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## Early Sunday morning swim, smiles and sweat

### Key events for the rest of term:

**FRIDAY, 23RD MARCH:** Headboy and Headgirl elections in secondary school.

**FRIDAY/SATURDAY 23RD/24TH MARCH:** National swimming gala at HOPAC

**SATURDAY, 24TH MARCH:** International Day & MIS World Cup. Swim Nationals at HOPAC.

**WEDNESDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH:** Whole school assembly.

**THURSDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH:** Parent teacher consultations. End of Term 2.

### Housepoints Scoreboard

VICTORIA	5911 points
RUAHA	4676 points
KILIMANJARO	4589 points
ULUGURU	3879 points

### Key Stage 1 visit Mikumi

On Wednesday, 14th March Key Stage 1 went on a day trip to Mikumi. This was part of our topic of holidays. We have been learning about why people travel for leisure, where they travel and how we prepare and pack for a trip. We were very lucky with the weather; there were a few clouds but mainly blue skies over Mikumi despite all the rain we have had recently. We saw plenty of animals throughout the day (some of them very close up!) All in all we had a great time. Thank you to Abdallah, our driver, for his expertise in manoeuvring the school bus around the park. **By Mr Carlin.**

**Assemblies:** To get everyone into the mood for International Day and the World Cup, Mr Green presented an International Top Trumps game to predict this year's World Cup in Russia in Thursday's assembly. 8 students represented different countries from the World Cup to challenge each other on different criteria. In the final, Orville representing Switzerland beat Saleh who represented Saudi Arabia, 2-1. The winning 'goal' was scored by the fact that Switzerland has higher annual rainfall than Saudi Arabia. In the Primary School assembly on Friday, Reception class led everyone in a yoga routine that included several different animal movements. They ended the assembly by singing *Beautiful Day* which they will also perform in the end of term assembly.

When most people in Morogoro were probably still just emerging from their beds, 50 hardy MIS souls had completed some serious exertion as they pushed themselves to their own personal limit in the second MIS biathlon. At 8.00 a.m. on Sunday, 11th March with all sleepy dust wiped from the eyes and muscles loosened up, the first group took to the water. It was the Primary School beginners race and required 4 widths of the shallow end followed by a 500m run including a lap of the field. Liam in year 2 completed the race in an impressive 2 minutes and 49 seconds well clear of Princess in second place who just beat her year 3 classmate, Elsa who finished third. Mustafa, Maureen, Jovin and Amara also completed that race. There were several quite strong athletes in the secondary beginners race who were clearly underselling themselves by entering the lower level event. Jallah in Year 10 came first in 2 minutes and 19 seconds with Tunji in second place. Altogether 20 people participated in this race including Mr Germain. The intermediate race required a 200m swim and a 1 km run around the school campus. There were 10 Primary School participants in this event compared with just 7 secondary school which reflected the greater ambition and courage of the Primary School children who

had been persuaded to 'get out of their comfort zone' and push themselves to the limit in the assembly 2 days earlier. Clearly Miss Talley's



The smiling MIS Ironmen of 2018 (but no Iron-women!) From left to right: Yuki, Joseph, Taher, Hatim, Dennis and Ian

words resonated as Eunike and William in Year 6 completed the course in a faster time than any of their older counterparts. Eunike finished in 7 minutes 44 seconds with William just a second behind in a photo finish while Nick in Year 9 won the Secondary School equivalent in just under 8 minutes followed by Vanessa of Year 10. Mrs Germain also completed this race in a time of 9 minutes 43 seconds. And so we came to the Advanced race and our first Iron Man from last year's event, Joseph Sumari once again showed his immense talent in the two disciplines by completing the 500m (20 lengths) swim and 2 km run in 13 minutes

and 16 seconds thus beating his winning time of last year by 7 seconds. Dennis Mhini and Ian Lukaza finished almost together in second and third places 35 seconds behind Joseph. Last year there were just 5 competitors in the most gruelling race. This year there was one more with Taher and Hatim showing fantastic stamina to finish in times of 18 minutes 23 seconds and 21 minutes 38 seconds respectively. They, therefore, beat Mr Green's losing time of last year by some distance. Mr Green was unable to run this year as he was still recovering from last year's event! Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's biathlon and turned the entire MIS campus into a hubbub of fun, excitement, physical effort and fantastic teamwork and support. It was all made possible by Mr Street with some help from his marshalling team. And, without the amazing support of a significant number of parents urging their children to push themselves that little bit harder, it would not have been anywhere near the wonderful occasion that it turned out to be. And when it was all over, while Morogoro was just waking up, many MIS students were going home content in the knowledge that they had done some hard exercise for the day. That late breakfast must have felt very satisfying!

## Money and prizes galore in game show afternoon

Mr Gibbins revived some of his childhood TV memories and, in the process, provided over 2 hours of great entertainment for the boarders, several day students and a handful of teachers on Saturday afternoon. The first game was *The Price is Right* where contestants had to guess the price in pounds of a selection of products that Mr Gibbins had purchased from Pira's. The person closest to the correct price, took away the said item that ranged from peanut butter to soap. Next up was a test of words and numbers as the legendary *Countdown* quiz that

has been on British TV for 36 years was re-enacted. The fun card game of *Play your Cards Right* was next with Tunji and Edward the last two standing but they couldn't quite win overall. There were 5 players each for the *Family Fortunes* game won by Vanessa's team and then Vanessa herself won the Yes/No game as Mr Gibbins drilled questions at each contestant trying to force an answer of yes or no. Vanessa lasted an amazing 14 seconds! So it was Vanessa's team that progressed to *Who wants to be a Millionaire?* Nia was nominated

to take the hot seat and, with the help of her 3 lifelines; ask the audience, phone a friend (Mr Street) and 50/50, she won 50,000/= for her team of Vanessa, Jennifer D, Edson, Sam, Jallah and Mr Street. Thank you, Mr Gibbins for providing so much fun and so many prizes.

....And finally....Well done to Miss Angelo and her fantastic Eco-Club for organising Friday's movie night that raised an incredible 268,000/= towards various MIS eco-projects.