

21st -25th January, 2019

AN ALL TEAM WIN

Well done to all our sports teams on an excellent week. Every team at Heritage International School last Saturday 19th Jan, won their matches which was a terrific effort from all students and coaches across all teams. We also saw success at Rainbow on the football pitch and with the Under 13 girls.



GETTING UNIVERSITY READY

It is with great pleasure that GEMS CIK received the Global Study University fair together with their representatives on the 23rd January 2019. Year 11 to 13 together with a host of other Kampala based international schools were in attendance and the feedback on the value of the fair seems very positive. Organizations in attendance included Eastern European University, Limkokwing University, a British council representative, an Australia university representative, Aberdeen University, an India university representative, University of law, Cyberjaya University College of medical science, a Chinese university representative, a Canadian university representative and a USA university representative.

The importance of exposing young people to the opportunities available to them after their time at GEMS CIK is as fundamental to their educational experience here as a math's of science lesson. We hope that by meeting universities from around the world students are aware of the intricacies of course options available. For instance, Engineering is not one discipline, there are in fact over 40 and with connections through the CIK network we hope students feel empowered to search for and access such opportunities. We look forward to a continuing dialogue with our university partners so we encourage you to keep aware of future events and opportunities.

MOCK RESULTS OUT

Mock exam results were shared with Year 11, 12 and 13 students last week. The next step will be to meet with their teachers to plan the way forward. Experience suggests that students who look for advice and support following exam results are the ones who make the biggest improvement. We are looking forward to working with everyone to make that progress a reality and ensure that CIK hits the ambitious grade targets that have been set.

YR 6 MURCHISON FALLS THREE DAY TRIP

Thank you to Mr. Richie and Ms. Merelita for organizing and supervising an exciting and informative three-night trip to Murchison Falls. The children enjoyed their stop at Zhiwa Rhino Sanctuary on the way, seeing 8 Rhinos followed by exciting game drives in the park. Residential trips are vital in terms of developing independence and providing the children opportunities to collaborate with their peers outside of the school environment.



FUN FRIDAY

Fun Friday saw a Southern Hemisphere flavor with the children taking part in a range of Australian and NZ activities. This was linked to Australia Day on the 26th of January and Waitangi Day (NZ) on the 6th of February. Baking Anzac cookies and learning the Haka were thoroughly enjoyed.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT LA BISTRO

Last week, we did all our food handlers' tests. The food handlers' test is a requirement that has to be done in accordance with KCCA's policies on Food health and safety. It is carried out off-site, at the KCCA Offices, and upon successful completion, and compliance, each staff is issued with a food handlers' certificate. This test is done bi-annually. In future, we are looking at considering an independent audit of the Kitchen, where a locally accredited Company will be contracted to do an independent audit of our Kitchen. This will help us achieve 2 goals. To establish our hygiene levels at all times and set trends and expectations of our hygiene levels as per HCAAP (Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points) standards. Other endeavors so far are, we have adopted a 'clean as you go' approach, to avoid piling up dirt in the Kitchen. This also keeps the Kitchen sparkly at all times. We have engaged Diversey, a renowned cleaning Chemicals Company to conduct routine training of staff on hygiene standards, and put up notification on health and safety. These are everywhere. We have deliberately cut down on portion size, to avoid wastage of food. Students, especially the Secondary School are encouraged to ask for a bigger portion and return for seconds. No one is turned away.

REMINDER

Parents are reminded that the uniform store is open every day for sales of new uniform items that might be missing or in need of replacement.

NOTICE

Please note that school is closed for half term on Friday 1st March and that term ends on 5th April.

CALENDAR

*Dates for
your Diary*

31st January

La Chandeleur Week

1st February

FS 2 day field trip to the Zoo

2nd February

U9 Boys @ RISU & U9 Girls @ KISU

5th February

Chinese New Year

12th February

U9 Boys and Girls home, U11 Boys away to Ambrossoli

15th and 16th February

Academia Global Education Fairs

21st February

U11 Boys away to HIS & U11 Girls home to heritage

21st - 22nd February

Year 4 Camp Masaka