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## Red is the colour with Valentines Day followed by Kili winning the gala

### Key dates for this half term:

- THURSDAY, 1ST MARCH:** World Book Day.
- FRIDAY, 2ND TO SUNDAY, 4TH MARCH:** Sports weekend with Canon Andreas Mwaka School.
- 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.
- WEDNESDAY, 28TH MARCH:** Whole school assembly.
- THURSDAY, 29TH MARCH:** Parent teacher consultations. End of Term 2.

### Housepoints Scoreboard

<b>VICTORIA</b>	<b>5164 points</b>
<b>RUAHA</b>	<b>4259 points</b>
<b>KILIMANJARO</b>	<b>4228 points</b>
<b>ULUGURU</b>	<b>3619 points</b>

### Candlelit pizzas and non-alcoholic champagne!

The winning couples from the Blind Date competition were treated to a romantic meal by the poolside on Thursday evening after the euphoria of the swimming gala had died down. Mr Gibbins dressed up in his finest suit to wait on the lucky ten students providing them with pizzas, non-alcoholic bubbly and chocolate gateau for dessert.

### Special assemblies.

On Friday, 16th February, we closed the half term with 2 special assemblies. Allie, JC and Patricia gave their powerful presentations to secondary school of the speeches they are to make at the EAMUN conference and then in the whole school sports assembly that followed an hour later, the parents of Board member Dian van der Laak presented a huge consignment of tennis equipment including the special lines for the court. Thank you to Yvonne and Art for all the fundraising they had done to buy and transport the equipment to MIS at no cost at all to the school.

We closed the first half term of 2018 with the colour red very much in prominence. On Wednesday, 14th February there was another successful Primary School Valentine's Day party in the big banda. Pupils enjoyed a variety of games including writing sweet nothings, lucky hearts and shooting arrows to aim at Cupid's heart. Everyone then ate yummy snacks before sitting back to watch a fabulous dance competition. Over 18 different dancing acts performed and over TSh250,000/= was raised towards making more outside seating in the MIS common area. In the evening the Student Council organised Valentine's disco took place in the school hall. Earlier in the day, the Student Council had been delivering the Valentine's cakes ordered by members of the MIS community to be presented anonymously to the object of their secret or not so secret admiration. In total TSh380,000/= was raised which has gone towards repairing the old science block lockers and buying 22 plastic chairs to replace the many broken ones that are used for as-

semblies and the outside lunch area.



The best dressed pupils at the Primary School Valentine's party show off their certificates.

With all the soppy stuff out the way, thoughts turned to competitive sport the next day with the annual swimming gala. It all began at about 8.15 on Thursday morning when the four houses entered the swimming pool arena singing and giving out their various battle cries. As they settled into their allocated areas, each house was called forward to give their cheerleading routines which included some synchronised swimming (of a kind). There was a great divergence in performance with Ruaha involving

their whole house while Uluguru having just 3 representatives. Neema and Georgina sang the national anthem and then the action in the pool began. The Early years children had great fun showing off their cannon balls. There was then a progression through higher level swimming skills of the younger children up until the morning break. The rest of Primary School and Secondary School then joined in building up to a fantastic finale in the afternoon with Victoria winning the cannon relay to complete the gala at around 3.15. Although that final success allowed Victoria to marginally win the swimming element of the day, it was Kilimanjaro who won the Spirit Cup by such a distance that they also won the overall day. Well done, Kili!

### SPIRIT SWIMMING OVERALL

<b>KILI</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>431</b>
<b>VICTORIA</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>426</b>
<b>RUAHA</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>414</b>
<b>ULUGURU</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>309</b>

## Geography and music lessons at Zanzibar!

On Friday (9th February) morning we travelled to Zanzibar filled with excitement as to what we were going to learn. We arrived at half past four welcomed by the Zanzibari breeze and the salty scent of the sea. Later on that night we went to Forodhani Gardens where we had a taste of the homemade cultural dishes and then we headed to the Sauti Za Busara concert. There we saw different African cultures come together to perform what they enjoy the most. We saw all kinds of acts like acrobatics, singing, dancing and all kinds of instruments which had the most exotic sound. After the first fun-filled night we then returned to our hotel eagerly waiting to see what Zanzibar has installed for us next. The next morning we visited a

spice plantation where we saw and learnt about the different uses for them and the kinds of plants they were whilst we were looking at the spices we played a guessing game as to what spice it is. In the end, Nyaso was queen of the spices as she knew all of them and at the end of the tour she was rewarded. After a long tour we were given coconuts, grass hats, ties and necklaces as we watched a man climb the coconut tree Zanzibari style where he sang and danced on his way up. We were then taken to try fruits of all kinds grown in Zanzibar and we had a look at the spice store. Later on we went down to Nungwi Beach where we had a lovely lunch while we worked on our geography work packs on coastal landforms and

tourism. After a hard day of work we came back to the hotel to freshen up before we went out to Forodhani Gardens followed by the concert once more. Sunday morning, our final day in Zanzibar, after paying a visit to the ticket office for our ferry back to Dar es Salaam, we took a boat to prison island where we saw tortoises, peacocks and the former prison. It was truly an experience that we will never forget. Thank you to Mr Otwisa and Mr Nyagwaya for making this trip happen and thank you to Abdallah for driving us to Dar es Salaam and back to Morogoro safely.  
 By: Ilham Sykes and Vanessa Dickson.

...And finally... we are all 100 days smarter today!