



# BROOKHOUSE SCHOOLS RUNDA BULLETIN

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## From The Director...

I am sometimes asked, why such a focus on the Performing Arts at Brookhouse? The answer is multi-faceted, with a key element being the desire to inspire in our children a confidence to express their ideas, their creative talents and their performance skills. In the 21<sup>st</sup> Century world of today, such 'soft skills' are often rated by universities and employers as the most compelling element of success, whatever the career path. Hence, just before half-term our students 'trod the boards' for the Inter-House Drama competition and I am most grateful for this excellent event. Now we embark on the second half of term, with annual events such as Graduation and the Prom, the Machakos retreat and Work Experience to keep everyone very busy.

- Mr O'Connor, Director



SERVANT LEADER



“

All the world's a stage...

*William Shakespeare, As You Like it, II.VII*

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## From the Head Teacher...

End-of-Year Assessments start at Runda for most year groups this week, continuing next week for Year 9 and 10. Assessment time can be as stressful for parents as it is for students and of course parents want their children to do as well as they can. By definition that entails a commitment to revision and focused study time and it will help if parents can provide a suitable environment in which to do this. However, it is equally important that children maintain a good diet, some exercise and time to relax. During this potentially stressful period, parents can also reassure their children of love and support no matter what the outcome of assessments. Every little helps.

- Mrs Gilbert, Head Teacher



# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK



We enjoyed a packed schedule of activities and events in the two weeks prior to our half term holiday. Trips out of school included Year 4 to Nairobi National Museum, Stage 1 to Wadi Degla Club and Year 2 to the Under The Sea exhibit at Village Market. The Year 3 overnight stay at school, where children enjoyed an evening of activities before sleeping on the stage in our new Auditorium, was very much enjoyed. The highlight of Adventure Week, however, was the joint Brookhouse trip to Naro Moru where our Year 6 took part in activities which took them beyond their comfort zone.

In Sport, our U7 mixed football team were finalists in the Brookhouse Karen Tournament and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> place after a creditable performance. This event topped off a week of U13, U11 and U9 rugby and netball fixtures. We also enjoyed welcoming families for Grandparents Day and Open Book events in Reception – Year 6, and visitors to our Open Day for campus tours.



## The next **two weeks...**

Runda campus Year 8 students took their first ever Common Entrance examinations before the half term holiday. They continue this week with additional papers in English, Mathematics and French. Meanwhile, the end-of-year assessments are taking place in Week 6 (for ELS and Year 3 – 8). Normal lessons continue for Year 9 and 10, who also have an U15 netball fixture v Brookhouse Karen at home. At the end of the week, selected students will participate in the Braeside U10 tournament and on Saturday U15 take part in the netball tournament at Nairobi Academy.

- Mrs Gilbert, Head Teacher

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## NEWS FROM THE ELS...

The past two weeks have been full of wonderful events. Stage 1 went on their trip to Wadi Degla Club. The little ones had so much fun their teachers had to convince them to get back onto the bus! Wellness talks are crucial at all stages of life and moreso with the little ones. Ms Gitome, our Health Manager, came in to give a talk on wellness.

- Mrs Hunjan-Patel, Head of Year



Adventure Week was full of fun: the Open Book Morning, Welcome to the Atelier, Grandparents Day and the Inter-House Quiz were a brilliant showcase of our children's talents. The children thoroughly enjoyed being a part of each event, showing off their skills and confidence to their parents and taking their grandparents into their classes.

- Mrs Hunjan-Patel, Head of Year



## KEY DATES

- **ASSESSMENT WEEKS:**  
3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> June - Year 1-8    10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> June - Year 9 -10
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> June - Tea Time Concert
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup> June - Sixth Form Graduation Ceremony
- Mon 17<sup>th</sup> June Year 8 Transition Meeting
- Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> - Mon 24<sup>th</sup> June - Year 9 joint trip to Naivasha
- Mon 24<sup>th</sup> - Wed 26<sup>th</sup> - Year 8 Joint Trip to Savage Wilderness
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> - Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June - Service Learning Week
- Thur 27<sup>th</sup> June - Year 4 & 5 Performances
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> - Sun 30<sup>th</sup> - Scouts Camporee
- Thur 4<sup>th</sup> July - Parents Consultation, 2-5pm
- Fri 5<sup>th</sup> July - Parents Consultation, 11am -1pm
- Fri 5<sup>th</sup> July - End of Term



## Year 2 Adventure...

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>, the Year 2 class had an exciting, fun-filled field trip to Under the Sea at the Village Market. As soon as they arrived the children were captivated by the different activities: trampolines, ladder maze, adrenaline charged slides, sponge, ball and Lego pits. By the end of the day the children were tired and had really enjoyed themselves.

- Ms Kariuki, Year 2 Form Tutor



## Tea Time Music...

The afternoon of Friday 17<sup>th</sup> saw the first Mini Tea-time concert of Term 3 bloom into action! Students from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 performed to a packed audience in a lively atmosphere. The concert saw both solo and group performances from each year group and included some willing audience participation!

- Mr Searle, Music Leader





## Year 6 Tenacity...

The Year 6 joint trip brought together 50 students out of which 15 were from Runda. The students truly experienced the Round Square IDEAL of Adventure through various activities in the beautiful Naro Moru. They explored and demonstrated the abilities to persevere in challenging situations, the benefit of teamwork and an appreciation for diversity as they bonded and made new friends. They certainly came back with a greater sense of self-awareness.

- Mrs Ombwara, Year 6 Form Tutor



## Languages Morning...

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>, the Year 7 and Year 8 Brookhouse students went to Brookhouse Karen for the Languages Morning. The students celebrated Modern Foreign Languages by performing poems and presentations in the target language as well as traditional songs and dances from China, France, Germany and Spain.

It was a great and fun experience for the students as they enhanced their cultural awareness, showed excellent communication, team-working and resilience skills.

- Ms Gakou, Languages





Join the Brookhouse "Road to Tokyo" Delegation on an exciting adventure to the Olympics

**Where:** TOKYO, JAPAN

**When:** 7 days (JULY/AUGUST)

**Age Range:** Current Yr 7-11

**The costs will cover:**

Keynote speakers (Olympians), Cultural visits in Japan, Olympic stadium tickets, Local transport, Accommodation & Flights. Total cost will be app. USD 5,000 to be confirmed. The school will offer a 10 months payment plan from July 2019 to April 2020.

For further details see Mr Ng'ang'a - wnganga@brookhouse.ac.ke  
Places fill up very fast.



## ROUND SQUARE



## Emerald Heights School

Round Square International Conference for 16 - 18 year olds hosted by the Emerald Heights International School, Indore India 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

## Why participate?

The global network of 200 Round Square schools are guided by the Round Square IDEALS (Internationalism, Democracy, Environment, Adventure, Leadership and Service) and through the 21<sup>st</sup> century skills set of the Discovery Framework. The programme of conferences, international service projects and student exchanges continue to take our children all over the world to gain the wider exposure of a global citizenship mindset.

- Mr Ng'ang'a, Round Square Rep



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## Sports Update...

We were very busy with sport in the weeks leading up to the half-term break. All age groups are showing improvement in their sports and are competing well against other schools.

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> our U7 Mixed football team travelled to the Karen Campus to participate in the annual tournament hosted by Karen. The team played very well and showed great enthusiasm and tenacity throughout the tournament. As a result, they managed to secure 2nd place, bringing home our first ever silverware.

- Mr Martyn, Sport Leader



On the weekend of 18<sup>th</sup> May, we hosted our KAISSO U15 Division 1 Rugby and Division 2 Netball which saw many schools coming to participate in the event. Our teams in both events displayed great teamwork and tenacity throughout the tournaments.

Our U11 played Braeburn Imani on 21<sup>st</sup> May and won in the Rugby (17 - 5) and drew in the Netball (6 - 6). The teams are now preparing with excitement for the remaining fixtures and tournaments.

- Mr Martyn, Sport Leader

