

ST CONSTANTINE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 35 MAY 3, 2021

HELLO EVERYONE - KARIBU

It is with a heavy heart that I announce this academic year will be the last at St Constantine's for my wife (Mrs Macfadyen, Assistant Head KS 5), our two children, Sam and Emma and me. 2021 completes five great years at the school and we have really loved it. St Constantine's is a special place. However, we feel now is the right time to move on.

The School Management Board has already moved forward to replace us and by the time you read this, a new Head of School will have been appointed after a thorough search. The Board has been kind enough to involve me in the process of recruiting the new Principal, so I can tell you honestly, there are four really strong candidates on the shortlist from an initial field of over eighty (80). Whichever of them is appointed, after a rigorous interview process, I know they will take the school from strength to strength, so the future is bright. I will introduce the new person to you in the near future.

Importantly, we must wish all our students in Years 11,12 and 13 the very best of luck in their external examinations that are now underway in earnest. We have been lucky and privileged to have remained open all year so I believe, despite the difficulties experienced by everyone worldwide, our teachers have done a great job preparing them for these assessments. They will do very well.

Lastly, Monday 3rd May, 2021 was the date to resign your child's place for this August if you had to do this. If, very sadly, you are not able to come back in August for 2021-22 and you have not told us, please do so immediately.

Enjoy the newsletter and all that our students have done - Thanks, as ever, to my colleague Ms Leonie for its production.

Yours sincerely / Wako mwaminifu,

Tony Macfadyen
Head of School

This Thursday we welcome Year 9 families to our Options Information Evening in the Main Hall (refreshments from 5.30 pm for 6pm start) from where you will make your way to subject specialists to find out more about the options. The subject presentations will follow the keynote presentations at 6.30pm and will be located in classrooms around the school. Subject specialist teachers will be present in each venue to field questions and to allow students and parents to peruse resources, speak to Year 10 students and generally acquire the flavour of the subject. (The evening should end at 8pm.)





The Culture Club from our Primary School IDEALS took an adventurous tour to the Cultural Heritage site. Here, they had a lot of fun while learning the most interesting facts about African culture. They were amazed at the rich

history that the museum holds and engaged in various question and answer sessions to understand the various aspects of African beliefs, clothing, festivals and celebrations, family setup, animals and what they represent, leadership, colours, religion and gods, economic activities, stories, education systems, foods, languages spoken, as well as their history. This was an exciting time for them and they look forward to another time of exploration of various other cultures.



Pictured above right: Back row Carlson, Seleman, Lemmy; Front row Madam Lynette, Elliot, Tamara, Jamian and Inaya. Pictured above left are Elliot, Inayah, Jamian and guide Emmanuel.



Year 4 students have been learning about how to ask and respond to questions about weather.

Left are Sarayu, Renita, Trevor and Andre who represented Sparta very well by creatively making a show including a role play, song and dance to revise weather vocabulary. Watch them at:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eg0AnlpRDMP0k9ufFnMat98FDfcCHjtr/view?ts=6082a819>



Introducing Bankole Sogelola - SENCo and SEN Teacher

From Lagos in Nigeria, Bankole speaks English and his native Yoruba Language. He is coming to Tanzania for the calmness most importantly, as he has lived all his working life in a mega city with a lot of what he calls "good chaos".

Prior to joining St. Constantine International he taught at the Children's International School (CIS), at Lekki, Lagos and is currently connecting with our students virtually. As well as Special Needs, he will be working with students for EAL too, teaching across both Primary and Secondary in the core subjects. Mr Bankole has two boys of his own, aged 6 and 4 years and they will be joining SCIS in Year 1 and Nursery. "I mostly teach children who, to the ordinary eye, are seen as not able" Mr Bankole says.



"My excitement is in supporting students to achieve and finding their unique talents. I have had past students thank me, for my work, after many years. It gladdens my heart that I impacted such lives."

TOURISM
IN
TANZANIA

The recent Round Square newsletter, delivered worldwide to over 200 member schools, featured an invitation from St. Constantine International. Students aged 13 to 15 were invited to join a 90-minute RS Zoom Postcard on 5th May starting at 1pm local time in Tanzania (GMT +3), on the theme of Tourism in Tanzania. Prior to the virtual meeting, participants are asked to research information about Tanzania and to upload a picture that represents what they consider to be the most important attraction for tourism in their own country.

YOUR MOVE MR MURRAY:

Primary School Chess Club takes place on Wednesdays after school under the watchful eye of our chess coach, Mr David, who is an international chess player for Tanzania.

Our school has developed chess dramatically over the last few years and we have hosted a variety of tournaments across different age groups.

As Mr David was unable to attend last week, Head of Primary, Mr Murray, hosted the young chess players in his office so they did not miss out on their game. Pictured are Davis (5E), Kimberly (5W) and Ethan (5E), with Mr Murray. I wonder who won?



OUR NEW MARKETING OFFICER: Odemari Bosco

With Ms Lee (Leonie) now stranded in New Zealand and continuing to work online for us, it is essential we have someone within the school to keep things running locally. To take on this position we now have Odemari Bosco, who has replaced Miss Lucy.

Mr Ode's family hails from Moshi and he has most recently come from working in the Community Relations and Visitors teams at The School of St Jude.

As well as his marketing skills, he brings an ability to speak English, Swahili,

Mandarin Chinese and French to his role.

"My driving force in any position I undertake," he says, "is to create an enabling environment where I learn from those around me and hopefully, they too can learn from me in a conducive atmosphere that suits all."

SCHOOL PHOTOS: Last week our students had their photos taken for the Yearbook and in deference to social distancing, each had a single photo by themselves. Here are Christian, Year 7 and Mr Muchawe having their photos taken.



RUNATHON:

The Runathon is an annual Upper Primary Inter House event so all the Upper Primary Students are expected to take part, but our teachers joined in too and everyone had a fun.

A Runathon is a middle-distance

running event where everyone is expected to run as many laps as possible. It is always held in Term 3, at the beautiful SCIS grounds, on the Cross-Country running Course. An Inter House event, all the Upper Primary Students from Year 3 – 6 took part, but it was Olympia House who emerged victorious.

Pictured clockwise from top right are Mr Brian excited about running with his students; Mr. Murray and Collete; Sakiyna, Kendra, Sarayu and Owen;

Johnson and David; Ethan Murray and Ruby Macha celebrating with the trophy; Kimberly, Weeam, Danica and Qainan; Gilian; Elisha, Daneen and Mr. Magare; Ms Lilian, Ethan Osmond, Fiza and Karim and Ben Silas.





Seven of our Year 10 IGCSE History students joined 103 other students from 28 other schools across 14 countries (Germany, Switzerland, India, South Africa, Kenya, Colombia, the USA, Canada, Oman, Romania, the UK, Peru, and Armenia) in a Zoom call titled 'Antisemitism in Modern Germany'. The topic links well with their Depth Study of Germany between 1918 and 1945 where there is a focus on the Nazi regime and what it was like to

live in Nazi Germany. The zoom call helped them to recognise the relevance and importance of historical studies, as it included a brief history of the Holocaust which was linked to modern-day examples of antisemitism. This outline opened up conversations in baraza breakouts about how to promote an appreciation of diversity and how to promote equality in society. The students discussed these issues with their peers demonstrating great empathy. #roundsquare

INTERNATIONAL STUDY on STUDENT LEADERSHIP



A Cross-cultural Study of Student Leadership in Round Square Schools

Research Team

Ewan Wright, Allan Walker, Darren Bryant, Moosung Lee, Kanwal Syeda Hassan and Soobin Choi



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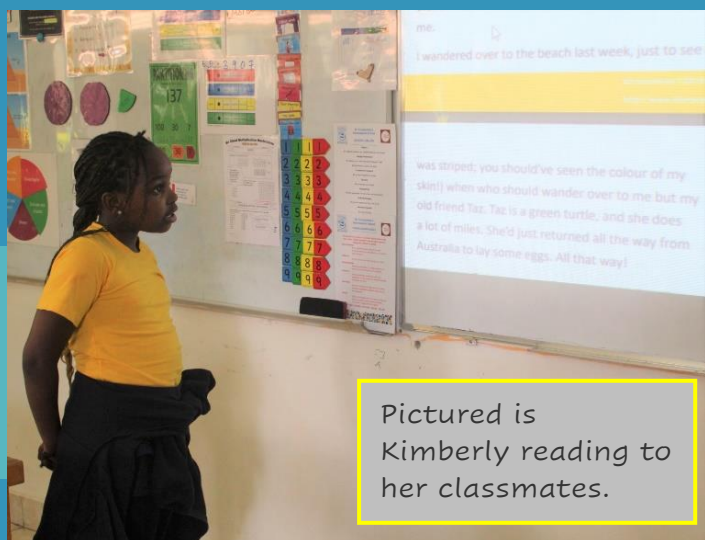
A Cross-cultural global study of student leadership

in Round Square schools, led by a research team from the Education University of Hong Kong, finds students rate ethical leadership qualities highest and believe "effective leadership involves collaboration, ethical conduct and service". Round Square thanked the 26 students in 12 Schools who worked on the research team for this project including St. Constantine's International School. Read about the Student Leadership Cross Cultural Study here <http://bit.ly/RSEdUHK>.

The study saw data collected from 6,760 teenagers and 1,695 teachers in Round Square schools in 34 countries through an online survey, and the survey findings were expanded through 114 in-depth interviews. The Researchers found that students' attitudes and ideas about leadership are more systemic than hierarchical, and report a belief in students "that effective leadership involves collaboration, ethical conduct, and service".

The study highlighted shared perspectives of effective leadership across age, gender, and cross-cultural contexts, which the researchers suggest could indicate a 'Round Square effect' related to how "a common educational philosophy and commitment to student leadership in Round Square schools may cultivate common leadership perspectives." The study delved into students' own sense of their capacity for leadership, their sources of inspiration and the activities they found most useful in developing and practicing relevant skills. The top five activities for building leadership noted by students in the online survey were groupwork (95%), projects (91%), presentations (90%), hobbies (83%), and sports (76%).

The Research Team also found that whilst students consider global youth leaders such as Greta Thunberg and Malala Yousafzai to be sources of inspiration, their positive leadership role models are, in fact, found closer to home. It revealed that students' most impactful lessons in leadership come from those family members, friends, and teachers whose capacity to overcome adversity, work collaboratively and enthuse others provides them with accessible real-world examples.



Pictured is Kimberly reading to her classmates.

READING ALOUD:

Mr. Claud and his 5W students worked to improve their literacy skills by listening to others read aloud to them. The students read a few pages and then stopped to asked each other questions like "Can you explain this part?" OR "I agree with this character; what do you think?"

5W Class chose to read units from Eco Awareness – Dear Humans from licky-lizard42@savetheanimals.org. relating literacy with Maths. They enjoyed reading the narrative text "Eco Awareness- Counting".

WINNERS! WINNERS! WINNERS

Gold, Silver and Bronze awards were given out when students returned from break.

The awards are based on merits which can fall in different categories like academics, sports, best student in class and so forth. The points given and level of award goes towards a total for each House

Upper Primary House Point winners enjoyed a pool party as a reward for the students in the House which won the most Points per person over the term. They had a free swim, music, and pizza/chips/soda lunch provided by Mr George. Sparta won the Upper Primary prize for Term 2 with an average House Point per person of 36.1

Pictured top is Ayanah Suleman 3E enjoying the water, while Raphael Petro 4E is jumping in for a swim below, and Glen enjoyed his pizza and chips.

On the Front Cover of this newsletter are photos of winners Year 8 Olympia top and Year 7 Delphi below.

Here are all the winners:

BRONZE

Athens – Year 7

Carlson, Celine, Nansa, Joaquine, Ryan, Mbarak, Daniella, Nidhi, Seif, Christian, Aalia

Athens Year 8 and 9

Sanjay, Ihsaan, Prisha, Nektaria, Ezechiel, Rodley, Erica, Alutte

Athens year 10 – 13

Andrew, Violet, Bethsey, Maxine, James, Emmanuel, Nahlah

Delphi Year 7

Jeremy, Brian, Tanya, Christian, Mellisa, Patricia

Delphi Year 8 and 9

Eden, Williams, Mark, Laureen, Tamara, Ryan, Tarunisri, Justino, Nouriel

Delphi – Year 10 – 13

Daniella, Faraja, Ogone, Matilda, John, Jasleen

Olympia Year 7

Angelo, Monica, Aika, Maya, Subhaan, Keirav

Olympia – Year 8 and 9

Shanice, Nice, Alex, Yusta, Samwel, Julian, Fatma

Olympia – Year 10 – 13

Prince, Allen, Brandon, Hope, Nailois, Benny, Vanessa, Enoch, Karishma

Sparta Year 7

Nureen, Leticia, Fae, Maria

Sparta – Year 8 and 9

Tatenda, Michael, Adina, Elian, Mitchellle, Joanne, Theodore

Sparta – Year 10 – 13

Sarah, Antonio, Frances, Paulo, Becky, Ladin, Lorine, Malcolm, Dimitrina, Wundeh, Anastasia, Anjuman, Ziyad, Tadiwa

SILVER

Athens:

David, Evelynne, Aidan, Amal, Sheila, Montel, Nelson, Sharron, Leen, Atupelye

Delphi:

Mikaeel, Maria, John, Naipima, Eileen, Maryam, Wariyo, Cynthia, Nancy





Tazama Africa

SAFARIS | TREKKING | BEACH HOLIDAYS

Opening preview: 27th August
Exhibition: 28th August -
29th Sept 2021

Sanaa na ufundi

Art and Craft from Tanzania to
support the scholarship students of
St. Constantine International School

Opening preview from 3.00 pm,
Friday August 27 with music and dance
Exhibition and sales from
August 28 - September 25, 2021
Monday to Saturday 10 am to 4 pm
The Incubator Gallery, Tauranga Historic Village
17th Avenue, Tauranga

THE
INCUBATOR
GALLERY & STUDIO

The planning and preparations for “Sanaa na ufundi - Art and Craft from Tanzania”

has progressed with the hard work of our student elective team and some milestone support both in Tanzania and New Zealand.

The wonderful safari company **Tazama Africa** is offering a five-day safari for us to raffle during the exhibition, which has already stirred great interest in New Zealand. We hope that you will support Tazama and experience their excellent safari tours.

A local Tauranga sign company – Signco – is sponsoring all our street signage by producing our advertising signs for free and the Incubator itself is hosting our exhibition for the full month at no cost to the school.

Invaluable assistance is coming from Multicultural Tauranga, a charitable, non-profit, non-political, non-religious community organisation. The latest census showed that 19.7% of people living in Tauranga were born overseas - one in five people - so we are heartened to have such an organisation backing our efforts to raise funds for our scholarship students here in Tanzania.



One of those groups is represented by Kutu Mukherjee, pictured left performing her classical Indian concert *Rhythm and Raga - Our Roots*. Mrs Mukherjee is assisting in bringing representation of the Indian community of Arusha.

Such is our support in New Zealand that we have VIP guests confirmed to attend with The Hon Jan Tinetti, Minister of Internal Affairs, Minister for Women and Associate Minister of Education going to perform the Official Opening, and also - a great champion of our event - local member of Parliament, Angie Warren-Clark MP will be there. They are pictured bottom left with Ms Lee at *Rhythm and Raga*.

Pictured top left is one of three posters we are printing to advertise the exhibition – all of which were designed by our talented art teacher Mr Geoffrey Namulala.



For the opening event, we have volunteers willing to cook Tanzanian finger food for guests. However, we need infallible recipes. If anyone can help us with easy recipes for the following, we would be most grateful: Mandazi, Vitumbua, Zanzibar pizza, Mishkaki, Ndizi Kaanga, Chapatti, Chips Mayai.

WHAT'S ON

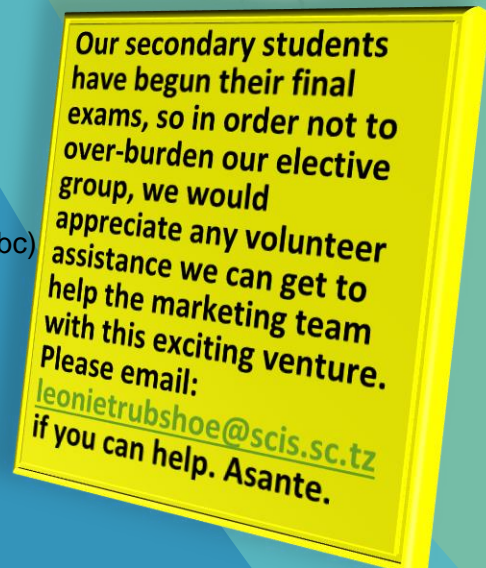
May

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 – 12	Nursery – Y4 Assessment Week
Monday – Wed 10 - 12	Y5 Exam week
Wednesday 12	U9 / U11 / U13 Touch Rugby v Kennedy House at SCIS 1 - 2.30pm
Thursday – Friday 13-14	EID holiday (tbc)
	AS and A level exams continue
Monday – Friday 17 – 21	Primary activities week
Friday 21	Science Fair Year 9
Monday – Friday 24 – 28	School closed for half term
Monday 31 – Wed June 2	Y6 Exam week



June

Wednesday 2	Secondary PSHE Day
Friday 4	Primary Inter-House X-Country
Saturday 5	Y5 Leadership Training Morning
Tuesday 8	Primary Inter-House Netball 2.30pm
Wednesday 9	End of Year exams Years 7 - 10
Friday 11	U9/U11/U13 Netball @ Kennedy House (time tbc)
Friday 11	Last IGCSE exams
Saturday 12	Y13 Graduation
Monday 14 – Friday 18	Y12 work experience
Tuesday 15	Primary Inter-House Tag Rugby
Wednesday 16	Lower Primary MC show 6pm
Thursday - Friday 17-18	6 th 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 followed by music on the lawn at 7pm at TC
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 - 13 Activities week
Monday – Friday 21 – 25	Y11 work experience
Monday 28	Transition Day 8 am – 12.40pm Year 6
Wednesday 30	Primary IDEALS Fair from 1- 3pm



July

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