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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL



Mrs. Sujata Yanamandra Head Of School

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we conclude the scholastic year 2022/2023 I convey a big thanks to you all for your continued support and encouragement of all our young people at Oshwal Academy Nairobi Junior High. I feel very privileged and proud to be part of a very reputable institution that has enabled learners to achieve their lifetime academic goals and mature their skills and talents through various co-curricular activities that our campus offers.

I sincerely thank all the teachers for the utmost dedication and care that they provided to our dear students throughout the academic year. In the same breadth, I warmly thank the parents too for their support over the years and more so for being supportive of their children. In these hard economic times not only in our country but also around the globe parents have beaten the odds and maintained their children in our school to learn. I want to acknowledge the resilience of our students in putting their best foot forward during the teaching and learning process in the entire scholastic year. They portrayed exemplary effort and dedication by grasping most of the content taught.

Their quest to participate in as many co-curricular activities as possible was also amazing. It is such opportunities that make our campus outstanding and an obvious choice for many parents aspiring for an affordable and excellent education for their children.

Finally, I take this opportunity to wish all our Year eleven candidates excellent IGCSE results as we wait for the results in August.

Wishing you all a lovely holiday.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Sujata Yanamandra Head of School Oshwal Academy Nairobi Junior High sujata.yanamandra@oshwalacademy.sc.ke

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD OF SCHOOL



Mr. Nelson Njuguna Deputy Head Of School

Dear Parents/Guardians,

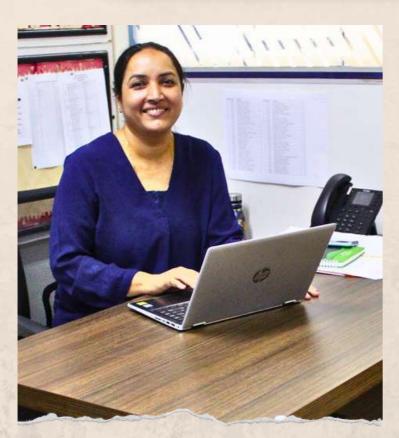
As we come to the end of another extraordinary academic year, I reflect with immense pride on yet another incredible year. I remain astounded by how much we achieved together as a result of the strong relationships that exist here amongst staff, parents, and students. As such, we are very proud of our Junior High Campus. I also note with pride the excellent internal examination results we produced this academic year and students' participation in various co-curricular activities. It is through working together that we focused on doing everything possible to maintain the highest standards of education possible, both academically and for your children's personal development too.

It has been a delight over the academic year to see big the number of students participating in the Prersident's Award Program, International the World Scholar's Cup, Inter-School Tournaments, Pastoral Trips, and the numerous clubs that we offer. Seeing how much our children gain from these memorable experiences, I perfectly confirm that you as parents made the best choice to enroll your children in Oshwal Academy Nairobi Junior High.

We thank you for your robust continued support over the years and we assure you that we will continue to provide the best opportunities for your children.

I wish all our students a very productive holiday and wish the parents a happy time with their children and hope to see them all in the new scholastic year 2023/2024.

MESSAGE FROM THE KEY STAGE 3 COORDINATOR



Our student body is brilliant, and I thank them for their wonderful approach to school life and learning. A huge thank you to our parents for entrusting their children with us and for being such a support to them, to their teachers, and the Oshwal Junior High community as a whole.

We look forward to welcoming you next academic year in August 2023, as we embark on another exciting chapter of our educational journey together.

Mrs. Rakhi Kislay Key Stage 3 Coordinator

As we come to the end of the academic year 2022/2023, I am filled with a sense of pride and gratitude for the wonderful journey we have embarked upon together. what an exciting and vibrant academic year this has been. All the successes of the school are the result of commitment, skill, hard work, and dedication by the entire Oshwal Academy Nairobi Junior High School community.



The Key Stage 3 Coordinator Mrs. Rakhi Kislay who oversaw the Annual Science Fair gives a keynote speech at the Auditorium.

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTORAL COORDINATOR



Ms. Balraj Bhurji Pastoral Coordinator

As this term comes to an end, and as academic close the year we 2022/2023, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their unwavering support in helping us maintain discipline within the school. We truly appreciate the assistance in ensuring that all students follow the school code of conduct and grooming rules and meet the expectations the school has of them.

The members of the Pastoral department have worked tirelessly to ensure that discipline is well maintained this term. The team, made up of the Proctors, the Pastoral Coordinator, and the Deputy Head, has dedicated countless hours to ensure that all students follow the school rules.

We have undertaken several searches, conducted multiple disciplinary meetings, and ensured that each student is dealt with fairly and objectively.

We look forward to your support in the new academic year, and to continuing to work together to mold our students into polished young men and women who will bring great value to society in general. We are extremely proud to be a part of each student's journey to success.

Wish you all happy holidays!!!





Year 7 Gauss Contest Total participants - 22

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVERS



Aryaveer Gupta Position 1



Sanil Shah Position 4



Pragyan Sahoo Position 2



Avneet Suri Position 5



Uditi Kothari Position 3



Param Shah Position 6





Year 8 Gauss Contest Total participants - 31

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVERS



Bhuvi Patel Position 1



Makhaela Ngure Position 5



Ankush Dutta Position 2



Ruby Mugambi Position 5



Winston Muteshi Position 7



Lakshanya Raja Position 3



Neil Samtani Position 6



Khushi Panwar Position 8



Anoushka Bansal Position 4



Aahil Amjath Position 6





Year 9 Fryer Contest Total participants - 17

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVERS TOP 25% IN THE WORLD



Ronak Agarwal Position 1



Anusha Gupta Position 2



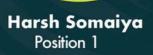
Saanvi Jankharia Position 2





Year 10 Galois Contest Total participants - 24

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVERS TOP 25% IN THE WORLD





Diya Patel Position 2



Tej Bhavsar Position 3





Year 11 Hypatia Contest Total participants - 10

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVERS



Lalith Gantla Position 1



Aayushi Varsani Position 1

LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL WORLD PEACE ART CONTEST

Vritti Shah of 9F signed up for the annual Lions International World Peace Art Competition and her entry was awarded 3rd prize at the district level of Kenya, Uganda and Seychelles. Her entry, together with the 1st and 2nd prize winning entries later represented the district at the International level.



The Art that won the heart of judges.



Vritti Shah receives a Certificate of Merit from Mrs. Nita Jankharia at the assembly, flanked by the Head of School Mrs. Sujata Yanamandra.



Head of School Mrs. Sujata Yanamandra appreciates Lions Art Competition winner Vritti Shah at the assembly grounds.

ANNUAL PREFECTS INVESTITURE

On Saturday, the 29th of April, Oshwal Academy Junior High appointed its new body of prefects for the year 2023-2024. The purpose of the investiture is to celebrate the achievements of the outgoing prefects, and to usher in the new prefects' body, signifying the change of the guard.

A total of 64 new prefects were appointed, all of whom have stepped up to take leadership positions and begin their journey as student leaders. Each prefect showed great dedication and commitment by attending daily rehearsals throughout the week preceding the event, and undergoing countless repetitions of each step of the event.

The event was a success partly due to the prefects' dedication, and partly due to the dedication, hard work, and commitment shown by the Proctors' team led by Mr. Bernard Abwajoh, Mr. Nelson Njuguna, and Mr. Richard Gitau, and the two able emcees of the event, Ms. Juliet Karimi and Ms. Peris Maina. The team ensured that every rehearsal began on time, and that every stage of the event was perfected by the final day. Ms. Balraj, the Pastoral Coordinator, was responsible for overseeing the entire event and coordinating the different members of the planning team, as well as selecting the theme and ensuring the décor and props were completed well and on time.

The event ran smoothly, with excellent transitions between the different stages of the event, and ended in good time at 3:45PM.



Head Boy **Oorjit Singh**







Deputy Head Girl Akshita Srivastava



Secretary Aneega Yasin Parpia



Deputy Secretary Krishitha Balakrishnan

ANNUAL PREFECTS INVESTITURE IN PICTURES

Congratulations!



















SPARKLE PROGRAMME – A VISIT TO AFRICA DEVELOPMENT CENTER (MICROSOFT AFRICA DEVELOPMENT CENTER)

The Sparkle Program, curated by the U.S. Embassy in collaboration with Microsoft Africa Development Center, invited 15 of our female students. This program targeted exceptional girls ages 15 and older who have a demonstrated interest in science, technology, and how things work. It was designed to inspire young girls to pursue careers in Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) by presenting them an opportunity to ask questions and tinker with technology available on site. They learned about design thinking and problem solving as they went through specially prepared experiences leading up to a mini hackathon at the end of the day.

3 of our students (Kaavya Saraswathi Subramanian, Prisha Sinha, Khushi Mitulkumar Kariacaptain of the team of 6 girls) won the hackathon. They were awarded by the U.S. Ambassador to Kenya, H. E Meg Whitman.



Junior High Year 10 students and students from other schools pose for a group photo with the U.S. Ambassador to Kenya, H. E Meg Whitman.



















SPARKLE PROGRAMME – A VISIT TO AFRICA DEVELOPMENT CENTER (MICROSOFT AFRICA DEVELOPMENT CENTER) FROM STUDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



PRISHA SINHA YEAR 10A

A group of selected girls from year 10 recently had the opportunity to visit the Microsoft office as part of a school excursion. The visit was aimed at providing the students with an insight into the world of science and technology and the corporate world and to encourage young girls to partake in this field.

Upon arrival, the students were greeted by friendly staff who gave them a tour of the facility. They were shown the different departments such as software development, marketing, and research and development. The students were amazed by the sheer size and scale of the office, with its modern décor and state-of-the-art equipment.

The highlight of the visit was the interactive session with the employees. The students were given a chance to ask questions and learn about the different job roles in the company. The employees were very accommodating and provided the students with valuable information on career paths, education requirements, and the importance of continuous learning.

Apart from the employees, the students were also given a chance to meet and interact with the U.S. Ambassador from the U.S embassy. The students were also given the opportunity to take part in a Hackathon, where they were given problems faced by the world and had to provide valid and practical solutions for such. Overall, the visit to Microsoft was an enriching experience for the students. It provided them with a glimpse into the real world of technology and the corporate environment, and showed them the possibilities of pursuing a career in this field. The visit was truly inspiring and motivated the students to work hard towards achieving their goals.



ANNUAL MAZINGIRA SAFI COMPETITION

The Annual Mazingira Safi Competition was held on 19th of May 2023. It was based on the World Environmental Day theme for this year "Beat Plastic Pollution".

The students participated in various categories; that is Art, Photography and Essay Writing in the following languages: Gujarati, Hindi, Kiswahili, German and French. The winners will be awarded certificates on 5th June 2023.



A section of the students who are using Essay writing to campaign against environmental degradation and champion for conservation of the environment.







A section of the students who are using Art Work to campaign against environmental degradation and champion for conservation of the environment.







A section of students take photographs as part of the campaign against environmental degradation.



Students showcase their Art work on the theme "Beat Plastic Pollution". during Mazingira Safi Day.

MFL ELOCUTION

MFL Elocution Day at Oshwal Academy Nairobi Junior High is a vibrant celebration of language and self-expression. The event provides a platform for students to showcase their talent through poems and speeches, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of everyone in attendance.

On Monday 22nd May, students gathered in the school auditorium, adorned with colorful decorations that reflected the diversity of languages and cultures represented at Oshwal Academy. The stage was set with a backdrop that depicted the beauty of words and the power of communication. Students from different grades took turns to deliver their carefully crafted poems and speeches, each one reflecting their unique perspectives and experiences which were captivating because of the eloquence and passion with which the students expressed themselves. The poems covered a wide range of themes, from love and friendship to social issues and personal growth.



MFL department team together with the judges pose for a group photo after a successful MFL Elocution competition.















MFL ELOCUTION IN PICTURES

The students demonstrated a remarkable command over language and employed vivid imagery, metaphors, and rhythmic patterns to convey their messages. Each poem was a testament to the power of words and the ability of young minds to shape and inspire the world around them.

The speeches were equally awe-inspiring, as students fearlessly tackled topics of importance and relevance. Their words resonated with authenticity and conviction, leaving the audience deeply moved and inspired.

MFL Elocution Day not only provided a platform for students to showcase their linguistic skills but also nurtured their confidence, public speaking abilities, and appreciation for the beauty of language. It celebrated diversity and encouraged students to embrace their unique voices, fostering an environment of inclusivity and mutual respect. As the event drew to a close, the air was filled with applause and admiration for the incredible talent displayed by the young participants. This year's MFL Elocution Day at Oshwal Academy Junior High succeeded in igniting a passion for language, instilling a sense of pride in cultural heritage, and inspiring the next generation of eloquent communicators and empathetic leaders.





















YEAR 7 PA EXPEDITION TO MT. LONGONOT HIKING

On Wednesday 31st May 2023, 62 Year 7 students set out on a hike to the scenic Mt. Longonot Park, accompanied by 6 teachers and 18 PA internal assessors. The trip was meant to familiarize the youngsters with the physical activities of the President's Award Scheme.

Needless to say, the students were quite excited throughout the hike. The long trek up the mountain took its physical toll on the children, and a few did not attempt to go round the rim of the Crater. However, this did not dampen their enthusiasm and curiosity.

It was well past 6pm when the entourage left the Park on their way back to school, where they arrived a few minutes past 8pm. No one noticed the late hour though, as the children bombarded their waiting parents with endless commentaries about their experience on the Mountain.

This trip will no doubt linger in the minds of the children, long after their fatigue has worn off and the envy of their friends has faded.



YEAR 8 PA PRE-BRONZE EXPEDITION TO MACHAKOS

On 2nd to 3rd June, 2023, 73 Year 8 participants embarked on a PA Practice Journey traversing through the Kaseve hills in Machakos County. This overnight expedition was under the keen guidance of 7 Award Leaders, 20 Internal Assessors and 7 External Assessors From PA, Kenya office.

The trip aimed to equip the participants with necessary life skills and survival skills as they grow into holistic members of the society. The team also got to go through the history of PA, the three levels of PA (Bronze, Silver and Gold) as well as the four aspects for each level (physical recreation, skills, voluntary service and qualifying journey).

PA Club sit at the very center of most of our student's hearts. It is no doubt that most are enthusiastic to pursue the Bronze level whereby each participant can be register once they are 13 years and 9 months and above. The Online Record Book can be accessed through the following link: <u>https://www.onlinerecordbook.org/</u>



GREEN DAY - WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATIONS

On Monday, 5th June school marked the World Environment Day whose theme was **#BeatPlasticPollution**.

The students arrived at school in Green and/or brown clothes to

symbolise the environment and donated 100/- for charity. The total contribution for this program was Ksh. 51,050/=. During lunch time the senior prefects in presence of the Chief Guest accompanied by the Head of the School planted a tree. The chief guest Mr. Dinesh Tembhekar, Founder and Managing Director of Lean Energy Solutions delivered his informative and engaging speech. He awarded all the winners of recently concluded Mazingira Safi competition and congratulated all the winners.

Altogether, 31 avocado seedlings were planted in the school compound by the students' body, Homeroom Tutors, Administration, and Support Staff representatives. Mrs. Savita Kulkarni oversaw all the activities of the day.



The Chief Guest Mr. Dinesh Tembhekar Founder and Managing Director of Lean Energy Solutions Limited delivering an informative and engaging speech on how to conserve the environment.



Mrs. Savita Kulkarni giving her vote of thanks to express her gratitude towards the organising team, students, and any other contributors who made the event possible.



The Senior Prefects in presence of the Chief Guest Mr. Dinesh Tembhekar accompanied by the Head of the School Mrs. Sujata Yanamandra, Mrs. Savita Kulkarni and Mrs. Rakhi Kislay planting a tree.

GREEN DAY - WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATIONS IN PICTURES



Mrs. Savita Kulkarni with across section of students together with support staff pose for a group photo as they complete the tree planting process, marking the end of World Environment Day 2023.



The Chief Guest Mr. Dinesh Tembhekar awards students with Certificate of Merit during the awarding ceremony at the Junior High Auditorium.



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ANNUAL SCIENCE FAIR 2023 😥



"As Albert Einstein once said, 'The important thing is not to stop questioning.' These words perfectly encapsulate the spirit of the science fair held at Oshwal Academy Nairobi-Junior High School, on 7th June 2023 with its theme of 'Innovating for the Future.'

The Annual Science Fair serves as a catalyst for students' curiosity and providing them with a platform to explore and showcase their innovative ideas. Through engaging experiments and creative projects, students develop critical thinking skills and a deeper understanding of the world around them. Moreover, the science fair extends its impact beyond the students, fostering a sense of community and collaboration.

By raising awareness about pressing issues and promoting sustainable practices, students become agents of change within the school and the wider community. The science fair at Oshwal Academy Nairobi Junior High School is a testament to the power of science to inspire and shape a brighter future."

We had following categories this year:

- Engineering and technology
- Creative arts
- Energy
- Environment/Agriculture
- Entrepreneurship

Several enthusiastic and talented students worked individually or in pairs on their Science Projects. A good number of students took up the challenge to investigate an idea. The students impressed us with the quality and range of projects presented at school.

A WORD FROM THE ANNUAL SCIENCE FAIR 2023 PRESIDENT



PURAHAN ARORA DEPUTY HEAD BOY

We are thrilled to share the resounding success of our recent Annual Science Fair, held on June 7th, 2023, under the theme "Innovating for the Future." This year's event was an extraordinary showcase of talent, dedication, and creativity as our students presented groundbreaking projects that exemplified their commitment to shaping a better tomorrow. Let's delve into the remarkable achievements in each category and celebrate the innovative spirit that prevailed throughout the fair!

The Annual Science Fair encompassed a diverse range of categories, each contributing to our understanding and application of science. Students eagerly embraced the challenges and opportunities presented by their chosen categories, exploring a wide array of topics and presenting their findings in unique and compelling ways.

Participants in the Engineering and Technology category demonstrated their prowess in harnessing technology to address real-world challenges. Their projects advanced robotics. software showcased development, and innovative solutions that exhibited their forward-thinking approach to problem-solving.

In the Energy category, students focused on exploring alternative energy sources, conservation strategies, and sustainable practices. Their projects highlighted the importance of renewable energy, energyefficient technologies, and the need for environmentally conscious solutions to combat climate change. The Entrepreneurship category fostered students' business acumen and encouraged innovative thinking. Participants presented creative business ideas, showcasing their ability to identify market gaps and develop strategies for success. Their projects reflected a vision for leveraging entrepreneurship to drive positive change and create a prosperous future.

Projects in the Environment and Agriculture category aimed to address pressing environmental issues and promote sustainable farming practices. Students investigated topics climate biodiversitv such as change, conservation, and organic farming, highlighting the importance of preserving our planet's delicate ecosystems.

The Creative Arts category celebrated the intersection of science and artistic expression. Students showcased their creativity through visual mediums, multimedia presentations, and installations that effectively communicated scientific concepts in captivating ways. Their projects highlighted the power of art to inspire scientific curiosity and foster a deeper appreciation for the wonders of the natural world.

The Annual Science Fair provided a platform for students to showcase their knowledge, creativity, and problem-solving skills. Each participant demonstrated a remarkable depth of understanding, a genuine passion for their chosen field, and an unwavering commitment to driving innovation for a better future.

We applaud the efforts of all the students who participated in the Annual Science Fair. Your visionary projects and relentless pursuit of knowledge have left an indelible mark on our school community. The seeds of innovation sown today hold great promise for a brighter and more prosperous future.

ANNUAL SCIENCE FAIR 2023 IN PICTURES



The Head of School Mrs. Sujata Yanamandra awards Diptanshu Savant from year 9G as the overall best during the Annual Science Fair 2023 at the Junior high Auditorium.



Diptanshu Savant from year 9G prepares his project for presentation at the Annual Science Fair 2023



The Head of School Mrs. Sujata Yanamandra awards the second overall best during the Annual Science Fair 2023 at the Junior high Auditorium.



The Key Stage 4 Coordinator Mrs. Nidhi Goel awards the overall best in Engineering and Technology during the Annual Science Fair 2023 at the Junior high Auditorium.













SUBSTANCE DEPENDENCE AND DISORDER TALK AT THE AUDITORIUM

We are happy to inform you that we were privileged to have one of the most thought-provoking speakers, influential writer, and orator from India – Mrs. Kaajal Oza visited the school as a guest speaker today Friday 16th June 2023 at 11:00 am.

Mrs. Oza has an impressive illustrious career as an author, orator, actor, model, teacher, and social worker to her credit with several renowned publications.

She addressed our students on "substance dependence and disorder". Substance dependence is a growing concern in schools with the youth indulging in this vice, first experimenting and slowly becoming an addict. The talk was delivered candidly to Year 8, 9 and 10 students.



The Academic Consultant Mrs. Chotai (Far right) together with the Senior Leadership team in a group photo with the Chief Guest Mrs. Oza and the Head Girl.





The Chief Guest Mrs. Oza gives counsel on substance dependence and disorder to our year 8, 9 and year 10 students at the Auditorium.





Question and answer session during the substance dependence and disorder talk.

AMARA CHARITABLE TRUST FUNDRAISER WALK AT KARURA FOREST

There is nothing more humbling than hearing a student wish every child has the same advantage that he/she enjoys at school. Our students are aware that the fundraising to support fellow students who are less fortunate than them is a worthy cause and that is why 37 of them and 4 teachers took part in the Amara Charitable fundraiser walk at Karura Forest on Saturday the 10th of June . We were impressed by the funds collected through the pledge forms. The amount to date is 485,766/=. These students will be awarded a certificate for their tremendous efforts in fundraising.

The top three fundraisers are;

| Arshia Tameeza Walji | 10B | 30,000/= |
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| Mansi Sarju Shah | 9D | 20,000/= |
| Rushil Sarju Dodhia | 7B | 18,000/= |

The top three will be given a special award. All the students who participated in the walk will be given commendation letters.

The Amara Charitable Trust its has extended their appreciation to all parents and students who put in efforts towards supporting the Amara Fund Raising and Walk whose mission is to 'Educate, Empower and Enhance' the lives of youth in rural Kenya. As a school, we really appreciate both our students and parents for such benevolence.



CO-CURRICULAR TRIP TO S.C.L.P SAMAJ SCHOOL

Twenty one students from our school visited S.C.L.P Samaj School under the stewardship of Mrs. Rakhi and Mr. Amos, to view the Science Fair projects done by their peers at Samaj School in Nairobi West. They were welcomed by the teachers and the prefects at Samaj School, took photos and waited for the Chief Guests to start the exhibition. With the assistance of the prefects from Samaj School, our students navigated through the exhibition hall. The hall was packed with exuberant students both hosts and visitors.

The projects done by the Samaj School students were quite innovative and useful for the current and future world. Our students learnt new ideas from the projects through presentations. Most notable were the following projects: a website that created awareness about cancer and helped cancer patients to identify suitable hospitals to get treated; small robots that would control traffic using red and green lights; an efficient fire extinguisher that would rotate and spray water in all directions in case of fire and much more. The visit was brief but very informative and fun filled. It was a great way for our students to compare notes with their peers and keep themselves abreast with developments in Science across the world.



Our year 9 students take a group photo with our KS3 Coordinator Mrs. Rakhi Kislay (extreme left) and one of our ICT teacher Mr. Amos(extreme right) on arrival at the S.C.L.P Samaj School, Nairobi.



Some of our students signed the bulletin as a token of appreciation of the great work done by their peers from S.C.L.P Samaj School.







Our year 9 students together with the ICT teacher Mr. Amos were received by prefects upon arrival at the S.C.L.P Samaj School, Nairobi.