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Handball tournament replaces mountain hike

THIS TERM'S CALENDAR

MONDAY, 15TH TO FRIDAY, 20TH JANUARY:

Disability Awareness Week.

SATURDAY, 20TH JANUARY: Visit to Rock

Garden. Year 11-13 visit Dragonaires.

MONDAY, 22ND JANUARY TO THURSDAY, 1ST

FEBRUARY: IGCSE mock exams.

FRIDAY, 26TH, SATURDAY, 27TH JANUARY:

National junior swimming championships at DSC.

SATURDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY: MIS Talent Show.

SATURDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY: Valentine's disco.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY: Valentine's

party in Primary School.

THURSDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY: MIS Interhouse

Swimming gala assembly.

FRIDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY: MIS Swimming gala

assembly. Deadline for CIE entries. Year 11 Parent teacher consultations. End of half term for term 2.

MONDAY, 19TH TO FRIDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY:

HALF TERM. EAMUN in Nairobi.

FRIDAY, 23RD, SATURDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY:

Taliss Invitational swimming gala.

MONDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY: Return to school

with 100 days smarter.

THURSDAY, 1ST MARCH: World Book Day.

SATURDAY, 3RD MARCH: Masters swimming

championships in Arusha.

SATURDAY, 3RD TO SUNDAY, 4TH MARCH: Trip

to Mikumi.

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY, 5TH MARCH:

AS/A Level mock exams.

SUNDAY, 11TH MARCH: MIS biathlon.

SATURDAY, 17TH MARCH: Camping weekend

for Years 11 and 13

FRIDAY, 23RD MARCH: Headboy and Headgirl

elections in secondary school.

SATURDAY, 24TH MARCH: International Day

and MIS World Cup.

SATURDAY, 24TH, SUNDAY, 25TH MARCH:

Club national swimming championships in Dar.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH MARCH: Whole school

assembly.

THURSDAY, 29TH MARCH: Parent teacher

consultations. End of Term 2

Note: There are some changes to the dates stated in a letter issued on 23rd November.

In a week when persistent rain brought the early closure of the school on Thursday as Morogoro found itself under water, it was no surprise that the mountain was deemed unfit to climb on Saturday morning. As Mr Gibbins made the decision to cancel the hike, he quickly swung into action with an alternative plan. Never wanting to see the boarders at a loose end especially when the weekend was extended to three days with Zanzibar Day celebrated on Friday, the Head of Boarding marked out a handball pitch on the field, bought some non-alcoholic wine as a winners' prize and then coaxed a majority of the boarders on to the school field at around 1.00 p.m. on Saturday. The weather was now dry and hot as the 45 participants including teacher, Mr Othieno sorted themselves into 6 teams. Every team played everyone else in 15 five minute matches. General handball rules were observed with the added dimension of goals scored by year 7 or 8 or primary school pupils

counting double. Although the format was a league, it turned out that the final match was effectively the final as the two leading teams met. Dennis's team who had won all their previous 4 games took on Rahim's team who had won 3 and drawn won. Rahim's team, knowing they had to win the match in order to win the tournament, set off like a train and it was only some brilliant reflexes from



Derick dives low to his right to save Sam's penalty and effectively win the competition for Dennis's team

Man of the Match goalkeeper, Derick that kept them at bay. Dennis then look over with his all action style and his team raced into a 3-1 lead. With less than a minute to go, Dennis's all-action approach became a little over exuberant as he flattened primary

school pupil, Sam. The year 6 boy picked himself up to try and score what would have been an equalising penalty but Derick made another fantastic save down to his right. Rahim's team lost heart at that point and Dennis's team added a fourth to make certain of claiming the bottle of 'champagne'. Well done to the winning team of Blandina, Laurent, Margaret, Ian George, captain, Dennis and their heroic goalie, Derick.

A big thank you to Mr Gibbins for organising the event.

Disability Awareness Week

As has become tradition at MIS, we are setting aside one week of the school year to dedicate to Disability Awareness. During PSHE lessons and assemblies this week, activities and workshops will be taking place to get everyone to think about those with disabilities and how we might make their lives better.

Ruaha are spelling champs

Whilst the heavy rain wiped out the secondary school assembly which will instead happen this morning and the early finish to school on Thursday meant the secondary school spelling bee did not take place, Primary School managed to squeeze their competition in on Thursday morning. It kicked off with nursery, impressing us with their knowledge of beginning letter sounds as they could pick out 'm' for monkey, 'e' for egg and 's' for snake. Reception then showed off their reading and comprehension skills by painting pictures (in their house colours) that matched words they were shown. There were some brilliant 'cat' and 'dad' paintings! In Year One, the children re-jumbled letters to spell words like boot, fork and chips, whilst Year Two played anagram countdown with some nature-related words. Year Three picked up their fishing rods and hooked letters out of Ms Talley's paddling

pool to spell some new words, including an impressive 'monkey' fished out by Vanessa Gumbu. Year 4 took on some challenging New Year's related words that included 'celebrate' and 'January', with Ruaha winning every round. Year 5 showed off their acting skills with a game of spelling charades, where there were some interesting flamingo, elephant and giraffe impressions along with some even more impressive spelling. We finished the Spelling Bee with the 'Right or Wet' round for Year 6. A representative from each house stood with their whiteboard and pen in the paddling pool with either Miss Angelo, Mrs Germain, Ms Laleo or Mr Carlin standing behind them holding a cup full of water. Words included 'philosophy', 'exercise', 'luxurious' and 'participate', with only Zainab from Kilimanjaro avoiding a soaking! The overall winners of the Spelling Bee were Ruaha, closely

followed by Kilimanjaro in 2nd place. Victoria came in 3rd with Uluguru bringing up the rear in 4th place. Along with Ruaha being the overall winners, a special 'spirit' prize was given out to every member of Kilimanjaro for their chanting, cheering and team spirit. Well done to all the super Primary School spellers and their houses for another successful Spelling Bee!

Final scoreboard:

1st: Ruaha 30 pts
2nd: Kilimanjaro 26 pts
3rd: Victoria 25 pts
4th Uluguru 20 pts

Thank you to Miss Branagan for organising such a brilliant competition and for writing this report.

...And finally... Clubs start today. Make sure you turn up on time at the correct place and in appropriate clothing.