

## Educational Question of the Week

What is the teacher's role in facilitating learning through play in education?

Kelly Anderson

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

### Just a thought

Smartphones are wonderful devices: maps with directions, camera, social media, apps for everything...all at our finger and thumb tips. There is no denying that they are very useful (and addictive!) However, are there times when we should put them down, or even place them some distance away when we have tasks to perform?

I read this today in a summary research article called the Marshall Memo:

In a 2015 experiment at the University of California/San Diego, 520 undergraduates took tests of fluid intelligence and available cognitive capacity. Subjects were divided into three groups:

- The first placed their cell phones in front of them on the desk.
- The second stowed their phones in pockets or handbags.
- The third left their phones in another room.

Students whose phones were in view got the lowest scores; those whose phones were in another room did best; and students whose phones were in their pockets or handbags scored in the middle.

Interviewed afterward, almost all students said they hadn't been distracted by or even thought about their phones while taking the tests – but that obviously wasn't true for two-thirds of them. A similar study found that students with phones in sight made more errors on a test.

What does this mean for classrooms and our students? What does it mean for our students at home when there is some reading to be done?

Of course, as I said at the start of this article, smartphones can be very useful in life, and are a great learning tool: in the science labs last week I saw students using their phones to record experimental results for their IA for instance. However, perhaps there are times when making the phone more distant will be the best way we can improve our concentration, and our learning. Just a thought.

Mr Peter

## CALENDAR

### Week 10

#### Sun Oct 22

14:30-16:00 Basketball Practice  
 14:30-16:30 Swim Squad Training  
 17:30-21:00 Staff & Parents Tennis Tournaments

#### Mon Oct 23

8:00-12:00 Primary Swimathon  
 15:30-17:30 Y7/10Boys/Girls Basketball @ KAS  
 18:00-21:00 Y7, 11 & 13 PTSCs

#### Tues Oct 24

14:30-16:00 Basketball Practice  
 17:30-18:30 Charity Walk

#### Weds Oct 25

15:30-18:00 Senior Boys/Girls Basketball @ NVS  
 19:00-21:00 Radio Show Live

#### Thurs Oct 26

Mid Semester Report Published  
 15:00-18:00 Junior Boys/Girls Basketball Tournament

#### Fri Oct 27

#### Sat Oct 28

MID-SEMESTER

BREAK

SCHOOL RESUMES

SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 5th

## FROM THE KICS RIDING SCHOOL



Vanusha and Kassala getting their turns for a good grooming session.

Horse riding season finally started on the 1st October, just shortly after my arrival as the new Riding Instructor and Stable Manager, and available slots in lessons filled up very quickly!

I have the help of new KICS stable assistant, Ms Sara, and thankfully both of us have had much appreciated assistance from stu-

dents, parents, KICS staff and the stable grooms, Sohan and Savil, settling in and to get the stables, horses and lessons up and running in the shortest time possible.

The horses had a very long summer holiday this year, but are all well and taking on their work with good spirits. We have had two new additions, Filly and Khaleeji, who are not quite ready for lessons yet, but we hope they will work alongside the other horses next semester.

Next Wednesday, 25 Oct, KICS Stable is hosting the Yr 4 ODE trip which we are very much looking forward to.

Horse Trivia: Horses height is measured in units known as "hands." One hand is equal to four inches. The tallest horse on record was a Shire named Sampson. He was 21.2 hands (7 feet, 2 inches) tall. He was born in 1846 in Toddington Mills, England.

Ms Nina

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**FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT**  
 presents

**The KICS Radio Show Lives!**  
 a LIVE Broadcast

Wednesday, October 25th  
 7:30pm KICS Amphitheater  
 Free Tickets Available  
 at the Cashier's Office  
 at the Front Gate

A Senior Section Production

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 25, 2017, 7.30pm at KICS AMPHITHEATER**  
 FREE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL CASHIER OR AT THE FRONT GATE  
 PLEASE CONTACT [boxoffice@kics.sd](mailto:boxoffice@kics.sd), CALL (01)83-215268  
 FOR AGES 5 AND ABOVE

## AROUND THE PRIMARY SECTION

## From Year 5

The last few weeks have been event filled and full of learning. After weeks of designing, innovating, and creating, Year 5 students participated in a "Shark Tank" invention convention that had mystery judges deciding on the best-designed product from our Year 5 inventors. During the small exhibition in the Jr. Hall, we saw some interesting and sometimes quirky innovations from our students. The high participation from parents and community members, mixed with the pressure that was put on them by "the Sharks" made this for a great summative assessment and a memorable learning experience.

As we move into our next unit, How We Express Ourselves, we will put to use our newly developed knowledge of interpretation and theme as we explore how people take action through creative expression as a way to share ideas, feelings, and perspectives.



Mrs. Erica and Mr. Zach

## From Year 1



In our first Unit of Inquiry: Where We Are In Place and Time the Year 1 students inquired into their personal histories and culture. As their summative task students created an identity box filled with items that represented them and their families. The students enjoyed sharing their boxes with their classmates.

We have recently started our second Unit of Inquiry: Who We Are. We will be inquiring into our senses and how they keep us safe. Our provocation for this unit involved blindfolding the students and having them smell jars containing different items. The students tried to determine what the item was and whether or not it was safe to eat or use.

The Year One students are excited to be developing their literacy skills in the Readers' and Writers' Workshop. We recently finished our first unit with two celebrations: a writers' toast and a readers' parade. The students are so proud to be developing their skills as readers and writers. e students are excited to be developing their literacy skills in the Readers' and Writers' Workshop. We recently finished our first unit with two celebrations: a writers' toast and a readers' parade. The students are so proud to be developing their skills as readers and writers.

Mrs. Kelly and Ms. Lucy

## AROUND THE SENIOR SECTION

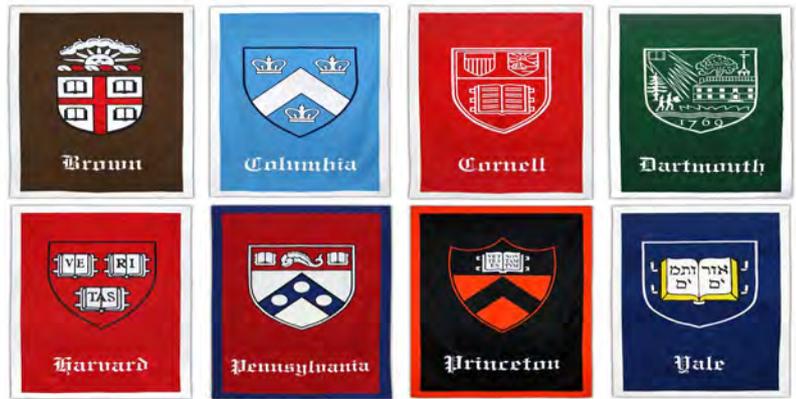
When I was growing up I was fortunate to attend a school that, was for the time, extremely forward thinking. They reasoned that there were certain skills that everyone should have regardless of gender. As a result, the boys studied home economics and needlework, the girls took craft and engineering drawing.

The combination of skills I learned have been incredibly useful, not because I need to cook for myself, although I do derive great pleasure from baking if I can persuade my wife to let me in the kitchen. Cooking taught me logistics, about planning, resource management and thinking back from an end point. Effectively project management, which I wasn't taught anywhere else and almost all of us, involved in any sort of management will attest is crucially important to a successful company. Needlework taught me both focus and fine motor skills, a sewing machine can get rapidly out of hand without both. Focused execution of a task, making careful adjustments in real time is also a skill that was assumed in other subject but never actually taught. Of course, now things have changed and our school curriculum is both broader and the gender bias has been removed but we still have to make choices about subject with our children for years 10 and 12.

In a world where automation and disposability means that many tasks that as parents we had to learn as children are increasingly redundant the skills they provided are also at risk of getting lost, unless we ensure that we provide our children with the most balanced education possible. If we do that, when the unexpected occurs a memory of a class once taught may present itself and a solution will be forthcoming. Before we ask why do we have to take this class or that, it is probably worth reflecting on which classes were actually the most valuable in our adult lives, the answers are often quite surprising.

Mr. Andrew

## What is the Ivy League?



The Ivy League is a group of eight private universities in the Northeastern part of the United States made up of Brown, Dartmouth, Princeton, Harvard, Columbia, Cornell, Yale and the University of Pennsylvania. They make up a group of higher education institutions that originally formed as an intercollegiate athletic group. The group was formed `for the purpose of reaffirming their intention of continuing intercollegiate football in such a way as to maintain the values of the game, while keeping it in fitting proportion to the main purposes of academic life." ([http://etcweb.princeton.edu/CampusWWW/Companion/ivy\\_league.html](http://etcweb.princeton.edu/CampusWWW/Companion/ivy_league.html))

Today they are a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division 1 group, which is the highest level of athletics in the NCAA. They are known for their elitism in both athletics and in academics and are often considered of the most prestigious and select of universities. For this reason, other select private institutions, such as MIT and Stanford, are often mistakenly considered part of the Ivy League.

The Ivy League group of universities do not offer academic or athletic scholarships. They do offer financial aid on the basis of need as determined by their indicial admissions offices.

College Counsellors

## READING CORNER



The Khartoum International Book Fair (17 [October to 27 October](#)) is an annual event on the calendar for book lovers and started this week. Many book sellers come to Khartoum from other Arab countries to sell their books at the fair. The book fair has mainly Arabic books but there are a selection of book in English – books for children beginning to learn simple English or highly technical books for different professions such as engineering. However if you look hard you can find adult novels or non-specialist non-fiction books and books on different aspects of Sudan in English. Why not visit the Book Fair with your child and show them how you value books and reading.

The event is being held at Add al marid in Buri. (Khartoum International Fair) , it is past the Royal Care hospital.

## BOOK WEEK IS COMING – TIME TO START PLANNING YOUR CHILD'S CHARACTER COSTUME

Book Week (19-22 November) is a popular event for students and every year in Primary we have a Character Parade. Students choose a book character that they like and dress like them. Even though November is a number of weeks away why not take some time with your child over the holidays to decide what character they would like to be and what their costume will require. Costumes do not need to be bought especially for the event. Why not get your child to use their imagination and help them make part of their costume. Some students have created excellent costumes only using items found at home. If you are travelling overseas during the October break this is an opportunity to purchase what you need.

The Libraries Team

معرض الخرطوم الدولي للكتاب تظاهرة ثقافية سنوية يحتفي بها محبي الكتب في السودان، يبدأ المعرض يوم 17 أكتوبر و حتى 29 أكتوبر 2017. يشارك في المعرض العديد من الناشرين و دور الكتب العربية. يحتوي المعرض على العديد من خيارات الكتب باللغة العربية و أيضاً هناك مجموعات مقدره من الكتب باللغة الإنجليزية، تتدرج من كتب للأطفال المبتدئين في تعلم اللغة الإنجليزية الى كتب في التخصصات الدقيقة في مجالات مختلفة كمثل الهندسة. المعرض مناسبة جيدة لأطفالكم للإطلاع على مجموعات مختلفة من الكتب. يصاحب المعرض العديد من الأنشطة الثقافية في الفترة المسائية.

يقام المعرض في أرض المعارض بيري في الفترة من 17 – 29 أكتوبر 2017.

أسبوع الكتاب يقترب.. جان الوقت للبدء في التفكير في الشخصية التي سيمثلها طفلك. أسبوع الكتاب 19 ( – 22 نوفمبر) من أكثر الفعاليات التي يجيها التلاميذ. و في كل عام ينظم تلاميذ المرحلة الابتدائية موكب الشخصيات، حيث يقوم كل تلميذ باختيار واحدة من شخصيات الكتب التي يجيها و يقوم بتجسيدها.

إذا هناك وقت كافٍ لمناقشة الشخصية التي يود طفلك تجسيدها و ما الذي يحتاجه لذلك، ساعد طفلك على استخدام خياله و الاستفادة من المواد المتوفرة لديه في البيت فلا ضرورة لشراء مواد جديدة. اما اذا لم يتوفر ذلك فعملية أكتوبر قد تكون فرصة مناسبة لشراء ما يحتاجه طفلك.

## Announcing the 2017 Man Booker Fiction Book Club

The Man Booker is one of the most important English writing prizes and every year the Senior Library purchases copies of the Man Booker shortlisted fiction books for the Man Booker Fiction Book Club. The book club is very informal and promotes the reading of these shortlisted books. For the first time parents are invited to join this reading group. Parents are invited to come and find out about the books and begin borrowing them on Tuesday 24th October in the Senior Library 2.00-2.30pm. Please contact [senior.library@kics.sd](mailto:senior.library@kics.sd) if you have any questions.

FROM THE ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT



This Saturday (21 Oct) KICS will introduce MPAC sports to our community. Together we will try to establish professional clubs at KICS . These clubs will run throughout the school year. MPAC has the knowledge, skills and experience to deliver a high-quality program in the following areas: Basketball, Football (soccer) and Ballet.

If you are interested in one of the areas, come to the gym on Saturday 21st October between 12:00 and 13:00.

MPAC will also give a small demonstration, which will get all the kids excited to join. Check out their website for more information: <http://www.mpacsports.com/>

**Call FOR KICS STUDENTS**  
 21 OCTOBER, 2017  
 @ KICS INDOORS GYM

**JOIN US NOW WITH YOUR PARENTS TO PLAY HAVE FUN & GET INSPIRED**

**WITH MPAC INTERNATIONAL COACHES FROM 12 - 1 PM**

**FREE ENTRY**

[www.mpacsports.com](http://www.mpacsports.com)

FROM THE ARTS DEPARTMENT



Soon the sounds of singers and instrumental players of all kinds will be heard once again through the world famous KICS Radio Show for 2017 on WKICS 98.9FM.

This "live on –stage radio show that is broadcast all over the world" attempts to recreate the golden age of radio when there was nothing but the radio for listening to music and the news through an electronic device. Performers of all types and kinds will grace the stage to a real live studio audience. Music is featured throughout but added special programs typical of radio can also be enjoyed, such the ever popular radio game "Who Wants a Free Band Brownie?" Or the high in demand "need to hear" the latest news, weather and sport reports even though the tongue-in-cheek humor might just surprise you.

The Silver KICS Band will make its first public performance for its concert season as it begins its preparation for its third band tour, this time to Kampala, Uganda. Various other singers and instrumentalists from the Senior Section and school staff will also amaze and delight audience members with their high quality musical accomplishments.

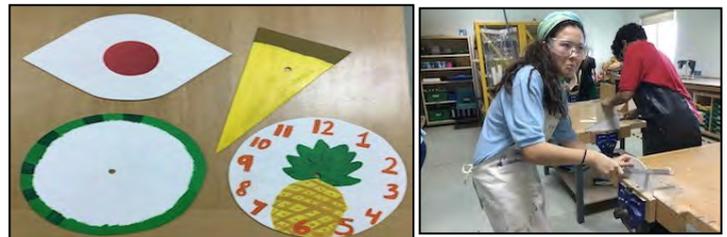
Tickets will be available very soon at the cashier's office or also available at the front gate the night of the show. These tickets are free to the first 350 people responding to this news article. Be sure to invite your family and friends. All are welcome!

Mr Bob

From DT

In the last few weeks, the year 8 students have been working hard on the Clock Project for Design Technology. Having finished the research and design stages of the design cycle, they are now busy on the create stage. Most of the students are painting and decorating the surface of their clocks. And a few will shortly be adding the mechanisms and creating the

Ms. Sarah



ARTIST OF THE WEEK



Salma Imad Jameel Aldibee, Year 8 A



Monday and Wednesday		
Basketball games		
NVS	vs	KICS
GAME	NVS vs KICS RIND's	
3:30 Boys Y7-8	10-20	This time we left them no chance.
3:30 Girls Y7-9	8-11	Very close game this time but we pulled it off
4:15 Boys Y9-10	12-24	Not as dominant as last time we played
4:15 Girls Y10-13	2-35	Very dominant, and this time we kept scoring
5:00 Boys Y11-13	24-68	Just a nice game of basketball against a hard working NVS

Mr. Gerben