



SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

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HEAD OF SECONDARY'S MESSAGE

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Up coming Events

- 6th Jan → Term 2 Begins
- 7th Jan → MUN Conference in Qatar
- 8th Jan → PTA Coffee Morning
- 19 Jan → Academic Awards Assembly
- 22Jan → DPI University Information Evening
- 23Jan → Yr.7,8,9,10&DP1 Half year reports go home
- 26Jan → public Holiday(No school)
- 28Jan → Yr.11 & DP1 Mock examinations begin
- 11 Feb → Mock Examination Reports go home
- 16-20Feb → Half Term break , SKI Trip
- 20 Feb → Secondary Talent Show
- 24 Feb → Non Uniform Day
- 25Feb → Year 7 science Fair

There was no let up in our final week of term:

Monday – Student Council President Elections took place with Abigail, Nour and Lauren, and Isabelle and Luke all putting themselves forward to be president or co-president. All three presentations engaged the audience and voting took place straight after assembly.



The vote was very tight with the results as follows;

Nour & Lauren 31% of the total vote.
Abigail 33% of the total vote.
Luke & Isabelle 36% of the total vote.



Luke And Isabelle Student Council Co-presidents

I am proud to announce that Luke and Isabelle have been elected as Student Council Co-presidents for 2015. The elections for the remainder of the Student Council will take place at the beginning of next term.

Tuesday – A fantastic performance from our Year 9 students in their production of the Labyrinth. It was my first experience of promenade theatre at KISU and the students really made the most of the different areas of the campus.

Wednesday – The end of term Art and Music extravaganza went off really well and this year more people got to see the art work as it was displayed in the auditorium to complement the music. The evening was also enhanced by snacks made by Key Stage 3 students in Food Tech. What makes these evenings even more special is that Drama, Art and Music at Key Stage 3 are non-selective and every student takes part, not just a few.

Thursday – Our final teaching day! Year 6 student from Ambrosoli visited us for the morning as the second part of their transition to Secondary. We hope to see a number of the students who came to have a look around and sample a lesson, back in term 3 when we will be holding 2 further transition days for our own Year 6 students.

After school we had a lovely event where all KISU staff (cleaners, teachers, gardeners, admin staff, security staff etc.) all got together to celebrate the end of term. We don't get many opportunities to all get together and the evening was enjoyed by everybody.

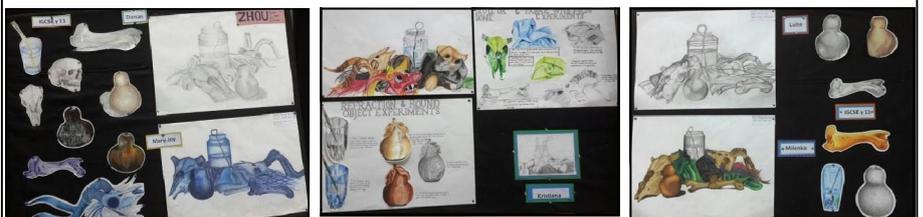
Friday – It may have been the last day of term but it was still a very busy day with 2 house events. The first house event was the House Quiz. Each house was split into 10 teams with a total of 800 points available. The results were as follows; **386, 414, 379, 399**

Semliki Otukey Kibale Bwindi

Following the quiz the second house event was the 'Battle of the Bands' with the staff band making a guest appearance. After lots of discussion between the judges this was the final result; **40.5, 43, 40, 35.5, 33**

Semliki Otukey Kibale Bwindi Staff Band.

After the 'Battle of the Bands' students went home and our Year 11 and DP2 students waited for their half- year reports to arrive! As these year groups spend much of Term 3 involved in examinations the end of Term 1 is half way through their year. For all other year groups half year reports will be sent out towards the end of January.



Terry Garbett
Secondary Head

At times modern technology can be very clever. Not necessarily useful, but clever nonetheless.

My phone for example tells me that on Tuesday 9th December I walked 10,001 steps or 9 km. yesterday it was 6,772 steps which equates to about 5.8 km. Looking back at my average steps per day whilst at work, it seems that in the last year I have walked approximately 640 km around the school.

Now why I need to know this is debatable, but it did get me thinking about what goes on at school and scale of things. So as this is the last newsletter article of mine for 2014, I thought I'd give you some facts and figures.

In the last year:

66,816 lessons have been taught by 58 teachers to around 540 students.

1,520 clubs have run, with a total of 4,560 club sessions starting as early as 6.30 in the morning, to after school and on Saturdays too.

Approximately 90,000 school lunches have been served by the KISU canteen in 3 different locations at 4 different times.

Coffee has been served about 3,940 times to our parents who choose to meet each morning in the canteen.

81,000 vehicles have passed through the school gates, travelling a total of 16,000 km through the car park.

I have greeted and waved to something like 35,000 of these vehicles; no wonder my arm aches sometimes.

Our students have taken part in 108 assemblies, almost every one involving the students performing and being on stage.

KISU students have covered over 540 km in the swimming pool during their lessons, let alone in clubs and competitions.

And so the list goes on.....

KISU is a busy school to say the least and sometimes it feels like some of our students almost live here: staff and parents too.

So now is a time for everyone to have a well earned rest. Whether you are staying in and around Kampala, heading up country, or travelling abroad; I hope you and your family have a wonderful break. It's only 3 weeks until it all starts again after all, so a bit of a rest will do everyone good.

Travel safely and for those of you who celebrate it, I wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas.

Have a great holiday.

Neil Wrightson.



My top 10 gadgets for 2014



As the shepherds watched their flocks by night, the term has come to an end and with it comes the last article of the year 2014 and what a year it has been. I have enjoyed telling you all about the emerging technologies and gadgets out there and I hope you were able to pick some of them up. So as we approach Christmas, which is the gadget that people are looking forward to? To be honest, that is hard to tell as there have been many that have hit the stores since the start of the year and so I think the choices are many.

If I were asked what I would like for Christmas other than the 90 inch 4k TV, I would say the Microsoft Surface pro 3. That is the one gadget that did it for me this year and I would like to have it. but here is my list of the top 10 gadgets of 2014

1. 90 inch 4k curve TV by Samsung
2. Surface Pro 3 by Microsoft
3. 27 inch iMac with Retina 5K display
4. iPhone 6 Plus
5. Note 4 by Samsung
6. 27 inch A740 All-in-One Desktop by Lenovo
7. Padfone by Asus
8. Google Glass by Google
9. QuietComfort 25 headphones by Bose
10. Oculus Rift Virtual reality glasses by Oculus

All these vary in prices but they are the kind of toys I would pick up if someone suddenly threw a couple of hundred dollars at my door step. Well people, I know you have your own list, I hope santa delivers this Christmas. Merry Christmas to you all.

Robert Buga

EXTRACTED FROM VOICES IN THE WIND issue no .7 – An anthology of students poetry

SPIRITS

Otherworldly beings wander his earth
 Beings that will never be found with
 the plain human eye.
 They soar through the sky
 when its time to feast.
 Completing the ritual on them;
 Just like the many before.
 Fog surrounds their victims,
 Constricting them,
 Killing them,
 From the inside.
 Devouring their souls
 ripping, tearing them to shreds
 like pieces of meat
 The entrails of their victims.
 Gone.
 The skin left behind ;
 a horrifying reminder
 of what once was.

Eternal struggle

Remember
 Apathetic answers to
 Cruel casualties are much too
 Commonplace amid treacherous tribulation. For
 Incandescence is but a word and
 Devastation our dire reality
 Eventually though, I'll remember. There is
 No such a thing as excruciation when your
 Thick, cold blood knows nothing but hypocrisy.

But I remember the devil was once an angel
 And I cannot help but forgive the
 Devil inside your soul

Ingrid Maciel Saito

6+1

At plot 7 on the 7th floor
 Lived a family with 7 kids
 And out in the garden
 Were 7 broken jars
 Each with seven missing lids
 But in the 7 jars
 Lived 7 ant families
 With either 7 daughters or sons
 And every day those 7 families
 Ate with 7 knives and folks
 7 tasty buns
 And those 7 buns
 Came from 7 different factories
 With 7 different logos
 But those 7 logos
 Came from the minds of 7 different people
 Living at plot 7 on 7th floor

Robin martin

The Morning sunrise

Early morning sunrise along the beach shores,
 The flawless waves
 of the ocean,
 The beauty of the bird's squawk,
 Beautiful nature
 of the beach shores,

The smell of the fruity trees,
 Touch of the flawless waves,
 The loud snores along
 the beach shores
 But quiet the shores are in July and August
 The salty sand washed away with clashing shores,
 With the tumbling waves along the ocean shores
 The beauty of
 the sunrise reflected
 towards the ocean,
 Heat towards the ocean shores early morning sunrise

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Useful Websites

If you would like more details about the curriculum your child is following or exams your child will be sitting you can check the web-sites below:

Cambridge International**Exams**

<http://cie.org.uk>

National Curriculum

<http://curriculum.qca.org.uk>

HOUSE POINTS

BWINDI	105
SEMLIKI	100
OTUKEI	138
KIBALE	140

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PTA NEWS

Well, the first term of 2014/2015 is over!!! Crazy to believe where the time has gone?

It has been an extremely busy and eventful first term and I am sure we are all; staff, teachers, parents & students alike; looking forward to a relaxing holiday – as I have no doubt that the second term is going to be just as busy and therefore pass by as quickly!

Unfortunately, it is that time of year, where we have to say good-bye to those of you leaving KISU and Uganda – I would like to wish you and your family all of the very best in your new venture...whether it be back home or somewhere new. Take care, keep in touch and treasure your memories of Uganda & Africa!!!

For those of you returning and happening to be going home for the holidays – KISU will be celebrating International Day on 27th March 2015, just before school closes for the end of the second term...so remember to bring all your traditional attire back with you.

School photo's will take place the second week back, from Tuesday 13th – Thursday 15th January. More details will follow once we are all back to school during the first week of term 2.

School will reopen on Tuesday 6th January 2015, but for now – travel safely, have a wonderful, safe and special holiday.

Merry Christmas to those celebrating and; to all the very best for the year ahead...2015!

Many thanks

Kind regards

Rose Bowmaker

PTA Chair

Message from Director of Sport

The ISSAK Primary Football season has started in earnest and our U11 girls and boys both played away to Heritage this week. The boys were unlucky not to hold on to a 3-1 lead and a thrilling game ended 3-3. The girls got off to a great start to their season, winning 1-0, so well done to Ms Rothwell and her squad.

Some people have been asking me when we are doing the Secondary Sports awards for season 1, which ended in November. I am keen to change the way that these awards are done this year, so we are going to change the format quite significantly. We intend to hold a single Sports Awards Gala Evening in late April / early May, to celebrate the achievements of ALL our U13, U16 and Open teams. Parents will be welcome to attend. There will be awards for members of every team and the evening will culminate in the awarding of an overall male and female sports person of the year award. We hope you will like this new format. Just to note that the Primary sports awards will continue to be done in assemblies for the time being.

So, term one is finally over. I urge everyone to have a well deserved rest and come back re-freshed, ready to work and play hard. In ISSAK there are many trophies up for grabs, so let's see how many of them we can get! In PE lessons there is much to learn that will help us lead happy, healthy lives, so let's focus when we return. Finally, I would like to reiterate my thanks to everyone who has supported PE and sport here at KISU this term, it is very much appreciated. Now go and enjoy your holiday!

John Porteous

Sports Director