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Final assembly of 2017 is full of celebration

First events of 2018:

The first MIS events of 2018 will be The Spelling bee on Thursday afternoon and then a Mountain hike up the Uluguru mountains on Saturday morning. In between these two events, Friday is a Public Holiday for Zanzibar Day.

Housepoints Scoreboard

VICTORIA	3845 points
KILIMANJARO	3306 points
RUAHA	3211 points
ULUGURU	2874 points

First Term Roll of Honour.

Secondary subject awards: Mathematics: **Elihaika Lyimo**, English Language: **Pius Mapunda**, ESL: **Derick Rutazaa**, English Lit: **Nia Mbago**, ICT: **Jennifer Barnabas**, Science: **Mohammedmehdi Rashid**, French: **Selina Somji**, Swahili: **Novia Woiso**, Geography: **Ebrahim Hakimjee**, History: **Patricia Kwayu**, Music: **Elizabeth Joshua**, PE: **Yuki Omori**, Art: **Lerato Foya**, Drama: **Grant Misinzo**, Business Studies: **Dominic Kapungu**, Economics: **Nia Mbago**, Accounting: **Vanessa Dickson**, Physics: **Epifania Assenga**, Chemistry: **Kaysan Khakoo**, Biology: **Arish Fozan**, General Studies: **Joseph Sumari**, PSHE: **Novia Woiso**.

Effort Awards: Nursery: **Samuel**, Year 2: **Lamak**, Year 4: **Anhar**, Year 5: **Laura**, Year 7: **Elihaika & Lydia**, Year 8: **Kent & Novia**, Year 9: **Eliatosha, Firdaus & Pius**, Year 12/13: **Arish**.

Achievement Awards: Reception: **Riley**, Year 1: **Doreen**, Year 3: **Mish'al**, Year 6: **Louis**, Year 7: **Alfred**, Year 8: **Novia**, Year 9: **Pius**, Year 10: **Vanessa**, Year 11: **Shabbir**, Year 12: **Joseph**, Year 13: **Epifania**.

Best boarders: **Lerato Foya** (Year 7), and **Yuki Omori** (Year 10).

Note: Star Champions, Value Award winners and poetry competition winners will be given in next week's newsletter.

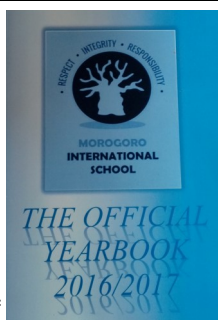
The end of term assembly on 7th December broke records in several respects. Firstly it lasted almost 2 hours finishing at around 12.55 p.m. Great credit should be given to all the pupils of MIS especially the very young ones who behaved impeccably during a marathon event that included 18 different people addressing the assembly which must also be a record. It demonstrated how the whole school community has come together over recent years to make a contribution to MIS. The whole assembly was also watched by what must be a record number of parents and other spectators.

The extravaganza began at just after 11.00 a.m. with a short Powerpoint journey through the highlights of the term put together by Mr Germain. The Headgirl, Epi and Headboy, JC then gave their address to the assembly followed by their Primary School counterparts, Charlotte and Louis. They all spoke brilliantly and delivered a different message in a different style. Miss Angelo then came to the stage to tell us all about the work going on with respect to MIS becoming an eco-school. She reported that TSh1,142,000/= had been raised from the Eco-week activities that had taken place the week before and announced that an environmental tax was to be introduced into the school in 2018 charged to anyone who either drops or ignores litter on our compound. Several students told us about the importance of being aware of our environment and giving advice on how we can help protect it. Rahma in Year 6 then read out her letter suggesting ideas on how we can conserve water which was then presented to Miss

Angelo. The next presentations came from the School Council. Mrs Singh, who has done a fantastic job in galvanising the student run Board, explained how money had been raised in various activities throughout the term and how the School Council had decided that some of the money should be diverted towards showing our appreciation of the support staff at MIS. The individual packages were then handed to the unsung heroes of our school who keep the grounds and boarding houses clean and tidy. There were also hampers put together by years, 6, 7, 8 and 9 to be given to the local home for disabled children, EMFERD. Year 6 were judged to have made the best hamper and will be rewarded with an ice cream

Miss Williams then told us about the amazing response to the poetry competition that had been running during November. **Elia Dixon** in Year 4 won the overall prize in Primary School and was presented with the Jiya Trivedi Memorial trophy. **Edward Lissu** in Year 10 was named as our Poet Laureate for winning the secondary school competition. All the poems were on the topic of "What's going on in the world at the moment." The Primary School dance club then performed two dances before Mrs Sanford came up to summarise the exploits of our swimming squad this term including giving participation certificates to our 58 swimmers who represented MIS so magnificently at the MIS invitational. Golden certificates were presented to **Epifania Assenga** and **Ebrahim Hakimjee** for their great dedication and help towards making the event such a success. Vanessa and Lucy then presented T-shirts and certificates to participants of the School Council organised Fun Run that was held in late October. Star Champions were then given their certificates before the up to date housepoints scoreboard was revealed with Victoria well ahead. We ended as we had started with a member of the Germain family providing the entertainment as Mrs Germain had the children from her Primary School club perform a series of ballet dances in a ballet circus. Unfortunately, because the boarding students had to leave on their bus, there was insufficient time for the traditional closing dance of RESPECT but I am sure that will be resurrected this term. A list of the award winners at this assembly and the Secondary School Awards assembly the day before are given in the column to the left of this article.

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party this term. After all the talking and presentations it was finally time for some music and Mrs Leroux provided it with almost the whole of primary school singing a beautiful French song, Petit Papa Noël. After the effort, achievement and boarding awards were handed out, it was the turn of secondary school to provide a musical interlude with Shacky and Lucy giving us some rapping. Allie came to the stage to tell everyone about the work of SUSO this term and announce that TSh300,000/= raised from the recent film night would be presented to EMFERD.

Kili win the debating competition

Junior Senior TOTAL

On the last day of term, Allie and her SUSO team organised the first ever MIS interhouse debating competition. Key Stage 4 and 5 competed in the school hall while Key Stage 3 displayed their debating skills in the big banda. Once the shackles of self consciousness were shaken off, most participants warmed to the occasion and there were some excellent debates on a

diversity of subjects ranging from the contemporary topics of use of mobile phones and video games to more contentious and emotive themes such as homosexual marriage and abortion. In the end Victoria won the senior event and Kilimanjaro won the junior competition with Kili being overall champions. The final scoreboard was as follows:

Kilimanjaro	399	461	860
Victoria	349	501	850
Ruaha	366	465	831
Uluguru	363	419	782

...And finally...this was great preparation for the EAMUN in February when our delegation will represent South Sudan and Sao Tome & Principe in Nairobi.