



Larry the Lion's Friday News



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Head of primary's Message

Dear KISU Family,

Happy New Year and welcome back! This term began with a professional development day for staff. We all appreciated the opportunity to spend time discussing and working on academic tasks and having specialized training in child protection. Good teachers are reflective and this means setting aside time to analyse what has gone well and what could be improved. The TAs in KS1 and KS2 received training in Catch Up Literacy (sister course to Catch Up Numeracy). This is a structured one-to-one intervention for learners who struggle with reading. It uses a book-based approach to support learners so they activate both dimensions of reading – word recognition processes (including phonics) and language comprehension processes.

Everyone has returned refreshed and with excitement for what the new term will bring. In spite of the heat, the children are full of energy and it's been lovely to see some many smiling faces greeting me in the mornings.

Just before the half term break in February, KS1 and 2 will be undertaking Student Led Conferences. These conferences are a powerful and successful way for your children to



KS 2 students are excited to be back to school

share their learning with you. They will give you a tour of some of the learning activities they undertake at school and will even teach you some of their skills. Please mark the date in your diary – February 10th. Early Years, Secondary and clubs continue as normal on that day as KS1 and 2 are closed except for conference times.

A special welcome to our new students. Already, friendships have been made and the children look happy and settled in their new classes. Parents – please get in contact with Rose Bowmaker, Chairperson of the PTA. The PTA is a great way to meet other families and get involved in the school.

May I wish you all a fabulous 2016!
Jude Payne



IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS	DATE
HOUSE SHIRT DAY	11th Jan
PTA WELCOME BACK COFFEE MORNING	13th Jan
LIBERATION DAY	26th Jan
STUDENTS LED CONFERENCES	10th Feb
HALF TERM	18th-28th Feb

Primary Assemblies
 Early Years – KG 3 JT
 Primary – Year 4RA

Stars of the Week

Specialist Awards

- French** Yosias Yonas — For consistent effort and achievement in French
- Timothe Viguier — For excellent work in French
- Lara Gouws — For being enthusiastic and producing good work in class
- Lucky Basemera Bernadette — For always remembering her vocabulary and working hard
- Ohiseme Ohiwere — For being a helpful, really motivated student and always pushing herself forward
- Art/ICT** Thymen Keizer — For creating a well organized river data spreadsheet
- Ahmad Ahmad — For sketching realistic human like walking cycles
- PE** Parnika Thakur — For performing movement phrases with control and accuracy in Gymnastics
- Kayla Gouws — For scoring the highest points in high jump. Well done!
- Music** Arin Loken — For his excellent learning attitude and enthusiasm for Music
- Mohnish Prasad — For his exceptional behavior and appreciation for Music

New Students

- Shamir Muya — For having a wonderful first week in KISU! Welcome!
- Shellymyre Iboko — For a fantastic first week at KISU. We are excited to have you in our class!

Congratulations to all our Stars

PTA

Dear All

Welcome back and Compliments of the Season to you all – I trust that you all had a wonderful holiday and I wish you a successful, happy and memorable 2016!!!

The PTA hosted a Welcome Back Coffee Morning above the Reception Area on Wednesday 6th – thanks to those people who attended. We will be hosting another Welcome Coffee morning next week Wednesday 13th January at 07:45; so we kindly invite you to come along and enjoy a cup of coffee, something small to eat and get to meet other parents, members of staff – old and new!

All parents should have received the email from Steve Lang regarding the change in dates for the mid-term break sent via your class CPRs. If not, please make note of the change in dates:- School will now close on Wednesday 17th February and re-open on Monday 29th February, as per normal.

In order to keep abreast of upcoming events and any changes to the termly calendar, please be sure to read the newsletter either emailed to you each week or else on the KISU website – www.kisu.com

Enjoy your weekend.

Many thanks
Kind regards

Rose Bowmaker
PTA Chair

Early Years

Hello everyone,

Welcome back from the break. It just flew so fast!

Most of the children in Early Years have returned with the exception of a few. They have settled back into their surroundings. We hope everyone had a lovely break. Some of the children have shared their holiday adventures as seen below.

Jonte – KG2CK – I went to Tanzania with Abu (dad) and went shopping.

Thuso – KG3EN – I went to Dubai with my family and went on a safari car and my mummy took my picture.

Druvan – KG3JT- I played cricket with my mum.

Yonael – REC.PM – I went to the Sheraton to see fireworks and to Acacia to watch Alvin and the Chipmunks 3.

Alma – REC.CN - I went to the beach in South Africa and swam and then I went on a boat to the island to eat and then I went to the waterfall.

Thank you friends for sharing
Have a wonderful term everyone!

CAS Corner

A massive thank you to all of you who donated for the orphans of Chances for Children. They had a great Christmas thanks to your generosity. And also hats off to 5LE and Miss El-Ayadi for putting together the shoe-boxes. We will keep on supporting them in any way we can. Watch this space!

Rachel Rabanowitz
CAS Coordinator



School Community/Class News

Director's Message

First of all, a very Happy New Year to you all; I hope 2016 proves to be a year of joy, good health and success for you and your family

Recruitment

Of course it is a sad fact of life at International Schools that some colleagues will leave us at the end of the academic year. This year, we expect little or no staff turnover on the secondary school side. However, because there was very little turnover in primary school last year, there are a few teachers who have decided to call time on their journey with us at KISU this year. They will go with our very best wishes and deep gratitude.

I am delighted to report that, however, we have attracted an especially high quality of candidate for our anticipated vacancies this year and, in fact, we have already made, and had accepted, several offers to teachers whom I am very excited to have join our team for 2016-17. Jude Payne and I leave for the CIS Recruitment Fair in London on Wednesday with a good deal of the staffing picture for next year already in place, which is a good position to be in.

Half-Term Dates

I trust you will have heard about the changes we have made to the dates for the forthcoming half-term holiday (i.e. Feb 18th to 28th inclusive) and understand the reasoning behind them. I know it may have caused some inconvenience for some of you and I apologise for that. However, confirmation of the official date for the election came rather late in the day and I tried to get a decision to you on the way forward as soon as I could thereafter. It is a little frustrating to learn almost immediately after our announcement that Tuesday February 16th has been dedicated as a public holiday by the government but I think we will just have to roll with that rather than making any further changes to our plans.

The year ahead...

A couple of developments to look out for in the weeks ahead are:

1. An information evening regarding the CAT data generated by the testing we did last term
2. Information about how and when we intend to bring the parent portal in Ed-admin online to help you feel more involved in, and better informed about, your children's school life
3. Announcements regarding new leadership positions in school that will help us to add further momentum to our drive to provide your children with the very best learning experiences we can.

Have a great weekend
Steve Lang

MUSIC DYNAMICS

A warm welcome to all our new students and parents. Please take note of the following information from the music department!

Music Lessons

In addition to group class music, KISU runs a Private Music Lessons program for all age-groups where students seeking to improve their playing or singing ability have the option of taking individual private lessons for an additional fee. Approximately 10 professional musicians from around Kampala offer intensive weekly instruction in voice, keyboard, wind, string, and percussion instruments. Students may study voice, piano, classical guitar, electric guitar, bass guitar, modern drums, African drums, cornet, recorder, violin, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet and African Xylophone. Registration is in progress now and forms can be obtained from the Secondary or Primary office or from the Reception area. The cost per lesson is UGSHS 35,000 and a minimum of 10 lessons is required at registration each term. All payments must be in advance.

Performances

KISU offers a variety of performing opportunities to students as a way of celebrating their musical achievements on their chosen instruments. Students perform both as individuals and in ensemble arrangements. Two group performances and two recitals are organized every year in December and in May/June. More information on that will come your way in due course.

Associated Board of the Royal School of Music Examinations 2016

As you may know, KISU is a center of the International Music Examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM). Students that take lessons on individual instruments are presented with the opportunity to take music examinations conducted by an international assessor from the United Kingdom. Should you wish to have your child examined under this scheme, please let me know so that we start working towards that. Registration for ABRSM examinations is underway at the Music Office in the Secondary section.

Assembly Performances

In our assembly today, Adam Mousa performed a piano solo entitled *Lovet Faller*. It was a nice performance and was enjoyed by all. Congratulations to Adam, for such a wonderful first Assembly Performance



Dr. Benon Kigozi, Head of Music

PE. Department

ISSAK

Our ISSAK team played their season opener this week with KISU hosting AK in U20 basketball and U11 Football.

Results

All players should have received a schedule of games for the season. This is also posted in our main reception, in the sports hall and on the school's website.

Date Changes

Please note that due to the new half term dates, the following games will be cancelled and rescheduled. These dates will be communicated in due course.

Tuesday	23rd. Feb.	U16 B	ISU	KISU	POSTPONED
		U16 G	KISU	ISU	POSTPONED
Wednesday	24th Feb.	U20 B	KISU	VC	POSTPONED
		U20 G	KISU	VC	POSTPONED
Thursday	25th Feb.	U16 B	VC	KISU	POSTPONED
		U16 G	KISU	VC	POSTPONED

Upcoming ISSAK events

Secondary Athletics- TBA

Primary & Secondary Cross Country- Tuesday, March 16th, venue TBA,

Primary Athletic- Tuesday, April 12th, venue TBA

Selection for these teams will be based on the results from the house competitions, performance in PE and additional try-outs if necessary.

Our U11 football teams also hosted AK in their season opener. The boys were game out with a 4-2 win while the girls competed well with the three consecutive year champions of ISSAK losing 4-2.

The U9 football teams travelled to AK for their first game of the season, the boys winning 2-0, Yonael Yonas scoring both goals and the girls, with only 8 players, losing 6-0.

CANA Swimming Gala

Ten of our students represented Uganda in the CANA swimming gala that took place at KISU December 11-13. Uganda placed first out of 6 teams, with Katherine Bowmaker receiving an award for the best female swimmer of the gala in her age category. We are extremely proud of these students' commitment and their accomplishment in being selected for this team and look forward to seeing them grow as student athletes.

Clubs

Club Payment

Please note, students who have not paid in full for a club will not be collected to attend until this is made. Please ensure the club leaders of your child's clubs have received full payment this week in order for your child to attend.

New Dates

Due to elections the Chairman and Board have decided to delay the half term break in February to begin Thursday Feb 18th, returning to school Monday February 29th. Clubs will not run during this period of time. Clubs will continue running up until Wednesday February 17th and resume Monday February 29th.

Chess Tournament

Our chess club leader in association with the Ugandan Chess Federation will be hosting a chess tournament at KISU on Saturday, February 6th from 9:00-4:00 in the assembly hall. All students are welcome to register at a cost of 30,000 UGX which covers the cost of equipment, certificates, trophies and facilitation of the coaches and guests from the federation. Students from various international schools have been invited to attend. If you are interested in registering, please see Miss Theberge for a registration form and then contact Ivan Mukye (chess club leader) at 0773 457 867 or ivanmukyegmm@gmail.com to submit your form and payment.

LAMDA

Lessons for LAMDA students will resume on Wednesday, January 13th during the same times as last term.

HOUSE

Upcoming House Events

House shirt day- Monday, January 11th

Primary students are to wear their house shirts and beige shorts, unless it is a PE day for them, in which case, they should wear their black shorts.

Secondary students should wear their house shirts and beige shorts and bring their black shorts & PE shirt to change into if they have PE.

Primary House Football- Wednesday, January 13th (KS 2)

Students should wear running shoes and not football boots/cleats.

Secondary House Basketball- Wednesday, January 13th

House Athletics

Primary- Thursday, February 11th

Secondary- Friday, February 12th

House Cross Country

Primary- TBA, towards end of half term

Secondary- In PE lessons, last week of half term

