



## Education is not the filling of a pupil but the lighting of a fire William Butler Yeats

Dear Parents

It has been a busy, but successful first half of term three. Both the teachers and the children have been busy trying to wind down the academic year with a bang!

### Half Term Break

School will remain closed on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019. I would like to wish parents, children and staff a restful half term break and I look forward to welcoming you all back into school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

### Class Shuffling

Back in the day when I was still in primary school, one of the highlights of a new academic year was the anticipation of making new friends and joining a new stream. "There are no strangers here, just friends you haven't yet met!" the head teacher would happily announce during the first assembly of the year. Then came that moment that we would all rush to the door to look at the long lists displayed, to check on who our new classmates were... it was always an exciting time.

Starting this year and every two years, we will be shuffling our students. The shuffles are a way to ensure that there is an even mix of gender, abilities and friendship groups across the classes. Shuffling will also ensure that the children get to know each other across the year groups. Old friendships will still be maintained as they will meet their friends from previous classes during play break. After this shuffle the next cycle for shuffling will be in the academic year 2021 – 2022 (unless otherwise).

### Renaming Classes

Starting next academic year, we shall change our class room naming convention. This year the class rooms have been bearing the teachers initials. The classes will now bear the names 'Pacific' and 'Atlantic' - two of the largest oceans in the world. Your child will be in one of the two classes. The children will get to know the class they will be moving to plus their class teacher during the step up day.

### Holiday Assignment

We all look forward to Summer time and for most of us it is the one time that we get to travel the world. We usually do not give the children holiday assignment at this time (although we encourage lots of reading and times tables practice) as they also get to move to a new class when school re-opens.

If you would like us to prepare a holiday homework package for your child, please write your email address in your child's diary and we shall send you a soft copy of the work.

### Last Word

Planning to change schools? Please inform the school at least two weeks before the close of term so as to get a refund of your caution money after proper clearance is done. Without a minimum of two weeks' notice, a refund will not be applicable.

It is also important to note that at BSK we have an open door policy – feel free to come and see your child's teacher or administration if you have any concerns about your child's progress. Thank you for your continued support.

# Environment Awareness in BSK

## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

### DIARY DATES

3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> June: *Half term break*

*Year 6 Residential trip to Jinja*

05/06/19: *Coffee morning*

18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May: *End of year assessments*

21/06/19: *End of clubs*

21/06/19: *Year 1 trip to the Water Park*

21/06/19: *Year 4 trip to Pink Foods  
Kampala*

26/06/19: *OLC trip to UWEC*

28/06/19: *Year 2 trip to Namanve  
Industrial Park*

28/06/19: *Year 5 trip to Extreme  
Adventure Park Busika*

01/07/19: *Inter - house tree planting day*

02/07/19: *Step up day*

4/07/19: *Class parties*

*End of Term 3*

Environmental Awareness is about being aware of the environment, children need to be sensitized about this issue early enough in their lives. This term, the children have been learning how to better care for our environment. 'Environment awareness' has been a common theme of all our class assemblies which have been an in - house affair.

To further sensitize the children about our environment, all the classroom door displays revolved around the same theme. Class teachers worked with the students to set up the lovely door displays (we hope you noticed them!) We encourage you to ask your child to explain to you what the three R's stand for.



### **Challenge: Have a Paper-Free Day!**

Can you challenge yourself to go an entire day without using any paper?