

## ST CONSTANTINE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 34 – APRIL 19, 2021

### HELLO EVERYONE - KARIBU

our latest edition of the school newsletter, which I hope you continue to enjoy receiving.

We hope that all parents will stay with us for the next academic year (21-22) because you value the education your child is receiving at St. Constantine International. However, we understand family circumstances change and that some families move to new places. If you cannot stay with us next year, we will be very sorry to lose you. Please can I alert you to the date you must resign your child's place by if you want to do so without penalty: **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2021.**

This edition of our Newsletter highlights two recent, great, events: Primary's ***Battle of the Bands*** and the Secondary Musical: ***Matilda***. Congratulations to all involved. The latter particularly took a very long time to practise and rehearse and the cast had to show great patience until we were able to put it on. However, the show came up trumps with a wonderful final result that I hope you saw either in person or online. It will soon be posted on our school YouTube channel so if you missed it, or want to re-live the experience, it will be available to you.

Wishing you very well,

*Tony Macfadyen*  
Head of School



**You Tube**

**Matilda**  
THE MUSICAL



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CAST AND CREW OF MATILDA !

After the delays and difficulties reaching the stage, Matilda was finally performed on Friday/Saturday to rapturous applause for our talented and hard-working students, teachers and crew.

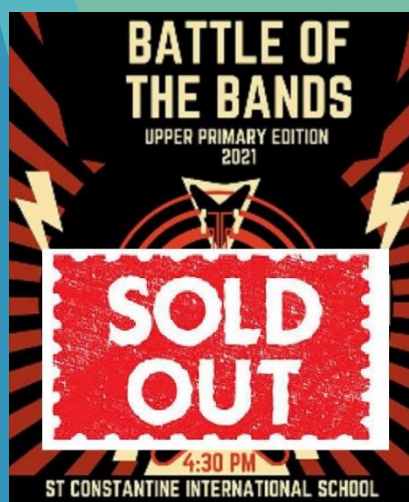
The story is of a bright girl named Matilda, of wondrous intelligence, how she is ignored by her family and escapes into a world of reading, exercising her mind so much that she develops telekinetic powers. She is sent to a cruel school with a wicked principal, but amid the darkness, she finds Miss Honey who recognises her remarkable skills - including a very special talent that allows the spirited girl to turn the tables on the wicked grown-ups in her world.

Pictured front page from top anti-clockwise: The students look on as Nigel hides from Miss Trunchbull under the coats; Sheila convinces pregnant Mrs Wormwood (Micha) to have her baby; Assistant doctor David consults; Mr Wormwood (Wundeh) stresses when his business with the Russian mafia fails; Hortensia (Patricia) is scared of the next lesson; Miss Trunchbull (Emmanuel) prepares for PhysEd while Miss Honey protects the students from her demands; Mr Macfadyen welcomes parents and visitors to the show; Matilda (played here by Emma) is befriended by Lavender (Joaquine) on her first day of school.

Pictured this page from top left anti-clockwise: Visitors arriving for the show; Shanisa, Barbara and Nancy who not only worked backstage, but also performed in the salsa dancing; acrobat (Doreen) and escapologist Daniel enjoy a loving dance amongst the chaos; Mrs Mbugua gave a star guest appearance in the salsa competition, while Paul, Vanessa, Malcolm and Dorcas also compete; in the birthday scene Carlson, Patricia, Christian, Elizabeth and Allan perform a "miracle song"; Bruce Bogtrotter (Christian) is labelled after experiencing "The Chokey" - a very narrow cupboard - as punishment; Mrs Wormwood (Micha) and Rudolpho (Ogone) practise for the Salsa and ballroom dancing championship, Matilda (played this time by Evelyne) and Nigel (Allan) react to Miss Trunchbull's terrifying spelling test.

The lead roles had two alternating stars with Emma and Evelyne as Matilda; Eno and James as Mr Wormwood, Natasha and Adina as Miss Honey. Special thanks are also given to the key people bringing it all together: Derick Murunga: Director, Daniel Kalule: Music Director, Geoffrey Namulala: for the amazing set and prop design, Becky Kwenda: Lights, Sandra Marandu: Choreography; Sandra Marandu and Doreen Metili: Stage Managers; Margareth Mollel: Costumes; Frank, Mariam, Omary, Mkondola and all Support staff from Facilities and all School Management: General help and Support.





The 2021 Battle of the Bands grand concert marked the culmination of weeks of intense practice for the singers, Instrumentalist and Dancers. The programme was certainly varied with the Band music played being Pop Music coupled with a few individual performances on the Piano, Beat Boxing and Dance. In other words, the concert was reflecting some essential elements of the present global music arena.

It is almost four years ago when the first historic Battle of the Bands was performed in the school shelter near the pool. Since then, Upper primary classes mainly year 5 and 6 have battled it out on stage in song and dance. This year's event was special because it involved the upper primary younger stars in Year 4. They came out strong to battle the big boys and girls of Years 5 and 6.



"This event helps the pupils to appreciate music, enjoy themselves and develop their communication and group work skills," says Mr Kalule, music teacher. "A lot of work went into these performances."

*Pictured clockwise from top right: Victor & Dilum 4E, Zumba with Danica, Kimberly & Ayanah, Elijah 5E, Glorious & Alexia 6W, 6E the winners performing and with their trophy, Ethan, Alefiyah, Johnson & Samuel 5E, Mahdi and Owen beat boxing, Azaria 6E plays guitar. The winning scores were 6E - 83%, 6W - 80.06%, 5W - 80.03%, 4E - 78%, 5E - 74%, 4W - 65%*



**Not only did they win ...  
but there was  
CAKE for 6E !**



## THE KISONGO PRIMARY KITCHEN PROJECT CONTINUES

In the spirit of Service, The Primary Student council paid a visit to Kisongo Primary last Tuesday to see the progress of our kitchen building charity project.

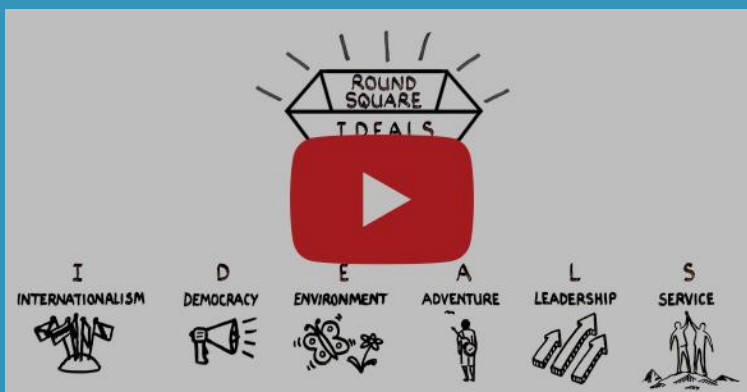


Mathematics Teacher Assistant Primary Round Square Coordinator, Ms Felister Chikoti, said it was very heartening for the students to see the progress as it now enters its final phase. The project is expected to be finished by the end of the school year.

"So far we have spent approximately Tsh 8 Million which was raised by all the students on different occasions like Non-Uniform day in term 1, Bake sale in term 2, and IDEALS fair," Ms Felister said.

"The planning and ideas for fundraising come from Primary Student Council representatives from Year 1 to Year 6, which include 12 students from each class, and we vote for different students each term."

Pictured left is the old kitchen with students from both St Constantine International and Kisongo with Ms Felister and right, the current stage of progress with the SCIS student council.



### **New Animated Film available - Round Square in 3 minutes**

We are excited to share with you a new three-minute animated film that gives a quick and easy introduction to Round Square. If you would like to share the link to the film, please cut and paste:

<https://youtu.be/Ox0QfO2eAqY>

**IDEALS electives for Primary** were discussed last week with students offered a choice of: African games, Adventure Racing, STEM Club, Games from Around the World, Outdoors Club, Culture club, Chess/Board games/puzzles; as well as the following which include making things for the IDEALS FAIR - Recycling/Crafts, Wealth out of waste, Paper Craft, Loom Weaving, DIY Club, Beaded crafts, Shanga club, International Cooking, Making pots. The IDEALS FAIR will take place on Wednesday 30th June from 1 - 3 pm. This is the time when we raise money for our chosen charities and celebrate the year of IDEALS. Some of the items that will be on sale include loom bands, woollen bracelets, bags decorated in pom poms, tins decorated with kitenge and kikoi fabric and sewn flowers and lots of handmade greeting cards.

Year 3 Art created Ancient Egyptian Collars as part of their Discovery project. These were intricate pieces of jewellery worn by wealthy people in Ancient Egypt. "We used paper plates and oil pastels for the collar and then sequins and gems to decorate our collars," Mrs Marandu said. "We also did Egyptian sunset pictures, using water colours."

These will be displayed this week on the Upper Primary noticeboard – so make sure you come and have a look !



Pictured with their Egyptian collars are: Top Row L to R: Anney and Hans; Lamya and Ryan; Kaan, Wamaka, Priya and Sarah. Middle: Ebrahim, Kirley, Aaron, Gabriella and a selection of collars. Bottom row L to R Hans, Anney, Selema; Qainan, Bhavya and Lordwell. Left Lamya and right Jaden.



A Virtual Conference on Leadership was hosted by Chadwick School, Incheon in South Korea, during the Easter break with our student leader Faraja, in attendance via Zoom.

“The conference was to understand and share how quarantine affected our lives, personally. The conference was basically about sharing a vision in leadership,” Faraja said.



*We are now in the Holy month of Ramadan for our Muslim students, who will have their prayers in the Old Boarders Dining Room – Boys Boarders Primary Common Room – Girls, which have been set aside for them during this holy fasting period. We would ask that all students respect their salat and also understand that they are not eating or drinking from sunrise to sunset.*



*Ramadan Kareem*

## WHAT'S ON AT ST CONSTANTINE

### April

Monday – Wed 19 -21	Checkpoint exams Y6 – Mathematics, English and Science
Wed – Friday 21 - 23	Checkpoint exams Y9 – Mathematics, English and Science
Monday 19	Primary after-school Taekwondo-Do begins
Wednesday 21	<i>Leading for Our Time</i> Round Square virtual conference, South Africa
Wednesday 21	Primary after-school Chess begins
Friday 23	Primary Inter-House Runathon 2pm
Monday 26	Union Day – Public holiday (school closed)
Monday 27 ongoing	Primary Science Fair preparation begins (Y6)
Tuesday 27 – Friday 30	Primary play rehearsals begin (Y5/6)
Friday 30	Y6/7 Round Square project begins

### May

Monday 3	<i>Democracy in a Pandemic</i> Round Square virtual conference, USA
Tuesday 4	Primary Play rehearsals and Science Fair preparation ongoing until June
Thursday 6	Y9 Options Evening - 6pm
Friday 7	U7 / U9 / U11 / U13 Swim Gala at Kennedy House
Friday 7	Primary Prefects' Social - 3.30pm
Wednesday 10	Y 6/7 Round Square project concludes
Monday – Wed 10 – 14	Nursery – Y4 Assessment Week
Monday – Wed 10 - 12	Y5 Exam week
Wednesday 12	U9 / U11 / U13 Tag Rugby v Kennedy House at SCIS (tbc)
Thursday – Friday 13-14	EID holiday (tbc)
	AS and A level exams continue
Monday – Friday 17 – 21	Primary activities week
Monday – Friday 24 – 28	School closed for half term
Monday 31 – Wed June 2	Y6 Exam week

### June

Friday 4	Primary Inter-House X-Country
Saturday 5	Y5 Leadership Training Morning
Tuesday 8	Primary Inter-House Netball 2.30pm
Friday 11	U9 / U11 / U13 Netball v Kennedy House (venue and date tbc)
Saturday 12	Y13 Graduation
Monday 14 – Friday 18	Yr 11 work experience
Tuesday 15	Primary Inter-House Tag Rugby
Wednesday 16	Lower Primary MC show 6pm
Thursday - Friday 17-18	6 <sup>th</sup> Form Taster days
Thursday 17	Y6 Primary Science Fair 1.30pm
Friday 18	Y7 transition presentations to Y6
Friday 18	DELf exams all day @ SCIS (Y5 and above)
Friday 18	Town Campus Show 5.30pm
Monday 21	Primary Peripatetic Music concert 3.45pm
Thursday 24	Y5 / 6 Play - Night 1 @ 6pm
Friday 25	Y5 / 6 Play - Night 2 @ 6pm
Monday – Friday 21 - 25	Y7 - 10 Activities week
Monday 28	Transition Day 8 am – 12.40pm
Wednesday 30	Primary IDEALS Fair from 1- 3pm

### July

Thursday 1	Primary Prizegiving 9 am
	Secondary Prizegiving 11 am
Thursday 1	<b>Last day of school</b> – school ends at 1.30pm