



PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents/Guardians

For your Information

**Kg 3 And Reception Reading Workshop
Wednesday 23rd April at 8.00am**

Reading is the most important academic skill your child will learn in school. It is the key to all academic work and to life long learning and enjoyment of reading.

If you are parents of a KG 3 or a Reception child and you wish to know how you can assist your child in learning to read and in enjoying reading you are invited to the Reading Workshop which will be conducted by Ms. Helen Priestman our early Years' Coordinator. It will be held in the school staffroom.

Mobile Phone Usage In School / Internet Chat

As you are aware students nowadays have far more to distract them from their studies than ever before. These distractions mainly occur through the internet: computer games etc. at home. However, sometimes they spill over into school time.

Please do not send students to School with a mobile phone unless it is absolutely necessary. A mobile at school is an unnecessary distraction. For transport emergencies the school phone is always available. For your information it has continued to be brought to our attention that in school and in the home, some are being used for the sort of girl/boy chit chat that used to take place only during lunch break.

Much of this chat is always going to be around and is nothing if not normal. However, the use of a mobile phone enables a person to be braver than they would be in a face to face chat! The language is less likely to be constrained by being heard. It also means that text messages can fly around outside of lunch break and this can be distractive in school.

"Complaints" also continue about the same kind of internet chat. If you were to want any advice, my advice would be that it would help students of this age who are very easily distracted to clear their MSN instant messaging contact lists of all local contacts and restrict the list to extended family and overseas contacts and to centrally locate their computer where you are able to monitor research.

The 12-15 yr old age groups are the most vulnerable. They are coming to terms with changes as they face oncoming adulthood whilst they are not yet socially experienced or mature. They can be expected at times to make social mistakes and behave in an immature manner. Until they do mature, they can be vulnerable. Being easily distracted is one of those aspects of their vulnerability. We can help them as parents and teachers by cutting down on those aspects of modern instant communication which can become huge distractions for this age group in school, if not obsessive ones, if allowed free rein at home and at school.

UN/International Day 24th October

A number of parents have asked about the UN or International Day occasion for the school. This is to inform you that our school will celebrate a United Nations Day around the 24th October which is the U.N. DAY. This is intended to be the major school community celebration/ get-together of the year.

School Uniform

This is compulsory. Please do not send your child to school without it. Many students leave jackets and cannot identify them again. They then cannot identify them in the pile kept in the lost property box because they did not put their name inside.

Assembly Recitals

Dr. Benon Kigozi has commenced introducing young musicians at assembly

Primary (11th April)

"The Knight and the Lady" was performed on the piano by Erick Gullberg (Year 2Z)

"Balloon Race" was performed on the guitar by Larry Meyer-Root (Year 5B)

Secondary (14 April)

"Let it be" will be sung as solo by Jale Pheby (Year 8GC)

Primary (18th April)

"Air No.17, Op. 37 will be performed on the piano by Jiwon Min (Year 4D)

"Sarabandi" will be performed by Daniel Lewis on the piano (Year 6M)

School Photographs

Ndende Pix Studio will be taking the class photographs next Thursday and Friday so please ensure that students are in correct uniform. They will take 5 shots of each class and the best photo will be chosen. You will be informed next Friday of the purchase procedure. If your child's class has a P.E./Swimming day their photo will be taken the following day.

Primary Information:-

Year 6 Outdoor Ed. Trip

This year the annual end of Year trip to Mombasa was cancelled due to the unpredictable situation. Even though the Kenyan situation seemed to have rectified itself, recent events have justified the caution to move the trips to Tanzania. We are given to understand that there are no pending elections there!

Thank you to all who attended the information night last night. I know the staff and students will have a great experience in Tanzania. Please remember deadlines for deposits.

Cards For Kids (Years 3 And 4)

Unfortunately, we have to cancel this club. If you were registered for this club and would like to participate in an alternative one, please collect a 'Second-Round' club sheet from the P.E. office.

Joke Club (Rec. and KS1)

Due to an oversight, Joke Club was left off the club selection sheet. If your child would like to participate in this Thursday club, please inform the Head of Primary.

P.E Information:-

Thank You Parents!!!

Last week we asked for volunteers to help with our Swimming Gala next week. The response has been fantastic with many parents coming forward to offer help (though we could still use walkie-talkies to help with communication). Thank you for your support!!!

Swim Against Malaria

Students have been collecting kilometers and KISU is well on its way to our first destination of Arua. Many children would like to swim more; as a result, we are offering upper Primary students the opportunity to swim at various times during the day. KS 2 intermediate and advanced swimmers can swim at lunch under the supervision of teachers and swimming instructors. On Tuesday and Thursday, these same swimmers can sign up the day before (Monday and Wednesday) but only if they do not already have a club.

Please note: all Swimming Clubs (KG-Secondary) on Wednesday are cancelled next Wednesday due to our Swimming Gala.

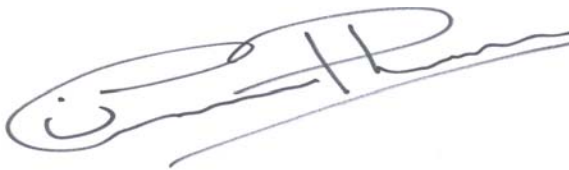
Aga Khan Health Service Fair On Sunday 20th April

Venue: Aga Khan Primary School in Old Kampala. Please find details of this worthy and healthy event attached.

April/May, Sports Timetables Activities

Please find attached timetables.

Best Wishes.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Graham Pheby', written over a horizontal line.

**Graham Pheby
Principal**