

# OSHWAL ACADEMY NAIROBI JUNIOR HIGH



**ACADEMIC YEAR 2021 - 2022 TERM 1**

**WEEK 4 NEWSLETTER**

# HEAD'S MESSAGE



Dear parents/guardians,

We have come to the end of a successful week four. The highlight for this week was obviously the much-anticipated Annual Sports Day. I am happy to report that the day was very fruitful. It was such a relief to hold the sports day after a long wait. It was very evident that students really enjoyed the day. The enthusiasm in their participation in various disciplines was absolutely thrilling. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all participants, teachers, auxiliary staff and house captains who worked tirelessly to come up with house teams.

I would also like to thank the parents for encouraging their children to participate in various sports.

As we prepare to start week five, I would like to urge Year 10 and 11 students to revise keenly for their Mid-Term tests. Year 11 Hindi students are also urged to start revising for their Cambridge IGCSE examination which is around the proverbial corner.

As you have observed, we are in the process of modifying the student pick up process when classes end. Students will now be waiting at the assembly platform where they shall be picked by parents/drivers. This will ensure smooth flow of traffic and improve safety. If a parent prefers parking outside the school compound, kindly communicate this to your child well in advance so that he/she will walk to where you have parked. Kindly note that ALL students MUST be picked by 4:15pm. We have started maintaining a record of those students not picked by 4:15pm. This will, help us monitor the students in case of any security breach or unexpected incident within our compound.

Finally, I wish all of you a restful weekend and a prosperous week ahead.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Kekul Patel

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all Year 10 and 11 students all the best in their midterm tests. We are confident that they have prepared well for the tests and that they will perform to the best of their abilities.

We have observed that some students don't have complete notes in their exercise books. We kindly request parents to constantly check their children's books to make sure that notes are copied in the exercise books. As teachers we do our best to provide notes and we expect students to copy the notes. We also urge parents to read the student's diary every day to see if there is any communication from teachers.

## Mode of Assessment for this Academic Year

This academic year, the assessment mode includes projects for years 7,8,9, midterm tests for years 10 and 11 and end of term examinations for all year groups. Project marks for 7,8,9 will be recorded but not included in the end of term 1 and term 2 report card. The project mark will be included in the term three report card. The weightage of the various assessments will be as follows.

TERM	YEAR GROUP	Midterm tests	Attendance	Project	End term exams
TERM1	7,8,9	NIL	5%	N/A	95%
TERM2	7,8,9	NIL	5%	N/A	95%
TERM3	7,8,9	NIL	5%	10%	85%
YEAR 10 AND 11					
ALL TERMS		20%	5%	N/A	75%

It is the end of week 4. Marking another extremely eventful week. Here is a summary of the events.

We hosted new parents for an orientation session last Saturday. They were briefed on the various facets of the school policies, procedures, expectations, calendar, and day to day running.

On Monday we invited a weather station guide to conduct an educational event regarding meteorology. This event was planned and executed by our Geography Department.

On Wednesday, we had another fun filled session of weekly clubs. Most children love Wednesdays because of this downtime that they are getting in the middle of the learning week.

On Friday, we had our Annual Sports Day. After a two-year break, it was an eagerly awaited event. Mr. Kanyange and his PE department colleagues worked their magic over four weeks to prepare and shortlist our athletes for the final events and the D-day. The weather, the students, the teachers, the support staff, the senior leadership team and OERB all came together harmoniously for this memorable day to be cherished for years to come.

Over the week, we received 54 applications for various positions for our science fair committee. We thank all the applicants for showing an interest in leading the science fair. Mr. Wamalwa will be in touch with the successful candidates.

We are happy to announce that the board has approved our first PA trip this term. Year 11s shall be going for silver expedition this midterm. We shall be communicating the details of the trip to them shortly. Very many students missed the deadline for the payment and registration for PA Club. We will give them one last opportunity to pay and register this weekend. Please note that PA Club is not open to year 7 students.

This week, we asked students to register for team sports that they would like to train in. We have received 241 forms. Those who are yet to fill the form should do so and return the form on Monday. There is a maximum number of members per squad – hence it will be at the discretion of the teacher in charge of the sport to decide on who makes the cut. This week, we also invited students to register for auditions for our Music, Talent and Dance Night. We will be having auditions immediately after mid-term. Students have three weeks to prepare. Please hand in the entry forms to Mrs. Haria or the Receptionist on or before the 4th of October 2021. The Music, Talent and Dance night is scheduled for 1st December 2021.

Finally, we have sent out rules and regulations for Diwali Art Competition. Those who are interested in competing should go through the rules and then apply via the registration link shared at the end of the rules.

Have an excellent week ahead.





# ANNUAL SPORTS DAY 2021



The Annual Sports day was held on Friday 24th September 2021. This was the second sporting event since 2019 and students were full of excitement on the occasion full of pomp and colour.

The occasion was graced by Junior High Committee Chairman Mr. Vimal Gala and Committee Member Mr. Pragnesh Chedda who started the first and second races of the day accordingly.

Prior to the day, a few other events had been conducted, which added up to the house's over all points. The events included 800m, 1,500m, Javelin, Shot put and Discuss.

The day started with lighting of the torch by the house sports captains then march past led by the school band. The National Anthem, Jain prayer and the school prayer followed thereafter. All events ran smoothly with tug of war closing the day, Simba house won both the boys and girls titles.

Our Inclusive Education Department students also had their own race whereby they had an opportunity to showcase their athleticism.

There was another exciting race by teachers with Mrs. Nita Jankharia winning the lady's race while Mr. Bernard Ayako won the gentlemen's race.

## ATHLETES OF THE YEAR AWARDEES

YEAR 7 GIRLS – Patience Ng'ang'a (Simba House) – 7C

YEAR 7 BOYS – Darrel Okwayo (Flamingo) – 7D

JUNIOR GIRLS – Karnika Sharma (Gazelle) – 8D

JUNIOR BOYS – Fardin Shamshudin (Flamingo) – 8B

SENIOR GIRLS – Durva Jundre (Gazelle) – 11F

SENIOR BOYS – Soham Sheth (Gazelle) – 11D

## OVERALL HOUSE RANKING

1. SIMBA	582
2. FLAMINGO	562
3. GAZELLE	506
4. IMPALA	389

# PASTORAL COORDINATOR'S DESK

*MR. WILLIAM MOTTO*



"To progress is always to begin always to begin again."  
—Martin Luther

Having this in Mind PSHE has kicked off with vigour, great commitment from both teachers and students. As I have always believed, that commitment mixed with drive and sprinkled with imagination creates sustained results. So, I urge all students to continue staying focused and you will make your mark, because if every day you keep getting better, you end up being the best.

This week, as in the past 3 weeks, the core theme of Health and Wellbeing has been extensively discussed. This includes Mental, Social, Physical and ways of being healthy.

"The best way to assess yourself is to base the assessment on the product you produce daily."

—Sunday Adelaja

So, keep working, keep learning keep enjoying the journey.

# HEAD PROCTOR WRITE UP

*MS. FATUMA JUMA*



Nothing beats the joy of being a leader at high school. We give students an opportunity to choose their leaders who will represent their interests. And that is what exactly students do, they look for the best persons who they believe are capable and confident enough to advocate their interests.

We give students the opportunity to elect student leaders in a free and fair exercise. The belief here is that students are mature enough to identify those who among them are capable of doing a good job as prefects.

Responsible student leaders who are trusted by their fellow students eventually make life easier for those in administration since they serve as a link between the students and their teachers.



We do acknowledge and appreciate the prefects for their endless efforts in ensuring the school runs smoothly. Every week we shall be rewarding certificates to the most outstanding prefects of the week. These are prefects who have given their best in their duties to enable the smooth running of the school.

Prefects who have demonstrated a lot of laxity on their duties despite many reminders during the prefects meetings may be asked to surrender their ties. We believe in building future leaders and it takes hard work, determination and dedication from the future leaders for them to achieve their goals.

We are yet to have the school canteen running and there is no need for any student to have money with them. We urge you to kindly pack sufficient healthy snack for your child.

## NEW PARENTS ACQUAINTANCE FORUM



On 18th September 2021, we hosted the new parent's forum. The new parents were taken through various procedures at Junior High including opportunities available to their children in the school. The forum included a welcome speech by the Head of School, information on academic structure and subjects offered at the two key stages. They were also made aware of the clubs and sport/games activities available at junior high. The head proctor emphasized the importance of good discipline and behavior among students. Our career counselor gave an important talk on subject selection in relation to careers. From the question and answer session, it was clear that the parents were convinced that they had made the right decision to bring their children to Oshwal Junior High.



# AGHA KHAN SPORTS CLUB BADMINTON TOURNAMENT



Sandilya Bhamidipati (9C)

The above tournament was held at Agakhan sports club on 18th and 19th September 2021 whereby six of our students took part. It was an exciting event after a long period of break from tournaments due to Covid-19.

Vaidehi Saini (10F) was runners up in the Under 19 Girls category.

Sandilya Bhamidipati (9C) overcame all his opponents to emerge the under 19 Boys Champion at only 14 years of age

The following students also took part with most of them exiting in semi-finals: Prit Sanjay Malde (8D), Veer Jalpesh Shah (8A), Raghav Gupta (10A) and Anoushka Tak (10).

We wish them all the best in their future tournaments.



Vaidehi Saini (10F)



# A TIMELY HELPING HAND

By Librarian Ms. Evelyne

"Somewhere along the way we must learn that there is nothing greater than to do something for others."

By Martin Luther King Junior.

We are humbled to receive help from our students in setting up the new library. We are particularly grateful to those students who took time to assist during the school holidays. They helped cover and label books, fix torn and worn-out books, and organize the library. Furthermore, when schools opened, the students were more than enthusiastic in doing tasks that most people would find very difficult to do. We could not ask for a more supportive student body who have not only appreciated the work done in their new library but could not wait to give a helping hand when they could.

Imagine we have approximately 7000 books weighing approximately 3.5Tonnes! And they helped move every bit of it to the new library without breaking a sweat! How much, some may ask, would you pay to receive such labor? Our students did it for free!

WE are proud to have Ms. Everlyne Kinyanjui and Mr. Felix Miwo as our librarians who are 101% committed to providing the best library service amongst all the international schools. Everlyne is positive that with the continued support of all the stakeholders involved, the library will match and exceed international standards.

Inspirational Words:

"Nothing liberates our greatness like the desire to help, the desire to serve."

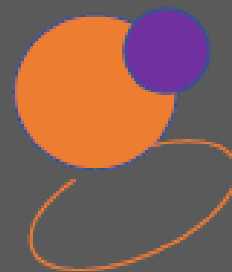
By Marianne Williamson.



# OSHWAL ACADEMY NAIROBI

## JUNIOR HIGH "COMPASS FOR LIFE SKILLS"

TERM 1 WEEK 5 SCHEDULE  
27<sup>th</sup> September 2021 03<sup>rd</sup> October 2021



**Monday-27<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

➤ Normal School Day.

**Tuesday-28<sup>st</sup> September 2021**

➤ Normal School Day

**Wednesday-29<sup>th</sup> September**

➤ Public Speaking Day: - (Morning-KS3), (Afternoon-KS4)

**Thursday- 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

➤ Mid Term Exam For Year Group 11

**Friday- 01<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

➤ Mid Term Exam For Year Group 10 and 11

**Saturday-02<sup>nd</sup> October 2021**

**Sunday-03<sup>rd</sup> October 2021**



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Monday-27<sup>th</sup>  
September  
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Normal School  
Day

Tuesday-28<sup>th</sup>  
September  
2021

Normal School  
Day

Wednesday-  
29<sup>th</sup> September  
2021

Normal School  
Day

Thursday- 30<sup>th</sup>  
September 2021

#### Year 11's Exam Schedule

08:00 am- 09:00 am	Human Biology Drama Theory Venue: MPH
09:45 am- 10:45 am	English S00/1123 Venue: MPH
11:30 am- 12:30 pm	ICT Comp. Science Venue: MPH

Friday- 01<sup>st</sup> October  
2021

#### Year 11's Exam Schedule

08:00 am- 09:00 am	History Venue: Pool side Hall
09:45 am- 10:45 am	Maths Ext. Venue: MPH
11:30 am- 12:30 pm	Chemistry Venue: MPH

Friday- 01<sup>st</sup> October  
2021

#### Year 10's Exam Schedule

08:00 am- 09:00 am	Hindi, Kiswahili & German in Poolside hall Gujarati (in Auditorium) French (in MPH)
09:45 am- 10:45 am	Business Stu. Venue: Poolside Hall
11:30 am- 12:30 pm	Geography Global Pers. Venue: Poolside Hall

Saturday-02<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

➤ Studying at home.

Sunday-03<sup>rd</sup> October 2021

➤ Studying at home.

## EXAMINATION GUIDELINES:

- Students should be punctual and in full school uniform. Students will not be allowed to sit for their paper if they are not in full school uniform.
- Students are expected near the examination venue at least 10 minutes before the starting time of their exams.
- Cheating will be treated as a serious offence. If any student is found cheating or in possession of unauthorized material(s), they will have their examinations cancelled.
- Students are required to have their own examination materials in a transparent case. No sharing of calculators, instruments or other materials will be allowed in the examination hall.
- Students should use blue or black ball point pen to write their exams. Any exam written in pencil will not be marked. Students with erasable pens will be penalised as per the school behaviour policy.
- Students will maintain silence within and outside the examination hall during the whole duration of the paper.
- Students will only be allowed out of the examination's hall after the full duration of the paper.
- Duly filled Exit forms (to be collected at the reception), signed by Head of School is required at the gate, if the student is going home before home time.
- Parents are accountable for the whereabouts of their children, after they leave the school gate.