



# OSHWAL ACADEMY NAIROBI

## JUNIOR HIGH

### END OF TERM I NEWSLETTER

### 2023-2024

#### QUOTE OF WEEK:

**"IF YOU THINK YOUR  
TEACHERS ARE TOUGH,  
WAIT 'TILL YOU GET A  
BOSS."**

**— BILL GATES**



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# Oshwal Academy Nairobi Junior High



## Cambridge Upper Secondary Science Competition 2023 BEST TEAM IN KENYA

We are thrilled to announce that our brilliant students have emerged as the **BEST in the country** in the prestigious **Cambridge Upper Secondary Science Competition!**

**Ten** teams took part in the competition.

**Three** teams achieved **gold awards**: teams **3, 6, and 8**.

**Seven** teams achieved **silver awards**: teams **1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, and 10**.

Team 8 emerged the **BEST in the country** and was composed of the following students:

**Vishwam Periasamy Subramanian, Diya Deepak Patel, Kaavya Saraswathi Subramanian, Yukta-Kanhaiyi Govind Gopal, Krishitha Balakrishnan, Tanav Nitin Shendye.**

*Congratulations Team Oshwal*







# OSHVAL ACADEMY NAIROBI & MOMBASA

PROUDLY CELEBRATES OUR

## OUTSTANDING PEARSON & CAMBRIDGE IGCSE LEARNER AWARDS

2023



**AAYUSHI VARSANI**

**Highest Mark in Kenya,**  
Cambridge IGCSE

Accounting

**Highest Mark in Kenya,**  
Pearson Edexcel IGCSE

Human Biology



**AYUSHI NAGDA**

**Highest Mark in the World**

Pearson Edexcel IGCSE

Gujarati



**SHIRLEEN WATHUTA**

**Highest Mark in Kenya,**  
Cambridge IGCSE

Environmental Management  
and Economics



**AMAAN CHOUDHURY**

**Highest Mark in Africa**

Pearson Edexcel International

Advanced Level Chemistry

Pearson Edexcel International

Advanced Level Physics



**SHLOKA NAIR**

**Highest Mark in the World**

Pearson Edexcel International

Advanced Level Accounting

**Highest Mark in Kenya**

Pearson Edexcel International

Advanced Level Economics

Pearson Edexcel International

Advanced Level Mathematics



**TIRTH THAKKER**

**Highest Mark in Africa**

Pearson Edexcel International

Advanced Level Further Mathematics



**KHUSH PATEL**

High Achievement Award

Cambridge International AS Level

Accounting



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUTSTANDING PERFORMERS - IGCSE 2023



**AAYUSHI VARSANI**  
7A\* 1A; 8, 9



**ANANYA GOEL**  
9A\*



**SWETA PETHAD**  
7A\* 1A 1B; 9



**LALITH GANTLA**  
8A\* 1B



**KHUSHI BRAHMBHATT**  
7A\* 1B; 9



**KRISHA MARU**  
6A\* 1A 1B; 9



**JIA HIRANANDANI**  
6A\* 2B; 9



**RACHITH GANTLA**  
5A\* 3A; 8



**SHIRLEEN WATHUTA**  
6A\* 2A 1B 1C



**NUSAYBAH WARIS**  
5A\* 2A 1E; 9



**VAIDEHI SAINI**  
5A\* 4A



**PRANAI SHAH**  
4A\* 3A 1B; 8



**ERYKA ODHIAMBO**  
5A\* 3A 1C



**WALLACE MUSUNGU**  
3A\* 5A; 8



**GOURAV YANAMANDRA**  
4A\* 4A 1B



**TIFFANY KAMANDA**  
4A\* 4A 1B



**KAVYA PATEL**  
2A\* 4A 1B; 8, 8



**NIKHIL SUTHAR**  
4A\* 3A 2B



**ANIS NAGDA**  
3A\* 3A 1B 1C; 8



**JAY PATEL**  
3A\* 4A 1B; 7



**JIYA VARSANI**  
3A\* 4A 1B; 7



**DHRUVI PATEL**  
2A\* 4A 1C; 8, 7



**TANUSHRI DOBHALL**  
3A\* 4A 2B



**ANNMARY ABRAHAM**  
3A\* 4A 2B



**JORDAN THURANIRA**  
3A\* 4A 2B



**VANDAN NAGDA**  
2A\* 4A 1B 1C; 9



**TERRENCE OCHIENG**  
3A\* 4A 1B 1D



**RAGHAV GUPTA**  
2A\* 5A 2B



**VISHAL JAGANNATHAN**  
2A\* 5A 1B 1C



**HARSHIL CHANDEGRA**  
2A\* 5A 1C 1F



**RAJVEER DHILLON**  
2A\* 5A 1C



**MAPENZI MUNDIA**  
1A\* 7A 1C; 7



**DYLAN SHAH**  
1A\* 4A 2B; 7, 7

**VISION STATEMENT:** To be an International School of repute capable of making a positive difference in the lives of its students, parents, staff and society at large.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Oshwal Academy Nairobi recognizes that every child is unique and has the potential to succeed in life. It shall strive to instil in students the spirit of compassion, team-work, leadership and ethical behaviour in a holistic, stimulating, challenging and a safe learning environment.

**CORE VALUES:** Trust | Integrity | Tolerance | Humility | Honour | Courtesy | Compassion



# THE NAIROBI ACADEMY MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE 2023/2024



## THE NAIROBI ACADEMY JUNIOR MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE WINNERS 2023

1<sup>st</sup>  
★★★★★  
POSITION  
OVERALL



**Aleksandr Ongoro**  
Year 10

**Dina Ongoro**  
Year 8

**Andrei Negru**  
Year 9



CONGRATULATIONS

Team Oshwal for emerging **2nd runners-up** in the individual challenge and **1st position** overall and bringing home a trophy.



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EDUCATION

# Essay Competition



**FEISAL NAJMA FARAH**  
Year 10G



**JEREMY KITI KOMBE**  
Year 10E

The Immerse Education Essay Competition provides the opportunity for students aged 13-18 to submit essay responses to a question of their choice relating to a subject of interest. There are over twenty questions to choose from which can be found in our full Essay Competition Guide. 10 winners will receive a 100% scholarship to study with us at a world-leading university of their choosing. Outstanding runners-up also receive partial scholarship.

Therefore we would like to congratulate our very own two students who won a partial scholarship to attend the Immerse Summer School classes at Oxford University during the holiday. These two students participated in the Immerse Education Essay Competition where their essays emerged as outstanding. As such they were offered a scholarship to attend lectures on their dream subjects at Oxford University for two weeks.

The two students are Jeremy Kombe and Najma Feisal. We encourage more students to register and participate in the 2024 Immerse Education Essay Competition which is now open. Kindly follow the link below to learn more about the program and register your child if he/she is interested.

<https://www.immerse.education/essay-competition/>



On the left Jeremy Kiti Kombe and on the right Feisal Najma Farah pose for a photo after the graduation ceremony at Lady Margaret Hall in Oxford University Collage in United Kingdom.



# OXFORD PROGRAMME FROM STUDENT'S EXPERIENCE



**FEISAL NAJMA FARAH**  
Year 10G

My two weeks at a summer school programme in Oxford University presented me with a feel of life as a university student studying a specific course, Creative Writing under the age category 13-15 years.

It was a truly memorable and enriching experience. The programme was thoughtfully designed to provide a holistic approach to creative writing, combining theoretical knowledge with practical workshops and immersive activities. Throughout the programme, we engaged in captivating lectures, explored the impressive literary history of Oxford through guided tours, and participated in stimulating writing exercises.

The diversity of individuals from various cultural backgrounds enhanced the learning environment as well as the friendships, contributing to a vibrant exchange of ideas and perspectives.

The Creative Writing tutor, who was an accomplished poet and studied English Literature during his University course, was incredibly friendly, approachable, and supportive. His genuine passion for the craft and dedication to nurturing our creative abilities made the experience even more rewarding.

Oxford's vibrant atmosphere and the university's illustrious legacy served as a constant source of inspiration that fuelled my creativity and love for writing.

Not only was it a time to study and dwell more on my most passionate subject, but the course also allowed us to participate in several activities including; punting, scavenger hunts, zorb football, formal dinners and many more.

Towards the end of the programme we were required to hand in our personal projects to show the tutor how much we have learnt over the programme in order for it to be graded.

The programme taught me a lot of things, but what it taught me the most was how to adapt to the different personalities from various diversities of people. It really helped me strengthen my writing skills and view things from a different perspective. So a huge thank you to the school for allowing me with such an opportunity as well as to my parents. It was truly a life changing experience!!!





# OXFORD PROGRAMME FROM STUDENT'S EXPERIENCE



**JEREMY KITI KOMBE**  
Year 10E

**My time at The Oxford University was simply unmatched. From the amazing tutorials and classes by esteemed Oxford University professors, the education experience was second to none and undoubtedly opened my mind to so many views and opinions I never would have thought about, from lively and heated class discussions to touring the picturesque Oxford.**

**The summer camp gave me an opportunity to interact with like-minded peers from virtually every corner of the world. From getting lost in the picturesque Oxford city, or the various field trips to Cambridge University and London City I truly could not have asked for a better summer experience.**

**Most importantly this opportunity put a drive in me, a drive to succeed in my exams and go back to the home I so cherished for two weeks.**

**The following are some of my favorite pictures that I believe capture "the Oxford experience"**





# JAHNAVI PENUMUCHU AND PUJITHA SAI VAISHNAVI PENUMUCHU ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE KENYA MUSIC FESTIVALS

Just as a river keeps flowing every second, every minute, hour, day month for all the years past present and coming, so does our school system run like clockwork. Apart from what we do in school, we have always encouraged our students to do as much as they can outside school.

We honestly appreciate what you do with your sons and daughters outside school and will not hesitate to recognize students' achievements whenever we learn about them. This week we honor Jahnavi Penumuchu of class 8C and Pujitha Sai Vaishnavi Penumuchu of class 11D for grabbing first positions that is Bharathanatyam Junior category and Bharathanatyam Senior category respectively, at the Kenya Music Festivals in Nyeri county.



The photo on the left is Jahnavi Penumuchu of class 8C and on the photo on the right is Pujitha Sai Vaishnavi Penumuchu of class 11D pose for a photo together with their trophies.



## **Khushi Bhavesh Malde's Achievements in Table Tennis during the past summer holidays 2023.**

Khushi Bhavesh Malde of year 11C took part in the regionals table tennis tournament which was held at Oshwal Academy Nairobi Junior High from 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2023 to 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 for Nairobi County. 120 girls took part in the competition and Khushi emerged position one in Nairobi County. Then from 29<sup>th</sup> July 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023 Khushi also took part in the Nairobi Juniors Championship which was held at Oshwal Sports Complex where she won the 1<sup>st</sup> prize in under 15, 1<sup>st</sup> prize in under 19 and 1<sup>st</sup> prize in under 21 age categories.

The Nationals for secondary schools were held from 6<sup>th</sup> August to 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023 in Kakamega. Khushi Malde emerged overall 2nd and qualified to represent the country for the FEASSA games in Huye, Rwanda which were held from 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023 to 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023. Khushi Bhavesh Malde played in Team A in girl's category, and they came 4<sup>th</sup> overall.

Finally, Khushi was interviewed by Asian Weekly, and she was on the front page with the full article.



**Khushi Malde with KTTA president Andrew Mudibo and Fahd Daim**

**The Nationals Trophy awarded to the Nairobi team in Kakamega.**



**Khushi Malde holding the Kenyan Flag in Huye, Rwanda at the opening ceremony for the FEASSA games 2023.**



**The Asian weekly cover page.**



# KAISSO BADMINTON TOURNAMENT 2023



On 6th of October, our boys and girls performed exceptionally well in the 2023 KAISSO Badminton Tournament with Vivaan Sagar and Anay Himashiya winning gold medals for our under 15 boys double team. At the same time Vivaan Sagar won silver in the under 15 singles category, and Dheer Haria won a gold medal in the under 19 boys' category edging out the current East Africa Champions.





# KIAMBU COUNTY AQUATICS ASSOCIATION SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS



On 25th September the Head of School Mrs. Sujata (above) and the Deputy Head of School Mr. Nelson (below) presenting medals to Kiambu County Aquatics Association Swimming Championship winners during the assembly. Oshwal Academy Junior High managed to bag 7 gold medals, 23 silver medals, 7 bronze medals and a trophy to the best swimmers for girls between the ages of 14-15 category.





## STUDENT'S ACHIVEMENT



Head of School Mrs. Sujata presents a certificate of achievement to Heer Paras Khimasia of Year 8 for attaining 2nd position in the Oshwal Youth League Diwali Art Competition which was held on 4th November at Oshwal Center.



Vivaan Sagar of Year 8 emerged as the winner of under 17 and silver in under 19 Boys category in the Celine Aga Khan Squash tournament 2023 held at Aga Khan Sports Complex. He is the current Kenya number one under 17 age category in squash game.



# AAHIL SHERIF AMJATH ACHIEVEMENT IN TENNIS



Join us in congratulating Aahil Sherif Amjath of Year 9A for attaining 3rd Position overall in Kenya in the under 14 category Tennis ITF/CAT tournament that was held at Nairobi Club Upper Hill. Because of his excellent performance he has been invited to participate in the Willis Mbandi Masters tournament which will be held between 15th & 17th December 2023.

# Congratulations!





# PIPSSA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

On 7th to 8th October our girls and boys participated at the PIPSSA Swimming Championships which was held at Oshwal Academy Mombasa campus. Zeyna Feisal Mughal won a trophy for first runners up overall girls' category while Ryan Mwenda Mugambi lifted the Iron man trophy second runners up overall boys' category out of twenty-five schools that participated. The rest of the participants won medals and certificates of participation in various categories.



The Head of School Mrs. Sujata Yanamandra awarding Ryan Mwenda Mugambi lifted the Iron man trophy second runners up overall boys' category.



The Head of School Mrs. Sujata Yanamandra awarding Zeyna Feisal Mughal who won a trophy for first runners up overall girls' category.



The Key Stage 3 Coordinator Mrs. Rakhi awarding one of the participants of the PIPSSA Swimming Championships.



The Co-curricular Coordinator Ms. Balraj awarding one of the participants of the PIPSSA Swimming Championships.



# BADMINTON TOURNAMENT WINNERS



Rishaan and Hardik won gold, Anay and Dhian emerged 2nd position and won silver medals in the doubles category, on the other hand Hardik got a silver medal in the singles category in the Under 13 boys Badminton tournament held at Primary Campus.



# ANNUAL PUBLIC SPEAKING DAY

On 17th of October, we held our Annual Public Speaking Day. Public speaking is essential for students in developing public speaking and debate skills which helps a child form a positive attitude towards themselves. It helps them foster confidence, creativity, and leadership.







# NAVRATRI CELEBRATIONS







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# ANNUAL SCHOOL DAY IN PICTURES



In this photo, students receive their hard earned awards.





# ANNUAL SCHOOL DAY IN PICTURES



**The Head Boy Oorjit Singh pins the lapel flower on the OERB Board Chairman Mr. Suhash Ratilal Shah. Looking, on is his gracious wife Mrs. Panna Suhash Shah who was also presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers earlier by the Head Girl Sanvi Hardik Shah.**







**This is the beautiful Rangoli Art done on the auspicious occasion of the Annual School Day. This was done by our very talented and creative students that is Charmi Kalpesh Gorsani of class 11E and Vritti Dhiresh Shah of class 10C.**



**CHARMI KALPESH GORSANI CLASS 11E**



**VRITTI DHIRESH SHAH  
CLASS 10C**



# ANNUAL SCHOOL DAY ARTWORK DISPLAY





# YEAR 9 PRESIDENT AWARD BRONZE EXPEDITION TO KIJABE

The Duke of Edinburgh Presidential Award is a prestigious survival skills exploration, of which participants take pride in partaking. On 7th to 9th of October, the Bronze Level participants kick started their expedition at Kijabe Mt. Longonot. In the company teachers, including the Award Leader, external and internal assessors accompanied the participants on this exploration in line with the Duke of Edinburgh International Award qualifying journey for Gold.





# ANNUAL CROSS COUNTRY IN PICTURES





# ANNUAL SPORTS DAY IN PICTURES





# ANNUAL SPORTS DAY IN PICTURES





# THE AMARA CHARITABLE TRUST

Our secret for success and humanitarian excellence lies in our core values: Service to Humanity, accountability, Community-centred, Inclusivity and Innovation. It has become our tradition to instil these values in our students through activities such as, participating in the Amara Charitable Trust walk. Some of these students were awarded certificates and trophies for their great contribution to this year's charity walk. In the Amara Charitable Trust walk the students raised Kenya shilling 500,366/= for the trust.





# OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE DIWALI ART COMPETITION ARTWORK DISPLAY

On 8th November 2023, the Junior High Campus Committee Chairman Mr. Pragnesh Gulabchand Chedda, accompanied by Committee Secretary Ms. Shivanni Samir Chandaria, Committee Member Mrs. Beena Dinit Malde and the Head of School Mrs. Sujata Yanamandra officially open the Diwali Art Competition to the Parents, members of the staff and the students in a ribbon cutting ceremony.





# DIWALI ART COMPETITION IN PICTURES





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# TREE PLANTING INITIATIVE

In support of the Kenyan Government's Tree Planting Initiative, Junior High Committee led by the Committee Chairman Mr. Pragnesh Gulabchand Chedda, accompanied by Committee Secretary Ms. Shivanni Samir Chandaria, Committee Member Mrs. Beena Dinit Malde and the Junior High Senior Leadership Team led by the Head of School Mrs. Sujata Yanamandra, planted a variety of trees across our campus to complement our school flora.





# TREE PLANTING INITIATIVE IN PICTURES







# Merry Christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

