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MIS launches a litter tax

Key dates this half term.

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.

Housepoints Scoreboard

VICTORIA	4063 points
KILIMANJARO	3445 points
RUAHA	3420 points
ULUGURU	3006 points

POETRY COMPETITION WINNERS

At the end of the secondary school assembly last week, Ellie read out a lovely poem that she had written on the subject of Disability. Ellie is one of 12 winners of the poetry competition that took place in November. Apart from the overall Primary School winner of the Jiya Trivedi trophy, **Elia Dixon** and the new Poet Laureate in secondary school, **Edward Lissu**, the list of winners was:

Yr 1: **Adrian**, Yr 2: **Janelle**, Yr 3: **Vanessa**, Yr 5: **Laura**, Yr 6: **Charlotte**, Yr 7: **Salman**, Yr 8: **Lissa**, Yr 9: **Ellie**, Yr 10: **Nia**, Yr 11: **Gina**, Yr 12/13: **Joseph**.

IGCSE EXAMS START THIS WEEK.

Year 11 IGCSE mock exams begin today and continue through to 1st February. Please show respect to our candidates by maintaining silence whenever in the vicinity of the school hall. A list the room changes for all other classes will be issued this morning. Room 8 is the Year 11 supervised study room.

After three years of trying various initiatives to eradicate the blight of litter on our beautiful campus, the Eco-club seem to have finally come



Three of our Eco Prefects, Lydia, Zan and Trusha collect rubbish with the whole school on Friday

up with the solution. On Friday morning after the entire school cleared the MIS site of litter, Miss Angelo gathered everyone together to explain that this was to be the moment when litter was forever eliminated from our school. Anyone who drops litter or walks past litter without picking it up will

from now on be recorded in a book. Every mention in the book constitutes a 200 shilling fine. These fines (litter tax) will be added up at the end of the term and must be paid before end of term reports are issued. As was stressed on Friday and in the Secondary School assembly on Thursday when eco-prefect, Trusha spoke so well, the money collected is not important (in fact we hope that we do not collect any taxes at all) but it is a change in mindset that we want to achieve. Every MIS pupil should leave this school with a good education that includes understanding that litter is wrong; litter is bad for the environment; litter will destroy the planet. It was such a joy to walk around the campus on Friday and at the weekend seeing not a scrap of litter anywhere. Long may it continue.

Visit to the Sustainable Agriculture Farm.

Also on the theme of conserving our environment, the Year 11 students visited the Sustainable Agricultural Farm on the final Wednesday of last term. Here is Neema's report:

"We help the local environment and teach the children of our future

about organic farming," our tour guide explained. She was also the owner of the farm and was an inspiring character. After a brief tour of their offices, we met her lovely husband who then both gave us a three hour guide around the premises. Lastly, we visited their small shop where they sold products fresh from their farm. It was amazing; the knowledge of the area that we gained and the techniques used on the farm which are extensive as well as the love and warmth all the staff had for organic material. This trip was so worthwhile. **Neema Kanju.**

DISABILITY AWARENESS

During PSHE lessons and in two powerful assemblies last week, everyone in MIS considered the way we think about people with disabilities and how we should treat them remembering that any of us could have a disability in an instant. Well done to Year 9 for their assembly and Powerpoint presentation and thank you to the SEN department, Mr Otieno and Mrs Sanford for all the preparation they did for the week. Just as with environmental awareness, it is about **CHANGING HEARTS!**

The final list of prize winners from 2017

In part two of the first term roll of honour we recognise the Value Award winners and the Star champions

VALUE AWARDS:

Year 7: **Elihaika Lyimo** (RESPECT), **Salman Rashid** (INTEGRITY), **Blandina Fonga** (RESPONSIBILITY). Year 8: **Ian Mhina** (RESPECT), **Lamiyah Kasuwi** (INTEGRITY), **Aariz Khakoo** (RESPONSIBILITY). Year 9: **Khansha Kashif**

(RESPECT), **Arwa Nahdi** (INTEGRITY), **Nicholas Ngu-saru** (RESPONSIBILITY). Year 10: **Yuki Omori** (RESPECT), **Nia Mbago** (INTEGRITY), **Nyaso Kitambi** (RESPONSIBILITY), Year 11: **Lucy Kiluma** (RESPECT), **Ian Kukaza** (INTEGRITY), **Selina Somji** (RESPONSIBILITY), Year 12/13: **Esther Mkilania** (RESPECT), **Farid Kombo** (INTEGRITY), **Mubeena Suleiman** (RESPONSIBILITY).

STAR CHAMPIONS:

Michaela (nursery), **Saleh** (Reception), **Doreen** (Yr 1), **Tahlia** (Yr 2), **Amaka** (Yr 3), **Sarita** (Yr 4), **Tasneem** (Yr 5), **Wasif** (Yr 6), **Alfred** (Yr 7), **Kent** (Yr 8), **Ibrahim & Pius** (Yr 9), **Ismail** (Yr 10), **Miriam** (Yr 11), **Epifania** (Year 12/13).

...And finally... Overall level 1 leaders after 2 weeks of term 2 are: **Pius** (Yr 7), **Novia** (Yr 8) and **Alfred** (Yr 9).