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From The Director...

Welcome back from the half-term break. My choice of servant leader this week is based on both merit and the fact that I like saying his name: Boutros Boutros-Ghali. He was the sixth UN Secretary General during the unquiet times of the 1990's. Of Egyptian birth, Boutros-Ghali became the first African and the first Arab to hold the post. Many look back on his time at the helm of the UN as plagued by daunting global challenges, but that reminds me of just how remarkable the ambitions of the UN really are.

- Mr O'Connor, School Director

SERVANT LEADER



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The concept of peace is easy to grasp, that of international security is more complex.

Boutros Boutros-Ghali

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From the Head Teacher

In the days leading up to the half-term holiday, we commemorated Environment Week at Runda and chose as our theme the urgent issue of plastic pollution, with a range of hands-on activities and an interactive display. It was also a special week for Runda in that we welcomed the First Lady of Kenya to open our Library. We were as inspired by her passionate support for education as we were by her words, tweeted at the African Union Summit at the end of the same week, on this crucial issue of plastic pollution in the world today. *_Mrs Gilbert, Head teacher Runda*



Global Focus at MUN

With the annual East African Model United Nations (EAMUN) happening at Gigiri this week, we send our students to participate, not to learn the solutions to global problems necessarily, but to be more aware of the powerful challenges that face our global village. The event is also a great forum for the enhancement of research skills and the development of confident public speaking skills. I wish our delegation every success at EAMUN this year.

- Mr O'Connor, School Director

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK



Before half-term



Welcoming the First Lady and so many distinguished guests of the Opening of the Library was a real highlight but we also enjoyed a delightful Tea-time concert for our youngest students, a Welcome to the Atelier presentation for Year 1 and 2 parents and an Open Book event for Year 3 – 6 parents. Year 3 and 4 students ventured out to Karura Forest and Karen Blixen Museum respectively, whilst Stage 1 went to nearby Evergreen Park. Our Inter-House Art competition engaged all students from Year 3 – 10 and we also participated in a busy fixtures programme. It was also Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 5th and, as well as sessions for the children, we offered a workshop to parents which was well-attended.



Inter-House Art Competition

This week...

Most of the students are engaged in Mid Year Assessments which will give them a timely opportunity to check on their learning so far. We trust that students have come back suitably refreshed from the half-term break and ready to meet the challenges ahead. We also look forward to Fathers' Breakfast on Friday morning and to hosting our first major tournament, the Brookhouse Runda U7 Mixed Football tournament on Saturday 23rd.





News from ELS

As we headed towards the half-term, the ELS had two beautiful events taking place. The first was 'Welcome to the Atelier', exhibiting the Year 1 and 2 children's progress in art. Various activities were also set out for parent to get involved and create their own magical pieces of work. The other was our first Tea-Time Concert for this age group. It was lovely to see many children grow in confidence and perform solo pieces on Piano, Drum and Violin.

_Mrs Hunjan-Patel, Head of Year Early Learning



Baby's Day Out

Stage 1 class trip was informative, educational and lots of fun. The children enjoyed the view of the lake, and of our beautiful campus on the other side, as well as painting and playing in the bouncing castle.

_Mrs Sidi, Key Stage 1 teacher

Young Beethoven..

We enjoyed the first ever Early Learning Tea-Time Concert on Friday. The students gave performances on the theme of Dinosaurs, accompanied by a variety of solo performances including Violin, Piano and Drums. Parents were entertained with dinosaur musical movement and songs and, by the end, were singing and dancing in the aisles!

_Mr Searle, Music





In the Wild...

No wonder Disney chose to film African Cats in the Mara, home to all kinds of animals, from six-tonne elephants to tiny dik-diks. It was breathtaking to see cheetahs patrol its open grasslands and leopards haunt the shady forests beside the Mara and Talek rivers. The trip helped the Year 10 students to develop fieldwork techniques and also to augment their awareness of the work covered in physical and human Geography.

_Mr Lutta, Deputy



UKMT Challengers

On Thursday 7th February 2019, three of our Year 10 students took part in the Intermediate UKMT Mathematics Challenge. Ayushi Nathwani, Jiya Shah and Francis Matalanga had an enriching experience in participating in this competition and it is our hope that when the results are finally announced, the Brookhouse Runda flag will be flying high.

_Mr Atinga, Maths

Verse Speakers..

Bilal Kebbay and Yayra Ankude performed in the senior category of the competition at Nairobi Academy. Both gained 2nd Runner Up in their category. We congratulate all students for taking part in the event and recognise their commitment and hard work to improving their public speaking skills.

_Ms Emmerson, English





Sports Update...

U7 Mixed Football Monday 4th February:

Our students participated in a highly competitive match against St Christophers and Oshwal. The students played very well and showed great teamwork and Tenacity. The final scores were Brookhouse 1-2 St Christophers and Brookhouse 0-0 Oshwal.



U11 Boys and Girls Hockey vs Braeburn Garden Estate: Our teams continue to show improvement as the season goes on. The U11 played at home against Braeburn Garden Estate. They demonstrate good teamwork and hockey skills throughout the matches.

Our U13's and U9 similarly played against Braeburn Garden Estate and learnt a lot through the matches as they prepare for the KAISO tournament later this month.

_Mr Martyn - Sports Leader Runda



KEY DATES FOR THE WEEK

- **MID-YEAR ASSESSMENT WEEK- Year 1 to 8**
- **18th - 22nd-** East African MODEL UNITED NATIONS
- **18th- 25th-** Plastic Pollution Youth Summit
- **Tue 19th** - U11 A & B Boys v Nairobi Academy & Premier (home)
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- **Wed 20th** - U15 Boys Hockey v Premier (home)
U13 Boys Football v BGE (home)
- **Thursday 21st - 25th**
U9 A Boys Hockey v Oshwal (home)
U9 A & B Girls Hockey v Oshwal (home)
- **Friday 22nd** - Fathers Breakfast 7.30am
- **Saturday 23rd** - Brookhouse Runda U7 Mixed Football Tournament



ROUND SQUARE CONFERENCES

St. Andrews School

Round Square Regional Conference in St Andrews School, Grahamstown 12th-16th April 2019 for 16-18 year olds.



The Emerald Heights

Round Square International Conference For 16 - 18 year olds Hosted by The Emerald Heights International School, India 2nd - 8th October 2019

South Asia and the Gulf

Round Square International Conference for 15-18 year olds. October 2019



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