



# BROOKHOUSE SCHOOLS RUNDA BULLETIN

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## From The Director...

The second half of term begins as we continue to embrace the school motto 'learn to excel' with the annual school play *The Crucible* taking shape and lots of sport and music on the horizon, and, of course, lessons aplenty to keep everyone very busy. On the global stage, the current Syrian-Turkish-Kurdish crisis reminds me of a quote from someone with significant knowledge of the region: this week's servant leader, Christiane Amanpour, has been covering news for CNN since 1983. The outspoken British-Iranian interviewer has been honoured with many awards, most recently an Emmy. She serves as a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for freedom of expression and journalist safety. Her words resonate with the current global situation.

- Mr O'Connor, Director

SERVANT LEADER



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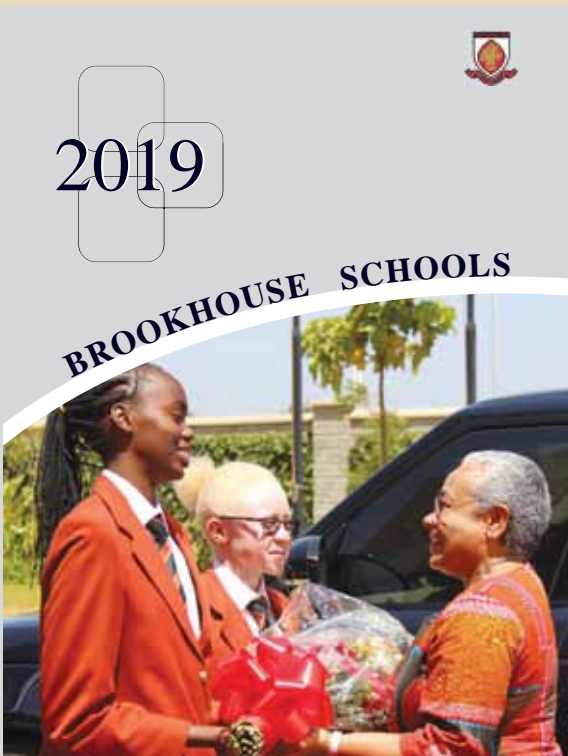
I believe that good journalism... can make our world a better place

CHRISTIANE AMANPOUR

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## From The HeadTeacher...

Round Square offers a framework for learning that complements and supports the curriculum, along with co-curricular activities and experiences that can be used as a catalyst for classroom learning. Each week students are awarded certificates in assemblies based on the twelve discoveries and we explain how they earned them. We also award a 'Class of the Week'. The first was awarded to Year 5, who at the Mother's Breakfast performed beautifully, demonstrating good teamwork and communication skills. It is also our intention to start tracking both the class and student who uses the most Maths Whizz each week, so that we create some healthy competition across the year groups. Consistent use of this programme really helps students develop Maths skills which enhances their class work.

- Ms Forsyth, Head Teacher

# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK



## Recently...

What a fabulous Performance Afternoon! Year 2 and 3 grew from strength to strength as the final days progressed. The enthusiasm of the children, the lovely costumes and direction from all of the Year 2 and 3 class teachers, culminated in a beautiful performance at the Johari theatre. We also had our Inter-House athletics competition for Year 1 to Year 6 students.

The Scouts had a Patrol Leaders Inter-School camp being joined by many of the local troops around the region. It was an opportunity to collaborate in a range of activities and appreciate the scouting fraternity. We also hosted a Lego training workshop.



## Coming Up...

We have our joint Year 4 trip to Mt Longonot and Elsamere. There is also the Year 7-11 Inter-House athletics championship. There will also be an Open Book session for Year 1 and 2 and at the weekend and the MSMUN Mock debate at the French School.

- Ms Forsyth, Head Teacher



## News From The ELS...

All children are innately creative and at Brookhouse we aim to nurture this throughout their time in school. Artistic activities foster intellectual development, increase the capacity of the memory, attention and concentration.



By giving children time for unstructured art you are allowing them time to explore and develop their creativity and critical thinking skills. Creativity is the best way for your child to express themselves without judgment. I hope you enjoyed a creative half term with your children.

- Ms Gammon, Head of Early Learning

## Year 2 & 3 Performance

On Wednesday afternoon, we welcomed parents of Year 2 and 3 students who came to watch and enjoy a magical performance called 'The Magic Drum', which was performed with great enthusiasm and confidence by the children. It was a fitting way to end a busy and enjoyable half-term.

- Ms Kariuki, Year 2 Teacher



## KEY DATES FOR THE WEEK

- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – U11 Football and Rounder v BGE  
U7 Mixed Football v Rusinga & Aga Khan (home)
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – U13 Football and Rounders
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October – U9 Football and Rounders
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Y8-11 Inter-House Athletics
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Open Book Year 1-2 (7.30-8.15)

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Joint Trip to Elsamere
- MSMUN Mock Debate (French School)
- 12<sup>th</sup> November Inter-House Verse speaking final
- Matilda 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> November
- Father's Breakfast 22<sup>nd</sup> November



## Scouts...

Brookhouse Runda was privileged to host this year's Scouts Training Course from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> October. Brookhouse was represented by 13 scouts from Runda and 9 from Karen, accompanied by Mr Wanyama. The Scout Leaders appreciated their responsibility in Environmental conservation, avoidance of drug and substance abuse, safe use of the Internet and promoted their teamwork skills. They were also assessed for attainment of the swimming badge. Tyler, Year 5 Karen and Kyan Year 5 Runda were outstanding in their leadership skills.

- Mrs Ombwara, Scout Leader



## Welcome to the Piazza...

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, the Year One's welcomed their parents to the Piazza. The children had an opportunity to do different Maths games with their parents to showcase the mathematical concepts that they have learnt so far in school. The children led their parents in doing activities such as addition, subtraction, identifying Two-Dimensional shapes, number construction/formation and weight. It was a lovely afternoon of learning and bonding. The parents enjoyed the event and were delighted by how much their children have accomplished.

- Ms Magero, Year 1 Teacher





## Spelling Bee...

The Communications Faculty had a busy half term! After all pupils in Year 7 and 8 participated in the first round of the Spelling Bee, we saw Mara emerge victorious with Newton fending off strong competition from Trevor in Amboseli and Lee in Tsavo, who came in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place respectively. Congratulations to all contestants that represented their Houses. All pupils from Year 2 to 11 also entered the first round of Inter-House Verse Speaking. We look forward to the finalists reciting their poems on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November in Runda's inaugural final.

- Ms Emmerson, English Department



## Open Book...

Open Book is always a grand opportunity for parents to track their children's progress in school. Before half-term a good number of parents made their way to their children's classrooms and engaged in meaningful conversations with their children and tutors. Thank you to all the parents and guardians who graced the occasion.

- Ms Bidali, Head of Year



## 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.

## 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.

For further details see Mr Ng'ang'a - [wnganga@brookhouse.ac.ke](mailto:wnganga@brookhouse.ac.ke)  
Places fill up very fast.

## ROUND SQUARE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The conference was held at Emerald Heights School, India and theme was “The world we wish to see”, with fascinating keynote speakers who enlightened students on Leadership. Some of the speakers were: Shashi Tharoor an Indian politician, Kailash Satyarthi, a child’s rights activist who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014, Hanson Robotics brought us Sophia, a social humanoid robot that uses artificial intelligence and visual data processing, Major D.P. Singh, India’s first blade runner and many more.

Kurt Hahn, on whose principles Round Square was founded, observed that when you spend a period of time living everyday life in the company of those from other countries you “cannot help but learn to care about the rights and the happiness of at least one other nation.”

*“The best thing about the conference was being exposed to students from all over the world and being able to absorb so much knowledge from the discussions in our baraza groups”*

- Tamara Bong’o

- Mr Ng'ang'a, Round Square Rep



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## Sports Update...

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup>, 32 students attended the KAISSO Athletics Championships, hosted at Brookhouse, Karen Campus. All students participated showed great sportsmanship as they represented the Runda Campus in their disciplines. The students competed in various activities including all track and field events, emerging among the top 5 in most of their categories. This was then replicated in a highly competitive Inter-House event on Tuesday.



The undefeated champions this term were Tsavo. Congratulations to all those who participated, including the parents! In other news, the U15 girls played excellently against Brookhouse Karen and Peponi. The girls have registered a huge improvement from their last matches and the scores were as follows: Brookhouse Karen 4 - 1.5 Brookhouse Runda, Peponi 3.5 - 4 Brookhouse Runda. Helen (Year 10) had the following to say about the team's performance, *"The training sessions we have attended this term have been valuable and helped us a lot with our communication and teamwork skills."*

- Mr Martyn, Sport

## Mogra Visit...

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October, a group of children namely Aisha, Georgina, Kayla, Faith, Jaykie, Simone and Lee, got an opportunity to visit Mogra Children's Home and present food donations from the Harvest Festival. We also got to serve warm porridge to the kindergarten pupils on this cold day. Our pupils entertained them with song and dance and they joined in happily. Once again we were able to show compassion and empathy in the true Round Square spirit of being ready and willing to volunteer and help by developing our skills and understanding of communities around us.



- Ms Bidali, Service Learning Coordinator