

Educational Question of the Week

If informal, self-directed learning happens mostly outside of school, how do we recognise and validate it's worth?

Andrew Hodgkinson

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Holiday Reading

After just three weeks of the new semester I think we are all surprisingly ready for a holiday! Holidays are a special time when routines change, batteries recharge and, at least in my case, there is time to do a lot more reading. Reading is such an essential skill to acquire for our children and provides not just access to knowledge but is also a source of hours of entertainment, inspiration, and understanding of the world.

I read a newspaper article recently that dramatically stated that the current young generation (he called it the iGeneration) will be illiterate: unable to read for more than a few seconds, or to write a coherent sentence. I am pleased to say I disagree with this, at least for our students at KICS! In numerous classes this week I have seen students actively and enjoyably reading and writing in a sustained, focused way. This holiday I hope that you will encourage reading in your home, or while travelling: one of the best ways to do this is to model it yourself. So please pick a book (perhaps from our library), or a Kindle, and get reading.

I wish you a peaceful, restful holiday.

Evacuation Drill & ID Cards



On Tuesday we held our first Evacuation Practice of the year. One thing we want to be sure of is who is actually on campus for such things: so please could parents who are on campus for a length of time sign in

and out at the front gate. Parents only dropping off their child and then leaving campus straight away do not need to sign in. Parents are also reminded that they should have their ID with them when on campus.

Mr Peter

CALENDAR

Week 4

Sun Sept 10

ITP Begins
14:30-15:30 Swim Squad Training

Mon Sept 11

15:00-17:30 Senior Girls 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament @ NVS

Tues Sept 12

9:00-11:30 Y7 Art Trip to Stables

Weds Sept 13

15:30-18:00 Senior Boys 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament @ KICS

Thurs Sept 14

12:30-14:30 Seniors Inter house Basketball
14:30-16:00 Alumni Basketball match

Fri Sept 15

Sat Sept 16

10:00-12:00 Silver Band Rehearsal
17:00-20:00 Welcome Back Picnic

SCHOOL HOLIDAY

SCHOOL RESUMES

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 10th



opment. These developmental barriers can encompass anything from socio-political barriers to infrastructural barriers, indicating that all nations face such obstacles. We will also be entertaining the following councils and topics:

The Security Council
The Question of the Islamic State
The Question of the situation in Yemen

The Human Rights Council
Measures to eradicate child marriage
Measures to eliminate the violation of human rights leading to extreme poverty

The Economic and Social Council
Measures to develop and implement sustainable energy management strategies
Eliminating gender inequality in the workforce

The Historical Security council
The Question of the Apartheid in South Africa (1976)
The Question of the Gulf War (1990-1991)

The KICSMUN XII ECA will begin on Sunday, 10 September for all Secretariat and Delegates!!!!

Mrs Reem



KICSMUN XII 2017



My name is Amina Elnour and as this year's Secretary-General I am very excited to announce the Twelfth Annual Khartoum International Community School's Model United Nations! (KICSMUN XII). The conference will be held from 15th November to 18th November 2017, at KICS.

KICSMUN is greatly valued in our school community as it gives students an opportunity to open their minds and expand their horizons. It teaches delegates to act objectively and professionally and develops interpersonal skills that are key to their future success.

Our theme this year is 'Barriers to Development: A Journey Towards Prosperity', which concerns the problems inhibiting a nation's devel-

AROUND THE PRIMARY SECTION

From Little KICS

Can you believe that we are finishing week three?! Little KICS has had a fantastic start to the year. Our first week at school, we stayed in our classroom and settled in and got used to routines and expectations. In our second week, our world grew a little and we ventured out to see some of the other great places KICS has to offer. We had many firsts - our first library session with Ms. Mal, our first visit to the pool, our first PE lesson, our first yoga class, our first cooking class, and our first music class with Ms. Jacklyn. We have been inquiring about who we are and are learning more about ourselves everyday. Have a great holiday! Happy Eid and safe travels to everyone.



Ms. Jeanette and Ms. Steffi

Primary Student Council (PSTUCO)**What is the Primary Student Council or PSTUCO?**

The Primary Student Council is an elected group of children who meet regularly and work together to represent the primary section at KICS. The Senior Section also has an elected group representing the secondary part of the school.

Who can be a member of the Primary Student Council?

At the start of each academic year (in August) each class will nominate two children to become their class student council representative. Every class from Year Two up to Year Six votes for the children that they think will be able to represent their class best at Student Council meetings.

How long can you be a Primary Student Councilor for?

Primary Student Councilors are elected to represent their class for one year.

How many Primary Student Councilors are there?

Primary Student Council has 10 members from Years Two to Six.

What have the Primary Student Council been up to last year?

Last year's Primary Student Council held their meetings every Sunday after school. This year the PSTUCO meetings will be every Monday. They will work on various projects to improve the school or to support KICS ongoing local charities. See below for just some of the things that the Student Council members were involved in last year:

Helping in the School Community: Many of the PSTUCO members volunteer to help at KICS Street Fayre with the running of a book-stall. They organise fundraising events, which help raise money to support their charities.

Problem Solving: PSTUCO meet to discuss anything they felt the Council could help with to improve the school community and environment.

Helping in the wider community: The children regularly plan activities to support charity events, such as, Khartoum Chesham Home, Kids for Kids and the French Sudanese Friendship School that we have an on-going relationship with.

Who are this year's Primary Student Council members?

Elections took place last week and I am please to announce that this year's Primary Student Council members are:

- Ibrahim Tarig Khalil Osman- Class 2A
- Yassma Jaber- Class 2B
- Mathani Ahmed Elmortada Hassan- Class 3A
- Amador Lorenzo Paz- Class 3B
- Kettil Viangchan Sampo Suwannchairop- Class 4A
- Annabel Delrue- Class 4B
- Ishan Hewavitarn- Class 5A
- Duaa Ihab Hassan- Class 5B
- Elise Sanne Kleijwegt- Class 6A
- Anusha Landis Jha- Class 6B



Please join me in congratulating and welcoming the Primary Parent Student Council members for 2017-18.

Mrs. Maria

AROUND THE SENIOR SECTION

It was very good to see so many parents on Thursday evening at our annual 'meet the teacher' event. Although a fairly short event it is always pleasing to see just how many parents make contact with their children's teachers and in that short time just how much information passes between the two parties. It shows very clearly the power of talking with one another face to face, and would like to encourage you to keep in regular contact with the teachers you met on Thursday.

Recently I have been reading about reading and the role it plays in the development of children's language skills. We are all aware that reading with children (and talking about what they read) is a very good way to both bond with children and to improve their language skills. However, from observation we made with a small number of test students we also noticed at KICS that whilst students value reading they need it to be a regular structured expectation.

By setting a 'quiet time' each day for children and where possible reading with them we provide a platform for them to develop language skills much more rapidly. By talking about what they are reading from an adult perspective we also provide a contextual framework that allows them to assimilate what they have read and derive implicit meaning which further boosts language development.

I know that a number of parents do this with their children already, but if you do not, could I suggest you set time aside each day explicitly for them to read and also take a little time afterwards to discuss what was read. I often read with my niece who has to read in several languages. I can't read along with her but I can talk to her about what she reads giving her both a greater understanding and helping her to form cross cultural links.

I would like to finish by wishing everyone who will celebrates a very happy Eid break and if you are travelling please be safe. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Sunday 10th September.

Mr. Andrew



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Annual Alumni Varsity



Watch the action and fun as
The KICS Alumni
return to take on
KICS students & Teachers
for the first ever
Alumni Varsity Game

Thursday the 14th of September
Tip-off at 2:30pm - 5:00pm in the sports Hall

Food & Drinks available



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READING CORNER



From the Junior Library



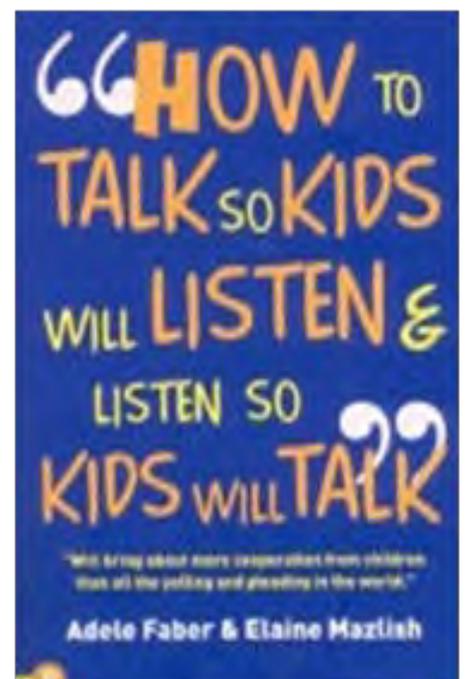
Have you ever felt overwhelmed because you don't know what to do with your child? If your answer is yes, maybe you can "see the light at the end of the tunnel" by reading some of the books we have in the Junior Library in our Parenting Collection.

This week we are showcasing "How to talk so kids will listen & listen so kids will talk".

This bestselling classic includes fresh insights and suggestions as well as the author's time-tested methods to solve common problems and build foundations for lasting relationships, including innovative ways to:

- Cope with your child's negative feelings, such as frustration, anger, and disappointment
- Express your strong feelings without being hurtful
- Engage your child's willing cooperation
- Set firm limits and maintain goodwill
- Use alternatives to punishment that promote self-discipline
- Understand the difference between helpful and unhelpful praise
- Resolve family conflicts peacefully

Why don't you give a try? Maybe your days as an overwhelmed parent will be lessened .
Have a good Eid holiday.



Mrs Pilar

FROM THE ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT



I am very excited about this ODE year. I hope you are too. Please find your year respective group and mark the dates. More information will follow when your trip is approaching.



ODE Summary 2017/18

Trip	Location	Duration	Date
Year 3 ODE	School Field	1 Night	October 11-12
Year 4 ODE	Stables	1 Night	October 25-26
Year 8 ODE	Escape (Jebel Awlia)	2 Nights	November 7-9
Year 7 ODE	Shendi pyramids & Desert	2 Nights	November 28-30
Year 11 ODE	Shendi Desert	1 Night	December 6-7
Year 6 ODE	Escape (Jebel Awlia)	1 Night	December 11-12
Year 12 ODE	Thailand	10 Days	Jan 9-19
Year 5 ODE	CAPO Farm	1 Night	January 24-25
Year 10 ODE	Escape (Jebel Awlia)	2 Nights	February 5-7
Year 9 ODE	Stables	1 Night	February 21-22



Why are we sending all this year group on such an adventure? Here are just 3 reasons why:

1. Outdoor Education Strengthens a Child's Self-Confidence and Self-Esteem
2. Outdoor Learning Creates Memorable Educational Experiences
3. Relationships with Nature Promote Physical and Mental Health

Mr. Gerben

FROM THE ARTS DEPARTMENT



This semester in Design Technology we will be concentrating on resistant materials.

In year 8 the students are also going to be following the design cycle to create a clock using plywood. They have started the project with research into existing products.



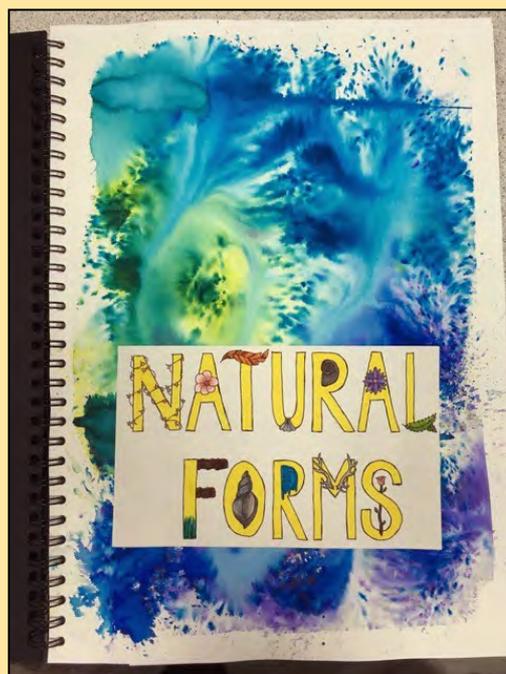
Year 8 clock research

In year 7 the students will be learning about the design cycle and creating a cookie cutter which will be made using our vacuum forming machine.

And in year 9 the students will be designing and making an iPad or iPhone dock using a variety of materials.

Mrs Sarah

Artist (Photographer) of the week



Ragad Y10 IGCSE Art

Ms Paula