



# BROOKHOUSE SCHOOLS KAREN BULLETIN

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## From The Director...

I am sometimes asked, why such a focus on the Performing Arts at Brookhouse? The answer is multi-faceted, with a key element being the desire to inspire in our children a confidence to express their ideas, their creative talents and their performance skills. In the 21<sup>st</sup> Century world of today, such 'soft skills' are often rated by universities and employers as the most compelling element of success, whatever the career path. Hence, just before half-term our students 'trod the boards' for the Inter-House Drama competition and I am most grateful for this excellent event. Now we embark on the second half of term, with annual events such as Graduation and the Prom, the Machakos retreat and Work Experience to keep everyone very busy.

- Mr O'Connor, Director

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All the world's a stage...

*William Shakespeare, As You Like it, II.VII*

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SERVANT LEADER



## Inter-House Drama...

All Year 9 and 10 students came together to create a new piece of theatre as part of Inter-House Drama. A small team for each House met initially on Tuesday and by Wednesday afternoon, each full House was ready to perform, in costume, to peers and judges. Ms Gammon and Mr Mbugua, Brookhouse judges, were joined by Doreen Karau, Head of Drama at Braeside School, and Laura Ekumbo, a distinguished member of the Brookhouse alumni. Brookhouse clearly has a wealth of dramatic talent, in all Houses, but final honours were bestowed on Mara, deftly led by Mrs Okech, Mr Maswai and team.



*Ms Patterson, Head of Drama*

# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK



## Before half-term...

The BTEC Open day was well attended, students in Reception class and Year 2 had Wellness Talks, Year 1 and 2 students hosted a Tea-Time concert, Year 3 and Year 6 enjoyed their overnight stay in the auditorium and the overnight trip to Naro Moru respectively, parents of Reception – Year 5 students enjoyed the Open Book morning, and the Inter-House Drama and Chess competitions took place in Secondary School while Prep enjoyed their Inter-House quiz and Grandparents Day. Over half-term, the Brookhouse Rhino Charge team took part in the annual environmental conservation event, IFY students had a 2 day subject clinic; Brookhouse hosted another round of SAT tests while external examinations for Year 11-13 candidates continued.



## This Week...

is ENVIRONMENT WEEK and secondary students will enjoy a range of activities including the World Environment Day celebration. It is Assessment Week in the Prep School, including Common Entrance examinations for Year 8 students. The Inter-House Money Chain competition also takes place as well as the usual variety of sports fixtures. Over the weekend, Brookhouse hosts an ACT test training, and boarding students will visit the Kenyatta National Hospital as part of their ongoing Service Learning project.



## Next week...

is ASSESSMENT WEEK in Secondary school with end-of-year examinations for Year 9 and 10 taking place. Year 8 transition evening takes place on Monday and Year 11 students have a Work Experience orientation day on Wednesday. The Early Learning School hosts a Tea-Time concert and students will sit for the LAMDA examinations. There will be a variety of sports fixtures throughout the week. Graduation takes place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and the annual Prom will be held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Attendance at Graduation is compulsory for all Year 13, BTEC and IFY students, and details of both events have been disseminated by the Heads of Sixth Form. We hope to see all parents of the graduating class at the Graduation Ceremony to join the school community in celebrating the completion of this important chapter in the lives of the Class of 2019.





## Secondary news...

Welcome back from the half-term break. Students took part in an adventurous Rhino Charge event marking the Adventure Week. Inter-House Junior Chess and Inter-House Drama Performance events were exciting. Many thanks to the BTEC students for their research seminar presentations and exhibitions during their Open Day. I look forward to the Environment Week and wish all our Muslim students and parents Idd Mubarak.

- Mr Mulindi, Head of Secondary



## BTEC Open Day...

We had a successful BTEC Open Day with a good turnout of guests, parents and prospective students. The BTEC teams showcased various items and engaged the audience with excellent presentations from their course areas. We also had presentations from various alumni who gave testimonials of their experience at Brookhouse. The special guests were quite impressed and gave useful critique. We received very good feedback from our guests and members of the Brookhouse family.

- Mrs Gaya-Teyie, Head of Sixth Form BTEC

## Languages Morning...

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> of May, the Languages Faculty held its sixth annual Languages Morning involving eight schools where students showcased their talents and skills through various performances which included dancing, singing, reciting of poems and powerpoint presentations. Our students did incredibly well and took the majority of the top three positions.

- Ms Noordin, Head of Chinese





## From The Prep...

The school this week is eerily quiet as the students embark on their end-of-year assessments. Once the assessments are completed Year 4 and 5 will be busy putting the final touches to *Mary Poppins*. The costume and scenery look great and the students are singing with great enthusiasm. The acting is improving daily as Ms Abaker polishes up the final details. I hope we will see many of you at the performances during the week. Year 8 are looking forward to their *Savage Trip* later this month and we have a Breakfast-time concert on 12<sup>th</sup> June.

- Ms Forsyth, Head of Prep School



## STEAM Challenge...

The Year 4 STEAM challenge 2019 edition was a success, thanks to the enthusiasm of the students and parental involvement. The challenge tested and enhanced the learners' problem solving, critical thinking, creativity, communication and teamwork skills. Some outstanding models were created during this event, a testament to the future leaders in STEAM careers who are in our classrooms.

- Ms Bong'o, Science Leader

## Sports Fixtures...

Just before half-term, the Prep teams had a busy week of football matches for the boys as well as netball and football matches for the girls. The Under 9 girls managed to play well and won all their netball matches, but lost in football. The Under 9 boys also won their 2 football matches but unfortunately lost to Braeburn. The Under 11 girls played remarkably well as they won all their matches in netball and football. The Under 11 boys displayed great football skills by winning 2 of their matches and had a draw against Cavina. The Under 13 girls lost with a margin of 3 goals to Braeburn and Hillcrest but managed to draw against Braeburn in football. We look forward to all the teams participating in the remaining fixtures and tournaments over the next few weeks and wish them all the best of luck.

- Ms Curley, Head of Sports Faculty





## News From The **ELS**...



It is lovely to have the children back after their half-term break. We had an exciting week before the break, with a delightful 'Welcome to the Piazza' event where the parents came and interacted with their children in some wonderfully inspiring art activities. We had an entertaining Mini Tea-Time Concert for the Year 1 and 2 children, where some exceptional singing talent was discovered. The week culminated in our annual Quiz and Grandparents Day where the grandparents had a chance to interact with their grandchildren during the different quiz activities. It was a lovely way to end the first half of term.



- Ms Gammon, Head of ELS



## KEY DATES FOR THE TERM

- Term 3 classes commenced on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019
- Final IFY Examinations start on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019
- Graduation for the Year 13, BTEC and IFY Class will be held on Friday evening, June 14<sup>th</sup> 2019
- The Prom for the seniors is scheduled for Saturday evening, June 15<sup>th</sup> 2019

- Year 11 School Supervised Work Experience Programme starts on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019
- Year 12 Residential Service Learning Project at Machakos starts on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019
- Term 3 concludes on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 1.00pm..



Join the Brookhouse "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 5,000 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.



### Emerald Heights School

Round Square International Conference for 16 - 18 year olds hosted by the Emerald Heights International School, Indore India 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

### 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.

- Mr Ng'ang'a, Round Square Rep



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## Boarding news...

We hope that our boarding students had a well deserved half-term break. The examination candidates who stayed in school during the mid-term break spent their time in productive revision. This week End-of-Year assessments and Common Entrance examinations commence in the Prep School. Boarding continues to ensure that compulsory pre-dinner prep and evening study sessions are utilised constructively in preparation for the assessments. The Leavers Dinner will be held this week for our graduating students.

- Mr Kimwele, Head of Boarding



## Travel Arrangements...

Parents are reminded to inform the boarding office of the travel arrangements for students in Year 13 following the completion of their A-Level examinations. Please note that students can only be signed out by authorised persons recorded on the boarding contact list or by persons specifically authorised by parents in writing. This communication should be sent to [boarding@brookhouse.ac.ke](mailto:boarding@brookhouse.ac.ke)

- Mr Kimwele, Head of Boarding

## Sports news...

Prior to half-term, both the rugby and netball teams were performing exceptionally well. The U15 boys rugby squad finished 2nd in the KAISO Premiership division tournament, the U15 B girls netball squad finished overall champions of the KAISO U15 netball Division 2 Championships, whilst the U15 A netball squad made it to the semi-finals but the tournament was rained off. The weekly matches were just as successful: the U15 A netball squad lost marginally to BGR A, U15 B netball squad defeated BGR B 19-13 and the U15 boys rugby squad defeated Hillcrest. We are looking forward to fixtures and tournaments over the next few weeks and wish our teams the best of luck.

- Ms Curley, Head of Sports Faculty



## Rhino Charge...

Nannapa community conservancy located on the boundary of Isiolo, Samburu and Laikipia county was the venue for this years' Rhino Charge. The Brookhouse Guard post was once again located by a lager of the Oldonyiro River. Spectacular views of the action was the order of the day and the action went on throughout the day. Congratulations go to the group of enthusiastic students comprising Tabitha, David, Natasha, Ahmed, Ivy, Melba, Shirleen, Chantal, Fyona, Maria, Tasha and Makena who were exceptional in their service during this environmental fundraiser event that is characterised by ingenuity, courage and passion for the cause.

- Mrs Kyalo, Rhino Charge Patron

