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SCHOOL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

It has been a difficult couple of weeks for many of us who share concerns about the direction the new US President is taking. I can still remember being deeply moved by listening to Maya Angelou declaim this on the occasion of President Bill Clinton's inauguration in 1993....quite a contrast.....

ON THE PULSE OF MORNING" by Maya Angelou written: Spoken at the Presidential Inauguration Ceremony, January 20, 1993.

A Rock, A River, A Tree
 Hosts to species long since departed,
 Marked the mastodon,
 The dinosaur, who left dried tokens
 Of their sojourn here
 On our planet floor,
 Any broad alarm of their hastening doom
 Is lost in the gloom of dust and ages.
 But today, the Rock cries out to us, clearly, forcefully,
 Come, you may stand upon my
 Back and face your distant destiny,
 But seek no haven in my shadow.
 I will give you no hiding place down here.
 You, created only a little lower than
 The angels, have crouched too long in
 The bruising darkness
 Have lain too long
 Face down in ignorance.
 Your mouths spilling words

Armed for slaughter.
 The Rock cries out to us today, you may stand upon me,
 But do not hide your face.

Across the wall of the world,
 A River sings a beautiful song. It says,
 Come, rest here by my side.

Each of you, a bordered country,
 Delicate and strangely made proud,
 Yet thrusting perpetually under siege.
 Your armed struggles for profit
 Have left collars of waste upon
 My shore, currents of debris upon my breast.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

4th Feb	ISSAK Basketball Girls @ GEMS, Boys @ KISU
4th Feb	Half year reports for years 7, 8, 9, 10 & DP1 to be sent home
6th Feb	Secondary House Colour Day
7th Feb	Academic Awards @ Secondary Assembly
8th Feb	Parent/Teacher Meeting Y11 & DP2 @ 3:30-5:30
11-19th Feb	Half Term; Ski Trip
16th Feb	Archbishop Janan Luwum Public Holiday
27th Feb	Club B finish
1st March	Club C posted on website
2nd March	Secondary House Athletics
3rd March	Club B ends; House Athletics
6th March	Secondary house Colour Day

Yet today I call you to my riverside,
 If you will study war no more. Come,
 Clad in peace, and I will sing the songs
 The Creator gave to me when I and the
 Tree and the rock were one.

Before cynicism was a bloody sear across your
 Brow and when you yet knew you still
 Knew nothing.
 The River sang and sings on.

There is a true yearning to respond to
 The singing River and the wise Rock.
 So say the Asian, the Hispanic, the Jew
 The African, the Native American, the Sioux,
 The Catholic, the Muslim, the French, the Greek
 The Irish, the Rabbi, the Priest, the Sheik,
 The Gay, the Straight, the Preacher,
 The privileged, the homeless, the Teacher.

They hear. They all hear
 The speaking of the Tree.
 They hear the first and last of every Tree
 Speak to humankind today. Come to me, here be-
 side the River.
 Plant yourself beside the River.

Each of you, descendant of some passed
 On traveller, has been paid for.
 You, who gave me my first name, you,
 Pawnee, Apache, Seneca, you
 Cherokee Nation, who rested with me, then
 Forced on bloody feet,
 Left me to the employment of
 Other seekers -- desperate for gain,
 Starving for gold.
 You, the Turk, the Arab, the Swede, the German, the
 Eskimo, the Scot,
 You the Ashanti, the Yoruba, the Kru, bought,
 Sold, stolen, arriving on the nightmare
 Praying for a dream.
 Here, root yourselves beside me.
 I am that Tree planted by the River,
 Which will not be moved.
 I, the Rock, I the River, I the Tree
 I am yours -- your passages have been paid.

Lift up your faces, you have a piercing need
 For this bright morning dawning for you.
 History, despite its wrenching pain
 Cannot be unlived, but if faced

With courage, need not be lived again.
 Lift up your eyes upon
 This day breaking for you.
 Give birth again
 To the dream.

Women, children, men,
 Take it into the palms of your hands,
 Mold it into the shape of your most
 Private need. Sculpt it into
 The image of your most public self.
 Lift up your hearts
 Each new hour holds new chances
 For a new beginning.
 Do not be wedded forever
 To fear, yoked eternally
 To brutishness.

The horizon leans forward,
 Offering you space to place new steps of change.
 Here, on the pulse of this fine day
 You may have the courage
 To look up and out and upon me, the
 Rock, the River, the Tree, your country.
 No less to Midas than the mendicant.
 No less to you now than the mastodon then.

Here, on the pulse of this new day
 You may have the grace to look up and out
 And into your sister's eyes, and into
 Your brother's face, your country
 And say simply
 Very simply
 With hope --
 Good morning.

Regards

Steve Lang

School Director



GameSir G4s

I have been thinking about getting a PS for my sons but when I went to find out how much they cost, I had a change of heart but I know my boys love to play games so I went looking for the next best alternative and I think I have landed on one. I will get a game controller, not just any controller but the GameSir G4s. At just 69 USD, the G4s has the added advantage of being both wired and wireless via Bluetooth which I like and works on both Android and Windows platforms.



If you go to the GameSir Website (<https://gamesir.hk>), this is what they say about their controller. "GameSir G4s adopts a 32-bit MCU chip, computation capability is up to 48 million times per second, along with Realtek Bluetooth 4.0 technology, G4s features high sensitivity and accuracy in game controlling. LED battery power indicator, vibration intensity adjustment, vibration frequency adjustment. Built-in 800mAh polymer lithium battery lasts for 18 hours in normal conditions. Automatic sleep mode is a power saver. GameSir G4s is compatible with two platforms of Android 4.0 or later versions, via three main connections of Bluetooth 4.0/wired connection, working great with Android smart phones, and tablets PC, broad range of native Android games are supported."

Anyone who can say that about their product has confidence in it and I must say all the reviews I have read of this thing are positive.

For the design, Game Sir have thrown out the Playstation-style design of its predecessor opting for a far more stylish controller that is reminiscent of the Xbox One.

All of the standard buttons are there, including both left and right joysticks, a directional pad, L1, L2, R1, R2, Y, B, X, A, clear, turbo and L3/R3 buttons as well. There are four blue LEDs that indicate the remaining battery life and the Y, B, X and A buttons are illuminated, giving you better sight of your controls in any dark or dimly lit environment.. There's also a Smartphone holder integrated into the unit. The center of the controller lifts up, revealing a telescoping grip and Turbo and Clear buttons hidden underneath. However, you can't access these buttons unless the holder is open which is awkward if you're not using it (i.e. gaming on a PC).

Using the GameSir G4s is quite easy as it works universally well on multiple platforms and video games. However, you will find that it won't work for every single video game out there. You'll need to go into the settings of the game of your choice and set the controls to the gamepad – it only takes a second. GameSir recommends that you install the Happy Chick Emulator app to gain access to thousands of titles to choose from.

The G4s also gives you the freedom to fully adjust the amount of vibration strength from low to high. Keep in mind, however, that if you choose a higher vibration setting, you'll use up the battery quite a bit faster than if you were to have it at a lower setting.

So there you go, if you are looking for an alternative to the PS, your phone hooked to this will do the trick.

Robert Buga, Head of IT.

ISSAK

Secondary Basketball

This week's results...

WEDNESDAY	1-Feb	U16G	KISU	ISU	23-13 ISU
		U16B	ISU	KISU	35-18 KISU

THURSDAY	2-Feb	20G	KISU	AK	21-8 KISU
		U20B	KISU	AK	41-37 AK

Upcoming Games....

Saturday, Feb 4th - Girls @ GEMS

Basketball on Outside Court			
Time	Home Team	Away Team	Age Group
8:30	KISU	RISU	U20
9:30*	VC	AK	U20
10:30*	KISU	VC	U16
11:30*	RISU	AK	U20
12:30*	ISU	GEMS	U16

Basketball in Sports Hall			
Time	Home Team	Away Team	Age Group
8:30	AIS	GEMS	U16
9:30*	AIS	AK	U13
10:30*	HIS	ISU	U16
11:30*	AK	KISU	U13
12:30*	RISU	AIS	U13

Saturday, Feb 4th - Boys @ RISU

Basketball @ Lower Court			
Time	Home Team	Away Team	Age Group
8:30	AIS	GEMS	U16 B
9:30*	KISU	RISU	U20B
10:30*	VC	AK	U20 B
11:30*	KISU	VC	U16B
12:30*	RISU	AK	U20 B

BOYS @ RISU on Upper Court			
Time	Home Team	Away Team	Age Group
8:30	AIS	AK	U13 B
9:30*	HIS	ISU	U16 B
10:30*	AK	KISU	U13 B
11:30*	ISU	GEMS	U16 B

BUS SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY FEB 4th
Girls to GEMS

Team	Depart KISU	Depart RISU	Arrive KISU
U16 & 20 (23 ppl)	7:15 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	12:15
U11 (17 ppl)	8:15 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	11:15
U9 & U13 (11 + 15 ppl)	10:00 a.m.	12:30 p.m	1:15 p.m.

Boys to RISU

Team	Depart KISU	Depart RISU	Arrive KISU
U9(16 ppl)	8:00	12:30	1:30
U16 & 20 (20 ppl)	8:00	12:30	1:30
U13 (22 ppl)	9:00	11:30	12:30
U11 (20 ppl)	11:00	1:30	2:30

TUESDAY	07-Feb	U16G	KISU	RISU
		U16B	RISU	KISU
		U13G	RISU	KISU
		U13B	KISU	RISU
THURSDAY	09-Feb	U20G	KISU	HIS
		U20B	HIS	KISU

CAS Students Continue to Make Outstanding Contribution to KISU's Sports Program

Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) is at the core of both the IB program and KISU curriculum and represents many of the values KISU holds at high regard.

The Sports Program at KISU provides many opportunities for students to gain valuable experience in each of these three areas- Creativity, Activity, and Service.

We have students capturing photos and videos of our teams and athletes, exploring their creativity; athletes, actively involved on teams, developing as leaders and representing the school; and scorers, managers, and statisticians, serving our teams and the league to offer a more professional and quality experience.

These students do an exceptional job and add great value to the sports program we run. They are knowledgeable, confident, communicators, reflective, thinkers, and respectful. We are very proud of the job they do and how they represent KISU!

HOUSE**Overall Results**

Points as of Feb 1 (to include primary cross country)						
	PRIMARY	Primary Standing	SECONDARY	Secondary Standing	Whole School Points	Whole School Standing
B	5014	2	2168	4	7182	3
K	4573	3	2495	3	7068	4
O	4313	4	2878	1	7191	2
J	5922	1	2696	2	8618	1

CLUBS**LAMDA**

Dear LAMDA Students,

A reminder that Wednesday, 15th March will be our final lesson of our term 2.

We have our first two lessons of 'term 3' on 22nd & 29th March. We then recommence on 19th April.

Thank you,

Avril Porter

Regards

Racquel Theberge

Sports Director



Dear All,

What a fantastic performance by the KS1 students. There was lots to learn and mostly the confidence and maturity the children portray on the stage. PTA will be selling DVDs for the KS1 show at a cost of 10,000 each. Please get in touch with your CPRs or class teachers to place your order.

It's great seeing some change in the weather but still we need not to forget water bottles, hats and sun-screen. Congratulations to all those who participated in the sports events for last week.

Thank you all who assisted with the PTA stand, it's always great seeing the children negotiating and trying to count the money as they purchase. I personally used to enjoy handling my money and being told to go buy myself something without any help. I had to go through math challenge at this as the children waited for their money change back. Great way to get our children know how to count money. Great aspect in life.

Next week starting 6th February – 10th February PTA will be selling valentine gifts during pick up time. The children can buy gifts for their parents or friends of vice versa. We will also have a raffle next week for valentine which includes a Dinner for 2 at Kabira Club inclusive of a bottle of wine and a weekend for 2 in Munyonyo Country Resort full board. The raffles will go for shs5, 000 each. Looking forward to this, you never know when your lucky stars shine upon you.

Our boys will be going to RISU for the ISSAK football match on Saturday 4th February. We wish them all the best.

I hope you have all booked your appointments for the student led conferences, please do so in the primary office if not yet booked.

The rest of the schools are all opening Monday so please beware of the traffic in the morning hours to avoid being late.

For those of you going for the Ski trip to Switzerland we wish you all the best as you brave those mountains.

Upcoming events:

- Saturday 4th February ISSAK football – boys @ RISU

Julia Karungi Kimbaleeba
PTA Chairperson

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