

Educational Question of the Week

What is the purpose of education in the 21st century? More importantly, whose role is it in society to define it?

Safa Abdelmagid

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

The return of KICSPA!

A positive relationship between parents and the school is well recognised as a very good thing for optimal student learning. As a school we aspire to be the best we can be, and so the area of Parental relationships are high on my to do list. As some of you know, I would like to see the return of a Parents Association, which would help to build strong and lasting Parent-School links. Over this semester I am reaching out to you and starting a dialogue on what a newly formed KICSPA could look like. This means doing some research into models from other schools, tapping your own experiences, looking back to the way KICSPA operated here a couple of years ago, and then collaboratively building a set of parameters/guidelines for the new KICSPA. If we are ready by the end of this semester, we could then look forward to a New Year launch of our parents association. Please let me know your thoughts, experiences and ideas; let's build something that will help the school get even better.

Mr Peter

CALENDAR

Week 6	Week 7
Sun Sept 24 8:00-9:00 Primary Parent Introduction to PYP 14:30-16:00 Basketball Practice 14:30-16:00 Swim Squad Training	Sun Oct 1 14:30-16:00 Basketball Practice 14:30-16:00 Swim Squad Training
Mon Sept 25 	Mon Oct 2 8:00-9:00 Primary Parent Information on New KICS Reporting 9:00-11:30 Y8 Art trip / National Museum
Tues Sept 26 14:30-16:00 Basketball Practice	Tues Oct 3 14:30-16:00 Basketball Practice
Weds Sept 27 15:30-18:00 KICS V UHS @ KICS	Weds Oct 4 15:30-18:00 KICS V KAS @ KICS Basketball
Thurs Sept 28 14:30-16:00 Basketball Practice 15:00-18:00 y5/6 Boys & Girls basketball @ KICS	Thurs Oct 5 14:30-16:00 Basketball Practice
Fri Sept 29 	Fri Oct 6
Sat Sept 30 10:00-12:00 Silver Band Rehearsal	Sat Oct 7 10:00-12:00 Silver Band Rehearsal



KHARTOUM INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL CAREERS TALKS 2017-2018

MRS RITA BELLAMY JAMES

Rita Bellamy-James has had an interesting and varied career. She qualified first as a Social Worker and then a Barrister. Ultimately she was appointed the first Head of Specialist Advisers in the Consular Directorate of the Foreign Office. She travelled widely in this role. She was then Chair of National Family Mediation. Rita was twice nominated as one of the UK "Woman of the Year"

Her commitment to Education as transformation is longstanding and she is currently Deputy Chair of Governors at the University of Westminster and is a Trustee of Women's Education Partnership supporting disadvantaged Women in Sudan



KICS Senior Library
Sunday 1st October 2017 11.50am-12.30am

VISITING AUTHOR

IS AT KICS 8-12 OCTOBER 2017

NIKKI SHEEHAN



Visiting Author Announced

Not every school gets to invite authors to visit, but we do. Guest authors provide authentic experiences for students. This creates a powerful opportunity for students to make connections between reading and writing. Students get the opportunity to learn about the process of writing, developing characters and expressing their creativity. Most of all, this experience makes students excited about books and reading, which should last them a life time. The KICS Library is delighted to announce that this year's visiting author is Nikki Sheehan who will be at KICS from October 8-12. Nikki has written 3 books:

1. Who Framed Klaris Cliff
2. Swan Boy
3. Goodnight, Boy

There will be the opportunity shortly for you to order her books when she is at KICS. Order forms are available from the Senior Library or by [clicking here](#).

You can find more about Nikki at <http://www.nikkisheehan.co.uk>

AROUND THE PRIMARY SECTION

Peer Teaching in Year 6

Peer teaching is not a new idea and it is very popular. Peer to peer teaching has students take on a teaching role in order to share their knowledge with other students in material on which the first is an expert and the second is a novice.

In Class 6A under the guidance of Mr Darwin, Maths lessons involve one-on-one tutoring by students who have successfully demonstrated proficiency with the material. After Mr Darwin has carried out his mini lesson to the students, the students have the opportunity to show case their newfound skills. In Mr Darwin's room there is a balance between cooperative learning and shared peer tutoring. Cooperative learning is where he divides the students into small groups, with each person in the group responsible for teaching others, and each contributing a unique piece to the task. Shared peer tutoring is where learning takes place with groups of students in pairs to tutor each other.

With 17 students in the room and active teaching happening in every group, it was a busy but exciting place. The room soon became a hive of active learning.

There are many benefits of peer-to-peer teaching. Students get to review their learning by teaching to a peer, which allows them to strengthen their own knowledge and skills. Students increase their confidence. This type of learning activity increases self-confidence because students realize that their teacher sees them as experts and trusts them enough to share their expertise with a peer. All students are also developing their communication skills. Students use communication skills to explain, listen to feedback, and then adjust the next set of instructions accordingly so that their peer is successful. During this activity the teacher is able to assess the students' understanding of the material based on their ability to share their knowledge and skills with a fellow peer.



Mrs Maria

From Reception

The first six weeks of school are a time to establish expectations for learning in school, but more importantly, a sense of belonging to our classroom community. We learn to belong by knowing what to do, when to do it, and how to do it. The children have far exceeded our expectations with learning the routines associated with our school day! We have learned each other's names, we know where and how to organize our belongings, when and how to move between the various learning spaces.

The children in Reception are slowly beginning to understand that the problems we encounter everyday are learning opportunities. What do I do when I make a mess? What do I do if I fall off the swing because my friend pushed too hard? What do I do if my friend wants to play with other friends? What do I do when I can't find the color marker I am looking for? We are also learning to understand that in order for us to learn from our problems, we need to make sure the classroom community feels safe for everybody. We are learning to laugh at ourselves, but not at others, to express our pain, but not inflict it on others, to share our joy, and not forget about the others.

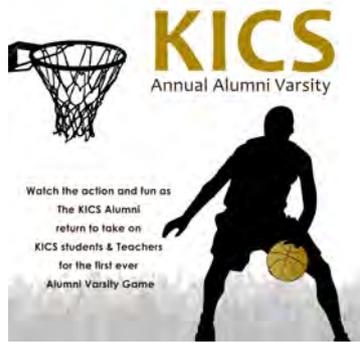
Watch us shine this year!



Mrs. Safaa and Mr. Chris

AROUND THE SENIOR SECTION

We finished last week with a great inter-house basketball tournament in the senior section. The houses were well represented with pretty much all of our students supporting in house colours and some very lively action in the four categories. Overall the dolphins came out victorious but it was a win for everyone, especially Jamie and Meghan who gave so much to make the event so lively. As with all our events it was a nice to see a few parents in attendance and we would very much like to see more attend if you can fit it into your schedules.



It was also nice to see so many people at the welcome back picnic on Saturday evening. The weather was very humid but it did not seem to deter anyone and it was an action packed three hours with the bouncy castle, slippery pole and the rodeo bull seeing some serious action.

Flag day normally coincides with Peace day but this year we had to move it forwards because of the national holiday. Students were able to wear either national dress or white and blue (to symbolize peace) and STUCO arranged a cupcake sale for the lunch break. Flag day, was as always, a spectacular event and it serves well to remind us of the diversity in our school. Thank you to all of the parents who were able to attend and for the work in preparing students costumes.

Finally, just a quick plea to parents at the start and finish of the day. Students in years 7-11 should not be on campus before 7:30 and should leave within fifteen minutes of either the end of the school day or their ECA. I know with traffic in Khartoum that this is sometime a little difficult to organise, but please can I ask you to be pro-active in collection arrangements, especially after matches.

Mr. Andrew

What are the SATs?

The SATs are a standardised suite of tests that measure skills for success at university. It is a measurement of a student's ability to problem solve and analyse under timed conditions. With a few minor exceptions, all US institutions of higher education require the SATs as an entry requirement, and depending on the institution itself, a certain number of points is required as well. The general test is out of a total of 1600 points (400 is the lowest) and combines the scores of two sections worth 800 points each; mathematics, and critical reading and writing. Depending on what a student hopes to study at university, he or she may also be required to take additional SAT Subject tests, which measure a student's ability in specific areas such as physics or history. At KICS we offer the SATs to our US college-bound students. We strongly encourage students to prepare and take the test starting in Year 12 as most students will need to take the test a few times to achieve the points the desire for entrance into a specific university. For more information or any questions, please contact the College Counselling Office.



Reem Heikal

READING CORNER



Round up from the Libraries



In the Senior Library the staff have been busy checking out textbooks to students and getting ready for the visit by author Nikki Sheehan. Nikki will be visiting 8-12 of October and will be working with Senior students on creative writing. Parents are invited to attend a workshop with Nikki to help your child with creative writing (details to come).

Students and parents can order their own copy of her books in SDG by filling in the order form ([click here](#)) or by emailing senior.library@kics.sd for a copy. Nikki will sign all purchased books. Orders should be returned (with money) before Thursday 28 October 3.30pm to the Senior Library. There are limited book supplies so orders should be placed early! Nikki has written three books: Swan Boy, Who Framed Klaris Cliff and Goodnight Boy. You can find out

more about Nikki's books by going to [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

In the sixth week of the school year, the Junior Library is running at full speed. Many books have been already checked out and year 3 students are very happy enjoying their new library. This school year Mrs. Samia will be reading to the kids more frequently than last year, we are looking forward to hearing all the good stories that she usually reads.

In the Infant Library Classes these past few weeks, aside from enjoying listening to stories from Mrs. Samia and from the librarians like the Little KICS and Reception classes. The year 1 students learned about the Indian dress, Sari. We are so appreciative of Mrs. Saima for helping demonstrate how to drape the Sari. Everyone had a great time talking about their national dresses. Our year 2 students learned how to use the library online catalog to find books and even learned to login to their account and to see what they have had out. The lessons were fun and challenging at the same time.



The Libraries Team

FROM THE ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT



BASKETBALL AT KICS

Last two weeks have been a week of Basketball at KICS, and I can say, a very successful two weeks. Senior girls played their 3x3 Tournament and won. The boys could not stay behind and showed some great basketball and also won the 3x3 Tournament.

Furthermore we had Intra house Basketball tournament which was won by the Dolphins, followed closely by the Lions, Scorpions and Crocodiles.

Our temporary PE assistant Daoud organized a really nice Alumni Basketball game between the seniors and the Alumni. To our surprise the Alumni were very strong and managed to beat our senior boys.

This week we continue with more basketball.

WEDNESDAY 20 September	
Basketball games	
KICS	NVS
Inside Games	Outside Games
3:30 Girls Y7-9	3:30 Boys Y7-8
4:15 Girls Y10-13	4:15 Boys Y9-10
5:00 Boys Y11-13	



FROM THE ARTS DEPARTMENT



With KICS well underway, allow me a moment to highlight the various components currently offered in the Music Studios.

Year 7 students are writing their own lyrics and songs. Year 8 are learning to navigate the Blue Danube Waltz of Johann Strauss Jr in many different perspectives. Year 9 are learning that Twinkle Twinkle Little Star is actually a very old melody that Mozart used to compose 12 wonderful and interesting variations on this theme. IGCSE Music students are pushing forwards on their Music Theory studies and compositions.

Also, in the Music Studios, we offer the Instrument Tuition Program (ITP) to all KICS students from Year 2-13. We have about 100 ITP students listed so far and this number is sure to grow as the year progresses. Also, the Silver KICS Band is in full rehearsal mode. This band typically performs six times a year. However, plans are underway for the band's third international tour. This time to Kampala, Uganda.

In addition to the everything else the Music Studios is rehearsing for the ever popular KICS Radio Show Live!!! Coming up on October 25, 2017 at 7:30pm in the KICS Amphitheater. Be sure to save this date for another fun-filled night of fantastic music from student and staff musicians. Did I mention that the Music Studios is also the home of the world famous Band Brownies?? They will be sold at the Radio Show.

Mr Bob



Mr. Gerben