

ESPRESSO



DECEMBER 2012

JUNIOR SCHOOL

We had an excellent start to the new academic year with a number of new students joining the NIS family.

The Friday **assemblies** are something to look forward to both by parents and students. The students impressed us with presentations ranging from science activities, celebrations, communication skills, together with lively songs and dances. It was a joy to see the very little ones perform with so much confidence on stage.

Certificates were given out weekly to all those students who make an effort to improve their performance in different subject areas.





Mufti Day was full of excitement and fun with all the students dressed up in Halloween costumes which were the theme of the day. A contribution of 50/- was made by every student that went towards helping the needy.



Our U-9 and U-11 **Rounder's and Cricket teams** played a number of matches against various schools like Rusinga, Braeside, Aga Khan, Premier, St. Austin's and Jaffrey Academy and displayed an excellent show of sportsmanship and teamwork by winning in many of the matches. Congratulations to them!

The **mid-term tests** went well and reports were sent home.



Our first Bake **Sale** was a huge success, thanks to the children and to all the parents. It was a fun day where the children played shop and sold goodies. They managed to raise about Kshs. 30.000/- which went towards paying school fees of a needy student.

Asante Sana to our caring children and parents!



The Christmas Concert was the highlight of the term when our children made us proud once again by an amazing display of talent and confidence on stage in front of an audience of about 500.

Congratulations and well done to all of them!



End of term assessments were done and reports were given out.

We ended the term on a high note with a visit from **Santa Claus** who distributed goodies to all the children.



SENIOR SCHOOL

Once again we have come to the end of the first and longest term of the academic year. It's been a pretty busy term with lots of exciting activities but we juggled them the best way we could with amazing results.

On Academics: This term we did not administer end of term exams as this gives us time to complete the syllabus especially with the exam classes. Students were therefore evaluated based on classwork, homework and tests. Our candidates have a lot of to do, working towards achieving nothing less than a C grade in order to qualify to be registered for the finals. They are therefore best advised to utilize the holiday for revision more so since MOCKS begin in mid-January for the Yr. 11's.



Still in line with academics, as usual we held the **Parents-Teachers Consultation** meetings. The Middle School meeting was well attended but the Senior School meeting was a huge disappointment especially the A Levels. Parents and guardians we need to pull up our socks (excuse the cliché!) as we monitor the students' progress and rectify issues before it's too late



At the end of September we held our **Annual Prize Giving Day** and which also marked **N.I.S' 5th anniversary**. The event was graced by Joe Mucheru (office lead @ Google) as the Guest of Honor and apart from giving away prizes, he left the student and the audience with a very inspiring message which was an eye opener for many. In a nutshell . . . **you don't have to have had a great start to have a great finish.**





On extra –curricular activities: It's been pretty busy with the Inter- house activities taking center stage. In the first quarter of the term we held the **Inter-House Verse Recital Competition** in various categories. **Raphael** came first in all categories. Congratulations go out to **Eric Cauri** (U 18), **Grace Akumu** (U16), **Neeti Vyas** (U 14) and **Travis Githinji** (U 12).

We also attended the **Nairobi Academy French –German Verse Recital Competition** and the school was represented by Idris Yaye and Neeti Vyas for French and Tanya kaur, Aisha Khan and Molly Cavanielle for German. They all performed well considering that it was their first time and Idris Yaye came 2nd in the Native French speakers category. Well done! Next time they will perform better now that they know what is required of them.

Even more exciting was the **Inter- house Dance Competition** and boy was it full of surprises! People we never imagined could dance, were up on stage giving it their all without fear or shame! A lot of preparation went into it with students staying back after school for practice with the encouragement and support of the teachers and their effort paid off. Even for those teams that did not take home anything just participation itself was exhilarating for them and that is what counts most. The winners were as follows: Classic Dance – Leonardo & Michaelangelo, Cultural Dance – Leonardo and Urban Dance – Raphael. The winners in each category walked away with a whopping 10,000/=, 2nd got 5000/= and 3rd got 2500/= . We look forward to sending a fantastic team of dancers drawn from the different houses to the **Happy Feet Inter-Schools Dance Competition** next term.



On Community Service, the students engaged in a variety of fund-raising activities towards charity. This term our attention was focused on the children's homes and feeding the street children at SAI CENTER. The students efforts were amazing and in total they raised 180,000/=. In addition to that they donated snacks, clothes, shoes and toys amongst many other things and that was really encouraging .Some of the homes we visited include Mogra, Ebenezer Hope, Hope and Grace Children's Homes. A big thank you to parents and guardians for your support and contributions as we strive to make the world a better place to live in.



INTER HOUSE BASKETBALL

In the first quarter of the term the students spent about a month playing basketball. They loved the matches mainly because they are activities and after five hours in class being outside is a welcome relief and even those who were not playing made very enthusiastic spectators. . The results were as follows:

BOYS

- 1st position – Leonardo – 9points
- 2nd position – Donatello – 7 points
- 3rd position – Raphael – 5 points
- 4th position- M'angelo – 3 points

GIRLS

- 1st position – Leonardo – 9 points
- 2nd position- M'angelo – 3 poits
- 3rd position – Raphael – points
- 4th position Donatello – 3 points



INTER HOUSE ROAD RUN
GIRLS

- 1st - Leonardo
- 2nd - M'angelo
- 3rd - Donatello
- 4th - Raphael

BOYS

- 1st - Leonardo
- 2nd - M'angelo
- 3rd - Raphael
- 4th - Donatello



Congratulations to all the winning houses for a job well done and to all the participants





**Thank God for everything
For the gift of life each day
For birds that sing
For the storm clouds too
And how his love comes shining
through.**

