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## The 2018 MIS Raft Challenge sets sail

### Events for this term

**TUESDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> TO FRIDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup>:** Outdoor School.

**MONDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> TO FRIDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY:** HALF TERM HOLIDAY.

### Housepoints scoreboard

<b>VICTORIA</b>	<b>7651</b>	<b>points</b>
<b>RUAHA</b>	<b>6032</b>	<b>points</b>
<b>KILIMANJARO</b>	<b>5716</b>	<b>points</b>
<b>ULUGURU</b>	<b>4701</b>	<b>points</b>

**MONDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY:** Return to school.

Primary School water polo competition begins.

**SATURDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE:** Soccer pentathlon.

**TUES, 5<sup>TH</sup> TO THURS, 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE:** Primary School internal exams.

**WEDNESDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE:** IGCSE exams end.

**THURS, 7<sup>TH</sup> TO THURS, 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE:** Year 10 internal exams.

**FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> TO SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE:** Dar weekend for boarders and Year 11.

**MON, 11<sup>TH</sup> TO THURS, 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE:** Internal exams for Year 9.

**TUESDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE:** A level exams end. Year 12 return to full timetable.

**WEDNESDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE:** Graduation Ceremony.

**FRIDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE:** Eid-el-Fitr Public Holiday.

**SATURDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE:** Bingo and boarding awards. Year 10 IGCSE music concert.

**MON, 18<sup>TH</sup> TO WED, 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE:** Years 7 & 8 internal exam. Year 9 decision days.

**MON, 18<sup>TH</sup> TO FRI, 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE:** Year 10 work experience week.

**FRIDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE:** School musical production; MOANA.

**MONDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE:** Early Years Open Day. Step up Day for Primary School.

**WEDNESDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE:** Wacky Wednesday for Key stage 1. Primary School water polo final.

**THURSDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE:** Reception, Years 2 & 6 graduations. End of Year Assembly.

**FRIDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE:** Parent Teacher Consultations.

At around 2.15 on Saturday afternoon, the roar of excitement around the MIS swimming pool could be heard for miles as four improvised rafts were launched in to the shallow end for the Annual MIS Raft Challenge. The challenge was harder this year as each team had to manoeuvre their contraption four lengths up and down the pool carrying one team member all the way. There were two main rules, both of which were more or less ignored by the contestants. Firstly there should be no helping hand provided by any other team members; this rule was broken by three of the four teams. Secondly, the 'pilot' should be on the raft and paddle with hands or any item that was constructed as a paddle; he or she should not use any other part of their body to propel themselves



The winners of the MIS Raft Challenge 2018: Emmanuel, El-Gift, Tunji, Faraja, Kengeli, Edward, Sam, Ethan, Tino and Derrick showing off their pile of junk (I mean raft!)

through the water such as feet and legs. This rule was broken by all four teams. Each team, made up of around ten day and boarding students of varying ages, shapes and sizes, had 40 minutes to plan, design and then construct their vessel using any materials that they could

find. They were even given a further two minutes to test it and make final adjustments but that wasn't much help! Each team had been given a pile of plastic water bottles, some string and parcel tape as a starting point. And so it was, after much discussion, argument and panic, the four rafts were launched. Perhaps it was the addition of the parcel tape that had made it easier but the final crafts were much more sturdy than in previous years. That is, apart from the team in lane two in which Lissa more or less swam home with just 3 bottles remaining of her team's raft. Mr Gibbins, in consultation with judges Mr Street and Mr

Green, decided that who actually came in first after four lengths was irrelevant given the amount of cheating that had taken place and it was Tino's team, who actually finished second, that were awarded the prize of sweets and 20,000/= mainly for the ingenuity of including a suitcase in their design and also for cheating the least! Once again a massive thank you to Mr Gibbins for organising another fantastic weekend event.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS.

With the senior students on exams, it has been left to the Year 10s to take the reigns of the School Council this term. In Thursday's assembly Vanessa, Anna Noreen, Tunji, Edson and Jallah along with Margaret in Year 9 and Kihonga and Aariz in Year 8 explained that this term their aim is to raise over a TSh million/= (they already have 300,000/= from juice sales and other fundraising activities organised last term) which will go towards buying a generator for the school and also raising money for EMFERD, the local orphanage for disabled children. Look out for food sales and a disco amongst other activities this term.

### Assemblies

In Thursday's Secondary School assembly, Year 7 gave us a number of quotes to inspire us, one being that practice makes perfect. As Mr Street reminded us: It takes 10,000 hours to become an expert at something; that's about seven years of practice. Pius, Kent, Novia and Aariz were also the first recipients of a 2000/= PJs vouchers for reaching 600 level ones. Next step 725 level ones for a 5000/= PJs voucher. On Friday, Year 5 presented a great assembly telling us all about the history of Tanzania with a short play.

## Work placements needed for our year 10 students

On the week commencing 18th June our Year 10 students will be embarking on their one week of work experience in and around Morogoro. The initiative began in 2015 and this will be our fourth cohort of students who have participated. It has proved to be a very successful part of the PSHE curriculum for these students who are generally 15 or 16 years old, as it gives them their first taste of what the world of

work outside of academia is all about. We have 24 students to place this year. Although we have a number of organisations and businesses that have helped us in the past, it is always good to have new ones that we can use to widen the choice of work options available to our pupils. If you know of anyone who would be able to provide unpaid full time work for 5 days to any of our year 10 students, please contact Mr Green as

soon as possible on 0745299979. Your assistance is very welcome.

...And finally... The proposed swimming gala at Champion Rise that was listed in last week's Moro Times was only for up and coming swimmers who had not competed in The Nationals, Taliss or the DSC galas. On that basis MIS did not participate as most of our Piranhas were ineligible