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From The Director...

Growing up is certainly complicated, just ask the children who inhabit the world of P. L. Travers' *Mary Poppins*. But it is made a lot more enjoyable when you get to have the kind of fun on stage our students on both campuses experienced during the past week. Their performances of *Mary Poppins* at Karen and *Ali Baba and the Four Thieves* at Runda are excellent examples of why a Brookhouse education places such great emphasis on the Performing Arts. As well as helping children to develop greater self-confidence and learn more about cooperation and team skills, the enjoyment of having staged a successful play is something they will carry with them for a long time. My thanks to all the staff who guided them in staging these entertaining plays.

- Mr O'Connor, Director

SERVANT LEADER



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I shouldn't wonder if you didn't wonder too much...

P.L. Travers, Mary Poppins Comes Back

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A newsletter from the *Inspired* Group can be found at the following link <https://inspirededu.com/newsletters/internal/2019/seventhedition/>



Machakos Project...

Year 12 students journeyed to rural Machakos for their 9-day annual Round Square service project, which took place from Wednesday 19th June to Thursday 27th June 2019. The trip is designed to prepare students for their leadership roles as the senior class. The students learn how to develop a sense of responsibility and how to work together. It is always pleasing to see our students develop skills and virtues like teamwork, communication, tenacity and courage. We look forward to yet another exciting Service Learning project next year!

- Mr Njenga, Round Square Rep

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK



Recently...

Service Week and Prep Inter-House rugby and netball competitions took place while Year 3, 7 and 8 students enjoyed their trips. Congratulations to all involved in the Year 4 and 5 production of *Mary Poppins* and thanks to all those who came to see the performances. In Secondary, Mr Bingwa took a group of students to Korea for a Science Fair, Year 11 students completed their work placements and Year 12 students completed the Machakos retreat. The Art Exhibition that was held at The Junction Mall over the weekend was a great success; well done to the talented students whose work was on display and thanks to all who attended. On Saturday, Year 12 students and their parents attended an informative Careers Morning.



This Week...

is the final week of the academic year. We welcome back the World Scholar's Cup delegation as well as the team from the Science Fair in South Korea. Normal classes have resumed for Year 12 while Year 11 have a boot camp which will also involve a tree planting exercise at the Nairobi National Park on Wednesday. On Thursday, the Secondary School Inter-House netball and rugby competitions will take place and our final assembly will be held in the auditorium on Friday morning at 8.30am. As usual, all parents are welcome to attend. School closes at 1.00pm on Friday 5th July 2019. Parent's consultations will be held on Thursday 4th July from 2.00pm to 4.00pm and on Friday 5th July from 11.00am to 1.00pm.



Over the holiday...

Brookhouse hosts the Cambridge Summer School from 8th–19th July 2019, the Boarding house shall host students on an Equity Foundation Programme and we shall host yet another round of ACT tests. Have a restful break!

- Mr Murigi, Bulletin Coordinator





Secondary news...



As we come to the end of the term, we reflect on our achievements. The Year 12 Residential Service Project at Mithanga Primary School was a true example of experiential values-based learning. Well done to the students, staff and parents who supported this noble cause. The Year 11 School supervised Work Experience provided valuable awareness on careers. The Year 12 Careers Morning last Saturday has set the momentum for Year 12 students and their parents to start exploring appropriate career pathways. Our annual Art Exhibition at The Junction and Village Market was a showcase of our students' creative talents.

- Mr Mulindi, Head of Secondary



Work Experience...

The Work Experience programme this year was a great success with 78 Year 11 students placed in about 40 companies. The programme was preceded by an orientation day where students were briefed on key expectations and procedures before undertaking their two week work placements. The programme is a crucial stepping stone on the path to Sixth Form education, university education and ultimately on the path to starting a career.

- Mr Mwangi & Mr Murigi, Work Experience Coordinators



From The Prep...

Service Learning is an integral part of a Brookhouse Education, from the youngest students, who have made artefacts to raise funds to adopt six orphaned elephants to the Senior Karen students who have just returned from an extended two-week project at Machakos, working on a variety of building and maintenance projects at a local school. Kurt Hahn, the founder of Round Square believed that students could only really understand life by experiencing it. By testing themselves, students would be able to develop their courage, generosity, imagination, principles and resolution. Ultimately, they would develop the skills and abilities to become the guardians and leaders of the future. He also believed that the greatest thing one could learn – and inspire in others – was compassion. Inspired by these principles, we have provided practical opportunities to guide and support students in the pursuit of these ideals.

- Ms Forsyth, Head of Prep School



Mary Poppins...

Last week, Year 4 and 5 staged an enthralling performance of *Mary Poppins*. The students worked diligently throughout the rehearsals and subsequent performances, applying themselves fully to their respective roles and responsibilities. Our sincere gratitude to all the parents and teachers who have provided us with their support throughout the production.

- Ms Abaker, Play Director

Sports Fixtures...

Over the last few weeks we have had great success in both rugby and netball. The U11 girls netball squad were semi-finalists in the IAPS tournament and later performed well at the KAISO U11 netball tournament. The U13 girls netball squad were quarter-finalists at the IAPS tournament with Nakae being selected MVP of the tournament and a place in the Upcountry Select squad. The U11 boys were finalists in the David Ngini rugby tournament and finished 5th at the Ndume 7's rugby championships, whilst the U13 boys rugby squad performed well at the Ndume 7's, defeating Peponi House and Greensteds, whilst drawing with St Andrew's, Turi.

- Ms Curley, Head of Sports Faculty





News From The **ELS**...

It has been a wonderful year in Early Years. The children have grown so much and are all now ready to move on to the next class. We have had Swimming Galas, Kindi Athletics, Grandparents Days, Welcome to the Piazza and Mini Tea-time Concerts and so much more! The children's lives have been enriched by all these wonderful activities and events. Have a look at some of the photos from the past year...

- Ms Gammon, Head of ELS



KEY DATES FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR (2019-2020)

- Boarders return for Term 1 of the new academic year (2019-2020) on Monday 26th August 2019.
- Classes commence on Tuesday 27th August 2019 at 8.15am
- Term 1 half-term is from Thursday 10th - Monday 21st October 2019, inclusive.
- Term 1 concludes on Wednesday 11th December 2019



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 6400 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.

MACHAKOS PROJECT

This year the Brookhouse Service Learning project for Year 12 students moved to Machakos. Students were away for nine days and the project allowed them a life-changing experience, giving children opportunity for self-discovery (Kurt Hahn). A tour was organised for parents to visit and feedback was very positive. Students were involved in refurbishing classrooms, fixing window panes, making desks, repairing walls, tiling floors, preparing meals, painting murals and building a new library. The students also presented various items to the appreciative pupils in Mithanga. Students organised themselves into various groups and leadership roles to work on specific tasks.

- Mr Ng'ang'a, Round Square Rep

ROUND SQUARE



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.

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 Ng'ang'a, Round Square Rep



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Boarding news...

Last week boarders were involved in a flurry of activities. The Year 8 and 12 students were away to Sagana and the Machakos residential project respectively. Other students represented the school at the World Scholars Cup and the KSA Science Fair In Beijing and South Korea respectively. The highlight last week was the presentation of wheelchairs to our Kenyatta National Hospital Service Learning partners.

- Mr Kimwele, Head of Boarding



Travel Arrangements...

For the end-of-term, the school will close at 11.00am on Friday 5th July 2019, followed by 'Parent Consultations' with subject teachers. The Boarding House closes at 3.00pm. For students taking flights, kindly ensure that your child's timings for departure are before 5.00pm so that the school can provide concierge services to the airport. Please send the flight itinerary to boarding@brookhouse.ac.ke so that boarding may facilitate your child's departure from school.

- Mr Kimwele, Head of Boarding

Parent Consultations...

Parent consultations this term will be held on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th July 2019 in the Prep and Secondary Schools respectively. The session on Thursday will be between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. Buses for students will leave school at 1.00pm on Thursday. Consultations will also be held on Friday 5th July 2019 from 11.00am to 1.00pm, following the end-of-term assembly. Parents are welcome to attend the assembly before seeing their children's teachers. At this assembly children receive awards, certificates, and trophies for the various Inter-House events which have occurred throughout the term. Assembly commences promptly at 9.00am. On Friday, buses will depart at 11.00am, following assembly. However, if you are attending the consultations and would like to take your child home, please let their form tutor know that they will not be using the school bus.

- Mr Kimwele, Head of Boarding



Sports news...

A few weeks ago, at the Lifetime Gala, 4 senior school swimmers represented Brookhouse and performed superbly. Khalid gained a silver in the 50m breaststroke, 100m breaststroke and 100m IM and gold in the 50m backstroke and freestyle. Jeremy Keter gained silver in the 50m backstroke, 100m backstroke and gold in the 25m backstroke, Peter received a bronze in the 100m breaststroke, gold in the 25m butterfly and breaststroke, whilst Shimwa gained bronze in the 25m freestyle and silver in the 25m backstroke. As the sporting year draws to a close, we wish all our athletes a restful summer break and we look forward to commencing training in late August.

- Ms Curley, Head of Sports Faculty

