



Upcoming Events

February

22nd – 25th February
Mid-Year Assessments Year 2 – Year 6

Monday 22nd

Year 11 – 13 Inter-house Chess Competition

Tuesday 23rd

Year 7 Class Assembly – Period 1

Year 2PN Trip to Kazuri Beads

Open Boys Basketball v West Nairobi School

Wednesday 24th

Year 2SH Trip to Kazuri Beads

National Swimming Championships @ Kasarani

25th – 28th February

World Cup Soccer Tournament in Kampala, Uganda

Thursday 25th

Braeburn Science Fair

Open Girls Football v ISK

Friday 26th

Early Years Day

Saturday 20th

Brookhouse U13 Hockey Tournament

Boarding Talent Show

Term Calendars

Parents are reminded to consult the term calendar for dates and times of school events. Email reminders will be sent to parents about important events, but this is usually done only a few days in advance.

If you prefer longer-term planning, please use your calendars.

From The Director...

NOTES FOR THE WEEK

- **Term Two concludes** on Friday 26th March 2010 with parent consultation sessions on Thursday 25th (pm) and Friday 26th (am) March.
- Well done to our **Model United Nations** delegations and to Mrs Ayodo and the staff involved in this year's excellent event at Gigiri.



- Welcome back to the students and staff who attended the Africa Region **Round Square Junior Conference**. I look forward to hearing their report on the trip to South Africa.
- The **CIS Visit** takes place on Wednesday 10th – Friday 12th March, with the CIS Workshop on Saturday 13th March.
- Year 12 and 13 students have received their **Mock examination results**, and the important process of feedback on performance is underway. The staff hold the annual post-Mock target setting meetings this week to consider how best to assist individual pupils to maximise their potential.
- Our student delegation to the **Service Summit in Zambia** leaves on Wednesday 24th February with Ms Bantu and Mr Were accompanying the students to Lusaka.
- The two lunchtime rounds of the Inter-House **Debating** competition take place soon, and I look forward to a high standard of debating this season.
- The **term dates** for the next academic year, Sept 2010 – Aug 2011, are included in this bulletin to assist parents with their forward planning. Please ensure travel plans allow students to be in school for the full term from the first day to the last.

**With kind regards,
Mr John O'Connor
Director**

ROUND SQUARE

The annual **Round Square Africa Regional Conference**, the main gathering of Round Square schools in Africa for the year, will be hosted by St. George's Grammar School in Cape Town, South Africa from 24th – 28th April 2010. Year 11, 12 and 13 students are eligible to attend, however places are limited as the delegation size is eight (8) students. Please contact me at the Round Square office for information letters and details.

Mr Willie Ng'ang'a
Round Square Representative

BROOKHOUSE OPEN MORNING – WEDNESDAY 17TH MARCH 2010

On Wednesday 17th March we will once again be hosting an open morning between **8.45am and 12.00pm**. This is where parents are invited to visit and experience first hand what Brookhouse is all about.

The programme for the day is as follows:

8.45 am Refreshments in the music centre canopy.

9.00 am Tour of the school with staff and students.

If you would like to attend or you would like more information please contact the school or email info@brookhouse.ac.ke to confirm your attendance.

We look forward to seeing you on this day.

Mr A Kimwele
Director of Studies

EXAMINATION FEES

All examination fees must have been paid by now. Invoices were issued at the end of last term. The examination boards, CIE and EDEXCEL charge penalty fees for all late entries and late changes on subject amendments. Candidates taking Art and Design are charged examination moderation fees in addition to examination fees.

Finally I wish to welcome parents and guardians to visit the CIE and EDEXCEL websites www.cie.org.uk and www.edexcel.com. I can be reached by email exams@brookhouse.ac.ke for any enquiries.

Mr Eric Mulindi
Examinations Officer

FROM THE ACCOUNTS OFFICE

Parents are reminded that when sending money to the school account please indicate the child's name or registration number so that the accounts department knows which student's account to credit.

If payment is for fees as well as other items such as music and trips, please send an e-mail itemising the payments to accounts@brookhouse.ac.ke. This will allow us to provide a more efficient service to our parents.

Ms Clara Mwangi
Administrative Manager

REPORTS AVAILABLE ON-LINE

In order to facilitate further communication with our parents, Brookhouse has established an online portal on our school website (www.brookhouse.ac.ke).

This gives parents an opportunity to access their child's records, including current academic reports and transcripts, securely over the internet.

To ensure full privacy and confidentiality of records, access is password protected and parents can only view the records of their own child/children. In order to access this facility, please register by sending your name, child/children names and class to online@brookhouse.ac.ke.

ICT Department

FIGO FOUNDATION CONCERT

On Saturday the 27th of February, the Figo Foundation will be holding a concert at the Burudani Auditorium, from 6.30pm - 8.30 pm. It is being held in order to raise funds for Henry Bwire, a 17 year old kidney patient, whose plight was brought to the attention of Jason Sibi – Okumu (founder of the Figo Foundation), a recipient of a kidney himself. Tickets are on sale for Ksh 1000 from the music centre and front office. There will be a raffle held during the interval. There will also be an opportunity to donate money for Henry as the concert proceeds. The senior choir and some members of the school band are involved and will be needed for rehearsal on Monday 1.30pm – 3.30pm, Wednesday 1.30pm – 3.30pm, Thursday Period 9 and Friday, from period 4. There will also be a rehearsal on Saturday from 12.00pm. Lunch and transport will be provided for the students. We hope you will be able to attend this concert and help raise funds for a worthy cause.

Miss Caroline Odhiambo
BTEC Course
Co - ordinator

TERM DATES: 2010 – 2011

TERM 1

Staff INSET week begins	Monday 23 rd August 2010	
School Term begins	Tuesday 31 st August 2010	8.15 am
Half Term begins	Friday 15 th October 2010	3.30 pm
<u>HALF TERM (1 week)</u>	<u>Saturday 16th – Monday 25th October</u>	
School re-opens	Tuesday 26 th October 2010	8.15 am
Early Years closes	Thursday 9 th December 2010	1.00 pm
School Term ends	Friday 10 th December 2010	1.00 pm

TERM 2

School Term begins	Monday 10 th January 2011	8.15 am
Half Term begins	Tuesday 22 nd February 2011	3.30 pm
<u>HALF TERM (5 days)</u>	<u>Wednesday 23rd – Sunday 27th February</u>	
School re-opens	Monday 28 th February 2011	8.15 am
Early Years closes	Thursday 7 th April 2011	1.00 pm
School Term ends	Friday 8 th April 2011	1.00 pm

TERM 3

Easter Long Weekend	Friday 22 nd – Monday 25 th April	
School Term begins	Tuesday 3 rd May 2011	8.15 am
Half Term begins	Tuesday 31 st May 2011	3.30 pm
<u>HALF TERM (5 days)</u>	<u>Wednesday 1st – Sunday 5th June</u>	
School re-opens	Monday 6 th June 2011	8.15 am
Early Years closes	Thursday 7 th July 2011	1.00 pm
School Term ends	Friday 8 th July 2011	1.00 pm

All boarding students are required to arrive on campus the day before school is due to start between 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm.

READING CORNER

BOOK WEEK 2010

The Annual Book Week is a celebration of the written word. The Book Week introduces young people to new authors and ideas and encourages them to discover the complexity of the world beyond their own experience, through books.

This year's event takes place in both the Secondary and Prep Schools from 1st - 5th March 2010. The theme is **Doorways to Success**.

In the Secondary School we will be looking at how reading contributes to and impacts on students' success.

In the Prep School, it is an exciting event and this year the students will participate in numerous pleasurable and satisfying experiences that reading offers. In line with the theme, we have prepared a lot of fun activities that the children will participate in throughout the week.

Prep school students will come to school dressed as book characters on Friday 5th March. Parents are welcome to participate or observe all these activities during the week.

Several leading bookshops will display and sell books throughout the week. Please send your children with some money to buy books.

Ms Faith Muturi & Ms Joyce Gacheru
Secondary & Prep Librarians

Boarding News

YEAR 13 OVERNIGHT TRIP

Every year the Year 13 boarding students are given a treat by the school after their mock examinations. This year the Year 13 boarding students will be going to Tree Tops Hotel, Nyeri on the 6th and 7th of March 2010.

The trip is fully financed by the school with the aim of providing an opportunity for the students to spend a weekend with their peers in a more relaxed environment. The trip will provide an opportunity for them to be involved in team building activities and also carry out discussions with their mentors on matters pertaining to preparation for their forthcoming final examinations.

The students will be accompanied by their boarding mentors.

YEAR 12 RIKKA TRIP

The proposed Year 12 Rikka trip to Island Camp Baringo has been postponed till further notice. We therefore advise parents who have not paid not to do so. However, those who have paid, kindly contact us through boarding@brookhouse.ac.ke to advise us on how to refund the money.

TAE-KWON-DO LESSONS FOR BOARDERS

As part of our boarding activities we shall be offering Tae-kwon-do lessons to boarders who might be interested. These lessons will be conducted by a qualified Tae-kwon-do instructor once a week at a cost of Ksh1500 per term. If you would like your child to take part in the club, which begins this half term, kindly advise the boarding office so that arrangements can be made.

ACROBATS CLUB

The boarding team has introduced an Acrobatics activity every Monday and Wednesday after school. Acrobatics is most often associated with activities that make extensive use of gymnastic elements such as Acro Dance, Circus and Gymnastics.

This is a fee paying club and the charges are Ksh250 per session. For the remaining part of the term this will cost Ksh2500. If you would like your child to enrol, kindly inform the boarding office.

EXEAT WEEKEND

The next exeat weekend starts from Friday 5th March to Sunday 7th March. Parents who would like collect their children for this weekend may do so.

Mr Graham Omasire
Boarding Manager

News from the Prep

PHOTOS

Last week each child in the school had their photograph taken. The order forms with samples of the photos have now been handed out. If you would like to make an order please make sure you return the completed form with the money by Friday 27th February 2010.

TRIPS

At Brookhouse, the children are given the opportunity to enhance their learning by going on organised and educational trips. Some of these involve payment. Could we kindly request that if parents are sending in cash or cheques for any reason, that it be in a clearly labelled, sealed envelope and addressed to the class teacher with the name of the student and the reason for the payment.

LOST PROPERTY

A large amount of lost property has built up, over the term, in the changing rooms at the swimming pool. All of this will be sent up to lost property in the Prep school. If you have lost something, please check there next week.

Congratulations to:

Student of the Week : Samira Miller – Year 2SH
Boarder of the Week: Dexter Madigane – Year 7ALS
Class of the Week: Year 4CG

Ms C Gammon
Deputy Head - Pastoral

SPORTS

Under 13 Boys Hockey

The Under 13 boys continue to do well in hockey. They played Hillcrest just before half term and after going down 1-nil in the first half managed to score 2 goals before half time. In the second half, the boys defended well and the final score ended with a 2 – 1 victory. Players of the match were Carl in goal and Michael for some outstanding defending. After half term we played Banda's 2nd team and in a very close contest, we drew 1 – 1. The boys had their chances but both goal keepers had excellent matches.

Well done Under 13 boys, so far undefeated this hockey term!

Under 13 Girls Hockey

On Tuesday 16th the Under 11 girls hockey team played against Braeside in a very tough match. The girls had a hard time going through the Braeside defence in the first half. They did not lose heart even after the first goal. In the second half, Amy Wanday and Stephanie Kibet raided the Braeside goal but were not lucky. Though we lost the game, the girls played well.

Mr D Lowe
Head of Prep Sports

EARLY YEARS TRIP TO BOMAS OF KENYA

On Friday 19th February, Reception and Year 1 classes went on a trip to Bomas of Kenya as part of their topic on Homes. It was a wonderful day out. In the morning we were given a tour of the different homes that we might see around Kenya. The children learnt how various tribes lived, where they slept and about their cultures. After the tour we all had a well earned rest with a delicious picnic lunch. The children spent the afternoon playing on the adventure playground and then we all had ice cream before heading back to school. It was a great educational, as well as enjoyable day out

Ms N Roblin
Head of Early Years

INTER-HOUSE SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

On Thursday 18th February we held our termly Inter-House Spelling Bee Competition; this term it was for Year 5 and Year 6. It was held in the auditorium. The competition was stiff and revealed that there are some excellent 'spellers' in these two year groups. In Year 5 Emmanuel Murungi emerged in top place as the champion, in second place came Tariro Motsi closely followed in third place by Callum MacIntyre. In the Year 6 group, in first place was Jabali Ndungu, followed by Ver-se Denga and Hannah Nicolle in joint second place.

Congratulations to all the 'spelling bee' participants and I hope we are looking forward to next term's competition

Ms C Gammon
Deputy Head - Pastoral