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From The Deputy Director...

Celebrating STEM last week reminded me of one of CNN's Heroes of 2018, Abisoye Ajayi-Akinfolarin, a 33 year old Nigerian woman who has been recognised for her work in this field. Research showed that less than 8% of women in Nigeria held professional, managerial and technology positions. Abisoye left her job at a technology firm and set up Pearls Africa Youth Foundation which aims at educating young girls from disadvantaged backgrounds in technology and leadership skills. Her hope is to change this statistic.

- Ms Mwangi, Deputy Director

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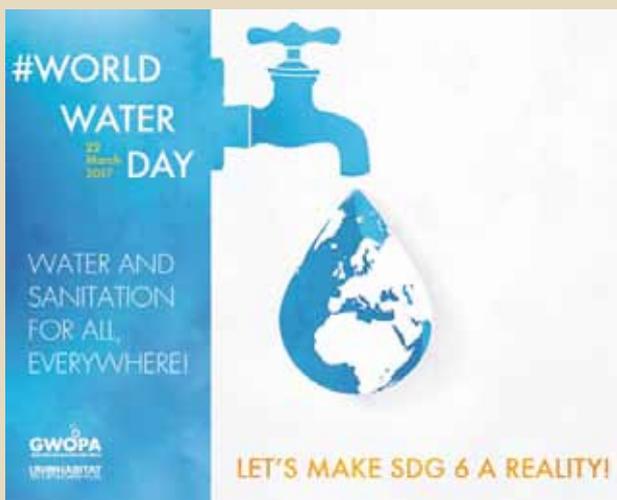


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Technology is a space that's dominated by men. Why should we leave it to guys?

Abisoye Ajayi-Akinfolarin

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From the Head Teacher...

“Water water everywhere, nor any drop to drink” – these lines from “The Rime of the Ancient Mariner,” by Samuel Taylor Coleridge seem highly pertinent and poignant in a world where water scarcity affects more than 40 percent of people - an alarming figure that is projected to increase with the rise of global temperatures as a result of climate change. World Water Day on 22nd March is an opportunity to take stock and consider the UN Sustainable Development Goal of Clean Water and Sanitation for all. For STEAM Week at Runda, we too engaged with a number of aspects of the water cycle.

- Mrs Gilbert, Head Teacher

Dear Parents,

The weekly bulletin is due to change to a fortnightly bulletin. If you have any views regarding this change, please email me in the next two weeks.

Kind regards,

- Ms Mwangi, Deputy Director



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK



Stage 2 trip to Evergreen

Last week...

We enjoyed STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) Week with a range of activities exploring the properties and importance of Water. Stage 2 visited Evergreen Park, Year 8 went to a Tea Factory and Flower Farm and Year 5 had a joint trip to the Bomas of Kenya. Year 9 and their parents benefited from an IGCSE options presentation before making their choices. In sport, we held Inter-House hockey events for U9, U11 and U13. Some of our students were highly commended or placed in the Brookhouse Illustrated Creative Writing.

Over the weekend...

On Saturday we opened the school to visitors coming to see our Brookhouse Arts offering at Runda. At the same time we held a rehearsal for the cast of *The Wiz* in our new Auditorium, which our guests very much enjoyed.



Arts Open Morning

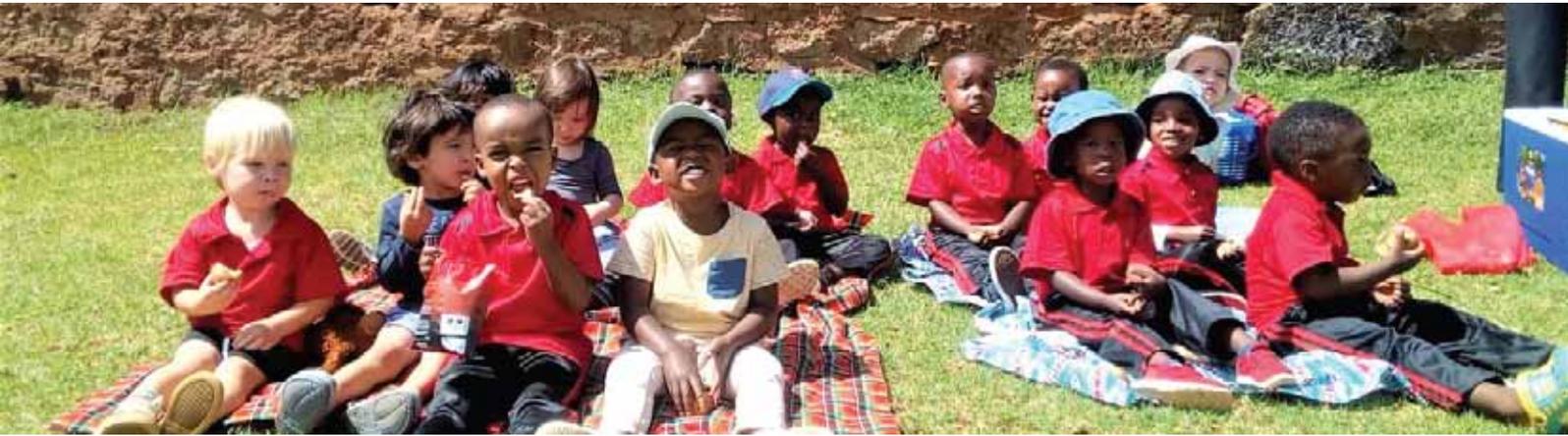
This week..

In Sport, a number of our students in Year 3 – 8 will participate at the KAISSO Swimming Gala on Wednesday whilst Years 9 and 10 will take part in the Secondary Inter-House Swimming Gala at Karen on Friday. Three of our Year 8 students will attend the Round Square Conference in South Africa from Wednesday. Meanwhile, Year 2 have a trip to Lyons Maid to see how yoghurt is made. Over the weekend, we are holding an important Boot camp for *The Wiz* cast at Runda, as we look forward to the performances early next Term.

- Mrs Gilbert, Head Teacher



Year 9 choices event



News from the ELS...

STEAM week was celebrated in many ways, starting off with a STEAM Assembly. The Year 1 and 2 children had their very first experience as an audience in our brand new auditorium. Children participated in various Science experiments through the course of the week, exploring the properties of water.



We also had a talk for Year 1 and 2 parents on Mathematics and Kiswahili. It was well attended and highly appreciated too.

Our Stage 2 children went on their field trip to Evergreen Park last Friday. It was exciting for the students to see their school from the other side of the pond. The children had a wonderful time exploring a different environment and jumping on a bouncy castle.

- Mrs Hunjan-Patel, Head of Year

KEY DATES FOR THE WEEK

- **Wed 20th:** KAISSO U9 - U13 Prep Swimming Meet @ GEMS
- **Wed 20th - Sun 24th :** 12 -14 Yrs Round Square Conference, South Africa
- **Friday 22nd** – Secondary Swimming Gala at Karen – all Y9 and 10
- **Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th**– Boot camp for The Wiz at Runda



Full **STEAM** Ahead...

Last week we celebrated STEAM with a week-long event. This year the theme of 'Water' was chosen, which was timely as the UN 'World Water Day' is due to take place on 22nd March. All students took part in practical activities including: creating a water cycle in a bottle, testing washed and unwashed hands for bacteria, making rain gauges and building mini water purification kits.

Well done to all - and I am pleased to see the early makings of some talented Engineers.

- Mr Wood, STEAM Leader



Year 5 Trip to Bomas of Kenya



Year 8 Trip to Tea Farm

French Celebration!

On Saturday, as a celebration of Francophonie, nine students from Brookhouse Runda attended the French School of Nairobi for a competition. It was great to see the students reciting their French poem in solo, in duo or in groups of four. For most of the students, it was their first French Verse Speaking and they demonstrated many skills such as teamwork, communication and tenacity.

- Mrs Gakou, Languages Teacher





Sports Update...



We have had an extremely exciting round of Inter-House matches to conclude the Hockey season. It was inspiring to see the students come together to display great sportsmanship, tenacity and teamwork as they represented their respective Houses with great zeal. The results for the various age groups were as follows:

U9 Mixed

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

U11 Mixed

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

U13 Mixed

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

Tennis News

Dameera Krishnan represented the school in the U8 Tennis tournament at Nairobi Club. She played exceptionally well, having played an age group above her actual age and winning two out of the five matches.

- Mr Martyn, Sport Leader





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 olds. October 2019



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