

KINDERGARTEN

NEWSLETTER



Office of the Academic Coordinator



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Greetings! As we come to the end of term one, I sincerely thank you for your continued support throughout the term. Your commitment in your son/daughter's academic journey is something we really valued and will continue to value. I humbly encourage all our parents/guardians to continue making follow ups on their children's progress across the academic year.

We officially closed school on 6 th December 2019 for the winter break. I wish to kindly request our esteemed parents/guardians that you closely monitor your son/daughter throughout the vacation period to ensure that they strike a balance between the holiday festivities and books. This is because a number of departments have issued homework assignments that ought to be completed and revision booklets to be utilized during the holiday break.

Next term will be a busy term in our academic calendar. By latest Mid-January, the syllabi in all the subjects will have been completed. Thorough revision at one-on-one basis and group level will kickstart purely aimed at preparing and polishing our candidate classes for the May/June 2020 Cambridge International Examinations and Checkpoint Exams.

REPORT FORMS

The End of Term One report forms will be ready for collection on Tuesday, 17th December 2019. As usual, we strongly advise Parents/guardians to ensure that they collect the report form. This will enable you to get a chance to discuss the performance and progress of the exams together with your child as well as help them in setting up targets for the coming term (TERM 2) and set the agenda for the upcoming Open Day on 25th January 2019.

KEY DATES FOR TERM 2, JANUARY - APRIL 2019

EVENT	DATE
Collection of End Term 1 Report Forms	Primary and Secondary section: 17 th December 2019
Borders Reporting	6 th January 2020
Opening Day/Day Scholars Reporting	7 th January 2020
Prize Giving Day	24 th January 2019
LIS New Parents Orientation/	1 st 25 th January 2020

Open Day	
Mid Term Break	17 th February 2020 – 21 st February 2020
LIS Fun Day	28 th February 2020
LIS 2 nd Open Day	29th March 2020
Closing Day	9 th April 2020

I wish to wind up by reminding us of our mission of bringing up academically competent, socially responsible and morally upright learners, something we are committed towards. From the LIS Academic Team and the entire teaching fraternity we wish you a blessed festive season as well as a fruitful new year 2020.

Examination Office Report



Examinations at Light International School are conducted in order to assess students' level of achievement in their studies and as such, exams must be conducted fairly and impartially. The end of term 1, 2019 – 2020 exams were conducted from 26th Nov. to 6th Dec. 2019 for year 11s and from 2nd to 6th Dec. 2019 for year 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13. The winter holiday offers us parents and guardians to review our son/daughter's performance and improve on areas that are necessary so as to achieve the goal the candidates have by the end of their course.

Looking ahead, the examinations office would wish to communicate the following: -

1. We will be commencing the registration for the Cambridge International Examinations for AS & A level, IGCSE, Cambridge Checkpoint Secondary 1 (Year 9) & Checkpoint Primary (Year 6) between 2nd Jan. and 2nd Feb. 2020.
2. Only the candidates who have their school fees and examinations fees paid in full will be considered for the registration. Please ensure that this done to prevent last hour rush.
3. During the Cambridge International Examinations (March to June 2020) all the candidates must put the following into consideration:

Materials permitted in the exam room;

Only bring essential items to the exam room. These are:

- (a) **Stationery:** You must bring your own pens, pencils, rulers, calculators and any other required equipment to each exam. These should be kept in a clear plastic pencil case.* The permitted calculators are the Casio FX82 model.
 - (b) **On your desk:** Only the following items are permitted on your desk: your stationery items, Examination ID card and a small clear bottle of water with no label.
4. Please plan accordingly to facilitate your son/daughter with the same to get used to working with the above equipment.

We appreciate your continued support towards ensuring we deliver a quality assessment to our students. From LIS examinations office, we wish you happy holiday and prosperous new year.



CLUBS AND SOCIETIES DEPARTMENT

This term has seen various clubs and societies coming up with a variety of activities and programs.

The Debate/Public Speaking Club participated in the prestigious Rhino Cup Debate Competition; a competition involving international schools in the country. In the first round, the team led by Dankweli Mwaka, Claire Kinyanjui, Sueda Ozmen, Eric Erastus Mtenga and Rahemtullah Omar, they managed to clobber Nairobi International School and proceed to the quarter finals where they narrowly lost to Brookhouse School. Out of the sixteen schools that participated, our school emerged position 5 overall. This was indeed a tremendous fete for our upcoming debating honchos. Kudos to the team! More is planned for next term with a number of competitions in the pipeline.

The Cooking Club was very active this term. Led by Ms Brenda and Ms Bushra, the club had a host of cooking sessions aimed at training budding hospitality industry professionals. The club prepared various pastries and delicacies that were shared with the rest of the school. The Club is making plans to acquire all the required attire for its members come next term.

The Journalism and Photography Clubs outdid themselves this term with a series of news presentations on the assembly every Monday and Friday. The climax of the term was their trip to Ebru TV where they interacted with newsmakers and Photojournalists. They had first-hand experience on TV production process. In the Course of the term too, the Photography members had the privilege of meeting Faith Kinyanjui , a photojournalist from Kiss TV who gave them an informative talk on Careers in Photography. More is in the offing next term.

The Red Cross Society this term set their ball rolling by organizing a HIV -AIDS sensitization programme where students and teachers were taught about prevention and management of the condition. This was in line with the WHO World AIDS day marked on 1st December, 2019. A funds drive sale was held in school to raise funds for supporting HIV AIDS related charity in support of the years theme ‘Communities make the difference’. Students, teaching and support staff were requested to buy a red ribbon at Kshs. 50. All the proceeds will be channeled to charity. The Club has been very instrumental in helping achieve the school’s mission of producing socially responsible individuals.

LIS Scouting Association this term lived true to its motto of doing its best by coming up with a variety of presentations during assemblies on Mondays and Fridays. It has been vital in helping instill discipline and self-responsibility among members apart from raising the flag and teaching the National anthem to the school.

The EAMUN Club in the course of this term was very busy leaving no stone unturned in preparation for the EAMUN conference scheduled for next term at the UN offices in Gigiri. Members participated in the mock debate that was held in Hillcrest International School this term and are now ready for the real debate. The conference offers learners an opportunity to interact with other students and to share and debate on ideas of global importance. This conference provides students with a better understanding of the inner workings of the UN and a forum to develop skills in diplomacy, negotiation, critical thinking, collaborative working, public speaking, and research.

The Dance Club participated in the International Festival of Language and Culture in Australia where they represented the African culture and interacted with students from other countries and culture to share experiences and ideas. The event was such an eye-opening experience for the students. They learnt the truth in the saying there is unity in diversity.

The Environmental and Wildlife Club has been vibrant in creating awareness about environmental conservation in school and in the neighborhood. Members visited Lake Nakuru National Park to learn about the impact of human activities on the environment and wildlife and the various conservation measures the KWS is taking to ensure continual existence of various species.



FROM THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

A society without a guide is one without direction and hence has no goal to attain. Every sphere of life requires harmony. The Discipline Department at LIS always seeks to positively inculcate the LIS rules and regulations in order to ensure a tranquil learning environment for all and sundry. As a department we frequently give constant reminders to our students in assemblies, notice boards and in Life Skills lessons on the need of being academically, socially and morally responsible members of LIS and society at large.

The Discipline Committee utilizes COOLSis (which acts as a bridge between the school and the parent /guardian) to monitor individual behavior of students. Through this platform parents/guardians can monitor the behavior progress of their child(ren) from the comfort of their home/ office. Each parent/guardian is humbly encouraged to access to the COOLS is account.

During this term, we had issues to do with the school uniform. Uniformity is one of the key areas that makes students be psychologically settled or unsettled in and out of class. From the Discipline Desk, we humbly request parents/guardians to constantly take note of their son/daughter's uniform and promptly replace old or worn out pieces of uniform. The boys should shave their hair short; the girls can have their hair open. Those who decide to have it braided, should have it done in black or dark brown braids. Kindly note that dreadlocks are not acceptable. **(PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT NO FANCY HAIRSTYLES ARE ALLOWED FOR BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS)**

Finally, as we fold our end of term 1 carpet for the 2019/2020 academic year, our appreciation goes to all the

stakeholders: students, parents/guardians and the entire LIS fraternity for their support throughout this term. We sincerely thank you for your continued support. For any behavior concerns, kindly feel free to come and consult with the Discipline Committee. As our children join you for the December holiday, please help us in guiding them accordingly.

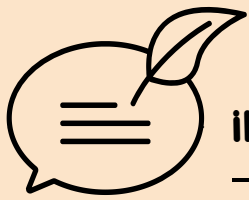
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

*Regards,
Ms Teresia Gichuki
Head of Discipline Committee*



ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

With an aim of nurturing the creative wit and intellect at LIS, The Department of English this term held its 5th Essay Writing Competition. The competition gave an opportunity to learners from all levels to espouse their linguistic competence and creativity. The essay questions ranged from narrative, argumentative, descriptive, discursive and some forms of non-fiction writing. The competition saw the best of the best being crowned as the outstanding literary missiles at respective levels from Year 1 - Year 13. The top three participants per class were awarded with Gold, Silver and Bronze medals coupled with Certificates of Achievement. In the Primary Section the following students' essays stood out as best three overall from Key Stage 1-Key Stage 2: Aisha Kabir Abdullahi, Marvel Mumbi Mugo and Hatim Murtaza Ebrahimji. In the Secondary Section, the following students' essays also stood out as the best overall from Key Stage 3-Key Stage 5: Angel Kamau, Dankweli Mwaka and Jayson Muiruri. The most outstanding essays per class will be compiled into a booklet dubbed 'The Light International School Literary Journal'. Next term, the Department plans to have inter-class debate and public speaking competitions where our learners will be given an opportunity and platform to showcase their communicative and contextual competences in various academic body-politicks.



international festival of language & culture

WE wanted to show the world that dreams indeed could become a reality!

When we spread our wings for the first time at the Turkish Olympiads, we found a thousand other butterflies soaring beside us. People from around the world, turning their backs on fear and hatred, deciding to dream together. In the dream, we sang in tune, we got to know one another and built islands of peace.

In the union of our songs, poems, plays and fine art, we retold our own legacies and inherited new ones.

“Ignorance, poverty, discrimination, racism—we shall overcome them, if we can take wing together.

We hold true that the more we celebrate this world’s diversity, the more uplifted we all become.”

That is what we sang. That is what our hearts connected with!

All the colors of the whole world shone their beauty during the grand finale of the Turkish Olympiads.

We always learnt that the more joyful and peaceful we make our lives, the greater our sense of appreciation and wonder. We always learnt that every language or culture opens our hearts and minds to a new world.

This time round, we came together, once again. 160 countries, not for the Turkish Olympiads anymore, but for The International Festival of Language & Culture!

We landed in Australia with a bang! Warmly welcomed we were.

Despite our different cultures and ethnicities, we had a very good communication chemistry.

The facilities they provided us with were excellent. We also had the opportunity to see Australia with a city tour. We were are really satisfied. IFLC staff were very kind to us. We were like their sisters. This trip taught us that we can live in peace and harmony with different cultures.

By: Teacher Fatma and the Australian Team

Academic Coordinator

This has been a term packed with various activities. Our children had lots of fun that shaped their teaching and learning process. We are truly happy to note that the Kindergarten Section has grown tremendously with a good number of new students joining us this term.

On the 9th of October, our children had a trip to Mamba Village. They had an opportunity to see big crocodiles swimming and basking in the sun. They also got a chance to touch the baby crocodiles.

Some were scared while others were fascinated and asked lots of curious questions. During the expedition, the kids also found some stone murals/carving and climbed some rocks to see beautiful sceneries awash with golden flowers. Such a wonderful learning experience it was for them.

The next event which was held on 31st October was the Masquerade Ball. Before the d-day, our children practiced hard and smart on their dance routines and moves. During the event, our children showed that they could dance while listening to instructions given without looking at the interactive board. The girls all wore ball gowns and the boys were clad in suits faces covered with awesome

masks. We appreciate our parents for gracing the event as your presence added the icing on the cake.

In the course of the term, the children also continued to practise for the end of term Music Concert that was held on 29th of November. The children had an opportunity to showcase songs, poems, solo songs, riddles and various dances. The Music Concert normally exposes our children to a variety of songs from various cultural backgrounds such Spanish, Kiswahili, English and Italian cultures among others. On 6th of December, we brought the curtains of the term down with a fun-filled morning followed by a movie and popcorn.

I would sincerely send my warm appreciation to all our parents and guardians. Your support and input in various ways went a long way in ensuring holistic learning of our children. You are the best!

Thank you, Asante, Merci, Gracias, Grazie, Shukran, Tesekkur ederim.

*Regards,
Cristina Ricci
Kindergarten Section.*

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy Holiday! This term has been packed with various activities both curricular and co-curricular.

I take this opportunity to sincerely appreciate each and every one of us; the students, parents, teaching and support staff for making this term a success. Indeed, priceless it was, the zeal, enthusiasm and magnificent levels of energy portrayed by all stakeholders in ensuring the smooth running of this term's activities. To our students we appreciate the synergy you portrayed all through this term.

The holiday is therefore a perfect opportunity for you to have a break from school and take time to do a self-evaluation of yourself. To our parents/guardians, you have been very strong pillars, without you we could not have actualized our plans for this term. To the teachers, I recognise and appreciate the immeasurable levels of exuberance and imagination as well time and effort dedicated into ensuring efficiency in the teaching and learning process. As our children come home for the winter break, I humbly request all parents/guardians to take time with their son/daughter and discuss, among others but not limited to, your son/daughter's social, academic and co-curricular progress in school. It is my sincere wish that despite the hustles and bustles of this festive season, we will all have a blessed holiday with our family and friends and come back to school well rested, ready for the next academic quarter.

SPORTS DEPARTMENT REPORT



A beehive of activities is what marked Term one of 2019/20. We had friendlies for soccer girls and boys, rounders friendly for girls with Waldorf School, swimming gala at Makini Schools and School of the Nations, girls rounders tournaments at the Oshwal Academy and Potterhouse, basketball girls' tournament at the Aga Khan Academy, basketball girls friendly at the Light International School, Lavington Campus and recently soccer friendly between our school team and Kitengela International School on our home grounds. In all these competitions, our teams performed exemplary well with an average 80% win. The results for some of the tournaments were as follows: swimming gala at Makini schools, we managed to scoop 4 bronze, 4 silver and 3 gold medals. At the School of the Nations; 3 bronze, 2 silver and 1 gold medal. We had boys U17 friendlies at Samaj School where we clobbered our opponents 7-1. Nairobi Waldorf came to our school for U11 boys' soccer friendly, we won 2-1. We went to Potterhouse for basketball friendly and won 45-18. We took U11 boys to Sabis International School for a two-legged friendly where we drew 1-1 with Sabis and 0-0 with Woodcreek. U17 Football and Basketball friendly matches against Kitengela International School took place at LIS. We won 5-2, 35-20 in soccer and basketball respectively. We held a football and basketball friendlies at Light Academy Lavington where our football team drew 1-1. We lost 13-31 in Basketball. We had a girls' friendly U15 football match at LIS against Light Girls where our girls were greeted with 5 goals without consolation. They however learnt a lot from the match and have since continued to practice thoroughly.



LIS FUN DAY

The fun day was held on 25/10/2019. On this day, students and staff were given an opportunity to showcase their talents in sports and challenge each other in various games and fun brain racking activities. After a tough battle of the crows, Team Heisenberg emerged victorious triumphing over all the other teams to clinch the LIS Fun Day trophy for this term. Kudos Team Heisenberg! To all the other teams hats off to you all for making the day a success.

KAISSO registration updates

Kenya Association of International Schools Sports Organization (KAISSO) is the sporting organ of Kenya Association of Independent and International Schools (KAIS). Light International School has already been registered as a bonafide member of KAISSO and therefore joining a big family of all other senior international schools in the country and beyond. As a school we are expected to participate fully in all the sporting activities as per the KAISSO sporting calendar. Participation in KAISSO activities opens our kids a variety of co curricular activities meant to holistically nurture our children's talent. We are requesting parents to support the student participants in this endeavor.

*Compiled by,
Shadrach Kyalo
Head of PE and sports*

ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-2020.

Welcome to the new academic Year 2019-2020. We have grown! Indeed, with growth comes change, with change comes opportunities, with opportunities comes achievements. The achievements we have had as the Primary Section since inception have added a feather to our cap and refined our wisdom and wit in reaching out to our students, parents and teachers. Franklin D. Roosevelt once said that, happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort. This happiness is what fills our hearts when we see our sons/daughters actively involved both in class and out of class activities.

Right from the start of this term, we dared to achieve greatly. These were our points of focus.



Welcome Back Party

Friday 6th September, 2019

All our pupils settled in the hall to embrace the start of yet another year, 2019-2020 Academic Year. The school was generous enough to offer a special eating session for all the primary pupils. Objective? To inspire the pupils to kick-start the academic year in high spirits.



Prize Giving Day

Friday 13th September, 2019

Successful men and women have one thing in focus - to become their best and not to beat the rest. During the PGD, we awarded the best of the best. To be a best academician is to teach the world. To be a best orator is to speak to the world. To be a best sports person, is to improve the world's health awareness. To be part of a community service, is to change the world's outlook. To be a techno savvy, is to improve the world's digital literacy. These young achievers wanted to prove a point, and they did. The school highly recognized each and every pupil's effort with awards, certificates and trophies for the high most achievers. Leadership being one of the core values at LIS, go be leaders. Go and change the world.



Synopsis Day

It is the norm of the school to begin the term with definiteness of purpose. We consider this the beginning of conquering the set objectives for the term. How do we do this? Each parent and student walks with us on this path to success by having the set objectives in a colourful, simple way. The synopsis; A breakdown of the curriculum at a glance.

Saturday 14th September, 2019



World Teachers Day

This was celebrated on Friday 4th October, 2019. To give is a heart. On this day, the homeroom mums took it upon themselves to fete the teachers who have played a huge role in their children's lives.

Saturday 5th October, 2019



Community Service

In our quest to leave the world a better place than we found it, our students council went to King'eero Primary school in Kikuyu with one aim. Be your sister's keeper. Our parents have always played an integral part in shaping the lives of the less fortunate children through their own children. During this term, every girl in King'eero Primary school walked home with girls' essentials; an inner garment plus or a sanitary towel. Contributions made by the entire primary team. In giving, we receive. In receiving our granary multiplies, and so we will never lack enough to supply.

Saturday 5th October, 2019



UCMAS- A mental math Program

Universal Concept Mental Arithmetic System is a new program introduced in the primary timetable affecting Years 2-4. The program is designed for brain development and skills enhancement for children between the ages of 5-13 years old, using a tool recommended by the Kenya Institute of curriculum development- the abacus. A few parents were able to attend a demonstration class from the UCMAS provider. A workshop will be organized for parents to enhance clarity of this provision.

SYears 2, 3 and 4



Fun Day

Friday 13th September, 2019

“What is fun to children?”

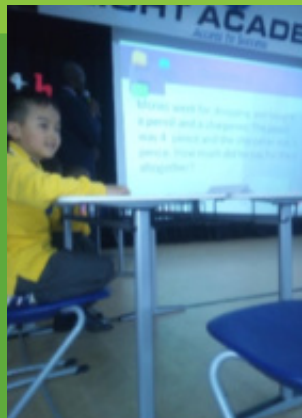
This is the question we asked ourselves this question during Fun Day planning sessions. In a child’s eye, fun is everything. The creator of Disney world Walt Disney had an objective. To export laugh industry. Disney once said, “Child, be yourself, everyone else is taken.” For a child, there is no division between playing and learning: Between the things he or she does just for fun or things done for knowledge. For children, play is the highest form of research. Two Rivers was our one stop shop to satisfy all these anxieties for the entire primary team. What a day this was. The parents highly appreciated the school for taking up the initiative in making this day a success especially with the planning and logistics. The children and staff had immeasurable fun.



Math Contest

Friday 22nd November, 2019

Why is numeracy important in a child’s life? Our lives are pegged on numeracy. We use Math when we go for shopping. We use Math when its raining. We use Math to count our toys. We use Math to relate to years, even when jumping a pond, we calculate the steps to hop. This is why we consider having numeracy contest to build on critical thinking and problem solving for our walking calculators. A part from having fun, the pupils shared ideas in working as a group and owning responsibilities collectively.





Career Guidance and Counselling Department

The Careers Office was involved in a lot of student outreach activities this term. We had a seminar for year 11, 12 and 13 parents. We also organized one on one sessions with year 12 and 13 students. The students filled the LIS Enquiry Form for university admissions to guide the department advising them on best practices in university admission. Year 12 students were informed about the "Study America, UK, Europe, Japan, and Canada Program". The AS and A-Level students were also shown various university application websites and given guidelines on the nitty gritty involved in making applications. In the course of the term, the Career Office also made presentations to students about how to study for the SAT (Secondary School Admission Test) exams. The Career Office also carried out a Career Interest Survey from year 12 and 13 students and parents. This academic year's Career Day will be on 30th January 2020. Students will get an opportunity to interact with the who is who from various industries. We believe this exposure will go a long way in solidifying their decision making on which fields they will want to pursue. We will also have a career test for year 9 students after which we will call parents/guardians for career test results to discuss and advise on subject selection



Merry Christmas

and Happy New Year!

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