

# THE BANDA SCHOOL

## WEEKLY CIRCULAR

Week 2

30th April 2010

Dear Parents

### Mrs. Ali Francombe

As many of you will be aware Mrs. Francombe flew to UK at the end of term for surgery and had hoped to be back in time for the start of term.

Unfortunately her consultant has informed her that she will need to have a second major operation and as a consequence she will not be back in school potentially for a few weeks.

I am currently looking into the possibility of recruiting a Supply Teacher to cover her lessons and I will inform you as soon as this difficult task is completed.

In the meantime, I will be covering Year 8 classes in preparation for their Common Entrance Exams in a months time. Her other History lessons will be covered either by myself or members of staff. I will oversee the work set to provide as much continuity as far as possible.

Mrs. Francombe's Religious Studies lessons will be covered on a full time basis by Mr. Winchester.

This current situation has come out of the blue and I would ask parents and children to bear with us until a more permanent solution is found.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter and I know that you will join all the children and Staff in wishing her a speedy recovery.

**\*\*N.B. Parents - Are there any budding historians who are keen to teach part time at The Banda? OR do you know of any historians who would enjoy some history teaching at The Banda?**

M. D. Dickson

### YEAR 8 FRENCH & MATHS LISTENING & AURAL EXAMS Wednesday 19th - Friday 21st May 2010

These start on Wednesday 19th May and continue through to Friday 21st May.

S. Winchester

### LOST PROPERTY

A reminder to pupils and parents that there is a huge amount of LOST PROPERTY already at Sister Emily's Medical Centre.

Please would both pupils and parents drop in on a regular basis if belongings have gone "missing". The Banda does have an efficient system in place in that all belongings left lying around the school (and you would be horrified to see how much!!) are taken to the Medical Centre at the end of each day or first thing the following day.

It would help enormously if **all** articles of clothing, equipment, etc. were **named** as belongings then can be easily identified and returned quickly.

M. D. Dickson

### DATE CHANGE FOR THE BANDA "SUMMER" BALL 12th June 2010

The Banda "Summer" Ball will now be held on 12th June NOT 5th June. Save the date and mark your calendars accordingly. Watch this space for more info.

The Banda PTA

### U13 RUGBY SEVENS PRACTICES ON TUESDAYS AFTER SCHOOL

There will be Rugby Sevens practices for all Years 7 & 8 boys who are interested in playing after school on Tuesdays between 3.45 - 4.45 p.m. Please note that we cannot take other age groups due to the restrictions of the laws. If you are interested please see me.

**S. Kenworthy**

### EXTRA FIXTURE FOR U11A GIRLS NETBALL

**Tuesday 15th June**

On Tuesday 15th June the U11A Girls will be playing Netball against Brookhouse at 3.20 p.m. and then against Peponi at 3.40 p.m. Collection time from Brookhouse will be 4.00 p.m., Banda 4.15 p.m.

**S. Kenworthy**

### WREKIN COLLEGE, SHROPSHIRE, UK

The Headmaster, Stephen Drew from Wrekin College, Shropshire, UK will host a Cocktail Party at the Muthaiga Club on Tuesday 18th May from 6.30 - 8.30 p.m. Anyone interested please feel free to attend.

**M. D. Dickson**

### 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 3.

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

**R. Brierley**

### YEAR 5 SPICE FACTORY TRIP

**TUESDAY 27TH APRIL**

We went into the board room at Tropical Heat where we were given a brief introduction to the company - Deepa Industries. We were then split into five groups and each group had a guide. We saw the process of making crisps from potatoes to packets. We saw a popcorn machine and a machine that can grind spices to powder. In the sorting room there were some poor, forlorn looking women sorting bad spices and good spices. We washed our hands, then went back to the board room and had a feast. My favourite part was the packaging of crisps.

**Nanouri Winchester**

### 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**

### THE SAFARICOM FAMILY CHALLENGE 2010

Dear Parents

I am sure that you have heard about the success of the first Safaricom Family Challenge last year. We are now well under way in planning The Safaricom Family Challenge 2010, to be held at Malewa near Gilgil on the 11th and 12th September, the first weekend after school resumes in September.

The number of teams will be limited, so if you want to enter a team all you need to do now is to submit a team name and the Kshs.10,000/= minimum sponsorship to secure your place. All the paperwork can be done nearer the time.

If you would like to sponsor one of the challenges, please contact the committee: [kenyakamili@gmail.com](mailto:kenyakamili@gmail.com) and we will send you details.

Please enclose payment of Kshs.10,000/= with your entries. Cheques should be made out to Kamili Organisation. Send your entry to P.O. Box 23203, Nairobi 00604 - E-mail: [kenyakamili@gmail.com](mailto:kenyakamili@gmail.com) Tel: 0716-424987.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**The Family Challenge Committee, Melanie Blake, Peponi House**

### BROOKHOUSE TASTER MORNING 7TH MAY 2010

Our 'Taster' morning will be held here at Brookhouse on 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mcooper@brookhouse.ac.ke) if you would like to attend. We look forward to meeting with you.  
**Mr. Michael Cooper, Brookhouse**

### TERM DATES

#### SEPTEMBER 2010

Term Begins: Tuesday 7th September  
First Half Ends: Friday 15th October  
Term re-starts: Monday 25th October  
Term Ends: Friday 10th December

#### JANUARY 2011

Term Begins: Tuesday 11th January  
First Half Ends: Wednesday 16th February  
Term re-starts: Monday 21st February  
Term Ends: Friday 25th March

#### APRIL 2011

Term Begins: Wednesday 27th April  
First Half Ends: Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May  
Term re-starts: Monday 6th June  
Term Ends: Friday 8th July

## FIXTURES AND EVENTS

### MONDAY 3RD MAY

Year 5 Spice Projects to be submitted -a .m.  
**Pegasus Pre-Prep Parents Meetings - All Week**  
**Junior School Parents Meetings - All Week**  
Play Rehearsal - 3.45 - 5.30 p.m.

### TUESDAY 4TH MAY

U11A Boys' Rugby v Peponi (a) - 3.00 p.m.  
U11C Girls' Netball v Peponi (a) - 3.00 p.m.  
U11D Girls' Netball v Peponi (a) - 3.00 p.m.  
**Collection time Peponi 3.45 p.m., Banda 5.00 p.m.**  
U11B Boys' Rugby v Peponi (h) - 3.00 p.m.  
U11C Boys' Rugby v Peponi (h) - 3.00 p.m.  
U11A Girls' Netball v Peponi (h) - 3.00 p.m.  
U11B Girls' Netball v Peponi (h) - 3.00 p.m.  
**Collection time Banda 3.45 p.m.**

**(Bus children are not guaranteed to get on the bus - please collect from school)**

### WEDNESDAY 5TH MAY

Hillcrest 12-a-side Rugby Festival at Hillcrest - a.m. & p.m.  
2nd Girls' Netball v Brookhouse (h) - 3.00 p.m.  
2nd Boys' Rugby v Brookhouse (h) - 3.00 p.m.  
**Collection time Banda 4.00 p.m.**

### THURSDAY 6TH MAY

Pupil Catering Committee Meeting - 2.20 p.m.  
U9A Boys' Rugby v Peponi (a) - 2.30 p.m.  
U9B Boys' Rugby v Peponi (a) - 2.30 p.m.  
U9A Girls' Netball v Peponi (a) - 2.30 p.m.  
U9B Girls' Netball v Peponi (a) - 2.30 p.m.  
**Collection time Peponi 3.15 p.m., Banda 4.30 p.m.**  
U9C Boys' Rugby v Peponi (h) - 2.30 p.m.  
U9C Girls' Netball v Peponi (h) - 2.30 p.m.  
**Collection time Banda normal time**  
Boys' Rugby v Ruzawi School (Zimbabwe) (h) - 4.45 p.m.  
Girls' Hockey v Ruzawi School (Zimbabwe) (h) - 4.00 p.m.

### FRIDAY 7TH MAY

1st Boys' VI Tennis v Braeburn (h) - 3.00 p.m.  
**Collection time Banda 4.15 p.m.**  
1st Girls' VI Tennis v Braeburn (a) - 3.00 p.m.  
**Collection time Braeburn 4.15 p.m., Banda 5.00 p.m.**