



BROOKHOUSE SCHOOLS RUNDA BULLETIN

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From The Director...

The term is already flying high with great opportunities for students to get engaged in sport and drama, music and STEM, clubs and adventure activities. My choice of servant leader this week would have enjoyed, I am certain, being in a Round Square school, for she was an avid adventurer. Amelia Earhart was a unique and quirky individual, many years ahead of her time, a true pioneer.

Her achievements are the stuff of legend -

trans-Atlantic flight, speed records, solo flying, the first woman to receive the Distinguished Flying Cross (in 1932); here was a woman clearly unafraid to go outside her 'comfort zone'. Her disappearance mid-flight in 1937 only adds to the mystery and allure of this aviation giant.

I wonder, what brave new adventures our students are going to undertake this term?

- Mr O'Connor, Director

SERVANT LEADER



“
Adventure is worthwhile in itself -
Amelia Earhart”



Dear Parents/Guardians

As you know, Brookhouse places great emphasis on the Performing Arts and instrumental music is a key element of our provision. Like all international schools in Kenya, one of the challenges we face is to ensure consistently high standards of delivery when the lessons have been handled by visiting staff. In response to suggestions from several parents,

we will be adjusting and developing our instrumental music delivery for the start of the new academic year.

From September, the bulk of our instrumental music lessons will be delivered by additional full-time, Brookhouse-employed instrumental specialists.

We will continue to offer the full range of instrumental lessons, and will be able to monitor and support the delivery of the music lessons more effectively. Payment for instrumental music lessons will be directly to the school. The system for sign-up for instrumental lessons will be as before - at the start of the new term. As in the past, there will be an "Instrumental Zoo" assembly at the start of term to encourage students and help them to select an instrument. Year 4 will also be involved in the Band that will begin in Term 1.

We look forward to your continued support in the development and provision of music at Brookhouse as we nurture the talents of our children.

- Ms Mwangi, Deputy Director



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK



Recently.....

In the last two weeks, we have had Curriculum Meetings for parents with students in the Prep school and Early Learning. I hope these meetings were informative and I enjoyed meeting many of you at these events. Remember, we do have an open door policy so if you have any queries, please let me know. Finally, our Instrumental Zoo was beautifully run by Mr Searle and we hope to see a good uptake of our peripatetic lessons this year.

Over the weekend...

Mr Lutta attended the EA/MSMUN advisors meeting. We hope that a number of students become involved with this club, as the skills developed enhance all aspects of the curriculum.



Coming Up...

Our Year 7&8 students begin the first round of the Inter-House spelling bee competition which will decide who goes through to the final event on Friday 27th September. We have a series of Wellness Talks led by our Health Manager on a variety of age appropriate topics. Year 11 Geography students have a Trip, and finally, we have a New Parents Evening. Then, in week 5, we have Mothers breakfast and our first Service Learning activity, Feed Mogra.

- Ms Forsyth, Head Teacher

From The Head Teacher...

I am really enjoying getting to know the teachers, parents and pupils as we begin the new academic year. Our whole school theme, Kindness in Diversity, is a topic that has resonated well with the students and has been explored in assemblies and Global Citizenship talks.

During our Curriculum Meetings, you probably heard the teachers talking about our students' health and well-being. Well-being is defined as the state of feeling healthy and happy. We make sure that our Class teachers and Form tutors are developing relationships with their group, not only monitoring their academic progress but also their behaviour and emotional state. Talks are arranged regularly to discuss



age appropriate issues. For example, how to manage stress and anxiety or ways to stay healthy and fit. Life skills also help to empower students to build a positive self-image and learn skills how to deal with a variety of situations pertinent to their experiences.

- Ms Forsyth, Head Teacher



News from the **ELS...**

Dear Parents,

It is incredible to think that this is already Week 4 of the new academic year. We have all settled happily back into the daily school routines. The children are all happy and loving school.



It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Curriculum Meetings in week 2. I do hope that the information was useful and helped you gain better understanding of your child's school experience.

This week, the little ones will be having their 'Health Talks' with our Health Manager, Ann Gitome. We will discuss the importance of washing our hands and how to do it properly.

On Monday, we also had our very first Under 7 mixed football match of the year. The children had a wonderful time.

- Ms Gammon, Head of Early Learning



KEY DATES FOR THE WEEK

- Monday 16th September – Year 7&8 Spelling Bee Rounds
U7 Mixed Football v Rusinga & Aga Khan (home)
- Tuesday 17th September – U11 Rounders and Football (home)
- Wednesday 18th September – New Parents Evening 4.00pm
- Thursday 19th September – Year 11 Geography Trip
- Friday 20th September – U17 Boys Football v BGR (away)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Mothers Breakfast 27th September 2019
- Early Learning Tea-Time concert 27th September 2019



Clubs...

It's already been a busy start to the new term for students, and with so many exciting opportunities coming up, everyone has the chance to get involved! We encourage students to join school clubs and other extra-curricular activities. Clubs are available for practically every type of interest. There are numerous possible activities that can be chosen by each student which are appealing to them personally. Such activities range from various sports, scouts, debating, music, EA/MSMUN, and TEDx.



There are a wide range of academic and special interest clubs on offer.

It is important to appreciate the skill set a learner can obtain from being part of a club at school.

- Mr Lutta, Deputy Head Teacher

Curriculum Meetings...

Last week, Prep School had another opportunity to welcome parents into school for our annual Curriculum Meetings. Ms Forsyth and Mr Lutta led the talks assisted by Heads of Year. After a general overview of the curriculum, all parents went to meet form tutors from Year 3 to 8. Each tutor gave enthusiastic presentations on their subjects and classroom expectations. They helped parents understand our expectations and how they can support the school in helping their child to progress.

We all look forward to a wonderful academic year as stipulated in our theme: "Kindness in Diversity."

- Ms Bidali, Head of Year (Yr 3-6)





Instrumental Zoo...

Last Thursday saw an explosion of music on stage in the auditorium as our instrumental teachers took to the stage to show what is on offer in the music department.

Students were dancing in the aisles by the end of it, and the result has seen over 100 students already signed up for instrumental tuition this term!

- Mr Searle, Head of Music



French ...

Year 11 students studying French at IGCSE participated at the celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the Alliance Francaise, Nairobi. The students watched a theatre performance in French about the French Revolution and current events in France. The play was very educative and entertaining. The students also took part in a French Quiz competition which covered a wide range of topics: culture, history, geography, literature and music. Nia was selected by her classmates to represent Brookhouse Runda and she performed admirably.

- Ms Gakou, Languages



Sports Update...

Sports at Brookhouse Runda continues to grow from strength to strength. We have had two U13 fixtures, where the girls won both matches. The boys continue to work hard and develop their fitness which will help in the next matches. In the Senior school, we have kick started our matches this weekend with the U15 girls representing the school at Braeburn Gitanga in a rounders triangular vs Braeburn Gitanga and Brookhouse Karen.



The girls participated very well and showed good teamwork and tenacity throughout the two matches.

As this is the main term for athletics, I would like to mention that our Inter-House athletics has been brought forward to Tuesday 8th October. We encourage you to save the date and come and support your child's house.

- Mr Martyn, Sport





ROUND SQUARE

Join the Brookhouse Round Square "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 6,450 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.

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 21st 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.



Emerald Heights School

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

ROUND SQUARE EXCHANGES

Brookhouse is hosting James and Eli from St. John's Boys College in Johannesburg, South Africa on a student exchange program.

James and Eli will be with us for six weeks. Both boys will be staying in boarding during the week and with their host families on weekends.

We are looking forward to James and Eli having a wonderful time at Brookhouse.

- Mr Ng'ang'a, Round Square Rep



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