekend of 4th and 5th November. The Field study was based on a physical environment theme "**the influence of human activities and running water on volcanic landscapes**". Students carried out the investigation at various sites, among them Hells Gate National Park, Lake Naivasha and the Elsamere Centre for Education and Sustainability. The data collated indicated that the drilling of wells to tap into the hot springs for Geothermal power, roads construction, clearing of vegetation, climatic change and the vibrant horticulture industry have all had a significant influence on the volcanic landscape. Students are expected to analyse the data further and draw a conclusion.

Mr James Muturi,
Geography Teacher

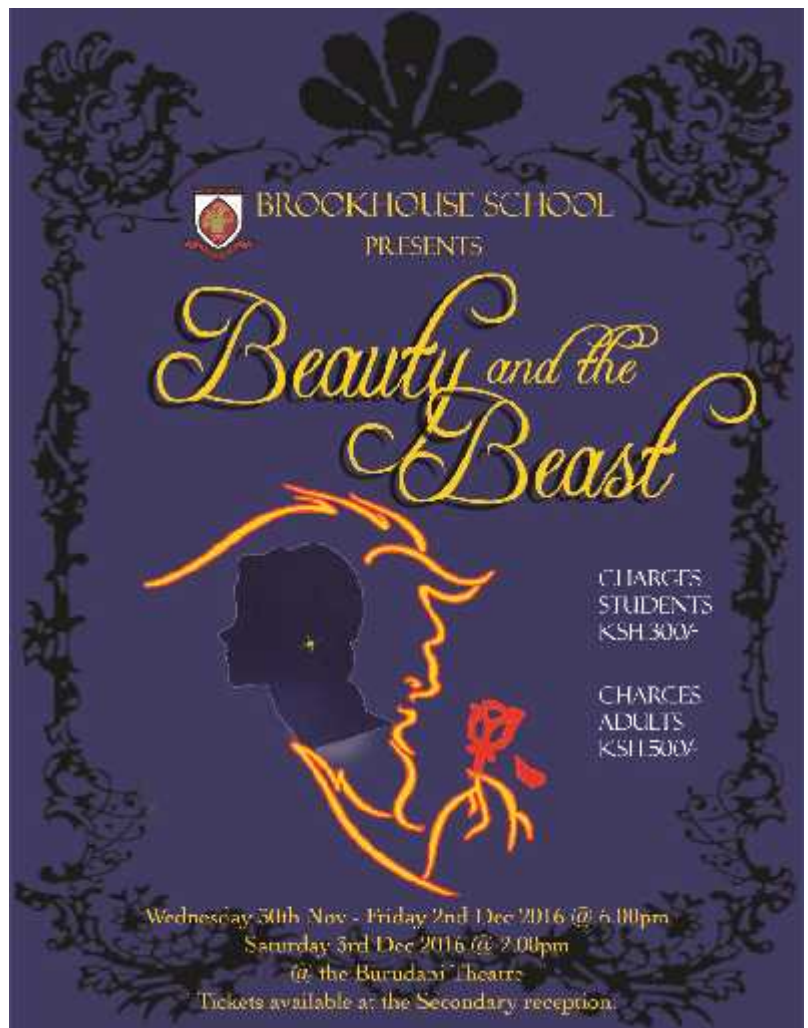
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

For this year's musical Brookhouse students will be performing *Beauty and the Beast*. The classic Disney film, based on the 1756 Jeanne-Marie Leprince de Beaumont novel of the same name, was turned into a Broadway Musical in 1994 with added songs and changed dialogue. The musical tells the story of a young lady, Belle, who is disenchanted by her mundane life in a small provincial French town. Through her father's disappearance she becomes a prisoner to the 'Beast' in an enchanted castle. The musical explores themes of isolation, prejudice and love, all within a comedic framework suitable for audiences of all ages.

The play will be staged on the following dates:

- Wednesday 30th November 2016 starting from 6.00pm.
- Thursday 1st December 2016 starting from 6.00pm.
- Friday 2nd December 2016 starting from 6.00pm.
- Saturday 3rd December 2016 starting from 2.00pm.

Mr Jeremy Franklin,
Head of Music



ENVIRONMENT WEEK



The Environment Committee worked throughout the school last week to celebrate Environment Week. The Prep School had displays, an assembly presentation and a treasure hunt, while Art students worked with papier maché. There were also environmental videos and library displays to stimulate awareness. Well done to all involved.

**Mr Thaddeus Obunga,
Environment Club Patron**

November 8th 2016

Dear Parent,

Ref: Laptops for Secondary Students

The school's strategic plan (2015-2020) has an ICT action plan that aims at measured implementation of the use of ICT devices in teaching and learning. We are now looking at the implementation of student use of ICT devices, such as laptops, as part of their learning experience. Brookhouse is keen to ensure that its students have the necessary devices for their studies.

In this regard, it is recommended that all students in Secondary from Year 11 to Year 13 at Brookhouse have a laptop or a Mac Book from next term, January 2017. We will implement this process for Year 9 and Year 10 students in Term 3. The specifications for the Laptops/Mac Books are as follows:

- **Minimum specifications:** Core i5 with Windows 7, 4 GB RAM 500 GB HD & 1.6 GHz.
- **Recommended specifications:** Core i7 with Windows 10, 8 GB RAM, 1Tb HD & 2.7 GHz.

Our ICT surveys indicate that most students already have such laptops they can bring to school. We require that these are brought to the ICT department for verification on whether they meet the required standards and expectations before January 2017.

The use of educational technology is important, but only as long as it supports effective learning. Students will only use the laptops under supervision while in school. This will ensure they are more responsible users of technology. The laptop use will be monitored by the ICT department to guarantee responsible use.

For students and parents/guardians, it is important to understand the school's expectations and the responsibility of use and care related to having a laptop/ Mac Book in school. Therefore, we will provide the Laptops Management and Use policy this term for students and parents/guardians to go through.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Eric Mulindi
Head of Secondary



News from the Secondary School

Important Dates

2016 – 2017

Term 1

Week 11

7th – 11th

Departmental Meetings this Week

Monday 7th November

Student Rika meeting (JK) – Period 1
AS LITERATURE PAPER 4
Inter-House Athletics
IFY Staff meeting, Room 8 (TS/WM)

Tuesday 8th November

Round Square Assembly (WN) – Period 1
Senior Mathematics Challenge (RA)
AS GEOGRAPHY PAPER 1
Faculty meeting slot #2 – Period 9

7th – 10th

KAIIIS Semi Finals

Wednesday 9th November

KAIIIS Fixtures meeting @ Peponi (LC)
Christmas Buckets Appeal (KM/RK/RM)
Round Square Reps meeting (WN) –
Period 9

Thursday 10th November

'Page Turners' Book Club meeting (PR)
BLT meeting (GO) – Period 9
U19 Girls Basketball v ISK (home)

Friday 11th November

Mothers' Breakfast (LA), 7.30am
KAIIIS Finals

Saturday 12th November

KSF Nairobi Swimming Gala, Makini
School (ZE)

12th - 13th

Musical Rehearsals (JF)

Sunday 13th

Kenyatta National Hospital Visit (GO)

Term Calendars

Parents are reminded to consult the term calendar for dates and times of school events. Email reminders will be sent to parents about important events, but this is usually done only a few days in advance. If you prefer longer-term planning, please use your calendars.

From The Head of Secondary...

Environmental stewardship was marked in the school last week. The focus was on responsible attitudes to the sustainable use of environmental resources. Attitude change is everything and in the words of Nelson Mandela *"you can never have an impact on society if you have not changed yourself."* Many thanks to Mr Obunga and the Environment Committee of students and staff for putting together a series of activities that made all of us reflect on the role each one of us has in environmental stewardship. Within the week, we also had a visit from the CIS team that worked with us assessing and evaluating how the school meets the rigorous educational standards that we have to maintain as an accredited school. Many thanks to Mr Ajode for a successful First Aid training over the weekend for our students preparing for the Silver and Bronze President's Award Kenya expeditions. We are also pleased to welcome back Mr Nyaga and the team of three students who represented the school at the Japan Super Science Fair.

**Mr Eric Mulindi,
Head of Secondary School**

ENTRIES FOR MAY - JUNE 2017 EXAMINATIONS

Examination entries for candidates taking IGCSE, AS level and A2 level examinations in the May/June 2017 session started last week. All students will be required to complete an entry form and have it signed by their parent/guardian or boarding mentor for submission by mid-November. Students are expected to ensure that names, date of birth and subject components are filled in correctly. In the past, there have been candidates using names other than those on official documents, such as passports and birth certificates. All non-Kenyan nationals must attach a photocopy of their passport to the entry form. Candidates are expected to sit examinations in all the subjects they currently study. Subject teachers will guide them on selection of core/extended options and coursework components, where this is applicable. The October/November 2016 re-take examinations in IG and AS Mathematics, AS Law, AS English, AS Literature, AS Psychology, AS Sociology, AS Geography and AS Computer Science are ongoing. The results for these re-sit examinations will be published around 22nd January 2017. For more information on examinations you can contact us at exams@brookhouse.ac.ke.

**Mr Evans Ombui,
Examinations Manager**

MOTHERS' BREAKFAST

Brookhouse invites our mums to attend a Mothers' Breakfast on Friday 11th November 2016 from 7.30am to 9.00am at the Wangari Maathai Sixth Form Centre. This will be an informal and interactive session for our mothers.

The theme will be **"How mothers can help their children set and follow through realistic targets."** After the breakfast discussion session, we will have a guided school tour. I encourage our mums to join us for this event.

**Mrs Lucy Ayodo,
Director of Advancement**

TIMELY REMINDERS

MEDICAL FORMS

Parents are reminded that all Brookhouse students must have an up-to-date medical form on file. If you have not completed a medical form or if it needs updating, please contact Ms Annie Gitome, Health Manager, through email: agitome@brookhouse.ac.ke.

SCHOOL SECURITY

As part of our security provision at the school, all cars are required to display the Brookhouse sticker at all gates. Cars without a sticker will be subject to inspection. The 2016-2017 stickers are available from the Prep and Secondary receptions.

We request parents to ask their drivers to either remain in their cars or stand by their cars when waiting to collect the children. The drivers should be asked not to walk around the parking area or congregate in groups.

DRIVERS

Please ensure you get a form for your driver's details and a photo card will be issued to him/her. The forms are available in both Prep and Secondary receptions. All drivers will be required to show their ID cards when collecting children.

LOST ITEMS

We continue to accumulate a lot of lost property. It is important that all items your child brings to school are clearly labelled to facilitate return to the rightful owner. Any unclaimed items are donated to a local children's charity home after one year.

VALUABLES

Whilst every care is taken to ensure the security of valuables such as mobile phones, the school cannot accept responsibility for the safety of such items. Please do not send your child to school with expensive items, such as expensive models of mobile phones.

BOOKS

If a library or text book is lost, students are required to reimburse the school for the replacement cost of the book.

LATE BUS STOPS

Late bus stop locations are: Total Petrol Station - Langata Rd, Shell Petrol Station – Karen (Opp Big Square), Riara Road (Nakumatt)/Yaya/ Valley Arcade, Shell Petrol Station – Lavington and Sarit.

Ms Clara Mwangi,
Deputy Director

SPORTS REPORT



This week has been a quieter week for Senior School sport, but has seen much success. On Monday, the U19 boys football team defeated Nairobi International School 3-2 and the U19 girls basketball team defeated Nairobi International School 31-12, but marginally lost by 10 points to ISK on Thursday. Next week sees the following teams in the semi finals: U19 boys football, U17 boys football, U15 boys football and U17 girls basketball, whilst the U15 girls basketball are automatic finalists.

Miss Lisa Curley,
Head of Sports Faculty

PA-K BRONZE AND SILVER TRAINING

Last Saturday, 42 students reported to school at 8.30am for a day of new learning. For most, it was the first time that they were attending this kind of training. The First-aid training kicked-off with a series of theoretical glimpses into special circumstances that can happen during expeditions. Students mentally simulated responses and reactions to these. Afterwards, they sat for a test to determine how much they had retained. In the afternoon, they had demonstrations and practice of practical responses to emergencies and management of such situations. At the close of the day, the students had a one-on-one test to review their learning with special attention to fractures and resuscitation.



Mr Fredrick Ajode,
PA-K Bronze Patron

THE BROOKSHOP

New and secondhand uniform is available. In addition, we have a range of other merchandise, from Brookhouse-branded clothing to umbrellas. Stationery and House T-shirts are also available.

The shop opens on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1.00pm to 3.30pm.

Ms Clara Mwangi,
Deputy Director



Brookhouse Calendar @ Ksh. 500/-

Branded Poloshirt @ Ksh. 950/-

Branded round neck t-shirt @ Ksh. 500/-

Branded bag @ Ksh. 600/-

Leisure Poloshirt @ Ksh. 2,900/- (Samurai)

Hoodie Brushed Fleece @ Ksh. 4000/-

Leisure round neck t-shirt @ Ksh. 2500/-

Jacket (Samurai) @ Ksh. 4500/-

Moulded Pencil

Printed 'Brookhouse' name

Branded swimming cap

Brookhouse Pen

FLASH DISKS

New 4gb Flash Disks in House Colours @ Ksh 2,350/= each.



'LITTLE BROOKIE' RHINO MASCOTS

The much loved "Little Brookie" rhinos are available in House T-shirts @ Ksh 350/= each from both the Secondary and Prep offices.



Brookhouse Polo T-shirt at Ksh 1,200/=



Brookhouse Car Stickers



JUMPERS:

Small size
Ksh 3,000/=

Medium size
Large size
Extra Large size
Ksh 4,000/=



Brookhouse wheel covers available at Ksh 2,500/=



Brookhouse Umbrella at Ksh 550/=



Brookhouse Swimming Bag at Ksh 450/=

News from the Prep School

2016 - 2017

Term 1

NOVEMBER 2016

WEEK 11

Monday 7th – Friday 11th November
DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS

Monday 7th November

Prep Assemblies (MF/AWW) – P1

Early Learning Assembly (JAY) – P1

Tuesday 8th November

Tea Time Music Concert @ 2.00 pm,
Auditorium (PM)

Round Square Assembly (WN) – P1

U11 A & B Rounders v Braeside & St
Christopher's (away)

Wednesday 9th November

Round Square Reps meeting (WN) – P9

Thursday 10th November

Inter-House Verse Speaking (AWW) –
P7/8

Friday 11th November

Mothers' Breakfast, 7.30 am (LA)

Saturday 12th November

IAPS Hillcrest U11 & U13 Rounders
tournament



From The Head of Prep School...

You may have heard your child talking about cycle testing. This term is one we use to describe the regular routine assessments, quizzes, assignments, end of unit tests, mental maths or spelling tests that are used in the Prep School to contribute to your child's half-term and full-term grades. This occurs from Year 1 - Year 8. Teachers also take into consideration the work that is completed in class and homework tasks. During parents consultation at the end of term, teachers will be able to share more details with you.

Ms Michelle Forsyth,
Head of Preparatory School



SPORTS REPORT

Swimming

Last weekend a team of 22 swimmers, including 13 Prep children, went to the National Age Group Swimming Championships held at the Oshwal Academy in Mombasa. This event attracted swimmers from Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania with over 3,300 entries and 38 clubs, institutions and schools. I am very proud of our youngest swimmers who all managed to improve their PBs and gained valuable experience in addition to winning two medals, a silver and a bronze.

Mr Zeff Ekumbo,
Swimming coach

Braeburn Athletics Meet

Brookhouse Prep Athletics team took part in the Braeburn Athletics meet on Tuesday at the Kasarani Sports Complex. The event was graced by 18 schools from within the East African region. The team who looked impeccably dressed in their new athletics vests and running spikes, put in a commendable performance in track and field events. Dylan Miller and Carlton Karani had a podium finish, winning Gold in 800m and Silver in 1500m, respectively. We also won in both U13 Shot Put events: Congratulations to Aronni Ogadhoh and Ethan Mugabe. Other notable performances came from Terry Bingwa, Elliot Plumbe, Lianna Ngara, Ewan Jackson and Ethan Mugabe. Kudos to our youngest athletes who were taking part in their first major athletics event for their exemplary participation, namely, Samara Madahana, Jok Jeremiah, Andrea Wambua, Hera Milafu and Kyla Kibet. A big thank you goes to all the athletes for their teamwork and great effort, not forgetting our parents who took time, to come and cheer the team at Kasarani.

Mr Martin Milla,
Head of Prep Sport



PROVOCATION - BLACK AND WHITE

Colour. It's one of the most noticeable elements in the world around us. Understanding colour is an essential building block used for learning in all areas of life. Not only does colour play an important role in the overall aesthetic of space in the classroom, it can also impact a preschoolers mood, emotional well-being, productivity, learning and behaviour.

During our black and white provocation, children played eye-spy games. This encouraged development of their oral language skills. They enjoyed dressing up in black and white, looking at black or white foods and collecting black and white feathers.



**Mrs Mildred Amakobe,
Pre-School Class**

ENVIRONMENT WEEK

We have had a very good week showcasing to the wider school community the environmental projects established in the Prep School this term. Many are student led activities and our children spoke eloquently about the work they were doing to our guests last week. Two students in Year 7, Anzu and Giannah, ran a very successful Environmental Treasure Hunt, which delighted the teams of students who participated.

**Ms Helen Bidali,
Year 6 Class Teacher**



PREP SCIENCE EXPO

A group of Year 5 and 6 students are very busy currently participating in Science investigations, research and write-ups as they prepare for the Science Expo that takes place on November 18th 2016. This is part of an Academic Extension Project and students who create excellent projects will be rewarded with an AEP certificate at final assembly.

I would like to congratulate those students who are showing a huge effort in the work they produce across the curriculum, going above and beyond expectations. A special mention must go to Stephanie Kama Kama for her exceptional poster on Global Warming which gained her a Student of the Week nomination and Ibrahim Mughal who was awarded the class certificate.

**Ms Natasha Roblin,
Science Leader**



INTERACTIVE MATHEMATICS ACTIVITY

Children love to engage in activities that are fun and motivating. Interactive Mathematics activities give students opportunities to explore fundamental number concepts. An open morning in Reception showed the class using 2D shapes to make pictures, another group using play dough to model 2D shapes and the final group playing a game on the smart board to reinforce the shapes learnt. As teachers, we provide students with opportunities to deepen their understanding and reasoning by letting ideas emerge as they notice new patterns, relationships and strategies.

**Ms Caroline Muhia,
Reception Class**



EARLY LEARNING

Learning about the environment gives children the experiences that play a critical role in shaping lifelong attitudes, values and patterns of behaviour towards the natural environment. Last week was our Environmental Week through school and children were able to identify and name various ways of conserving the environment by **reducing, re-using and recycling** paper, plastic, glass and organic waste. We looked at the disadvantages of cutting down trees and how it affects our environment negatively. Students had the opportunity to plant trees and water the ones we had planted previously.



**Ms Lisa Magero,
Reception Class**

SCOUTS INVESTITURE

On Friday October 14th the Scouts had their Investiture Ceremony. This is the time when a Scout publicly announces their commitment to the Scout Law, to the Scouters of their troop and to all the Scouts of the world. The Scouts recited the promise and many of them were able to showcase their diverse talents to their parents and the other junior Scouts. The event was graced by the presence of the Africa Regional Director.



**Ms Nellie Odera,
Scouts Patron**

Boarding News From the Head of Boarding...

2016-2017

Term 1

Important Dates

2nd Exeat Weekend

Friday 18th November 2016 – Sunday
20th November 2016

School term ends

Friday 9th December 2016

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Boarding parents may also communicate
with the boarding office using the
following email address:

boardingstaff@brookhouse.ac.ke

Term Calendars

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term calendar for dates and times of
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a few days in advance. If you prefer
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your calendars.

Boarding students continue to engage in a wide range of activities. Of focus is the *study clinic* sessions for the Year 11, 12 and 13 students, which provides an extra opportunity to work closely with subject teachers in preparation for examinations. Year 9 and 10 students also participate in *Pre-Dinner Prep*, an extra hour of study before dinner.

INTERNATIONAL DAY

Brookhouse Boarding at Mandela House, warmly invites the Brookhouse community to attend our annual International Day on Saturday 26th November 2016.

Previously, the event was open to boarding parents/guardians. However, this year, we welcome the whole of the Brookhouse family to join us.

The event will start at 2.00pm for boarding parents/guardians. Day students and their parents/guardians will join us from 3.00 pm.

The event is scheduled to conclude at 6.00pm.

ACTIVITIES OVER THE WEEKEND

Brookhouse continues to create partnerships with the community around us in order to foster a supportive and beneficial engagement between the students and our community partners. On Saturday, boarders participated in a football match with a youth group supported by *Kubamba Media House* well known for their service learning and outreach programme for the youth in Kenya. This was followed by them sharing with our boarders their experience with the programme and its outcomes.

On Sunday, our Senior students played a highly competitive basketball match with former members of the Kenya Basketball team and corporate clubs. The team shared their experience with our students, and gave tips and advice for fitness, technique, self-discipline and commitment to teamwork. The students appreciated the interaction and look forward to having the team visit again in future.



**Mr Graham Omasire,
Head of Boarding**