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From The Director...

Our DEMOCRACY WEEK focus on the Middle School MUN allows me the opportunity to ask the students two questions about the current UN Secretary General, Antonio Guterres: Which country is he from? How many Secretary Generals has the UN had since 1946? With the UN such a strong presence on our doorstep in Nairobi, I appreciate the value of the Model United Nations conferences as great learning experiences for our children.

- Mr O'Connor, School Director

SERVANT LEADER



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We want the world our children inherit to be defined by the values enshrined in the UN Charter: peace, justice, respect, human rights, tolerance and solidarity.

Antonio Guterres

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MSMUN Success

The Brookhouse delegation to the 25th MSMUN did very well. Students engaged in active debate, supported their fellow colleagues to pass motions that are in line with the Millennium Sustainable Development Goals. Our Junior Chairs, Polo and Aronni, chaired the Health and Technology Committee under the watchful eyes of our Senior Chair, Shakinar. We are very proud of our Ambassadors, Seben, Tiffany, Polo and Aliya, for a job well done with guiding and leading their delegations.

- Mrs Ogwen, MSMUN

From The Prep...

Last week, three talented golfers represented the school and were excellent ambassadors at the Banda Golf Tournament. It is lovely to see students excelling in a wide range of sports. We completed the swimming galas and were extremely pleased with the events, which were well organised and showcased some really talented students. There are a number of events this week, including the Tea-Time Concert on Wednesday at 2.00pm, Inter-House Art competition on Thursday and Father's Breakfast on Friday.

- Ms Forsyth, Head of Prep





HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK



Last week...

Prep students took part in the U9 IAPS swimming gala, Year 6 and 7 play rehearsals, Early Learning and Year 1 to 4 Inter-House swimming galas, a Grandparents Day and a Year 7 joint Geography trip to the Meteorological Department. In Secondary School, the Middle School Model United Nations delegation had a fruitful conference, while senior students took part in the UCLAN Law debate and the Senior Inter-House chess competition.

Over the weekend...

Our students took part in the NASA swimming league, the Msingi Bora Open Day was well attended, the U14 teams competed in the Rosslyn tournaments, the Brookhouse U16 girls football, U17 boys basketball and U19 hockey tournaments took place, Year 10 Geography students went on a fieldtrip, while another delegation led by Mr Raj headed off to Japan for a Science summit. Finally, congratulations to the Brookhouse team for taking first position in the Inter-Schools verse speaking competition.



This week...

There are various sporting fixtures for our teams this week, Year 10 Business Studies and Economics students have a trip, the Intermediate Mathematics Challenge takes place and we warmly invite dads from both Prep and Secondary to attend the Father's Breakfast at the Sixth Form Centre on Friday morning. The Prep School hosts a Music Tea-time concert, a 'Welcome to the Piazza' Art event and the Prep Inter-House Art competition. It is a busy week for our Rhino Charge team as they hold their fundraiser on Friday. School closes for the half-term holiday at 3.35pm on Friday 8th February. Year 13 Mock examinations commence immediately after half-term on Monday 18th February and the MODEL UNITED NATIONS conference takes place from 18th – 22nd February 2019.



Creating a **Global Mindset**

The Global Issues Service Summit 2019 theme was 'Empowerment'. Maureen Some, a BTEC student at Brookhouse, gave a keynote speech and presented a video on 'The Impact of Ecotourism'. Her presentation empowered students at the summit to embrace conservation through their different subjects. The students attended various workshops and formed global villages. Our students presented the book fabric project that aims to replace plastic book covers with washable fabric to reduce plastic pollution. The summit was quite interactive and mind-changing. *- Ms Bantu and Mr Kiptum*



To Speak in Verse...

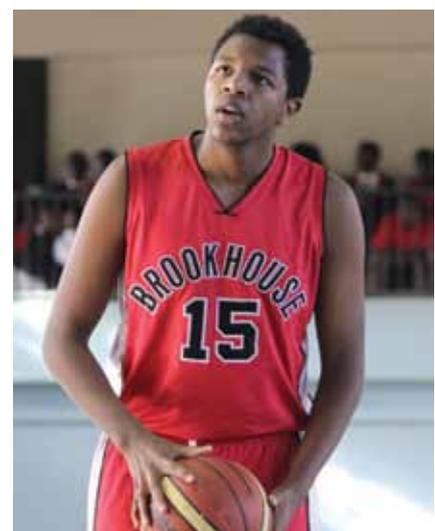
On Saturday 2nd February 2019, Zain, Chernice, Breanna, Amanda and Maina had an opportunity to display their poetry recital talents at the annual Nairobi Academy Inter-Schools verse speaking competition. They brought 'home' four first positions and a runners-up award in the different categories and won overall trophy for the fifth year in a row!

- Mrs Madahana, Public Speaking Patron

Glorious **Gaming**

Last week was successful for our sports teams. The U19 boys and girls hockey squads both defeated ISK, 6-0 and 5-4, respectively. The U15 girls football squad defeated Aga Khan and U17 boys basketball squad were triumphant over Nairobi Academy. At the weekend, the U19 boys hockey squad were finalists in the Peponi Tournament and were declared the 'Most Sporting Hockey team' and Nabil was awarded MVP. At the Brookhouse U16 girls football and U17 Boys basketball tournament, the girls were knocked out at the group stages but Lily Ashtiba was awarded MVP, whilst the boys defeated RVA in the finals, with a successful 3 point shot from Clyde in the last 5 seconds of the match to be declared champions for the fifth year running.

- Ms Curley, Head of Sports Faculty





ROUND SQUARE CONFERENCES

St Andrews 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.

South Asia and the Gulf

Round Square International Conference 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 21st 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 Nganga, Round Square Rep





Secondary news...

This week we celebrate our commitment to environmental stewardship with various student-led activities. On a different note, we are witnessing an increasing number of students misplacing their mobile devices. Students are reminded to be responsible for secure storage and use of laptops and mobile phones in line with the school policy. A lso disturbing is the increasing number of day students who delay departure from school, keeping their drivers waiting for lengthy periods. Let us remind our children to be prompt in departure.

- Mr Mulindi, Head of Secondary



ELS news...

Last week we had not ONE but TWO swimming galas and our Grandparents Day. On Thursday we held our annual Year 1 to 4 gala. It went swimmingly well. Although ALL the children swam well, Samburu emerged the overall winners at the end of the day. On Friday we were fortunate to have many visiting grandparents who attended our Award Assembly. They joined us for our Early Years swimming demonstration at the pool. I think we were all amazed at how confident and happy the tiny tots were in the pool demonstrating their skills. The older classes showed how well they can all swim - we definitely have some future representatives for the Kenyan Swimming Team!

- Ms Gammon, Head of ELS



KEY DATES FOR THE TERM

- Term 2 classes commenced on Monday 7th January 2019
- Term 2 half-term is 9 days, from 9th to 17th Feb 2019, inclusive
- East African MUN takes place from 18th – 22nd February 2019
- 14 – 15 Years Round Square Conference at St Stithian’s Girls Johannesburg, from 21st – 25th February 2019
- A2 Mock exam are from 18th – 27th February 2019, inclusive
- Year 9 Choices Evening on Thursday 14th March 2019
- 12 – 14 Years Round Square Conference at Dainfern College Johannesburg, 20th- 24th 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

Boarding news...

The Year 12 Mock examinations conclude on Friday 8th February 2019. Over the weekend our boarders were involved in the various sports tournaments.

We wish all our boarders a restful break.

- Mr Kimwele Head of Boarding



Half-Term Break

The half-term break starts on at 3.35pm on Friday 8th February 2019. All students are expected to depart for the half-term break and parents are requested to make arrangements to collect their children from 3.35pm. Parents and guardians of our international students are reminded to book their children's tickets and forward flight details to the boarding office via email boarding@brookhouse.ac.ke in order to enable us organise concierge services.

We encourage parents and guardians to book afternoon flights with departure timings no later than 6.00pm. The airlines have become increasingly persistent in charging an extra amount for minors (14 years and below) travelling unaccompanied. Kindly factor this in when purchasing tickets for your children who are below the age of 14 years. Boarders are expected back in school on Sunday 17th February 2019 before 5.30pm. Students reporting later than 7.30pm will not be allowed into the Boarding House. They will be expected to report to school the following day.

Please Note...

Parents intending to have their children use school transport from the airport, kindly ensure that your children's return tickets correspond as much as possible with the airport pick-up timings below:

Airport pickups on Sunday 17th February 2019:-

1st pick up: 10.00am-12.00pm

2nd pick up: 1.00pm-2.30pm

3rd pick up: 3.30pm-5.00pm

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