

End of term quiz, volleyball & games

Key dates for this half term.	
<u>TUESDAY, 10TH APRIL:</u>	First day of term.
<u>SATURDAY, 14TH APRIL:</u>	Alternative Sports
<u>TUESDAY, 17TH & THURSDAY, 19TH APRIL:</u>	CIE IGCSE ICT practical exams.
<u>SATURDAY, 21ST APRIL:</u>	MIS triathlon (This is to be confirmed if we have enough bikes!)
<u>MONDAY, 23rd TO FRIDAY, 27TH APRIL:</u>	Year 6 Checkpoint exams
<u>THURSDAY, 26TH APRIL:</u>	Union Day Public holiday. CIE O level Swahili exam.
<u>FRIDAY, 27TH TO MONDAY, 30TH APRIL:</u>	Mwanza swimming gala.
<u>SATURDAY, 28TH APRIL:</u>	Ng'aa basketball competition.
<u>TUESDAY, 1ST MAY:</u>	Workers' Day Public holiday. CIE examinations begin.
<u>FRIDAY, 4TH TO SUNDAY, 6TH MAY:</u>	Exeat weekend (except for exam students).
<u>MONDAY, 7TH TO THURSDAY, 9TH MAY:</u>	Years 3 to 5 assessment week.
<u>SATURDAY, 12TH MAY:</u>	Non-exam boarders to Highlands.
<u>WEDNESDAY, 16TH TO FRIDAY, 18TH MAY:</u>	Outdoor School.
<u>MONDAY, 21ST TO FRIDAY, 25TH MAY:</u>	HALF TERM.

In keeping with the flavour of the preceding 12 weeks, the final day of the second term of academic year 2017/18 was packed full of a variety of activities. Primary School children all gathered on the main field for two hours of alternative sports including obstacle courses, some



traditional party games like musical chairs and plenty of flour being thrown around. It was great fun and all the children wanted to be involved. Even the teachers participated in some of the events. Meanwhile, Secondary School students were involved in two simultaneous house events taking place adjacent to each other. Mr Germain and Mr Green kept score while MIS's newly appointed Headteacher, Mr Hubbard, read out the questions for Mr Germain's brilliantly organised quiz including rounds on all the main subjects of the secondary curriculum. Just a few metres away an interhouse volleyball competition organised by Mr Street was taking place. In the end Kilimanjaro won the volleyball shield while it required a tie breaker to decide the quiz with Victoria beating Kilimanjaro by one point as they knew that the human body contains 206

bones; or was it just a lucky guess? It was so good to see so many different students involved in both activities. The final scoreboards looked like this:

VOLLEYBALL

	KS3	KS4/5	OVERALL	PTS
KILI	1ST	3RD	1ST	20
RUAHA	3RD	1ST	2ND	15
VICTORIA	4TH	2ND	3RD	10
ULUGURU	2ND	4TH	4TH	5

INTERHOUSE QUIZ		
1ST:	VICTORIA	63 POINTS
2ND:	KILIMANJARO	62 POINTS
3RD:	RUAHA	58 POINTS
4TH:	ULUGURU	54 POINTS

End of term overall totals

VICTORIA	6049 points
RUAHA	4809 points
KILIMANJARO	4691 points
ULUGURU	3978 points

To allow all the Primary School children time to return from the field and cool off, the final assembly of the term started 10 minutes late at 11.10. The hour and half that followed reflected the diversity of the term that we had just had. It

began with Harry Belafonte's *Jamaica farewell* wafting out of the big speakers not just to put everyone in a good mood with some lilted calypso but also to enlighten those Key Stage 3 students had who evidently never heard of either the singer or this genre of music when it had turned up in the music round of the quiz earlier in the morning. Mr Green then opened proceedings by emphasising just how busy we had all been during the term and, indeed during half term when 8 of our senior students represented MIS so magnificently at the EAMUN in Nairobi. They were all recognised with the presentation of a framed participation certificate to the teacher in charge, Mr Carlin. Epi and JC then gave their farewell speeches as Headgirl and Headboy. There were then dance performances from Miss Irene's dance club and Mrs Germain's ballet class and songs from Reception class singing *Beautiful Day* and then the Year 11 trio of Lucy, Georgina and Neema singing their own creation made up of a fusion of two songs. In between Miss Angelo updated us on the progress of the eco club including the purchase of compost stands, Mrs Sanford had us all celebrating the wonderful achievements of the Piranhas, Mr Street gave out prizes for the biathlon and Mr Hubbard introduced himself and presented prizes to Maria and Alfred for winning the map sketching competition on International Day. The 90 minutes celebration of the term ended with everyone dancing to *Respect*.

Year 8s have a great time at Udzungwa Falls

We arrived at school at 7 a.m. sharp on Friday, 16th March. Everyone was packed and ready for a stupendous time at the Udzungwa Falls. We boarded the bus, driven by the gifted Abdallah and were on the road by 7.30. Whilst on the bus we played music, sang and had a merry time assisted by Taher's Pill which is a wireless Bluetooth speaker. We arrived at Udzungwa Falls Lodge at around 10 a.m. and headed straight to lunch, for it had been a long drive. After a delicious lunch, we went into the conference room

and an expert on the nature of Udzungwa began to talk about snakes, their venom and the families they belong to as well as the different types of snakes found in the forest. It was cut short as we had to get a move on and start our hike through the jungle to the famed water falls. It was truly a magnificent sight to behold. We then returned to the lodge and swam for a little while before going into our separate dormitories which we found to be seriously lacking. We took showers, got into clean clothes and headed up for an incredi-

ble dinner. After supper we all went into our dormitories and the boys stayed up until past midnight talking about the day and planning tomorrow while some just fidgeted with their electronic devices. From what we heard, the girls were talking and eating snacks all night. The second day included another talk from Mr Msinto, this time about the classification of animals, when it started, who were the important figures in it, the seven ranks of classification and how to classify different animals. Mr Vitus then set up

three stations for us to use; swimming, board games and watching movies or chilling in the conference room. We had to get up early next morning for our drive home on Sunday returning to MIS around 1.00 p.m. A big thank you to Mr Vitus and Miss Jane for organising the trip. **Report by Grant Misinzo.**

...And finally... Class photos will be taken on Friday morning so make sure you in smart and clean uniform.