



OSHWAL ACADEMY NAIROBI

JUNIOR HIGH

“COMPASS FOR LIFE SKILLS”

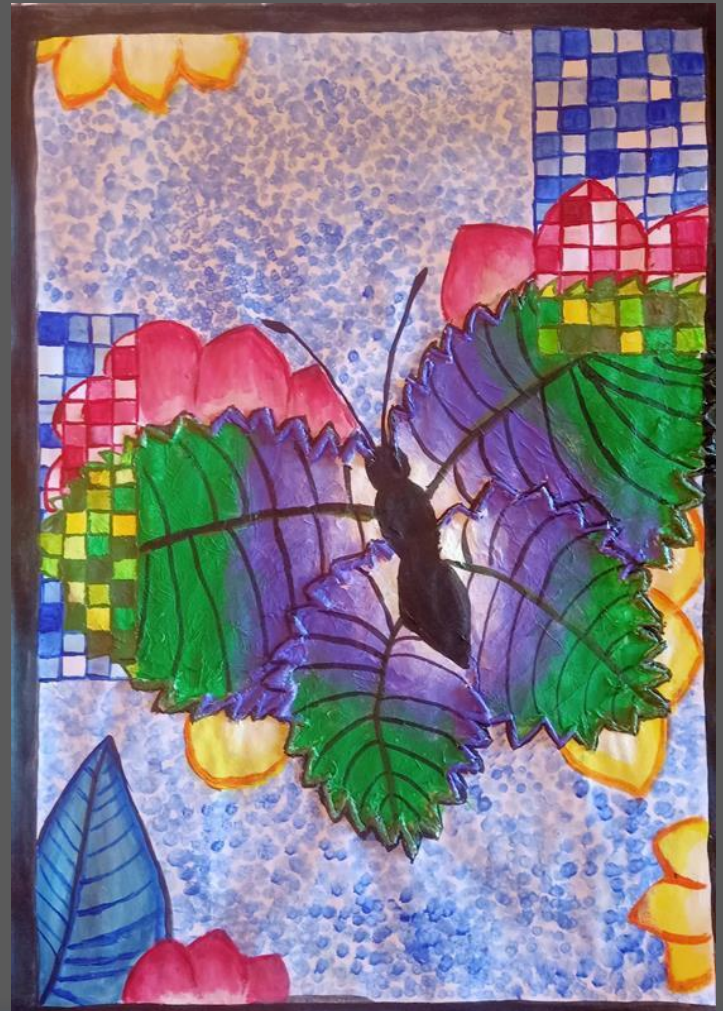
**TERM 2 WEEK 7
NEWSLETTER
2020-2021**

Artwork of the week.

*Natural forms art
work by PRASHAN
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WEEK 7 HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ HEAD'S MESSAGE
- ❖ INFORMATION TO PARENTS
- ❖ JUNIOR HIGH IN PICTURES
- ❖ Weekly tip for parents



Life at Junior High Campus

Education ~ Fun ~ Leadership ~ Responsibility

“If You are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people” – Chinese Proverb

“Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself” – Chinese Proverb

HEAD'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Greetings from Junior High Campus. We have come to the end of the first half of term 2. The first half was absolutely eventful with many firsts including: recommencement of physical education classes, food and nutrition practical, P.E IGCSE course work, introduction of project based assessment for years 7,8,9 and the start of Mock 2 for Year 11. We have endeavored to keep you informed through our weekly newsletter. We also saw the start of physical school attendance for classes which I must say has been smooth beyond our expectations.

In line with physical attendance of classes, I would like to inform the parents who applied for a special pass to use the Primary Campus gate to access Junior High Campus that the passes are now ready and that they should come to school to collect the passes on Monday 22nd February.

For year 11 parents, Mock 3 examination will commence on Tuesday 23rd February. As earlier communicated, this will be a very vital examination as it will be used to compute the predicated grade. We urge all year 11 parents to make sure that their children are present in school for this examination as well as the on-going lessons. Lesson attendance will contribute 10% for the final subject grade.

Incase the student does not have exam on a particular day, students will be given quiet environment to self study for the next days paper. Attendance for each day will be monitored.

Parents consultation date for year 11 will be communicated at a later date.

We wish to thank all parents for their support in the first half of the term and wish you good health and abundant blessings. I hope you will continue to extend the same support in the second half of the term as we join hands in nurturing our children to achieving their desired dreams of a good education and career.

Stay safe and God bless you all.

Mrs. Kekul Patel
Head of School – Junior High

Information to parents

University of Waterloo Maths Contest

The University of Waterloo organizes Mathematics contests for Year 7 to 11 . The year 7 and 8 contests are online while year 9,10,11 are Paper based. The contests give students a chance to compete globally and a certificate of participation is awarded.

Mathematics contests

- The contests inspire students in Grades 7 to 11 to get excited about Math and stretch their limits. University of Waterloo works hard to make sure that the contests they offer are open to all and challenge even the most gifted students. Math contests are about far more than competition. The contests challenge students from around the world with a range of abilities to grow valuable problem-solving skills.

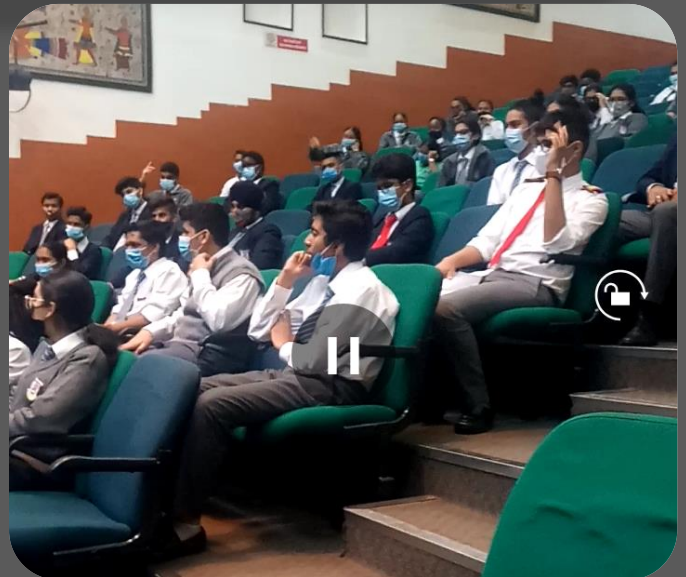
Contests

- Gauss (Year 7 and Year 8) (Online Contest)
- Fryer (Year 9) - paper-based
- Galois (Year 10) – paper-based
- Hypatia (Year 11) paper-based - materials will be mailed. These contests are not written online.

The contests are held in the month of May (7&8) and April (9,10,11). If you would like your child to participate in the University of Waterloo Maths contests, kindly ask him/her to get full details from Mrs. Sujata (Key Stage 3 Curriculum Coordinator) after mid-term break. A nominal participation fee is charged.

Year 11 weekly assembly

The year 11 weekly assembly was held on the 17th of February. A University of Cape Town student addressed the students on life at university and how to achieve one's educational goals. He further presented an educational application which he has created while undertaking his Computer Science course at the university. The talk was very inspirational.



Weekly Tips for parents

8 Ways to Encourage Creative Thinking in Children

Creativity is more skill than inborn talent, an ability which both parents and teachers can facilitate among the kids by giving an outlet. It is a common misconception that creativity is an inborn talent, which means, either the kids have it or they don't. But it isn't true. It might just surprise you as a parent that their perception is often way more creative than you think. In fact, they might just come up with some innovative ideas to make the world more futuristic than any adult would dare to even dream of.

Since it is a key to success in nearly everything we do, creativity is a significant component and the main focus of organizations in any field. Clearly, it becomes crucial to foster such kind of thinking in kids from their formative years. That said, creativity is not limited to artistic and musical expression. It is also essential for science, mathematical, linguistic, bodily-kinesthetic, spatial, naturalist and even social and emotional intelligence. After all, being creative allows one to be more flexible and emerge as better problem solvers, which makes them more capable in terms of adapting to technological advances and make the most of new opportunities. So, here are some easy ways to help the children in expressing their creativity:

1. Make Children Question Things

One of the main ways of developing creative thinking in children is to urge them to wonder. Whenever you are spending time with them, ask them questions like why is the sky blue? Why does the ocean water have waves and not the water in lakes or ponds? How does gravity work? And so on. Explaining such things to them would help them in becoming curious, thereby enhancing their imaginative skills and inculcating problem-solving abilities.

2. Provide Opportunities to Express Their Intelligence

Another important thing to remember is that even though there are different types of intelligence, they can be developed over time even if the child isn't necessarily exhibiting the characteristics. Sometimes it is difficult to recognize their natural inclination towards a certain form of intelligence. In that case, give them ample opportunities to express all the forms of intelligence and pick up on what they do best.

3. Teach Them Multiple Ways to Solve Every Problem

Be it a math problem or an emotional problem they're facing in real life, as a parent or a guardian, you must make your children understand that there are

multiple ways to solve a problem and also different perspectives to look at everything.

4. Trigger Their Curiosity

Children are born curious and they want to know extra about anything and everything. It is thus the responsibility of the parents and the teachers to provide interesting and relevant indications to further drive their curiosity towards the right direction. For instance, they can be exposed to the rich art, culture, and literature of a country and simultaneously be made familiar with their hidden meanings and implications. You can also talk about the deteriorating environmental situations with them and how it can affect the life of human beings and animals around. By involving them in such meaningful discussions, parents can get their curiosity going in a way that they would want to know more.

5. Engage Them With Activity Boxes

Creative intelligence and its importance depend on out-of-the-box thinking or going beyond thinking about the obvious things that we're often presented with. To make it happen, they need some peaceful time away from digital gadgets, which is a little tough these days. You can make your child think out-of-the-box by engaging them with creative games and activities. The play-based learning tools help in developing various skills like coordination, self-expression, fine-motor, etc.

6. Encourage Children to Read for Pleasure

Limit TV or other screen time of your kids to make room for creative hobbies like reading as it encourages thought activity which in turn promotes creativity. Reading can help your child understand and express better, develop their logical thinking, and help them to focus on learning new things. You can frequently take them to visit the library in your locality and discuss with them about their favourite author or book and its characters. This will give you an insight into your child's way of thinking.

7. Give Them Free Time & Space

Building skills in a methodical way is important. But it is important to give the kids enough space to freely explore their imaginations. Let them spend a few idle hours at home without any scheduled activities so that the child can just aimlessly roam around and run their imagination wild in whatever they are doing.

8. Avoid Rewarding Children for Exhibiting Creativity

Offering incentives to your kids to perform any creative activity can hinder the process, resulting in reducing the quality and flexibility of their thoughts. So, allow your children to master the creative activities that they are innately motivated to do, rather than motivating them with rewards and incentives for the same.

Outstanding pencil paint of the week

PORTRAIT OF MY PARENTS by Nidhi Nandha - Year 8D

