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Basketball success & Blind Date at MIS

Another busy week to conclude the half term:

Wednesday, 14th February 10.30 to midday: Primary School Valentine's party. Tickets for 5000/= to cover food and games are on sale today.

Wednesday, 14th February evening: Secondary School Valentine's party and disco including romantic meal for the Blind Date winners.

Thursday, 15th February, 7.50 to 8.10 a.m: House meetings followed by the opening parade and cheerleading routines by the poolside. **At 8.30 a.m.** the inter-house swimming gala begins ending at around **3.30 p.m.**

Friday, 16th February, 7.50 to 8.10 a.m: EAMUN presentation to Secondary School.

Friday, 16th February, 9.10 to 10.10 a.m: Swimming gala celebration assembly.

Friday, 16th February, 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m: Post IGCSE parent/teacher meetings for Yr 11

During the half term holiday:

MIS delegation of students & staff travel to Nairobi for the 5 day EAMUN conference.

23rd and 24th February: Piranhas compete in the Taliss swimming gala in Dar.

During the weekend, while 13 Year 10s were on a school trip in Zanzibar, there were two activities taking place at MIS in a busy weekend. It began at around 4.30 on Friday afternoon when the MIS Falcons took to the basketball court and won their first ever match on home soil as they beat The Muslim University 69-37. Coach Joseph Assey also made a playing contribution



Coach Joseph gives out instructions to The Falcons during a time out in MIS's first win at basketball on our new court.

and raised the standard of the entire team by his example. By the end of the match, the Falcons were playing some brilliant basketball as the scoreboard gave them the confidence to really express themselves. Well done to the whole team.

On Saturday morning Mr Gibbins gathered all the boarding students plus a few day students to the big banda to explain the arrangements for the first ever MIS **Blind Date** game. Those who wanted to participate were then led down to the School Hall with Mr Street bringing the audience a few minutes later. There followed an hour and a half of great entertainment as hopeful singletons asked their questions to three anonymous 'victims' of the opposite sex who then provided their responses in writing. Mr Street read the boys' answers and Sakina was the voice over for the girls. The 'winning' couples were:

Colin & Elizabeth, Edson & Aika, Patricia & Farid, Faraja & Ethan, Kelvin & Gina. They will now go out for their dates of a candlelit meal of pizza and non-alcoholic champagne on Valentine's night served by the swimming pool by the organiser and presenter of the whole event, MIS's answer to Cilla Black, Mr Gibbins. Also on Wednesday, the School Council will be delivering all those fantastic Valentine's cakes that you have been ordering.

Please note that we now have new bins around the site bought and clearly labelled by the eco-club. There is now no reason at all to litter!

SWIMMING GALA. One of the best days of the school year is nearly upon us. The final programme for the swimming gala with all the swimmers entered will be finalised and sent out tomorrow. Let's see lots of parents there to support!

Year 7 trip to Udzungwa is educational and fun

Last weekend, the year 7 students went on a trip to the Udzungwa Mountains leaving on Friday, 2nd February and returning just in time for the Talent Show at school the next day. Here is a full report:

We left school at 8am on Friday morning and began our journey to the Udzungwa Mountains (Udzungwa Falls Lodge), we were welcomed with glasses of juice. After we dropped off our bags, we began our hike where we saw Red Colobus Monkeys and heard about the food chains of the different species that live in the tropi-

cal rain forest. Our tour guide, James was very knowledgeable. Then after we got back, we ate our lunch and had some free time. Some people went swimming and some played football. As time passed, we all got tired and went to shower and get ready for dinner and the bonfire. In the morning, we packed our bags and went for breakfast. After that, we started our journey back to school in time for the talent show. A big thank you to Mr Vitus, Mrs Carlin Miss Branagan and driver, Abdallah for the amazing trip.

By Faraja and Blandina, Year 7

ASSEMBLIES

In the Secondary School assembly

on Thursday, Mr Street set the scene for this week's swimming gala with the human knot game demonstrating that, even if you know what you want to achieve, it is not always so easy to get there but you should never give up. There was no Primary School assembly last week as there was extended Golden Time when children enjoyed Valentines crafts and ice cream parties. Last week on 2nd February Nursery School gave a great assembly on Community helpers. Different groups of children acted out scenarios including nurses, doctors, fire fighters, teachers and the police. Well done to all the children, Miss Mgeni, Miss Maria and Miss Hawa for doing such a fantastic job.

...And finally... Congratulations to our Primary School LSA, Fadila, who had a baby boy, Calvin born on Friday, 19th January.

Housepoints Scoreboard

VICTORIA	4738 points
RUAHA	3845 points
KILIMANJARO	3797 points
ULUGURU	3310 points

Polite Notice to Parents

Last week we had an unfortunate incident when a child fell and hurt himself well after school had finished. Please be advised that it is the parents' responsibility to collect their children from school before 3.00 p.m. Monday to Thursday or at 4.00 p.m. if the child is attending a club. If a child stays until 4.00 p.m. without being in a club, they will take up some community work such as cleaning or picking litter. **MIS accepts no liability for the safety of non-boarding children who remain on the school campus after 4.00 p.m.**