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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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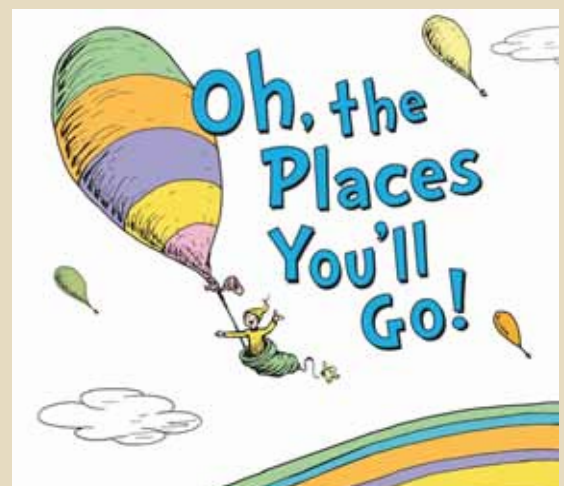
Gravitate towards gravitas
Morgan Freeman

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From the Head Teacher...

Nearly 1 in 10 worldwide - 757 million people around the globe - are unable to read this sentence. That means they're not only unable to read a book or newspaper, but they also can't read the labels on a medicine bottle or vote in an election. The good news is that global literacy is higher than ever - all countries outside Africa (with the exception of Afghanistan) have literacy rates above 50%. However, large inequalities remain, notably in sub-Saharan Africa where literacy rates are still below 30%. When one is in an educated environment, the temptation is to think that everyone around the world can read and has access to books. It is therefore timely for us to consider rates of global literacy as part of our Book Week activities and consider how we can work with others to help as many as possible experience the 'power of reading'.

- Mrs Gilbert, Head Teacher



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK



Mother's Breakfast presentation

Last week...

We celebrated our annual Book Week which coincided with World Book Day on Thursday. As part of this event, Year 7 – 10 students had an inspiring talk on the theme 'Reading is Power' from broadcaster and Brookhouse parent Caroline Mutoko. We also enjoyed a colourful book character dress-up day on Thursday. Also this week were the first rounds of our Inter-House debating competition, a tea-time concert for Year 1 – 3, a Year 10 Business Studies trip to Nation Media, and a session with visiting artist and print-maker, John Silver. We also hosted a lovely Mother's Breakfast where four Brookhouse students presented and answered questions on the theme of Social Media, which was much appreciated by our mums.

Over the weekend...

Year 10 students joined the rest of Brookhouse Year 10 for a couple of days of Service Learning in Malewa, near Gilgil. They thoroughly enjoyed the teamwork opportunities and developed a number of attributes in the Discovery Framework.



Book Week

This week..

This is STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) Week and we look forward to a range of activities exploring the properties and importance of Water. Stage 3 will visit a working farm, whilst Year 8 are off to visit a Tea Factory and Year 5 will join the rest of Brookhouse Year 5 to enjoy the Bomas of Kenya. In sport, we look forward to Inter-House Hockey events for U9, U11 and U13. It is also Illustrated Creative Writing Week and we hope to hear of success amongst our entries. On Saturday we open the school to visitors coming to see our Brookhouse Arts offering at Runda, while in the evening we look forward to hosting our first ever Quiz Night for parents and teachers.

- Mrs Gilbert, Head Teacher



Inter-House Debate



News from the ELS...

We had a colourful celebration of World Book Day last Thursday. Many children came in their favourite book character costumes. The children also enjoyed decorating their class doors. They definitely took pride in these displays. The mini Tea-time concert that same afternoon was well-received by parents and the students. Music plays an important role in development of a child's early years. It was delightful to have many children participate in individual and group performances.

- Mrs Hunjan-Patel, Head of ELS



Musical Variety

On Thursday the Music department hosted a very exciting Tea-time Concert for Year 1 - 3. Combined with World Book Day, this turned out to be a great show and quite a spectacle, with performances including 'Mary Poppins' (Alessia Boncompagni) and a saxophone-playing 'Storm Trooper' (Michael Gunther)!

There were also exciting mass performances from each of the year groups involved, playing ensembles of boomwhackers and glockenspiels in a whole variety of musical styles!

- Mr Searle, Music Leader



KEY DATES FOR THE WEEK

11th - 15th STEAM WEEK

- **Tue 12th** U11 Inter-House Hockey @ Runda
- **Wed 13th** Year 5 History trip to Bomas of Kenya
U13 Inter-House Hockey @ Runda
- **Thur 14th** U9 Inter-House Hockey @ Runda
Year 9 Choices afternoon
- **Fri 15th** Year 8 Joint Geography trip to Tea Factory
Presentation for Brookhouse
Creative Writing Competition @ Karen
- **Sat 16th** Open Morning
Languages Verse Speaking @ French School
Quiz Night



ROUND SQUARE CONFERENCES

St. Andrew's School

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



The Emerald Heights

Round Square International Conference For 16 - 18 year
olds Hosted by The Emerald Heights International
School, India 2nd - 8th October 2019

South Asia and the Gulf

Round Square International Conference for 15-18 year
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Sport Update

Last week was an exciting one for sports, as we round up the hockey season. Our U9 students played against Premier in their final match of the season. The boys drew 0-0 and the girls secured a 1-0 win, showing much improvement from their previous matches.

Our U6 boys and girls travelled to Nairobi Academy, where they participated in a football tournament. The students showed great teamwork and tenacity in the matches. It was a very good experience for them as they continue preparing for next term's matches.

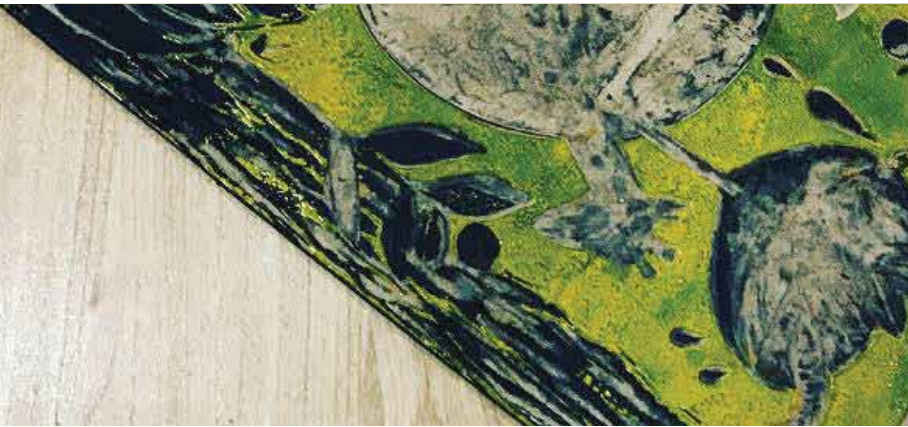
- Mr Martyn, Sports Leader



Wildin' Out

Year 10 from both campuses had a very successful trip to Malewa. This was a real bonding trip that saw all the students take an active role in the events that were planned for them. Each day was fun as they all attested. The positive attitude saw our students work with pupils from Mwega Primary School in Service Learning. We helped in tree-planting and watering, as well as preparing the school garden for the next season.

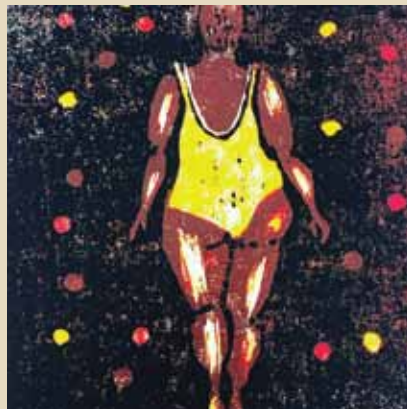
- Mr Atinga, Head of Year



Professional Print-making

Our Year 10 students received guest artist John Silver, 2005 Victoria and Albert Museum London winner for the best print-maker in East Africa. After practising the print process in class, they were able to work quickly in Silver's style and create a woodcut print in a special after-school workshop. A special thanks to Mr Silver for visiting our campus, and well done to the Year 10 for beautiful work!

- Ms Coupe, Art Leader



Media Business

On Wednesday morning last week our Year 10 Business Studies class visited the Nation Centre where they got a first-hand opportunity to gain information on how NMG (Nation Media Group) Ltd runs its operations. They had the opportunity to see a live studio and learn about the company's stakeholders and its business objectives, besides different products and services offered in meeting human wants and needs.

It was an inspiring experience as learners interacted with different media personalities and exhibited commendable inquisitiveness. The tour ended with a short presentation where learners were enlightened on emerging trends in technology and responsible use of Social Media.

- Mr Motanya, Business Studies Teacher

