

THE BANDA SCHOOL WEEKLY CIRCULAR

Week 1

23rd April 2010

Dear Parents,

I trust you all had a super Easter break with the family. The children, have obviously had a great holiday and are excited to be back at school.

Once again, this term will be a busy one with a great deal on offer for your children. You should all have received the term's calendar of events. Below are some important dates for your diaries for the first half of term:

CALENDAR

Tue 27th April

Year 5 Spice Factory Trip - a.m.
PTA Meeting - 6.00 p.m.

Thur 29th April

Year 6 Geography Field Trip to Njoro departs - a.m.

Fri 30th April

Friday Afternoon Activities Start

Mon 3rd May

Spice projects to be completed and handed in - a.m.

Junior School & Pegasus Pre-Prep Parents Meetings - All Week

Tue 11th May

Senior School Informal Music Afternoon

Wed 12th May

Year 5 & 6 Drama Forum - 4.00 p.m.

Tue 18th May

Junior School Informal Music afternoon

Wed 19th - Fri 21st May

French and Maths Listening and Aural Examinations for 13+ Common Entrance

Tue 25th May

Brookhouse Choir Festival (Main School Choir) at Brookhouse

Wed 26th - Thur 27th May

Year 4 Camping Trip to Sagana
Year 7 Geography Field trip to Peponi Secondary departs - a.m.

Thur 27th May

Pegasus Pre-Prep Play - a.m.
Half Term starts at 2.50 p.m.

School resumes Wednesday 2nd June.

M. D. Dickson

MR. DICKSON'S TRIP TO RSA

Due to the unfortunate delay of Mr. Dickson's return to school at the beginning of term due to the volcanic ash, he has cancelled his trip to South Africa next week and will therefore be in school.

W. Rutter

POTTERY

Unfortunately, Pottery will not take place this term, but will resume as usual next term. Sorry for the inconvenience caused.

W. Rutter

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Just to remind you that on Wednesday 12th May at 4.00 p.m., the Years 5 and 6 are doing their Drama Forum.

H. Winchester

BROOKHOUSE TASTER MORNING 7TH MAY 2010

Our 'Taster' morning will be held here at Brookhouse on 7th May. We have organised what we hope will be an interesting morning, beginning with a brief tour of the school followed by a number of sample lessons aimed at engaging our visitors. We envisage the programme beginning at 9.00 a.m., with lunch at around 12.30 p.m., allowing for departure at 1.00 p.m.

Please contact me at mcooper@brookhouse.ac.ke if you would like to attend. We look forward to meeting with you.

Mr. Michael Cooper, Brookhouse

FRIDAY AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

Friday Afternoon Activities will start on **Friday 30th April 2010.**

YEAR 5 SPICE PROJECTS

This is a reminder that all Year 5 completed Spice Projects are due in on Monday 3rd May. This is a strict deadline. Please ensure they are no larger than the stated size limit. We very much look forward to seeing the imaginative and interesting projects that have been produced this year.

S. Winchester

RECOMMENDED SAFETY FOR BOYS AND GIRLS GAMES

Boys Games - The major sport for all boys in Year 3 and above this term is Rugby. They need school hockey / rugby socks as they did last term. Rugby boots are also necessary and these should have aluminium studs (with the UK Kite mark standard emblem on them) or moulded rubber studs and they should also have a white and a maroon shirt for games. These are available at Animet Ltd, Yaya Centre. Gum shields are strongly recommended by the IRB as rugby is a physical contact game. **However, The Banda's policy will be that they will be compulsory for all boys this term for obvious safety reasons.**

Girls Games - No jewellery or watches to be worn during games and fingernails to be kept short.

S. Kenworthy

SENIOR SCHOOL INFORMAL MUSIC AFTERNOON

Tuesday 11th May 2010

The Senior School Informal Music Afternoon will take place on Tuesday 11th May (Week 4). This is a good opportunity for ABRSM candidates to perform one of their exam pieces.

Children will have the opportunity to audition during Music lessons in Week 2 and 3.

Please urge your children to be organised as I will not consider anyone for audition after Friday 7th May. Many thanks.

R. Brierley

DANCESPORT KENYA WORLD DANCE DAY

This is just a reminder that there is great fun to be had at Brookhouse School this weekend. There are dance workshops in lots of different styles for children and adults throughout Saturday and Sunday. Join in the fun and help DanceSport Kenya to promote all forms of dance in Kenya.

W. Rutter

FIXTURES AND EVENTS

MONDAY 26TH APRIL

Play Rehearsal - 3.45 - 5.30 p.m.

TUESDAY 27TH APRIL

Year 5 Spice Factory visit - a.m.
PTA Meeting - 6.00 p.m.

THURSDAY 29TH APRIL

Year 6 Geography Field Trip to Njoro departs - a.m.

FRIDAY 30TH APRIL

Heads Meeting at Kentmere Club - a.m.
Friday Afternoon Activities start - 2.45 p.m.

SATURDAY 1ST MAY

Year 6 Geography Field Trip to Njoro returns - p.m.

PEGASUS PRE-PREP NEWS

PARENTS MEETINGS

From Monday 3rd - Friday 7th May (inclusive) the Pre-Prep will be holding Parents Meetings. This is an opportunity to come and discuss your child / children's progress with the Class Teacher. Each appointment should last no more than 15 minutes. If, however, you require more time, then please liaise with the teacher concerned. A list of available times are on display in each class. Please could you sign up for a meeting as soon as possible next week.

P. Birkill

FRIDAY AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

Children in Year One remaining in school on a Friday afternoon between 2.45 and 3.45 p.m. will be involved in activities in the Pre-Prep. If, however, you would like your child to join any of the activities in the Main School, then please could you collect and complete a form available from Mrs. Brown in the Main School Office.

P. Birkill