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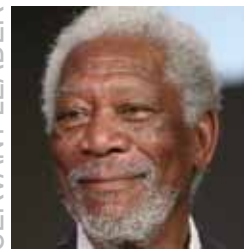


From The Director...

Last week, we had the rounds of the Inter-House debating competition, and I thought about just how important voices are - how we enunciate, how we project, how we modulate our voices to impact the listening of others. That's why I chose this week's servant leader. He has the best voice on the planet: Morgan Freeman. Actor, activist, director and narrator, Freeman has been delivering great performances with his distinctively smooth, deep voice for decades. Of course, we can't all have mellow, resonant voices like Mr Freeman, but we can help our students develop their confidence in public speaking through activities like debating and I was pleased to see such talented youngsters participating in this year's debating competition.

- Mr O'Connor, Director

SERVANT LEADER



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Gravitate towards gravitas
Morgan Freeman

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Book Week...

Brookhouse concluded Book Week with a spoken word presentation from some of our students and local artist, *Mufasa the Poet*. IGCSE English students also participated in a writing workshop led by the Writer's Guild. This year we focused on Digital Literacy and supporting the Machakos Service Project with a book drive. The English department would like to especially thank Ms Joyce Gacheru for her support throughout the week's events. Happy reading!

- Mr Hill, Teacher of English



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK



Last week...

was BOOK WEEK and a big thank you to the team of staff that organised an excellent range of activities in both Prep and Secondary. Year 12 and 13 students had Wellness talks, we had a Round Square assembly, our IAPS Young programmer's team performed well in the competition at Peponi and there were a number of sports fixtures throughout the week. Over the weekend, our sports teams competed in the KAISSO basketball, hockey and football tournaments and the Junior Invitational Swimming Gala, we hosted another round of SAT tests and Year 10 students enjoyed their bonding trip to Malewa.



This week...

is STEAM WEEK and we look forward to the various activities organised. Rika feedback meetings take place, there will be a number of educational trips taking place across Prep and Secondary as well as the usual variety of sports. The Year 9 Choices Evening takes place on Thursday while the Year 11 IGCSE candidates have final Drama performance recordings as well as their Language oral examinations; we wish them the very best in these final examinations. Friday marks the deadline for Prefects applications. Over the weekend, Mr Wambeo will accompany a group of students to the Languages Verse Speaking Competition, there will be a number of sporting fixtures, the SEED Academy walk takes place and it is an Exeat weekend for boarders.



- Mr Murigi, Bulletin Coordinator



Secondary news...

Last week we celebrated our commitment to nurturing a reading culture through Book Week. We also had a hotly contested Inter-House debate competition. The quality of debating was of a very high standard. Our Year 10 students travelled to Malewa for what was a truly exciting experiential learning weekend aimed at developing teamwork, communication skills, leadership, courage, compassion and problem-solving skills. This week, we start the IGCSE Language Oral examinations and Drama practical.

- Mr Mulindi, Head of Secondary



Malewa Trip...

Over the weekend, Year 10 students travelled to Malewa Bush Ventures for three days of bonding. By way of 'mingling', we were separated into groups to begin our activities. These included tubing, zip lining, high-ropes, escape walls and medleys. The purpose of these activities was not just to allow us to step out of our comfort zones, but to further develop our leadership skills and the relationships we have with others in our year group. It's an experience we are unlikely to forget.

- Amanda Rodrigues, Year 10 TOB

Year 9 Choices Evening...

We would like to invite Year 9 parents to our IGCSE Subject Choices Evening to be held in the Burudani Theatre on Thursday 14th March 2019 from 4.15pm to 6.00pm. The aim of this evening is to provide information to our students on the requirements of the IGCSE course. If parents cannot attend, we suggest they ask a guardian to represent them. The school will request Boarding mentors to attend with the boarders if parents or guardians are unavailable, but please do liaise with the Boarding mentor regarding subject choices.

Please note: students are required to wear full uniform to this event.

- Mrs Sanghani, Head of Middle School





From The Prep...

It was fantastic to watch our swimmers at the IAPS tournament and this year the team achieved a number of medals. Well done to all of the students who put in a lot of effort training with their coach. There was also the First Lego STEM Competition and once again a number of the students did very well and gained medals. Book Week was a lovely event, thanks to Ms Abaker, who had arranged many activities for the students throughout the week, including a Fancy Dress day. The costumes were stunning!

- Ms Forsyth, Head of Prep



IAPS Swimming...

Twenty-five students represented the Prep School at the IAPS gala at Peponi and performed really well, winning 5 medals. Abba won Gold in IM and Silver in freestyle and Sotei and Ethan won Bronze in freestyle, and Sera won Bronze in the backstroke.

Meanwhile, in hockey, we have continued to perform well winning against GEMS and Nairobi Academy in U13 matches. We also won basketball in U13 boys against St. Austins. The U13 girls won football against Braeburn Garden Estate and St. Austins. Well done for great sportsmanship and team spirit.

- Mr Milla, Head of Prep Sport

Book Week...

The theme for Book Week this year was *Escape To Everywhere*, and it proved to be a colourful and joyful celebration of all the books we treasure. To emphasise the connection of books and social media, and to accentuate our community of readers, the students participated in an array of activities that included watching movies, a treasure hunt and a book swap, among others. The most anticipated part of our Book Week celebrations was indeed the Fancy Dress Parade. This year, all students were encouraged to represent a book character with which they had a connection.

- Ms Abaker, Literacy Leader





News From The **ELS...**

We had an exciting week in Early Years, starting with our Book Week dress up parade, where the children (and the teachers) came dressed up as their favourite character from a book. There were some wonderful costumes!

This was followed, in the afternoon, by our Year 1 & 2 Mini Tea-time concert on Thursday afternoon. Both parents and students had a wonderful afternoon singing and playing instruments, along with our BTEC students, who were, as usual, fantastic!

- Ms Gammon, Head of ELS



KEY DATES FOR THE TERM

- Term 2 classes commenced on Monday 7th January 2019
- Year 9 Choices Evening on Thursday 14th March 2019
- ALAMAU Conference in South Africa from 20th-27th March
- Inter-House Debate finals on Wed 27th March 2019
- Term 2 concludes on Friday 29th March 2019 at lunchtime.
- 16 - 18 Years Round Square Conference at St Andrew's School Grahamstown, SA 12th - 16th April 2019



ROUND SQUARE CONFERENCES

St Andrew's School, SA

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



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.

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- Mr Ng'ang'a, Round Square Rep



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Boarding news...

Mandela House students ably represented Brookhouse during the KAISO basketball and football finals this weekend. The Year 10 boarders gave a good account of themselves during an engaging team-building trip to Malewa. The rest of the boarding house was involved in scheduled activities.

Exeat weekend starts on 15th to 17th March 2019. Parents who wish to collect their children may do so on Friday at 3.30pm and students should be collected before 6.00pm. Students can only be signed out by authorised persons on the contact list or by persons specifically authorised by parents in writing. This communication should be sent to boarding@brookhouse.ac.ke by 12.00pm Friday 15th March 2019.

- Mr Kimwele, Head of Boarding



Travel Arrangements...

For the end-of-term, the school will close at 11.00am on Friday 29th March 2019, followed by 'Parent Consultations' with subject teachers. The Boarding House closes at 3.00pm. Kindly ensure that your child's timings for departure from Nairobi JKIA are before 5.00pm so that the school can provide concierge services to the airport. Please send the flight itinerary of your child to boarding@brookhouse.ac.ke by Friday 22nd March 2019 so that boarding may facilitate your child's departure from school.

START OF TERM 3

All boarders are expected back to school on Monday 22nd April 2019. The school will provide concierge services from the airport to school at the following timings:

11.00 hrs - 12.30 hrs JKIA

13.00 hrs - 14.30 hrs JKIA

15.00 hrs - 17.00 hrs JKIA

Sports news...

Last week was once again a busy week for the sports teams. Key matches included a 0-0 draw for the U19 boys hockey squad against Premier, a 51-18 win for the U17 boys basketball squad against ISK and the U19 boys basketball squad lost marginally to Rosslyn 14-15. At the weekend, the teams performed very well at the KAISO tournaments. The U17 boys basketball squad finished 2nd in the premiership division whilst the U19 girls football squad and U19 boys basketball squad both finished 4th in their respective premiership tournaments.

GOLF

Arman (Year 9) and Amelia (Year 4) are both avid golfers. They were recently invited to attend a golfing clinic with Kenyan professional Jacob Okello which was hosted by PGA. Arman was also the winner of the recent Club Night Golf at Karen Country Club. We wish them both continued success.

- Ms Curley, Head of Sports Faculty

