



Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017

Dear Parents,

When I reflect upon the time we have spent in school since the beginning of the academic year until now, the word that comes to my mind is, 'driven'. The various groups of people that I work with in school and have seen in action in the past few weeks, most importantly the students, are *driven* by their aspirations and goals. Some of the following information will give you a glimpse into the Junior School's aspirations and goals.

#### **Student Representative Council – 2017-2018**

38 candidates contested for various positions in the Student Representative Council elections. 181 students learnt the importance of being voters, and cast their valuable votes. A student came up to me and said *"I had a fever yesterday and I am still unwell, but I came to school just for the first lesson so that I can give my vote."* This shows how our community values leadership skills and the students were able to think for themselves as agents of positive change. Well done to all the students who contested for various positions. Congratulations to the following elected SRC officials:

- **Presidents:** Tugi Mwige and Zaaki Dhanji
- **Action Representatives:** Ilhaam Hassanali and Sabbah Leunoto
- **Expressions Representatives:** Alysaa Shamji and Eddie Odhiambo
- **Citizenship Representatives:** Mairan Abass and Amaan Fazli
- **Academic Representatives:** Sanaa Gulamhusein and Joshua Masakha
  
- **House Captains:**
- **Green/Falcon:** Freida Mukudi and Sahil Pasta
- **Yellow/Eagle:** Thea Shah and Salman Noormohamed
- **Red/Hawk:** Sarina Alibhai and Ameir Muravvej
- **Blue/Ravens:** Michelle Ndakwe and Carson Kariuki

#### **Parent-Teacher Conferences – 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

The Junior School will hold Parent Teacher Conferences on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, for Years 1 to 5. This is to discuss your child's progress to date and share with you your child's learning. Please find attached the information letter on the conferences, and to schedule your appointment.



## Lockdown drills

Students responded very well during the first lockdown drill, held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September. The teachers made sure that the students followed instructions and felt safe during and after the drill. There will be a whole school lockdown drill on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October. We collected feedback from our staff to make necessary changes and modifications to the next one.

## Student Safety

We consider student safety to be of foremost importance. During school hours, we ensure that teachers are around the students at all times, and we have staff members on duty at various locations during the morning and lunch breaks. Students who leave school after the supervision time, that is 4.15pm on Mondays and Tuesdays when there are clubs and at 3.15pm during the rest of the week, are advised to remain near the Junior School block. Last week there was an incident of students breaking a window in the administration block, whilst playing. To avoid such cases, it will help us if they sit at the Junior School front foyer (outside the JS gate). I have spoken to the students about this, and they are aware of this new arrangement.

## Field Trips

### Year 4 Trip to Sapling Trust (from Ms. Dorcas)

The Year 4 students recently visited the Sapling Trust Foundation as part of their learning experiences in the Children's Rights unit. They had a chance to learn from the teachers and an opportunity to interact with the students, who had different abilities. More importantly, they were able to recognize that there are some organizations that help in providing Children's Rights.



### Year 5 Trip to Department of Education (from Ms. Anuradha)

To enhance our learning on Governance Structures in our first unit, the Year 5 students paid a visit to our County governments' Department of Education, to understand how their organisation is structured, and why. They also shared their organogram with us which gave us an idea of how to make our own Junior School organogram.



## Sports

### Rounders (from Ms Fridah)

The under 11 girls' rounders team played their first match of the season against Jaffery Academy, on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September, and scored 8 rounders against Jaffery's 9. On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September the team played a home match against Mombasa Academy and won by 6 ½ rounders against the visitors' 4 ½ rounders. A Rounders Tournament will take place at the school on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October, from 8.00am to 1.00pm. You are welcome to come and support the team.

### LAMDA - London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art

We believe in holistic growth of the students and provide them with different opportunities through which they can recognize their strengths and interests. LAMDA has always been a very popular club and again this year, our students did extremely well in their exams. No doubt the results show our students are confident in their self-expression. Well done!

### Junior School Calendar of Events

Attached please find the 2017-18 Calendar of Events. As mentioned in the Head of Academy's newsletter, the half-term dates have moved to a week later due to the impending elections. Students will be in school until Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October due to the Parent-Teacher Conferences on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October.

### Dates for your Diary

#### OCTOBER 2017

Tuesday	3rd	U11 Girls' Rounders Vs Shree Swaminarayan (Home)	3.00pm
Saturday	7th - 8th	U11 & U13 Girls Rounders Tournament (Home)	8.00am - 1.00pm
Monday	9th	U11 Girls' Rounders Vs Braeburn (Home)	3.00pm
Friday - Sunday	13th - 15th	CASA Open and Age Group Swimming Champs 10+	
Wednesday	18th	Parent-Teacher Conferences - Year 1 - 5 (no classes)	8.00am - 4.30pm
Thursday	19th	Parent Teacher Conferences - Year 1 - 5 (no classes)	8.00am - 2.45pm
Friday - Sunday	20th - 22nd	KSF National Opens & Age Group Swimming Champs (Msa) - Oshwal Academy	
Friday - Monday	20th - 30th	Mid - Term Break	
Tuesday	31st	School reopens	7.40am
Tuesday	31st	U11 Girls Rounders Vs light Academy (Home)	3.00pm

Best regards,

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### Attachments:

1. Parent Teacher Conference Letter
2. Junior School Calendar of Events

