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International Music Day has MIS rocking

Sports Day next on the horizon.

With International Music Day behind us, our thoughts turn to another great occasion at MIS. Sports Day with the Spirit Cup is on 12th October; just 10 days away.

Team Triathlon

Last weekend, while our swim squad were hauling in the medals at Isamilo, around 65 MIS students of all ages participated in a sports festival of waterpolo, volleyball and banda football. All the students split into teams of 6 and competed in all three sports against each other for around 4 hours of fun and competition. A team consisting of Mervin, Talapo, James, Laurent, Georgina and Margaret were the eventual winners. Thank you to Mr Gibbins for organising it but also to Mr Street, Mr Otswisa, Mr Othieno, Miss Laizer, Mussa and Mrs Germain for helping and supporting the event.

Thank you to our 4 A level Geography students who gave us important information and advice about saving energy and our planet in Thursday's Secondary School assembly.

Housepoints Scoreboard

VICTORIA	612 points
KILIMANJARO	425 points
ULUGURU	416 points
RUAHA	345 points

International Education Fair

On Saturday morning for 2 hours, the Gregorios A Nikitas Hall was put to good use as TanSao brought along 8 people who represented more than 20 Universities from around the world including the UK, USA and Canada. Most of the MIS Year 11, 12 and 13 students visited along with a few parents to ask about Higher Education options after AS and A levels. Several of the representatives commented on how mature and well-informed our students were and they are looking forward to visiting again in the future. As our reputation grows as an A level school, these connections with Universities and colleges will grow leading to more scholarship opportunities. Thanks to Mr Sanford and those ground staff who helped set up this event. Another big step in the progress of MIS.

This was the second year that MIS had celebrated International Music Day, an occasion recognised around the world on 1st October each year. Once again it fell on a weekend allowing us to celebrate the day in style with 5 hours of music and dance showcasing the various talents of so many MIS students as performing arts in the school have developed since their introduction into the curriculum 3 years ago. It began at around 11.00 with Kengeli and Judy singing a duet to kick off the karaoke competition. Further performances followed from Arish, Charlotte, Sarita, Trusha, Angel, Derick (who received a tumultuous reception for his rendition of *Despacito*), Epi, Lucy and the only staff performance of the day with Joseph and Mrs Leroux singing quite an emotional version of *Don't know much*. In the end it was **Lucy Kiluma** who took first place with MIS's newest student, Arish being judged second and third with his two songs. We then moved on to the Lips Sync competition with many familiar faces involved including Judy, Kengeli, Charlotte, Sarita and Angel. It was the sibling partnership of **Ellie and Ethan Thompson** who won, though, miming to *Can't be erased* with Hellen and Margaret as a duet and Kayla on her own sharing second place. In the rap battle **Shacky** stole the show with a great performance including an MIS chant. However, the standard was exceptional with all four contestants; Arish, Shacky's group and Lucy Kiluma all scoring highly with the judges. There was a lot of variety from the eight acts that competed in the dance competition. Derrick and Mustafa seemed to win the audience vote with their routines but the judges decided to give first place to the Gracious Group who had come to MIS just for the competition and gave an exciting but also very disciplined performance. Unfortunately they didn't realise that, having won, they were supposed to return for the afternoon concert. So Salome's group who finished in second place reprised their dance in the afternoon con-

cert instead. In that concert which lasted about one and a half hours, apart from the four category prize winners, there were keyboard performances from Sarita and Elizabeth, another duet from Ethan and Ellie, a performance from Miss Irene's dance troupe and then Zan, Faraja, Elizabeth and Anneth danced as a foursome. By popular demand, Derick and Mustafa danced together. Neema and Georgina then gave a wonderful interpretation of Sam Smith's *I'm not the only one*. Shacky, who had declined to repeat his winning rap from the morning, then performed *Controller* with Zhade. Neema closed proceedings with her version of *Echo*. After Mr Gibbins had announced the raffle winners, Max Rioba from Authentic Media who had helped our IGCSE music students with a session in their music studios in Dar two weeks ago, came to the stage to



David Dallas demonstrates his musical prowess and our brand new drum kit

give his thanks for being able to be part of such a great occasion and to observe that MIS actually has great musical talent within its student body and explained that they would give a free recording deal to Lucy and Shacky as winners of the two singing competitions. He then sang *Beautiful Girls* with his colleague, Peter. There was one more song and a bit of freestyle rap to conclude a fantastic day at around 4.00 p.m.

Apart from all the musical and dance performances, Mr Otswisa had provided some instrumental workshops in the morning. There had also been a music quiz jointly won by Vanessa and Mr Carlin who both scored 60 out of 60. The raffle raised almost TSh300,000/= with the prize winners being: **Mr Green**

(Dinner for 2 at Red Chilli Restaurant), Dianarose (Bottle of red wine from Pira's), Miss Laleo (50,000/= voucher for Nashera), Miss Williams (100,000/= voucher for Thai Khani Restaurant), Dian van de Laak (300,000/= car service from Babu's Garage), Nia (one year's free pool membership at MIS).

Well done to Mrs Singh and the School Council for organising the raffle but especially to Epi and Allie who were selling tickets throughout. Thank you also to the PTA for working tirelessly throughout on their stall raising around TSh550,000/=. Nashera Hotel also did a fantastic job with their catering. There was also face painting, a bouncy castle and other activities for the younger children.

Thank you to all the students, parents and staff who made it such a successful day. A special mention should go to our fabulous MC for the day, Mr Gibbins, to Mussa and Collin and the Kilimanjaro Audio Visual Services who provided the sound system and several technicians and to the two major sponsors; Highlands Estates and Synergy Investments who each donated TSh1 million/= towards the brand new drum kit. The PTA donated the balance for us to purchase the great new addition to our music department. Around the middle of the day, the drums were unveiled and David in year 10 gave a brilliant solo demonstration to show what a valuable new dimension they will provide to future musical events at Morogoro International School. With such generous donations, it means the money raised by the school from non-uniform day on Friday and other money generating activities on Sunday can be directed towards other enhancements to our music department such as microphone stands. Lastly but not least, a massive thank you to the main organiser, Mr Otswisa.

...And finally... Full details of exactly how much money was raised will be provided in next week's Moro Times.