

## OSHWAL ACADEMY NAIROBI JUNIOR HIGH

WEEK 9 TERM II NEWSLETTER 2024/2025

## **QUOTE OF WEEK:**

"SUCCESS IS NOT JUST ABOUT REACHING THE TOP, BUT ABOUT THE GROWTH, LEARNING, AND RESILIENCE YOU BUILD ALONG THE WAY. KEEP STRIVING, KEEP BELIEVING, AND GREATNESS WILL FOLLOW !"



### WEEK 9 ASSEMBLY IN PICTURES



Announcements from some of the students.



Students performing Jain prayer at the assembly.



Student scouts take the lead in officiating the school assembly, demonstrating discipline, leadership, and teamwork.



Announcements from the teachers.

#### CELEBRATING OUR CHAMPIONS, AT THE ASSEMBLY



**UNDER 13 FOOTBALL TEAM** 



**UNDER 13 TABLE TENNIS TEAM** 



**UNDER 13 BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM** 



We are proud to congratulate our outstanding athletes for their incredible achievements:

Under 13 boys Basketball team – were crowned champions of the International & Private Schools Sports Association (IPSSA) Championship at Juja Preparatory School. Most Valuable Player was Jelani Gunga.

Under 13 girls Football team – were crowned champions of the International & Private Schools Sports Association (IPSSA) Championship at Juja Preparatory School.

Under 14 girls Hockey team – attained runners up position hence they were awarded silver medals in the Peponi Invitational Tournament held at Peponi School.

Swimming team - were crowned champions of the Swimathon Champions 2025 at Oshwal Complex.

Reyansh Sanghvi(Year 7C) – attained 1st position doubles and runners up position in under 13 boy's category at the Strasse Table Tennis Tournament in Sir Ali Muslim Club.

Vanshi Karia (Year 8E) – attained 1st position doubles and runners up position in under 13 girl's category at the Strasse Table Tennis Tournament in Sir Ali Muslim Club.

Krishiv Shah (Year 7G) – attained runners up position doubles in under 13 boy's category at the Strasse Table Tennis Tournament in Sir Ali Muslim Club.

#### **UNDER 14 GIRLS HOCKEY TEAM**



#### **SWIMMING TEAM**

Priyan Shah (Year 7G) – attained runners up position doubles in under 13 boy's category at the Strasse Table Tennis Tournament in Sir Ali Muslim Club.

Rushil Dodhia (Year 9D) – was crowned champion under 15 boy's category at the Strasse Table Tennis Tournament in Sir Ali Muslim Club.

Your dedication, hard work, and sportsmanship inspire us all. Keep shining.

## EAMUN & MSMUN PARTICIPANTS HONORED AT THE ASSEMBLY

During a special school assembly, our outstanding delegates from the East African Model United Nations (EAMUN) and Middle School Model United Nations (MSMUN) were recognized for their dedication, hard work, and exceptional performance. The participants proudly received their certificates and trophies, marking the culmination of months of research, debate, and diplomacy.

These students represented our school with excellence, engaging in high-level discussions on global issues, drafting resolutions, and collaborating with peers from across the region. Their achievements are a testament to their commitment to critical thinking, teamwork, and leadership.

As they took the stage to receive their awards, the entire school community applauded their efforts and success. Their experience at EAMUN and MSMUN not only strengthened their public speaking and negotiation skills but also deepened their understanding of international affairs.

We are incredibly proud of our delegates and look forward to seeing them continue to shine in future conferences. Congratulations to all the awardees!





Origami is the art of folding objects out of paper to create both two-dimensional and threedimensional subjects. There are three main types of origami: valley fold, mountain fold, and squash fold. The school administration organized an origami event at the assembly where they invited artists to showcase their prowess in origami to our students. This will go a long way in inspiring upcoming 'origamists' among our students.











# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OSHWAL ACADEMY NAIROBI JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS ON RECEIVING THE PRESTIGIOUS OUTSTANDING PEARSON LEARNER AWARDS

Annually, Pearson acknowledges and celebrates learners across the globe who have exhibited exceptional academic prowess in their examination performance. The Outstanding Pearson Learner Awards (OPLAs) are bestowed upon those learners in each examination series who have attained the highest subject mark in their respective country, the region, and worldwide. We extend our congratulations to our students who were honored with the May/June 2024 Outstanding Pearson Learner Awards for their remarkable achievements in the May/June 2024 examination series, amidst competition from International schools globally.

Congratulations! to our Top Performers in the World and Kenya at the Pearson Learner Awards! recognized at an Award Giving Ceremony held at Emara Ole Sereni over the weekend. Your dedication, hard work, and perseverance have truly set you apart. We are incredibly proud of your accomplishments and your inspiring example for your peers. Keep shining bright and reaching for the stars! Here's to your continued success and future endeavors!

We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to the teachers, mentors, and staff at Oshwal Academy Nairobi Junior High for their unwavering support and guidance. Their commitment to nurturing the potential of our students is invaluable, and this recognition is a testament to their dedication.

Diya Deepak Patel: Highest Mark in the World – Pearson Edexcel International GCSE Gujarati.

Vritti Singhal Singh: Highest Mark in Kenya – Pearson Edexcel International GCSE Psychology.



#### OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AT THE NAIROBI ACADEMY SENIOR MATHEMATICS CONTEST

We are thrilled to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our Senior High and Junior High students who participated in the prestigious Nairobi Academy Senior Mathematics Contest. Their dedication, teamwork, and competition, brightly throughout skills the them well-deserved problem-solving shone earning recognition. Competing against some of the best schools, our students demonstrated exceptional mathematical prowess, securing the coveted title of Best School in the Group Contest. This victory highlights their ability to work collaboratively and apply critical thinking in solving complex mathematical challenges. In addition to excelling in the group category, our team also achieved an outstanding Second Position Overall, a testament to their hard work, resilience, and commitment to academic excellence. Their success is a reflection of the strong foundation in mathematics that our school continues to nurture. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the students and their dedicated teachers who guided them throughout the journey. This achievement serves as an inspiration to the entire school community, reinforcing the importance of perseverance and a passion for learning. Well done, team! We look forward to even greater accomplishments in the future.



#### CAREER DAY: INSPIRING THE FUTURE FOR YEAR 7 TO YEAR 10 STUDENTS

Career Day is an exciting and educational event designed to expose Year 7 to Year 10 students to a wide range of professions, helping them explore different career paths and plan for their futures. This event provides students with the opportunity to engage with professionals from various industries, learn about different career journeys, and gain valuable insights into the world of work. The day is structured to be both informative and interactive. Professionals from diverse fields such as medicine, engineering, law, business, creative arts, technology, and skilled trades will share their experiences, challenges, and advice with students. Through engaging presentations, hands-on activities, and question-and-answer sessions, students will have the chance to understand what different careers entail and what skills and qualifications are needed to succeed in them. Career Day aims to inspire students to start thinking about their interests, strengths, and future aspirations. By connecting with role models from different professions, students can discover new possibilities and gain the motivation to work towards their goals. Whether they aspire to become doctors, engineers, entrepreneurs, artists, or scientists, this event encourages them to dream big and take the first steps toward a bright future. Ultimately, Career Day serves as a bridge between education and the professional world, helping students make informed decisions about their future studies and careers. It is a day of inspiration, learning, and exploration, equipping young minds with the knowledge and confidence to chase their ambitions.





#### CAREER DAY: INSPIRING THE FUTURE FOR YEAR 7 TO YEAR 10 STUDENTS CONT....



### ANNUAL SCHOOL PLAY: MANKIND'S MALADIES LEAVES AUDIENCE SPELLBOUND

The much-awaited Annual School Play, Mankind's Maladies, captivated the audience with a thought-provoking and powerful performance. Held in the school auditorium, the play delved deep into the struggles, conflicts, and resilience of humanity, highlighting themes of greed, injustice, hope, and redemption. With a gripping storyline and stellar performances by the students, Mankind's Maladies took the spectators on an emotional journey, portraying the challenges that plague society and the human spirit's ability to overcome them. The seamless blend of drama, music, and stage effects brought the narrative to life, leaving a lasting impact on everyone present. The dedication and hard work of the cast and crew were evident in every scene, making the play a resounding success. Teachers, parents, and students applauded the performers for their exceptional talent and the meaningful message conveyed through the production. As the curtains fell, Mankind's Maladies served as a reminder of the power of storytelling and its ability to inspire change, making this year's Annual School Play a truly unforgettable experience.



#### INCLUSIVE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SHINES AT THE ANNUAL SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA

The Annual Sports Extravaganza witnessed an inspiring display of talent, determination, and unity as students from the Inclusive Education Department actively participated in various events. Their enthusiastic involvement highlighted the true essence of inclusivity, proving that sports have the power to bring everyone together, regardless of ability. From track and field races to team games and adaptive sports, the students showcased remarkable perseverance and sportsmanship. Their participation not only broke barriers but also encouraged a culture of acceptance and equal opportunities. Faculty members, peers, and spectators cheered them on, celebrating their achievements and efforts. The event reinforced the institution's commitment to inclusive education, ensuring that every student gets a platform to explore their potential. The success of the Inclusive Education Department at the sports extravaganza was a testament to the fact that ability is not defined by limitations but by the courage to participate and excel.



### INCLUSIVE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SHINES AT THE ANNUAL SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA CONT...





## STUDENTS SHINE AT THE 9TH EDITION OF THE ANNUAL INTERSCHOOL MUSIC RECITAL

The 9th edition of the Annual Interschool Music Recital was a resounding success, showcasing the incredible talent and dedication of students from various schools. This much-anticipated event brought together young musicians, vocalists, and instrumentalists to celebrate the power of music and artistic expression. Participating schools presented a diverse range of performances, including classical renditions, contemporary pieces, and original compositions. From soulful piano solos to vibrant choral performances and energetic band presentations, the recital was a true testament to the students' hard work and passion for music. The event also served as a platform for students to build confidence, foster collaboration, and learn from one another. Many participants expressed their excitement at the opportunity to perform in front of a supportive audience and receive valuable feedback from esteemed judges and mentors. In addition to individual and group performances, the recital featured special guest appearances from renowned musicians, who shared their expertise and inspired the young performers to continue honing their craft. With each passing year, the Annual Interschool Music Recital continues to grow, fostering a love for music and uniting students through the universal language of melody and rhythm. The 9th edition was undoubtedly a memorable celebration of talent, passion, and artistic expression, leaving participants and audiences eagerly anticipating next year's milestone 10th edition.



#### CAREER TALK BY ESTEEMED SCHOOL ALUMNI INSPIRES YEAR 11 STUDENTS

Year 11 students had the privilege of attending an insightful career talk delivered by distinguished alumnus, Ms. Sonia Khalsa. Founder of Connecting Dots, Ms. Sonia Khalsa returned to their alma mater to share valuable knowledge, experiences, and advice on career planning and personal development. During the session, Ms. Sonia Khalsa shared her journey from being a student at Oshwal Academy Nairobi Junior High. They discussed the challenges they faced, the decisions that shaped their career, and the importance of perseverance and continuous learning. The talk covered key topics such as career exploration, choosing the right educational path, and essential skills needed in today's workforce. Ms. Sonia Khalsa also emphasized the significance of networking, adaptability, and having a growth mindset. Students had the opportunity to engage in a Q&A session, where they asked insightful questions about different career paths, industry trends, and how to prepare for the future. Ms. Sonia Khalsa provided practical tips and motivation, encouraging students to set goals, work hard, and remain open to new opportunities. The session concluded with a note of appreciation from the school faculty, who thanked Ms. Sonia Khalsa for their time and commitment to giving back to the school community. Students left the session feeling inspired and better equipped to make informed decisions about their future careers. Oshwal Academy Nairobi Junior High extends its heartfelt gratitude to Ms. Sonia Khalsa for her valuable insights and looks forward to welcoming more alumni in the future to guide and mentor the next generation of students.



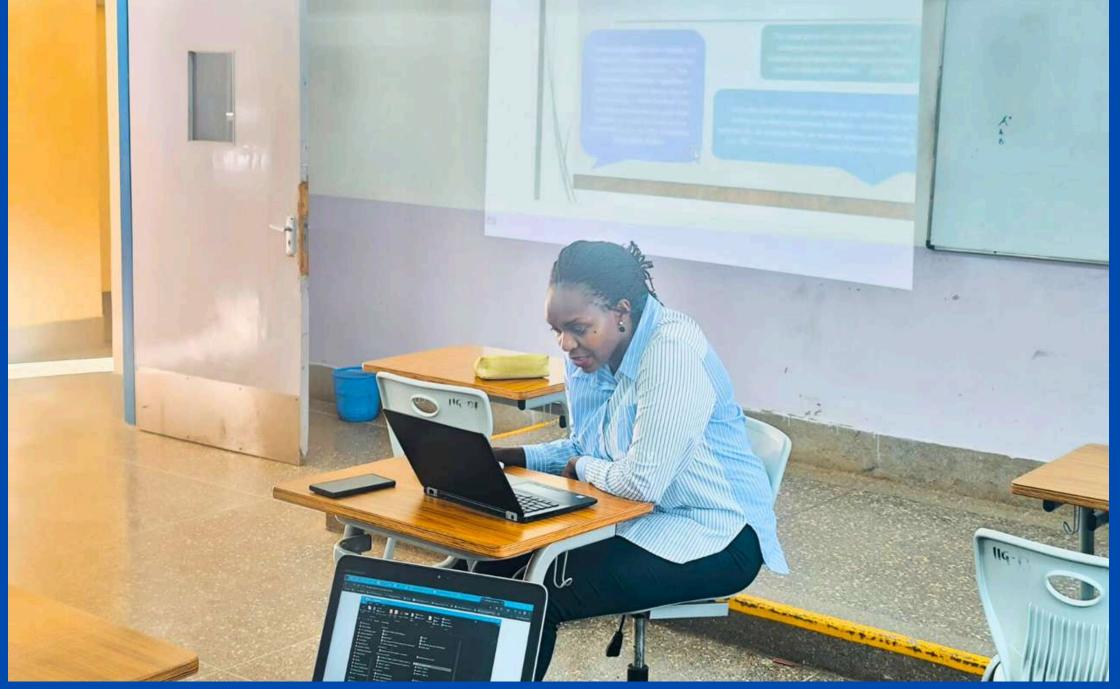
#### YEAR 8 GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS VISIT THE KENYA METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT ALONG NGONG ROAD

Year 8 Geography students embarked on an exciting educational trip to the Kenya Meteorological Department along Ngong road. The visit was aimed at enhancing their understanding of weather and climate, which are key topics in their Geography curriculum. Upon arrival, the students were warmly welcomed by meteorological experts who introduced them to the role of the department in weather forecasting and climate monitoring. They learned about various meteorological instruments such as rain gauges, anemometers, and barometers, which are used to measure rainfall, wind speed, and atmospheric pressure. The experts also demonstrated how satellite technology and computer models help predict weather patterns, which are crucial for farmers, pilots, and disaster management teams. One of the highlights of the visit was a tour of the observation station, where students got a firsthand look at how data is collected and analyzed to produce accurate weather forecasts. They were fascinated by how meteorologists interpret weather maps and issue warnings for extreme weather conditions such as heavy rainfall, droughts, and storms. The students had an opportunity to ask questions, deepening their understanding of climate change and its impact on Kenya and the world. The visit helped them appreciate the importance of meteorology in daily life, from planning outdoor activities to ensuring safety during extreme weather events. Overall, the trip to the Kenya Meteorological Department was an enriching experience that brought classroom lessons to life. The students left with a greater appreciation for the science behind weather forecasting and its significance in sustainable development and disaster preparedness.



#### MATHS DEPARTMENT INTERNAL TRAINING ON THE IMPORTANCE OF GIVING CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK TO STUDENTS FACILITATED BY MS. MERCY





#### **FROM SPORTS CORNER**

The Sports Department has been a beehive of activities with numerous opportunities for our students to engage in various inter-school sports competition.



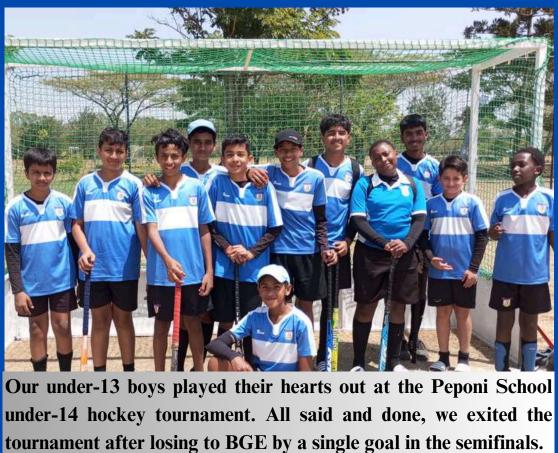
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Against Brookhurst School Lavington, our under-13 boys' basketball team won 23 baskets to 11 baskets, while on the same venue they edged out Makini School 35 baskets to 23 baskets.





Join us in congratulating our under 13 girls Football team – were crowned champions of the International & Private Schools Sports Association (IPSSA) Championship at Juja Preparatory School.

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# NEVER GIVE UP

PERSEVERANCE

BELIEVE THAT YOU CAN DO IT KEEP ENCOURAGING

#### YOURSELF

## KEEP WORKING

## DO YOUR BEST

#### The Boy Who Tamed the Mountain

In a small village nestled at the foot of a towering mountain lived a boy named Arjun. The



mountain was known as the "Unbeatable Peak," a daunting giant that no one in the village dared to climb. Stories told of harsh winds, treacherous paths, and sheer cliffs. To everyone, it was a symbol of impossibility.

Arjun, however, was different. He was curious and driven, and he often found himself staring at the mountain, wondering what lay beyond its summit. His dream was to climb it, but every time he shared his ambition, he was met with laughter and doubt.

"You're just a child," the villagers said. "No one has ever climbed it. What makes you think you can?" others mocked.

Despite their words, Arjun believed in himself. He didn't see the mountain as an obstacle but as an opportunity to prove what was possible when one believed in their own potential.

He began preparing in secret. Every morning, he

woke up before dawn to train. He strengthened his body by carrying heavy loads of firewood and practiced scaling smaller hills around the village. Most importantly, he visualized himself reaching the peak, focusing on his goal with unwavering determination. One day, he announced to the village that he would attempt the climb. The villagers shook

their heads. "You'll never make it," they said. But Arjun smiled and replied, "I will, because I believe I can."

The climb was gruelling. The paths were steep, and the air grew thinner with every step. Several times, Arjun slipped and nearly fell, but he refused to give up. Each time he stumbled, he remembered his belief in himself and his dream of standing on the summit.





As the days passed, he encountered challenges he hadn't anticipated—cold nights, unpredictable weather, and moments of doubt.

But with every difficulty, he found a way forward, one step at a time. He recalled the villagers' doubts and used them as fuel to push himself further.



Finally, after days of struggle, Arjun reached the peak. He stood atop the Unbeatable Peak, his heart swelling with pride. The view was breathtaking—a panorama of valleys and forests that stretched endlessly. But more than the view, what mattered to him was what the climb had taught him: the power of believing in himself.

When Arjun returned to the village, the people were astonished. He had done the impossible. From that day on, the mountain was no longer called the "Unbeatable Peak." It became "Arjun's Summit," a symbol of courage and self-belief.

The villagers, inspired by his feat, began to chase their own dreams, no matter how impossible they seemed. Arjun's story became a reminder that with belief, determination, and effort, even the tallest mountains could be conquered.

#### Moral of the Story:

Believe in yourself, even when others doubt you. Challenges may seem insurmountable, but with persistence, perseverance and self-confidence, you can achieve anything you set your mind to.



