



Dear Parents & Guardians,

We trust this finds you well.

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Global Teacher Prize

We are delighted to announce Ms Bernadette Nakasagala as our representative to attend the Global Education and Skills Forum 2018, held in Dubai this weekend, on behalf of GEMS Africa for CIK. Ms Bernadette teaches Business Studies to Year 7, 8 & 9 and BTEC to Year 10, 11 & 12 students. She is also the Year 8B form tutor,

The Global Teacher Prize is an award presented annually to an exceptional teacher who has made an outstanding contribution to their profession. The prize seeks to acknowledge the impacts of the very best teachers – not only on their students but on the communities around them.

Congratulations to Ms Bernadette who has made a significant difference in her students' lives. She deserves to be celebrated.

Commonwealth day

We were honored to celebrate Commonwealth Day at the school with the Uganda Olympic Committee, H.E. Mr Jonathan Ball - Australian Deputy High Commissioner, the Uganda Rugby Union Sevens team and several other schools. The students recited a beautiful poem about the unity of Commonwealth nations and participated in a #Team Uganda - Solidarity Theme Formation with the Uganda Rugby Union Sevens team. All the activities on the day were designed to promote our students' understanding of the #Commonwealth.

Primary choir participates in annual International Schools' Choir Festival

On 15th March, our Key Stage 2 students participated in the annual choir festival at KISU. Our students sang like angels and performed extremely well. It was a great showcase of the children's enthusiasm and vocal capabilities. Click [here](#) to see and hear for yourself. A special thanks to Ms Ruth for all her time and effort working with the choir.

International Easter fair

We are organising an International Charity Fair on Saturday 24th March 2018. The House games will start at 0900 followed by lunch in our International Food Court. The fair will be open to all school families and visitors

For UGX 5,000, you and your family will enjoy fun games and entertainment. Delicious international food & pastries will be available to buy with any profit going to support those less fortunate. You will also stand a chance to win lots of prizes from our raffle draw. All proceeds from the funfair will go to charity.

If you want to collaborate in organizing or have ideas to support the event, please contact Ms Maclynn at 0791480058

Exam week

Keep in your thoughts and prayers our Year 6, 11, 12 and 13 students who are studying so hard in preparation for their mocks that commence on 19th March 2018. We know that they will achieve everything of which they are capable. You can be sure to receive feedback in the days immediately following together with the next steps to be taken.

Tournament of minds at ISU

Well done and thanks to our primary and secondary students who took part in a “Tournament of minds” competition at ISU on 11th March. The students competed against other schools to solve long-term tasks and spontaneous challenges and came in second in the social science category. Thanks to Ms Paula, Ms Kay and Ms Merleita for all of the time they dedicated to coaching the teams and supporting them on the day.

Aga Khan’s University Entrance Fair

Year 12 visited the Aga Khan’s University Entrance Fair on 15th March and talked personally with representatives from over 18 UK universities, received answers about programs, admission requirements, student life and much more.

Student Led Conferences – Thursday 29th of March

Secondary Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on the top floor in the library and surrounding spaces. They will be a chance for you to get an academic progress report from every teacher working with your children.

Student Led Conferences will be taking place in the primary assembly room between 8:00-2:00 on Thursday the 29th of March. This will provide teachers, parents and students with the opportunity to have a 3-way discussion about progress and attainment over the last two terms and to discuss next steps. The children will also have the opportunity to share their books and learning activities with you in the classroom. Lessons will not take place on that day, but the children are expected to attend these meetings and should be wearing their school uniform.

Please email your child’s teacher directly to book an appointment in one of the following time slots. Appointments are made on a first-come first-served basis.

8:00-10:00

10:00-12:00

12:30-2:00

There is also a message on the class Edmodo pages.

Congratulations to winners of this year's Primary bookmark challenge. Attached are the names and pieces of work done. Well done well won.

ISSAK Football and Basketball Finals at Rainbow

Congratulations to our 4 teams which will represent GEMS in the ISSAK finals on Saturday, March 17, 2018. Please refer to attached email with key points for guidance on timings & fixtures for the respective matches.

Attached – primary newsletter, ISAAK finals email, weekly menu

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Whole school	Primary	Secondary
17th March	ISSAK Finals @ Rainbow		
19th March		Year 6 Checkpoint mocks	Year 11, 12 and 13 Mocks All week
21st March	Primary parent engagement session focusing on Maths.		
24 th March	International Fair – All students, all day, all staff and all welcome		
29 th March	Parent-Teacher day 0800-1430hrs		