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From The Deputy Director...

Last week Masai Ujiri, President of the Toronto Raptors who won their first ever NBA Championship this year and one of our patrons visited the Runda campus to open the Masai Ujiri Sports Centre. He spent time with the basketball teams, some of whom have participated in Giants of Africa camps. Masai founded Giants of Africa in 2003 with a goal to discover talent. Brookhouse has been privileged to host the camp over the last few years. Giants of Africa tells the story of a humble man with big goals and an even bigger heart. He believes that it is the duty of those who have done well to go back and help those on their journey.

-Ms Mwangi, Deputy Director

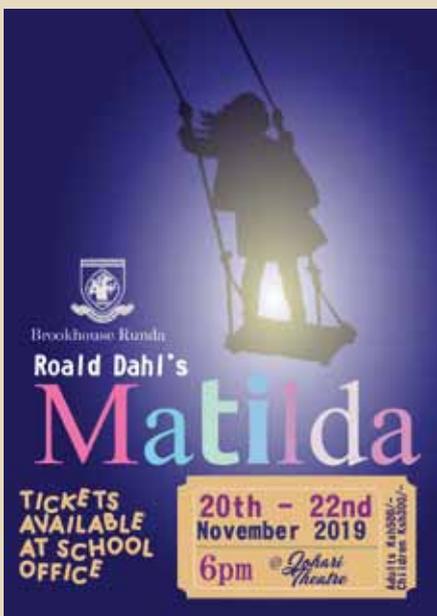
SERVANT LEADER



It is in those children that I see myself, and there's just that small window of opportunity when they can find themselves

Masai Ujiri ”

From the Head Teacher



A group of students from Year 6 to 11 have been working hard to put on a lively performance of *Matilda*, which is based on the Roald Dahl book. We have a matinee performance on Wednesday 20th at 1:30 pm and two evening performances on Thursday and Friday starting at 6.00pm. I hope you will be able to attend the shows.

The Carol Concert is on 4th December at the Runda campus followed by the Early Years Play on the 6th of December and I am sure these two events will start off the Christmas season very well.

You will be receiving parent's consultation letters shortly. There will be an early finish on Tuesday 10th December and parent consultations take place between 2.00 – 5.00pm. Wednesday's consultation starts at 11.00am after final assembly.

As we approach the holidays, if you are wondering what to do with the children there are a couple of activities available at school for students to take part in.

-Mrs Forsyth, Head Teacher

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK



Recently...

Last week's Tea-time concert was a beautiful afternoon that showcased some real talent amongst the students. My thanks to all of the parents who supported the event and to the peripatetic staff, led by Mr Searle, who have coached the students and encouraged them to develop their skills. We have also had two Early Learning, 'Welcome to the Piazza' events in the last week where parents have had the chance to engage with their child in a variety of activities.

Another exciting event was the opening of the Masai Ujiri Sports Hall. The children were very excited to meet him, and he spoke eloquently to the basketball teams.

Over the weekend...

Last Saturday we had the first History clinic where students from both campuses who are studying IGCSE History had a three hour interactive session. They worked over the syllabus and helped each other to revise topics. Next term there will be more of these clinics for Year 11.



Coming up ...

We have the school production *Matilda* which will be performed from the 20th – 22nd November. The students have put in a lot of hard work and effort to learn the songs and tell the Roald Dahl story.

At the weekend there is also the Bronze PA-K and the Inter-school Languages Verse Speaking.

- Mrs Forsyth, Head Teacher



News from **ELS...**

Stage 1 and 2 'Welcome to the Piazza' was a great way to experience many Reggio inspired activities including painting, water play and sensory activities. Our parents joined in and had lots of fun with their children.

-Mrs Sidi, Early Learning



On Wednesday 13th November Stage 3 and Reception parents had an opportunity to interact with their children during our 'Welcome to the Piazza'. It was an afternoon full of excitement and engaging activities which both parents and children enjoyed. This, among other events, fosters parental involvement in school activities to bring up the well-rounded child which is a strong component of the Reggio Emilia approach.

- Ms Mutuku, Early Learning



KEY DATES FOR THE WEEK

- Wednesday 20th@1.30pm, 21st, 22nd November @6pm- Matilda
- Saturday 30th November - Christmas Carols@ Village Market
- Sunday 1st December - Christmas Carols @ Junction
- Wednesday 4th December - Christmas Carols Evening @ both Karen and Runda
- Friday 6th December – Nativity and Christmas Fair
- Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th December Parents Consultation

Dates for the Diary

- Fathers breakfast 22nd November



ROUND SQUARE

Join the Brookhouse Round Square “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 6,450 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.

EXCHANGES

The Brookhouse student exchange program continues to excel. This month we are proud to have hosted Shirshir Pandey from Scindia School for four weeks on a Round Square International exchange program. Shirshir was hosted by Rahul Shah in Year 11 and we trust he had a memorable experience.



Round Square Cluster Meeting @ ISK

It is not about your age, height or colour of your skin but where you are as an individual and doing the best that you can and encouraging others to do the same.

- Michelle Mutuku, Year 13



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Tea-Time Concert...

Friday afternoon was alive with music as this terms Tea-time concert swung into action. The concert featured a wide variety of repertoire from Mozart to Corinne Bailey Rae and Stevie Wonder. Ayushi Nathwani featured as one of the penultimate performers with her original song 'Permanent'. We also heard our very first ukulele solo performance from Imani Nkatha playing 'Hey Soul Sister'.

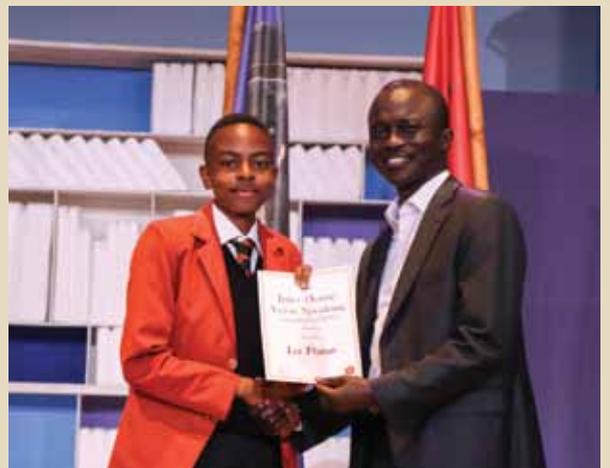
- Mr Searle, Head of Music



Verse speaking...

Last week, the inaugural verse speaking competition final took place at Runda campus. The finalists worked closely with their House Leaders and Captains in preparation for the Inter-House event and this hard work culminated in some polished, impressive performances. Students were incredibly grateful to receive positive, professional feedback from our judges; Ms Mutoko, and Mr Oyier, who used their wealth of expertise to encourage and inspire our students. Tsavo House were victorious and all Houses are commended for their commitment and team spirit.

- Ms Emmerson, English & Head of Year



Library week...

During Library Week, Year 5 to 8 had a wonderful opportunity to meet author, Ian McKenzie Vincent. He writes thrilling novels that deal with important environmental issues and the pupils were fascinated by his life story and answers to their thoughtful questions. 'Mara Fiasco' and 'Little Heroes' are available to purchase in the library until the end-of-term.

- Ms Emmerson, English & Head of Year



Sport Update

We hosted our first ever Senior Inter-House athletics event on the 5th November at the Runda campus. It was a great event and an opportunity for all students to represent their House and display their athletic prowess. It was rewarding to see all students competing with pride for their House in the various events. The results were as follows;

- 1st - Mara
- 2nd - Amboseli
- 3rd - Tsavo
- 4th - Samburu



-Mr Martyn, Sports



We have attended all the KAISSO tournaments this term. Our students have been playing very well in the matches and representing the school with great teamwork and tenacity. The students in all the tournaments have displayed a true sense of sportsmanship in both the football and rounders tournaments. Well done to all who have represented the school.

Additionally, 44 Year 3 -8 students were selected to represent the school at the annual Kasarani Athletics Championships. The students competed with enthusiasm and displayed good techniques in all their disciplines. The highlights from the event were; Michelle qualifying for the finals in the U9 75m race and Bilal finishing 4th in the U13 Boys High Jump. Congratulations to all who participated in the event



Year 10 Geography trip...

On Tuesday last week Year 10 went on a Geography field trip to Chania Falls, Thika. This gave them an opportunity to carry out river studies and access the influence of rivers on settlements and other human activities. We had favorable weather and they gained a lot during our walk along the riverbank overlooking the spectacular falls in the beautiful scenery.

-Ms Bidali, Head of Year



Year 9 Biology trip...

On Monday 4th November, Year 9 Biology students visited the Kenya National Museum where they explored the bird and mammal exhibits as well as the reptile park and herb garden. The students demonstrated great teamwork and leadership as they manoeuvred through the exhibits.

-Ms Okech, Sciences

Sports Activities Term 2 – Hockey and Swimming



Hockey Kit List:

- Mouth Guard – If your child has a brace, you should contact your dentist for a custom-made mouth guard.
- Hockey Stick – The appropriate size stick, should reach the top of your Childs' hip.
- Shin pads/guards
- School branded PE clothing including black long socks

Pupils are allowed to leave their Hockey kit in their lockers, should they wish to do so.

Swimming Kit List:

- Swimming cap
- Brookhouse Swim suit
- School branded P.E. clothing
- Swim goggles
- Towel
- Kit bag (for wet swimsuit)
- Sun screen
- Moisturiser, (if required)

Thank you all very much for your support.

-Mr Martyn, Sports