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From The Deputy Director...

Last week secondary students participated in cross-country, most nights students are rehearsing for *The crucible* in Karen and *Matilda* in Runda or training for various sporting events. All these activities need constant practice to ensure the best performance possible.

With the 2020 Olympics in less than a year and Brookhouse gearing up for "Road to Tokyo", I have chosen Olympian, Simone Biles, a 22 year old gymnast who has won a world medal on every event. She spends 32 hours a week honing her gymnastic skills. With 25 Olympic and World Championship medals, Simone has made history as the most decorated American gymnast.

- Ms Mwangi, Deputy Director

SERVANT LEADER



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I'd rather regret the risks that didn't work out than the chances I didn't take at all...

Simone Biles

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From the Head Teacher...

The term is progressing well with students becoming involved in a wide range of activities. There have been some key moments recently, for the parents to engage with the school and we value your input. I know the students are always delighted to see you at fixtures.

Assessment and reporting are vital processes that provide information about what students know and can do, allowing teachers to make recommendations for their future learning. It begins at a really young age, even with our students who have yet to master speaking. Constant observation, and monitoring each child's development is important and all students from Year 1 to 8 have their first set of grades. The Performance Profile Transcript for each student allows the student, their parents and teachers to all be involved in the students' learning and helps decision making for future targets and learning.

We also have our Open Book Morning for Year 3-6 parents on Wednesday 9th October from 7.30am to 8.15am.

- Ms Forsyth, Head Teacher



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK



Recently...

We had our Service Learning week which culminated in the "Feed Mogra" food drive. Every year group was tasked to bring in dry goods to donate to the Children's Home. We also had Mother's breakfast and we were delighted with the presentations by a number of students and our first Tea-time concert of the year took place.



Over the Weekend...

We had a couple of fixtures for the girls. The U13 competed in the KAISO U13 rounders competition and the U17 girls took part in a Basketball Tournament at the Karen campus. We also had a cross-campus Early Learning meeting which gives teachers the opportunity to share good practice.



Coming Up...

The major Inter-House event for this half term is verse-speaking. The selection rounds start next Monday and Tuesday with all students from Year 2 onwards, tasked with learning part of a poem. They will have to recite the poem with expression in front of a small panel of teachers. We also have the Joint Year 11 Physics and Biology trip to Elsamere.

- Ms Forsyth, Head Teacher





Service Learning...



The scouts led assembly by reciting their promise which captured the scouts honor, service and commitment to discipline and order. This was followed by pupils eagerly lining up in their respective year groups to give their donations for this years' harvest festival. We will be visiting Mogra Children's Home to present this generous donation and I would like to thank all parents for your continuous support for this worthy cause. It will make a difference in the lives of the little children at the home.

- Ms Bidali, Service Learning Coordinator



Year 11 Geography Trip...

Participating in field trips is a great way to enjoy a unique learning experience outside a classroom environment. The Year 11 trip to Karura Forest allowed students to absorb, interact and immerse themselves in a practical way. From the collaborative learning atmosphere that resulted from the unique relationships developed outside the classroom, to the deep learning that occurred when students had to put into practice "in the real world" what they have theorised about in class. It is true that we learn in the real world in a manner that is not possible in a classroom.





News From The ELS...

It was so lovely to see so many of you at our Mini Tea-time Concert last week. At Brookhouse we are keen to develop the children’s musical ability for a variety of reasons. It helps the body and the mind work together. Exposing children to music during their early development helps them learn the sounds and meaning of words. Dancing to music helps the children build motor skills while allowing them to practice self expression. For children and adults, music helps strengthen memory skills. Pupils who have early musical training will develop the areas of the brain related to language and reasoning. We realise the importance of Music for your little ones.

- Ms Gammon, Headteacher



Year 2 Trip...

Last week our Year 2 Students embarked on their very first school trip to Paradise Lost on Kiambu road. In line with our topic this term “The Environment “ they got to enjoy a Nature Walk through the Coffee Farm and got a chance to see how coffee beans were roasted at the factory, visit the Dairy farm and the Mau Mau Cave which was a very interesting experience for the children and teachers, and finally sat down for a picnic lunch.

- Ms Kariuki, Year 2 Teacher



Sports Update..

These past two weeks have been busy as usual in sports. The U9 boys and girls have played two home matches vs Aga Khan and Nairobi International School. The girls team won both their matches 5.5 - 4 vs Aga Khan and 5 - 3 vs Nairobi International School. The boys have shown great improvement and drawn both their matches 0-0. The U13 girls attended the KAISSO tournament over the weekend and played very well. They were narrowly knocked out in the group stages. We are now looking forward to the Inter-House athletics event on Tuesday 8th October.

- Mr Martyn, Sports Leader



KEY DATES FOR THE WEEK

- Monday 30th September - Inter-House Verse Speaking Rounds Y1-6
- Tuesday 1st October - Inter-House Verse Speaking Rounds Y7-11
- Thursday 3rd October 4.00-6.00 Matilda Rehearsal
- Friday 4th – 5th October – Joint Year 11 Physics and Biology Trip
- Friday 4th October – Early Learning Pupil Free Day
- Saturday 5th October KSF Junior Swimming Championships
- Monday 7th -11th October Year 11 Work Experience
- Monday 7th October Year 9 Joint Geography Trip to Oloolua
- Wednesday 9th October Year 3,4,5,6 Open Book 7.30am – 8.15am
- Wednesday 9th October Year 2 & 3 Performance Afternoon

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Half Term starts 3.30pm Wednesday 9th October – return Tuesday 22nd October
- 24th – 25th October Year 4 Joint Trip to Elsamere



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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