



30th November, 2018

EMPATHETIC AND RESPECTFUL GEMS COMMUNITY

It has been a tough week for everyone connected with our community and, for many, the time ahead will be hard too. Please be reminded of the support available at school through our counselling and pastoral team. The staff and students have reacted with the respect and empathy that has allowed everyone to take the time they need at a sad moment.



BASKETBALL HOME MATCHES

Under 20 Boys and Girls will be playing their home matches starting at 1600hrs, on Wednesday 5th December; it would be great to see as many supporters as possible. We can then celebrate all that is good about the Basketball programme Coach Dan was such a key part of.

KUDOS TO THE SWIMMING TEAM

Congratulations to the ISAAK Swimming Team, who competed at ISU on Tuesday. After a very competitive day of racing, the team was placed third overall. They showed both a great team spirit and a determination to perform at their highest level. Well done.

GIRLS LIKE THAT

Tickets for "Girls Like That" are on sale for the performances on December 7th and 8th. Please contact Ms. Sibyl Rolle for further details s.rolle_cik@gemsedu.com



OUR SUCCESSFUL ENTERPRISE DAY

Following a successful Science Fair last Friday, the senior business event took place on Monday. Much that was learned about planning and organization will be taken forward and built upon for next term's project.



EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO NDERE CENTRE

KS1 enjoyed a cultural and educational trip to the Ndere Centre, where they enjoyed a range of activities while learning more about Ugandan culture. The African drums were a definite favorite. Thank you to the KS1 team for organizing the day and linking it so clearly back to the learning in class.



YEAR 9 AND 11'S OPTIONS EVENING

Options Evenings for Year 9 and 11 students will take place in the Secondary Library on Tuesday, for parents and students. There will be a short talk by Mr. Ben Green and Ms. Paula Wakwima at 1600hrs for Year 9 students and parents. This will be followed by a chance to interact with teaching staff. There will be a second talk by Mr. Ben Green and Mr. Euan Paterson at 1700hrs to introduce the Sixth Form and study options for Year 11 students; again, this will be followed by a chance to talk with individual subject teachers.

VISIT FROM AFRICAN HEARTS FOOTBALL TEAMS

Year 5 and 6 hosted the football teams from African Hearts, an NGO in Kampala. They were accompanied by 25 visitors from Australia, which made for a great atmosphere. Our children were gracious hosts, who ensured our visitors enjoyed their whole experience through the day at the school. Community links are vital to our learning in class and as the year progresses, more partnerships like this will hopefully flourish.



TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

Good luck to the "Tournaments of Minds" teams, who will be competing at ISU on Saturday. Thank you to the staff who have been running training sessions and will be accompanying the teams on Saturday. All the very best to you all.

3RD FUN FRIDAY

Primary House matches took place on Friday, as part of our third "Fun Friday" initiative. This was combined with collaborative Christmas Decoration making, in support of the CIPA 'Christmas Cracker' Bazaar. The children have really enjoyed the integration and completing activities with children from different Year groups.

SQUAD PARTY ALERT

This Friday afternoon the 'Squad Parties' for both Secondary and Primary teams will celebrate their success together with the coaches, who have supported them so well. We are hoping this will become an end of season tradition and a chance for team mates to recognize each other's contribution to training, matches and team spirit.



30th November
Squad Party Alert

1st December
Tournament of Minds

4th December
Options Evening

5th December
U20 boys and girls
basketball matches

7th & 8th December
Girls like that

8th December
CIPA Christmas Cracker

12th December
EYFS and Year One
Christmas show

13th December
Celebrating GEMS at 5 &
School Christmas Concert

14th December
End of Term One

