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## ASSEMBLIES

On Thursday, Mr Street set the scene for Sports Day with a demonstration of the blindfold race that depended entirely on good communication and teamwork, 2 very important qualities in sport and life in general. Well done to Mr Nyagwaya and Lissa who beat Mr Germain and Nick of Ruaha in an hilarious final. Mr Germain then updated us on the Key Stage 3 tracking system with Aariz still well out in the lead with 124 level ones. Mr Green then invited students to join the environmental club to be part of the committee that makes MIS an international eco-school. **Application forms to join the club/committee are available from Dianarose at reception.** In Friday's primary school assembly, Mr Carlin talked about how our culture defines us and how important it is to respect other cultures just as he had to do when he accompanied Martin on a visit to his own planet where everyone behaved rather differently to humans.

In the secondary school assembly on 28th September **Glory, Novia, Pius, Zhade & Nia** were awarded miniature Eiffel Towers as the French prize winners for September.

## Housepoints Scoreboard

VICTORIA	942 points
KILIMANJARO	662 points
RUAHA	655 points
ULUGURU	603 points

**Welcome to** 2 new volunteer teachers; Former student, **Masooma** is helping out with teaching art across the whole school while **Evelyn** is an additional assistant in Year 2.

## Music weekend raises 548,000/=

The wonderful International Music Day celebrations of last Sunday raised 240,000/=. Along with the non-uniform day on Friday this made a total of 548,000/= towards equipment for our music department:

Non-uniform day: **308,000/=**, Raffle: **260,000/=**, Music workshop: **10,000/=**, Face painting and competitions: **50,000/=** LESS expenses: **80,000/=**.

# Primary prefects have a great time at Mikumi

Thank you to Mr Germain and Miss Branagan for taking the newly elected prefects and Headgirl and Headboy to Mikumi for their traditional bonding trip on Friday. It was a fantastic expedition. How fantastic? Well, just read this report from Primary School Headgirl, **Charlotte Sanford**:

*The Mikumi trip was a big blast. We had loads of fun together and learnt a lot. On Friday after school Mr Germain drove us to Tan-Swiss. On the way we saw two lionesses and one male lion and they had just killed a buffalo and were now resting. We arrived in Tan-Swiss, set up our tents and went for a swim whilst waiting for our dinner. On Saturday we woke up at 5.30 a.m. and went in the Noah to drive to the park. On the way, the lions were still there and were eating the buffalo. When we arrived we saw a lot of animals. First we went to the hippo pool and saw a herd of about 150 buffaloes drinking water. We also saw seven hippos sleeping and one was either kicked out of its group or was sent to scare the buffaloes away. After that, we drove around the park and saw quite a lot of giraffes, a few zebras but thousands of antelopes, impala and two duikers. In the distance we spotted two female lions. A giraffe was heading for them but hadn't seen them. After two hours of driving around the park, we settled down at a small place with cement chairs and tables to have juice and corn-*

*flakes in yoghurt for breakfast. While eating we saw a young elephant drinking water at the watering hole. At the end of the trip we saw a male lion 2 metres away from the road waiting for his food to digest after that feast of buffalo. In total we saw hippos, buffaloes, duikers, crocodiles and elephants crossing the road five metres away. We also saw giraffes, zebras, baboons, vervet monkeys and millions of different birds before we finally drove home on Saturday afternoon.*

*This experience has been great for bonding, team spirit and working together as the primary prefects team. This will enable us to become better leaders for the whole of Primary School. This trip was not only fun but it brought us together.*



The 6 intrepid MIS explorers AKA The Primary School prefect team

## YEAR 11 VISIT TOBACCO FACTORY

On Tuesday, 3rd October, the Business and Geography students headed out on the school bus to the tobacco factory at Tanzanian Leaf Tobacco Company to learn about its processes and manufacturing and packaging of the tobacco leaf.

We were 22 students accompanied by Mr Nyagwaya, Mr Gizaza and Mrs Singh.

It was a 15 minutes bus ride to the factory and, once we got there, the teachers sorted out final formalities before we were all welcomed inside.

Firstly we were taken to the hall and the representatives of the different departments within the factory gave us a short insight into the workings of the factory. We got to know about their sourcing of tobacco, the legal formalities involved and the labour side of it all. There were about five heads of department who each gave us a short talk and then, at the end, gave us the opportunity to ask questions. We had already prepared questions at school and they informatively answered them all and asked if we had more. We were then given cotton masks for our safety; if exposed to tobacco dust for too long, it can be harmful.

We were led on a tour of the factory from the beginning where the bales are unloaded to the picking for rubbish up to the packaging and transportation in containers. They showed us the way tobacco was packaged and showed us a sample of their produce. We thanked them for their excellent hospitality and returned to the bus after taking a few photos of our memorable experience. We then headed to Saddiq Fast Food to treat ourselves to a little dessert after the long day. We are thankful to all the teachers and people who organised such a fantastic trip. **BY SHABBIR RASHID (YR 11).**

**And there was one more school trip last week:** Thank you to Mussa, Ms Williams and Mr Otswisa as well as driver, Abdallah who took 43 boarders for a great night out at Dragonaires on Saturday.

# Annual Sports Day on Thursday

We reach the end of the first half term of the school year this week which also means it is time for one of the most exciting days of the year in the MIS school calendar. Thursday is Sports Day which also includes the Spirit Cup. A year ago Ruaha held on to the trophy for the third year in a row and Victoria

took the Spirit Cup. Perhaps this year, it will be the turn of Uluguru or Kili to shine. The day starts at 7.50 with final house meetings and then the opening parade at 8.15. Competition begins at 8.45 a.m. and will end at around 3.00 p.m. with the very exciting cannon relay. Some secondary school field events

will take place on Wednesday afternoon.

**...And finally...**The Sports Day assembly will be at 9.20 on Friday. When it ends will signal the beginning of the half term holiday. We hope many parents will attend Sports Day and the assembly.