



# Brookhouse School

the **weekly**  
**BULLETIN**



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

*"To the young people in particular, I hope you will hear this. I have... had successes and I have had setbacks. Sometimes really painful ones. You will have successes and setbacks, too. This loss hurts but please... never doubt that you are valuable and powerful and deserving of every chance and opportunity in the world to pursue and achieve your own dreams." Hillary Clinton*

## 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](http://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](mailto:online@brookhouse.ac.ke)

## From The Director ...

Grace in the face of defeat is not easy. I watched as Hillary Clinton delivered her concession speech with such poise and dignity and was struck by her strength and composure. The election result in the USA is, on many levels, deeply disturbing, and now the world must wait to see how Donald Trump will manage his responsibilities as President. I struggle to see many positive lessons in his win, but there is much our children can learn from the way Hillary Clinton has managed her defeat. She may not be the first woman to be President in America, but her strength and dignity in the face of this outcome is entirely presidential.

Win or lose, I also continue to be impressed by our young sports men and women, who conduct themselves with dignity and courage. As many of them play League finals this week, I am encouraged by their tremendously positive sporting attitude and wish them every success.

**Mr John O'Connor,**  
**Director**

### 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 are welcome to join us from 3.00 pm.

The event is scheduled to conclude at 6.00pm.

**Mr Graham Omasire,**  
**Head of Boarding**



Japan Super Science Fair 2016

## NOTES FOR THE WEEK

- **Last week:** began with Student Rika meetings and Inter-House athletics in the Secondary School on Monday. It was a pleasure to see such determined effort from all the competitors and a special mention goes to the staff who competed in the final race of the day. Congratulations to Mara House who emerged as the overall winners of the competition. The week continued with the delegation to Switzerland giving an informative presentation about their experiences at the recent conference during the Round Square Assembly, 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 hosted a teatime concert on Tuesday and students took to the stage in the Prep Inter-House verse speaking competition on Thursday. Congratulations to all who performed and Mara House for winning the event. Friday's Mothers' Breakfast was very well attended and parents found the theme of how to set useful academic targets very helpful, particularly as candidate classes approach next term's Mock examinations. Alongside our usual sporting fixtures, the KAIIS semi-finals and finals took place on Wednesday and Friday respectively; well done to all those involved.
- **Over the weekend:** students competed in a KSF swimming gala at Makini School and the U11 and U13 rounders teams competed in the Hillcrest tournament. It was another busy weekend for those involved in the musical production as they attended rehearsals on both Saturday and Sunday. Boarding students carried out a Service Learning visit to Kenyatta National Hospital Children's Ward on Sunday.
- **This week:** is Arts Week and we look forward to working with the visiting artists and taking part in the activities arranged by the Committee. Prep school have their Student Rika feedback meetings and host their Science Expo while the U11 football and U13 rounders teams compete in home fixtures. In Secondary School, Year 12 and 13 have wellness talks and Year 10 Business Studies students have a field trip to a local pharmaceutical company. The TEDx event is being held in the Burudani Theatre from 10.00am on Saturday while the Inter-Schools Languages Verse Speaking competition takes place at Nairobi Academy. This weekend is also an Exeat for boarders.
- **Senior pupils:** are reminded that they must adhere to next week's deadline 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.
- **International Day:** takes place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November and this year day scholars and their parents are invited to join the boarding community.
- **Art Calendar:** the 2017 Brookhouse calendar features images of 'architecture that inspires' taken by members of the Secondary Photography Club. Distribution details are in this bulletin.
- **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

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## KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

Please note the following for the new academic year:-

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

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## 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jgacheru@brookhouse.ac.ke).

**Mrs Lucy Ayodo,**  
Director of Advancement

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## JAPAN SUPER SCIENCE FAIR 2016

William Bbossa, Ruth Olubayi and Philip Miheso represented Brookhouse at the annual Japan Super Science Fair 2016. The conference was held in Ritsumekan High School in Kyoto from 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> November 2016. The title of our student's project was the ***Bridge Water Pump*** and 50 schools from all over the world participated. Their scientific presentation was well received by the audience. On the Japanese Culture performance competition, Ruth did us proud. She came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 28 entries.

Our students, accompanied by Mr Nyaga, enjoyed the beautiful infrastructure of Kyoto, the rich Japanese cuisine availed and the warmth of the people. They also had a successful industrial tour to some of the leading manufacturing firms based in Kyoto. The trip provided an excellent opportunity to learn from senior researchers as well as from young scientists from all corners of the world.



**Mr Solomon Nyaga,**  
Mathematics Teacher

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As you may be aware Brookhouse School is a Global member of the prestigious Round Square network of schools worldwide ([www.roundsquare.org](http://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

8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**Regional Conference**

For 14 -15 year olds

Hosted at

St. Andrew's Turi

Kenya

12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017

**Regional Conference**

For 15 - 18 year olds

Hosted at

International School of Kenya (ISK)

Kenya

22<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> 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

29<sup>th</sup> September - 5<sup>th</sup> 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**

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## MOTHERS' BREAKFAST

Last Friday, we hosted a well attended Mothers' Breakfast. Mothers were briefed on progress made so far on this academic year's theme "innovations." These innovations include the Reggio Emilia approach to Early Learning, Common Entrance examinations at 13+, Discovery Framework, Harkness Method in the Sixth Form, Cycle Testing, Learning Centre and the Wellness Centre. Thanks to our mums for their contributions to the discussion on how they can help their children set realistic targets. Thanks to Mrs Sanghani, Middle School Head of Year, a parent and an alumni for sharing her experiences with the mums. Thanks also to Ms Bantu and Mrs Wanjohi for their contributions.



**Mrs Lucy Ayodo,**  
**Director of Advancement**

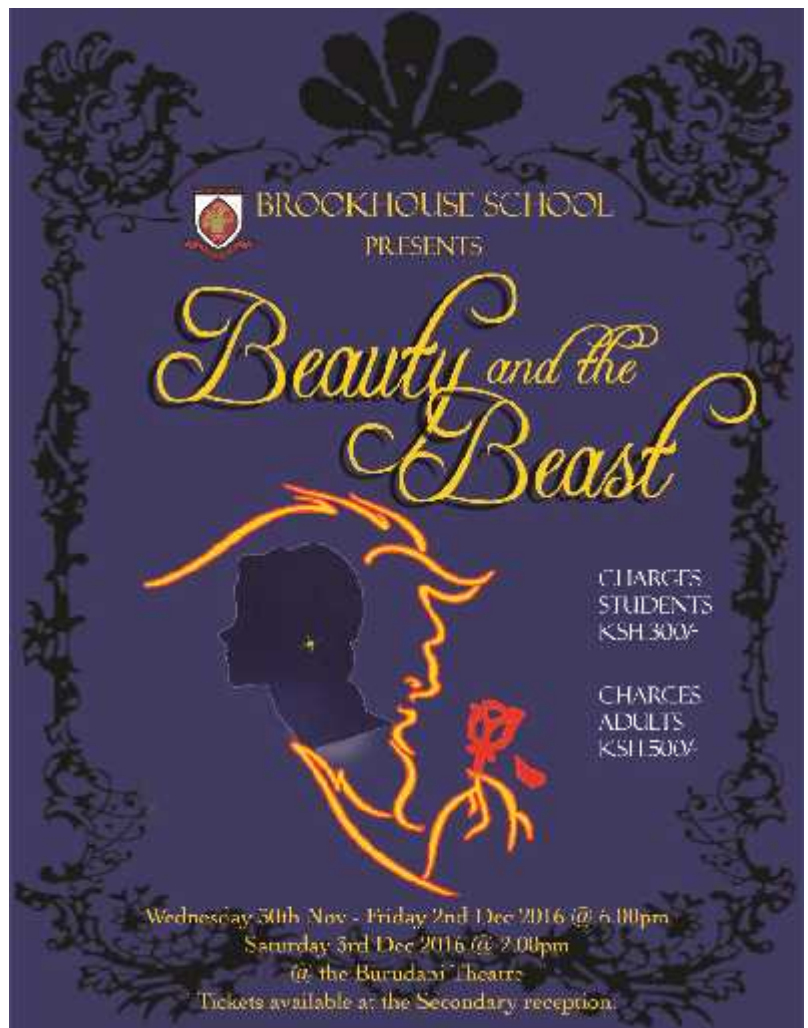
## BEAUTY AND THE BEAST


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**



BROOKHOUSE SCHOOL 




Wall & Desk Calendar  
2017

[www.brookhouse.ac.ke](http://www.brookhouse.ac.ke)

The photographs in this calendar were taken by Brookhouse students as part of their Photography Club project aimed at capturing architecture that inspires at Brookhouse School.

*Architecture Inspires*  
@  
BROOKHOUSE



[www.brookhouse.ac.ke](http://www.brookhouse.ac.ke)



### BROOKHOUSE ART CALENDAR 2017

Soon we will be sending home a copy of the Brookhouse Art Calendar for 2017. The cost of the calendar is **Ksh 550/=**, and this will be added to the school Yearbook charge on fees for Term 2. If you would like more copies of the calendar, you can purchase them at the administration reception or at the Brookshop. Any parent not wishing to retain the calendar, should return it with the reply slip to Ms Alice Gakuu, secretary at the Admin office. We would like to acknowledge the excellent contributions of the following students who are part of the Photography Club: Levi Owino, Chloe Hallard, Nicole Ng'ang'a, Meheq Tundai, Talya Deetlefs and Amanda Beebe.

November 8<sup>th</sup> 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 12

14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>

ARTS WEEK

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 12 & 13 Wellness Talk (AG)  
Heads of Year + CMT - Period 9

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

House Assemblies (SM) – Period 1

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

BTEC Course Leaders Meeting (AL)  
SLT meeting (EM) – Period 9

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 10 Business Studies trip (MN)

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

**TEDx Youth Event (JG)**  
Languages Inter-Schools  
Verse Speaking (DK)

19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>

EXEAT WEEKEND

## 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...

I was very pleased with a call I received from a fellow Head Teacher congratulating and commending our boys soccer team for exemplary sportsmanship in the ongoing schools League. My thanks to Miss Curley, Mr Milla and the entire Sports Faculty for their excellent coaching of our school teams. Our senior students took part in the UK Mathematics Challenge, while our STEM teams continue with preparations for the First Lego Education Challenge scheduled for March 2017, under the supervision of Mr Raj. We have successfully concluded the October-November re-take examinations with many thanks to Mr Ombui for managing them. On parent engagement, I wish to express my appreciation to our mothers for a well-attended and vibrant Mothers' Breakfast.

Lastly, and with deep sadness, we lost one of our parents, Mr Austin Beebe, who was laid to rest in Zambia over the weekend. The entire Brookhouse community offer their support and condolences to the Beebe family.

**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 are now ongoing. All candidates have filled the entry forms, which the Exams office is using to register them. Students will be given a printout of their statements after the registration is completed for them to make a final check of the details of their names, date of birth and subject components. 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 in due course. The October/November 2016 re-take examinations in IGCSE and AS Mathematics, AS Law, AS English, AS Literature, AS Psychology, AS Sociology, AS Geography and AS Computer Science concluded on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and we are now awaiting the results which will be published around 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017. For more information on examinations you can contact us at [exams@brookhouse.ac.ke](mailto:exams@brookhouse.ac.ke).

**Mr Evans Ombui,**  
**Examinations Manager**



## 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](mailto: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



Semi-finals week arrived and 5 teams were raring to go, hoping to gain a place to join the U15 girls basketball squad in the KAISSO finals. The U17 boys football team defeated Strathmore 2-1, the U19 boys defeated NIS 4-2 on penalties, the U15 boys lost to Aga Khan 2-0 and the U17 girls basketball team defeated Rusinga to gain their spot. On Friday, the finals arrived and whilst the teams played exceptionally well and displayed a great amount of sportsmanship, the U19 and U17 boys both lost 1-0 and the U17 girls basketball squad battled in a very close game against RVA, but were unlucky to fall short of a win. The U15 girls played Hillcrest in the finals on Monday and won.

This term has been a very successful one for all teams, who have displayed discipline, motivation and passion for sport. We hope for this to continue as we move into Term Two.

Training and trials will now begin for the second season of the year.

**Miss Lisa Curley,**  
Head of Sports Faculty



# 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 12

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November  
ARTS WEEK

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Prep Class Assemblies, Year 6 (CMC) – P1

Early Learning Circle time, 8.45 am (JAY)  
Student Rika Feedback meeting (GA) – P1  
Heads of Year + CMT – P9

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November

U11 A & B Football v Braeside (home)  
Early Learning Art , 2.00 pm @ the Piazza

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November

U13 A Rounders v Cavina (home)

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Prep Science Expo (NR)

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Kenton Swimming Relays (ZE)

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November

EXEAT WEEKEND



## From The Head of Prep School...

On Remembrance Day, 96 year old WWII veteran Mr Perminus Gikui Kiana (PK) spoke to our children in last week's Reward Assembly. He encouraged them to work hard at school, to respect their parents and friends and that these qualities would shape their future. Last year he joined the celebrations in the UK with other war veterans at the invitation of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

**Ms Michelle Forsyth,**  
Head of Preparatory School



## YEAR 7 GEOGRAPHY TRIP

We had a very busy and exciting Geography trip. We visited the Kengen Olkaria Geothermal Station, Hell's Gate National Park and stayed at Elsamere Research Lodge at the edge of Lake Naivasha. Learning about Geography was really interesting and also exhausting. Thank you to the teachers for giving us this trip.

**Emmanuel Mayardit**  
Dean Ngirici



## SPORTS REPORT

At the U11 football tournament at St Christopher's last weekend, our girls and boys teams performed extremely well. The girls were third, with Lisa Kirathe awarded the MVP. The boys were not as lucky but had a third position in their pool, just missing out on the knock out position by a single point. Elliot Plumbe was outstanding in goal. A big thank you goes to the coaches, Mr Kariuki and Mr Pudo, to all the players for their great sportsmanship and to our parents who turned up in large numbers. The Prep has had a week of training in preparation for the Hillcrest IAPS rounders for the U11 and U13 and also for the IAPS Athletics due towards the end of the term. Inter-School fixtures resume next with the U11 boys football team facing Braeside and the U13 rounders taking on Cavina School next week.

Meanwhile hockey is now the next focus as we prepare for next term. Students are requested to ensure they have their hockey sticks, mouth guards, long socks and shin guards for the games lessons.

**Mr Martin Milla,**  
Head of Prep Sport

## ANNUAL PREP PARENTS SEMINAR

On 5<sup>th</sup> November we held our annual Prep Parents Seminar. Together with the facilitator, Dr Chris Hart, parents explored issues pertaining to instilling values and avoiding the common parenting pitfalls.

To the parents, you were a great group and your enthusiasm and positive spirit helped make our time together both productive and fun.

**Ms Sarah Wanjohi,  
School Counsellor**



## INTER-HOUSE VERSE SPEAKING

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 the second and final round of the Inter House Verse Speaking Competition was held. Three guest judges graced us with their presence and what an exciting event it was! The participants recited their poems well, including the language poems and the choral poem. It was a closely contested event, with just two points between the first and second positions. Well done to Mara, the overall winners! Congratulation to all the children who worked very hard to learn their poems.

**Mrs Mohini Soman,  
Year 3 Teacher**



## BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

For this year's Secondary 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 a 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 30<sup>th</sup> November to Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

**Mr Jeremy Franklin,  
Head of Music**

## TEATIME CONCERT

This month's Teatime Concert went very well with a large number of students showcasing their musical talents. There was a good turnout of parents who supported the students and were appreciative of their growing abilities. We would like to continue to encourage the children to practice and develop their skills. Well done to all the participants.

**Mr Peter Martinsen,  
Head of Prep Music**



## EARLY LEARNING MUSIC

Research shows that exposure to music from early childhood onwards helps children to speak more clearly, develop a larger vocabulary and strengthen social and emotional skills. Throughout the early years, children learn that movement can communicate messages and represent actions.

In Early Learning, we continue to provide opportunities for children to expand their musical horizons. This is through our music lessons and instrument lessons, as well as taking part in plays. Our Nativity this year is titled '**How Rudolph Got His Red Nose**'. Our Early Learners are excited and putting in a lot of effort during our practice sessions in readiness for our performance on 25<sup>th</sup> November.

Last week, we had children performing in the Burudani Theatre in one of our Teatime Concerts. Children displayed skills learnt in the various instruments lessons.

**Ms Elizabeth Karanja,  
Year 1 Teacher**



## CHRISTMAS FAIR 2016

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 1.40pm until 2.20pm  
In aid of installing solar energy at Seed Academy**



Every student in Prep is busy preparing to run the stalls at this year's Fair. As well as good fun, this Service Learning activity Helps children learn about planning, preparing and making crafts as well as handling money and dealing with costumers.

We welcome all our parents to join us on the day.

# Boarding News From the Head of Boarding...

## 2016-2017

### Term 1

#### Important Dates

##### 2<sup>nd</sup> Exeat Weekend

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – Sunday  
20<sup>th</sup> November 2016

##### School term ends

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016

##### Telephone contacts

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+254 733602797

*Prep parents can reach their children on  
the prep boarding mobile line  
**+254704830055***

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

**boardingstaff@brookhouse.ac.ke**

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#### EXEAT WEEKEND

Exeat weekend starts from **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016**. Boarding parents who wish to collect their children for the weekend may do so on Friday from 3.35pm. Kindly note that students should be collected from boarding **before 6.00pm** and are expected back at school on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016 before 5.30pm**. We remind all parents that students can only be signed out by authorised persons on the contact list or by persons specifically authorised by parents in writing. This communication should be sent to [boarding@brookhouse.ac.ke](mailto:boarding@brookhouse.ac.ke) by **12.00pm Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016**.

#### INTERNATIONAL DAY

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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 are welcome to join us from 3.00 pm.

#### ACTIVITIES OVER THE WEEKEND

Our boarders visited the Kenyatta National Hospital Paediatric Ward and they spent the afternoon engaged in various activities with the children, including singing, art, storytelling and presenting Christmas Cards they had made. The compassion and connection made between our students and the children was heart-warming. Thank you to Ms Anne Gitome for organising and accompanying the students on the visit.

Meanwhile, our Year 13 students went for an outing to the movies with their mentors.

Boarding students also continued with preparations for the forthcoming International Day.

**Mr Graham Omasire,  
Head of Boarding**

