

February 2023

REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF OSHWAL EDUCATION & RELIEF BOARD



Oshwal Academy
Nairobi & Mombasa



Head's Message

I am glad that our school is identified as one of the good schools in this beautiful city Nairobi where people tend to mix freely, enjoy culture, national parks and wildlife. Our school is a co-educational school, that offers an academically rigorous as well as a broad and balanced curriculum for students between the ages of 1.5 and 6 years old.

We aim to inspire pupils and instil in them a love of learning and a clear set of values; to develop the life of the mind in ways that are exciting, challenging, ambitious, as well as fun.

In this month of February 2023, our students enjoyed a wide range of sporting and non-sporting activities. From Football, Shlok Recitation, Day and Overnight Camps, Trips, to Poetry Competition were really engaging. Our class activities based on I.E.Y.C units developed International dimension of

personal attributes. They were also engaged in applying the EYFS Personal Goals in various contexts of learning.

It is rightly said that "Education is the best investment any parent can make for their child." It can transform life chances, ensure that an individual thrives academically, flourishes socially, and enjoys a rich and creative inner life.

Bring your child to experience the British National Curriculum of Oshwal Nursery and join a community that is international and distinctive. Please feel welcome to visit and see for yourself what a difference our school's education can make. I would be delighted to meet you.

I express my genuine gratitude to all the parents and caregivers for your compliments and recommendations.

Stay blessed today, tomorrow and forever.



Mrs. Roama Mali
**Head of School
 Nursery Campus**

Patriotic Competition

On Saturday, 30th January 2023, our school celebrated Indian 74th Republic Day by hosting a prestigious competition on singing

Indian Patriotic Song. Our young learners were dressed in lovely outfits that perfectly matched the patriotic songs they were performing.

The participants enjoyed singing various songs on Indian patriotism. Each learner's confidence was impressive considering that it was a solo presentation. The event was kicked off and pulled on by the Headteacher Mrs. Rooma Mali.

Together with her, our honourable judges Mrs. Savita Kulkarni, Mrs. Sujata Srivastav and Mrs. Swarali Vaze encouraged learners at the event. Everyone present was happy to view the learners' performances that showcased love and deep respect for the country.



Reception Interclass Friendly Football Match

A friendly football match was held among the Reception classes to boost the team building. Everyone was so passionate and excited to observe the children playing.

All the classes were split into two groups. Even though it was a friendly match, everyone experienced the genuine excitement of a football match. Truly it felt like the World Cup fever is still on.

Friday, 3rd February 2023 raised the spirit of competition in the spectators seated at the school stadium.



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SHLOKA COMPETITION

On 4th February 2023, Oshwal Academy Nairobi Nursery held a Shlok Recitation Competition for young learners aged from 2-7 years.

Shlok means versus written by Maharishi in holy books. Thus, a question arises, What is the importance of Shlok? Chanting Shloks also helps in raising happy feeling in children which acts as a pain reliever in the body and boosts the natural metabolic process of the body. Chanting Shloks everyday keeps you calm, gives you a happy mood, functions brain wave patterns well, and develops great memorization skills.

The event was flagged off by the Head of School Nursery Campus Ms. Rooma Mali by welcoming the learners, respected Parents and dignified Judges. The learners chanted different Shloks –Navkar Mantra, Gayatri Mantra, Ganesh Mantra, Morning Shloks, Maha

Mritunjay Jaap, Har Har Shambhu, Ganesh Stuti, Shiv Stuti and many more.

The learners were also beautifully and creatively dressed in costumes according to the Shloks they were reciting. The learners were appreciated with certificates, badges, yummy milkshake and coloring worksheets.

A hearty thanks to the learned judges for this event- Mr. Rajesh Shah, Mrs Nutan Shah and Mr. Shailesh Ghongde for judging the competition by being keen and observant.

The whole environment was filled with positivity and the parents keen to encourage their children to present with confidence.

Our aim for this event was to make every individual confident and promote his/her interest of chanting Shloks from an early age.



POETRY COMPETITION

The Kindergarten Poetry competition was organized in our school hall on the 22nd of February 2023 as a means of identifying the learners' talent. They were well-prepared and dressed in costumes that were appropriate for their poems.

The learners recited a variety of poems on various topics and language. Each class gave two group presentations and three individual presentations.

The judges were our Senior High school students, who judges and awarded the individual and group presentation winners with certificates, medals and rolling trophies, respectively.

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SWIMMING DISPLAY

This event was open to parents for viewing their child's learning and swimming skills display at Oshwal Sports Complex. Our children demonstrated the abilities they had learned.

IED, Kindergarten, Preschool, and Play-group children were among those who took part. The swimming display took place from 14th February to 21st February 2023.

- Our IED learners demonstrated freestyle swimming as per their abilities.
- The Kindergarten swimmers demonstrated breathing control and floating in the baby pool while performing crocodile walks and kicking with a noodle in the shallow end.
- Pre-school swimmers presented their abilities to streamline and do kicks in the shallow part of the pool, as well as pick items from beneath the surface.
- The Playgroup swimmers exhibited their water adaption abilities by lining up in their lanes and passing a baton from one end to the other, as well as picking up items underwater, which helps with water confidence.



Oshwal Academy. They had shared inspiring experiences about the school that helped in better working and resulted in independence.

This persuaded parents that special needs students, can also equally learn several skills and apply it in the future employment. Being the only registered center on ASDAN- (Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network) we engage, elevate and empower young people in greatest need.

Some of the programs trained in ASDAN include Photography and Multimedia, Hospitality, Visual and Performing Arts, Computing Vocational Taster, Land-Based Vocational Taster, and Office Assistant Vocational Taster.

This time around our Nursery Campus learners also presented a dance for the guest and glued audience with their cuteness.

IED VALENTINE LUNCHEON

This event was conducted on Friday, 18th February 2023 at Oshwal Academy Nairobi-Primary. The Committee Members, Head-teachers, Parents, Teachers, and Students from the Inclusive

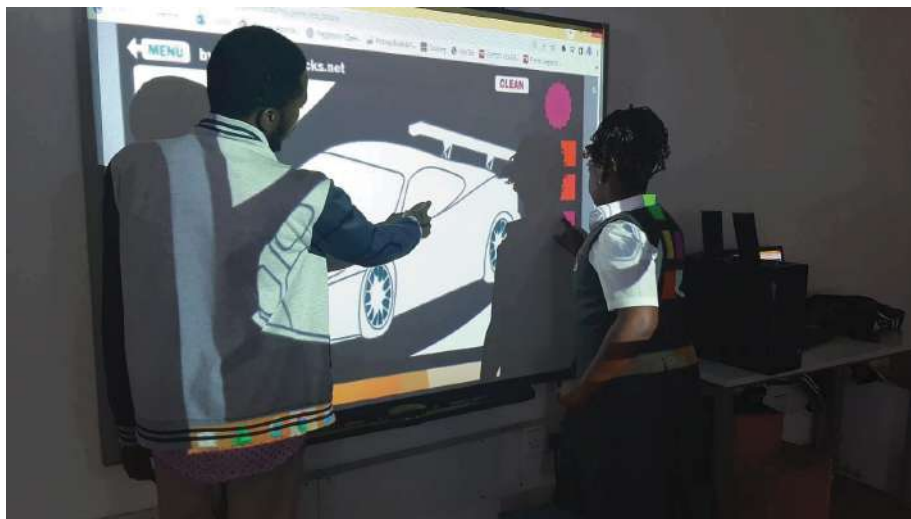
Education Department were all invited. Our learners demonstrated various talents that they have mastered. We had invited the alumni to share their success stories after completing studies at

Overnight Trip Of Reception Class Learners

It all started with a thought of making make camping experiences better for our beloved learners. Yes, colourful home attire, a relaxing bus ride away from home, and the school with kind teachers on the 24th of February 2023 our Reception students travelled on an overnight vacation to Sirville Elementaita.

The adventure began at OANN at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, 24th February 2023, and ended on Saturday, 25th February 2023, with an energized and happy mood. Among the activities they took part in were Archery, Scatters, Zumba dancing, Swimming, Bonfire, Bird watching, and a Nature Walk to the lake. The trip piqued the interest of our students.

They had a great day, and the meal was amazing. What a gorgeous spot with a worthwhile experience that our learners had with their friends and teachers leading towards independence. The school gave the learners an opportunity to explore and enjoy in the lap of nature.



INCLUSIVE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SENSORY PLAY

Sensory play is any playful activity that engages one or more of the five senses – sight, touch, taste, smell and hearing. Sensory play activities naturally encourage children to use different processes whilst they play, create, investigate and explore the world around them.

By taking part in sensory play regularly, children refine their sensory information and improve their cognitive development, it helps their brains to create stronger connections as it learns how to process and respond to different stimuli. Sensory play activities build nerve connections in the brain

which enable children to complete complex tasks. They can support language development, cognitive growth, fine motor skills, and problem-solving skills.

Doing sensory play activities helps to enhance a child's memory. They are great for calming a child who may be anxious or frustrated at something. Completing sensory play activities helps support children with their learning of sensory attributes.



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PRESCHOOL, KINDERGARTEN OVERNIGHT CAMPS AND PLAYGROUP DAY CAMP

Oshwal Academy Nairobi Nursery has become a happening place for learners, parents and its teachers. It is a school that offers both its students' and parents' holistic opportunities to lead and feel confident in all aspects of their life. We place value on the development of students' talents, social and emotional skills in addition to their education.

Another effort we make is to foster relationships and improve interpersonal skills among parents, teachers, and students for a long-term benefit. This year, we held three different types of camps at our school during the mid-term break on 9th, 10th, and 11th February 2023.

These camps were Preschool Overnight camp where the children came alone with their parents, Kindergarten Overnight

Camp for learners and Playgroup Day Camp for learners. These overnight and day camps were full of energy, fun filled activities and zest. These camps were a memorable experience and will always remain very dear to all of us.

Preschool Overnight Camp offered a variety of enjoyable and relaxing activities for Pre-schoolers, their parents and teachers. The activities included Acrobatic Display, Train Ride, Water Zorb activity and Swimming, releasing Sky Lanterns at night, followed by exploring Solar System, Constellation and learning parts of a Telescope.

After that all campers watched a movie in the open-air theatre, did a bonfire and slept in the tents pitched very much in their own school field. The morning routine was followed by team-building games, laughter exercises, and

timely full-board mouth-watering cuisine. Along with their teachers, our Kindergarten students also attended an Overnight Camp with similar engaging activities that added too to the priceless moments. Even the students in our Playgroup weren't left behind; they had a Full Day Camp at school. Pottery was an added activity for these adorable toddlers.

Successful camps featured age-appropriate activities, rest and relaxation, teamwork, outdoor learning, bonding and enjoyment.

Join us to explore the beautiful learning journey where creative ideas and innovation is the heart of true learning to develop enthusiastic learners and create golden memories for you and your beloved children.

WATER PLAY

When learners play in water, it inspires imagination, promotes happiness. This ensures learning is easier in our watery world. Oshwal Academy Nairobi Nursery had organized a Water Play event on the 25th February 2023 for toddlers to explore with water.

The young children enjoyed the water play through different activities like, fishing, filling and emptying and squeezing using

play toys that were provided. The school plan such complementary events that are Open to All to benefit learners from various parts of Nairobi. Parents supported their children and were amazed by the toddler's creativity.

A regular engagement in such activities will help your child strengthen his/her gross and fine motor skills, coordination and physical fitness and add more joy to their learning.





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Head's Message

At Primary, we want our learners to develop a happy and healthy frame of mind. We strive to build a safe and positive environment whereby effective learning occurs.

We encourage maximum participation of our learners in all areas. When our learners take part in so many events, they are learning every day and every moment. Be it inter-house events and the inter-school event, they are meant to foster a new learning in them and give them confidence and

courage to take on challenges that come by. Our teachers work round the clock to support our students in every way.

They not only take care of their Academic growth but also cater to all their emotional and psychological needs of our learners in school. We are grateful to our teachers for all their hard work and dedication.

Our mission at Primary is to build the foundational skills that prepare our learners for life, work, and active citizenship. It is not an easy task but the journey is smoother when we are in collaboration with

“
The purpose of Education is to turn mirrors into windows.
Sydney J Harris
”

parents. It is a journey that we will continue to walk together.

It's been wonderful so far with all your support, as we look forward to more ...

Mrs. Anjana Vijayan
**Head of School
Primary Campus**

World Scholars Event Nairobi Regional Round

It was a thrilling and eventful week for our students who took part in the World Scholars Cup Challenge Nairobi regional round held at the Light International School- Karen and Catholic university on Thursday 16th February 2023 and Friday 17th February 2023.

Our year six students, 63 of them, held their heads high as they took part in various mind stimulating activities ranging from Team debate, Scholars Challenge, Collaborative Writing and the Bowlers Challenge. It was gratifying and fulfilling to see our students scoop various trophies, medals and recognition from reputable judges and winning with resounding victory over their peers.

They brought home 134 Gold medals, 108 Medal and 8 trophies. In deed they were able to bring out the theme "Reconstructing the past" with admirable brilliance and a touch of class. Congratulations to all our scholars for making us proud.



Annual Swimming Gala

On Friday 27th January 2023, year 3, 4, 5 and 6 took a break from their busy academic programmes to take part in the eagerly awaited Annual Inter – House Swimming Gala.

On the material day, pupils reported to school in good time, the weather was great for the event. Pupils were so excited and enthusiastic for the day. We all assembled at Primary Campus Swimming Pool ready to showcase swimming skills.

Pupils from different houses were fully charged and determined to take the lead and be awarded the highly coveted Annual Inter-House Swimming Gala trophy. Students

demonstrated high skills of the strokes learnt during swimming sessions. To culminate our annual swimming gala, an exciting moment to identify Oshwal Academy Primary Campus fastest swimmer of the academic year 2022/2023 both a girl and a boy brought life to all the spectators.

Both Jewel Mbui and Arjav Mishra were awarded the most admired trophy by any swimmer for being the fastest swimmers. Winners in each category of the events were awarded medals and trophies.

Congratulations to the Mars house members for emerging the winners of this year's Annual Swimming Gala.



Our Morning Assemblies

Our morning assemblies have become better day by day. Year 4F took on stage a very colourful presentation about the Mijikenda people.

Their narrations about the culture of the Mijikenda community and their many tribes was nothing less but the best. Great performance of a well selected Mijikenda song. Well done to all students of year 4F.



CLUB ACTIVITIES

Both paid and non-paid activities in Primary Campus have been conducted very well. Students have really advanced in terms of skills acquisition and they have been able to showcase them.

Our learners have developed great interest in these activities and they are always looking forward for their participation.

Reception Pupils Meet and Greet

On Wednesday 1st February 2023, reception pupils and teachers became part of our special guests at Primary Campus. Our year one pupils and teachers were very eager to receive them and spent quality time with them.

Our special guests had fun filled activities as they interacted with our year one team. To culminate it all, they got an opportunity to tour primary campus and were very excited and looked forward to join Primary Campus come the next Academic year.



Parent - Child Bonding Session

Parent -child bonding session is an event that brings teachers, parents and children together to strengthen bonds that exist among ourselves.

On Friday 3rd February 2023, Year 5 and 6 students and parents had exciting moments as they were being taken through very interactive sessions full of fun activities with an aim of promoting parent -child bonding. Our theme for this year was 'Walking Together' and parents were encouraged to support their children, spend quality time and walk the journey together.



Year 3 Parents Forum

Parents and teachers' forums to build partnership brings everyone on board and closer so that we can all reason together, speak same language and move towards the same direction for the common interest of our learners.



Saturday 4th February 2023, was such a great and fruitful day as year 3 parents and teachers met for a building partnership forum. We all came up together to deliberate on the welfare of our learners.

Great lessons were learnt that will go a long way to help our children as they grow up.

Parents Open Day

A parent is a teacher at home and a teacher is a parent in school and the child is the centre of our Universe. On Saturday 18th February 2023, the Senior Leadership team had the opportunity to meet parents during the open day and gave an orientation of our school.

Parents asked questions, sought clarifications and commended Oshwal Academy Nairobi Primary for the great job being done. The parents were extremely happy and satisfied by the discussions of the day as they also got an opportunity to tour our school led by our prefects.



IED ASDAN Valentines Luncheon

Inclusive Education department ASDAN Valentines Luncheon was such a wonderful event with pop and colour held on Saturday 18th February 2023.

Our Inclusive Education Department Students were very happy and excited to be the host of ASDAN Valentine Luncheon. They showcased different talents that comprised of dancing, playing of different musical instruments, drama skits and singing. The gold black and red colours made the event brighter and more appealing.

Well done to our IED students for the awe-inspiring event.



IED LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Our IED department engaged themselves in various interesting and very educative programmes that have benefited our learners.

Some learners visited Domino's Pizza in for hospitality training in Westlands for pizza making program.

Other activities included the Culinary Arts for juice making as well as personal development programs where they did laundry work.

Year 1 Science Experiment

Science is a doing subject and we believe we can only master the concepts through scientific investigations.

Our year one students have had enjoyable science lessons through practical activities to investigate different properties of materials.

The hands-on experience will enable them remember the concepts throughout their learning.





Inter- School Spelling Bee

Oshwal Academy Nairobi Primary hosted its Annual Inter-School Spelling Bee Competition for three days from Wednesday 15th February 2023 to Friday 17th February 2023.

The highly sought-after event was graced by pupils and teachers from nine different schools who had sacrificed to come and be part of this mega event. Four participants from each year group starting from year one to year six who proved to be great spellers were selected to represent the rest.

Words to be spelled were carefully selected by a team of teachers and all the judges were very keen to listen to the great spellers. Oshwal Academy Nairobi Primary students had to crack their brains to ensure they spell the given words correct-

ly. Spellers across all the schools gave their best in search of the highly coveted Inter- School Spelling Bee competition trophy but nevertheless, we can always have one winner in any competition.

Winners for position one, two and three got the privilege of being awarded individual trophies.

Congratulations to the Oshwal Academy Nairobi Primary Inter-School Spelling Bee participants for making us proud as Oshwal Academy Primary emerged the best school overall for the Annual Inter- School Spelling Bee Competition 2022-2023 with the theme "Today a reader tomorrow a leader. Our learners in various year groups did very well.

- Year one position 4 out of 8 schools.
- Year two position 1 out of 9 schools.
- Year three position 2 out of 10 schools.
- Year four position 1 out of 9 schools.
- Year five position 1 out of 10 schools.
- Year six position 4 out of 10 schools.

YEAR 6 VISIT TO JUNIOR HIGH

On Tuesday 21st February 2023, our year six students got the opportunity to visit Junior High school for orientation program. Being one of the best cultures that we practice as Oshwal fraternity, our pupils met a team of Junior High school teachers and Senior Leadership team that took them through all the programmes of Junior High both academics and co-curricular.

They were also taken on a school tour. This was a great moment as the students got the chance to familiarize themselves with Junior High in advance before joining in the next academic year.





Annual MSMUN Conference

The 29th MSMUN Ambassadors and Delegates Conference organized by UN Headquarters, Gigiri Nairobi took place from Tuesday 31st January 2023 to Friday 3rd February 2023 at the United Nations Office at Nairobi.

The event, that had the theme 'UBUNTU' (which is a ZULU word for 'HUMANITY') was graced by notable chief guests from within Kenya and around the world. The conference was attended by delegations of students from schools within the larger East Africa Community. Key speakers kicked off the conference at a very high gear. Delegates and ambassadors discussed major world issues

emanating from UBUNTU- "I am because you are". Our very highly regarded delegates and ambassadors were able to address their committees from the main podium where they enumerated fantastic points and convinced their committees to vote for and against various resolutions.

Their eloquence, confidence and mastery of content excited all present and clearly indicated the skills that have been so carefully inculcated.

Our pupils and teachers were awarded certificate of participation on the event.



Open Junior Chess Championship

The 4th edition of the Annual Oshwal Academy Nairobi Open Junior Chess Championship was held on Saturday 28th January 2023 at Oshwal Academy Junior High.

The tournament featured players from various schools, chess clubs and chess academies.

Over 230 players participated in the tournament, which was played over 6 rounds with a time control of 25 minutes per player using the Swiss System of pairing.

The tournament was divided into 10 categories based on age and gender; Under 8, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16 and Under 18 Open and Girls sections.

The tournament featured a number of strong performances by the young players. After 6 grueling rounds, the talented players and winners were awarded with medals and a branded merchandise from the organizers of the event; Nairobi Chess Academy & Club (NACHA).

The schools that had the best performance in the tournament were also ranked according to the number of players who scooped most of the medals in their respective categories.

Oshwal Academy Nairobi emerged the best school overall with a cumulative of 15 points and was awarded the highly coveted Chess trophy for the best school.

Year 1 and 2 Overnight trips

Among all the bonds that bind people, friends or classmates bonding is the most enchanting and soothing. No pleasure in the world can ever match the time spent with friends.

Our Year 1 and 2 pupils took a ride over their Mid - term break to Naivasha and Nakuru respectively for their overnight trip from Thursday 9th February 2023 to Saturday 11th February 2023.

Thirty-eight year one pupils visited the Simba Lodge in Naivasha while forty-six year 2 pupils had the privilege of visiting the Sarova Game Lodge Hotel, Nakuru. Our learners had fun and the experience created memories that will last forever.



SPORTS REPORT

Our greatest Glory is not in never failing, but rising anytime we fall. Congratulations to MARS HOUSE for the great achievement in the Annual swimming Gala held on Friday 27th January 2023. It was far better to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure... with great talent, teamwork and intelligence they are champions.

U7, U 9 & U11 Girls Soccer Teams took part in the termly PIPSSA Soccer Tournament held on Saturday, 28th January 2023 at Woodcreek School. The warriors outdid themselves again with their brilliant performance.

U11 Boys and Girls played Hockey fixture against Premier and Braeside schools on 31st January 2023. It was a great opportunity for the players to identify their strengths and weakness and see how best they can improve their



skills. U9 Hockey School team also wanted a piece of the pie on Thursday 2nd February 2023 against Premier and Braeside Schools at the home ground; Oshwal Centre. It was a great way to challenge their ability in the game of Hockey.

On Saturday 4th February 2023, both Hockey team and Swimming team took a drive to various schools. The hockey team attended

a Festival and the swimming team participated in a Gala. The U9 & U11 Boys and Girls Hockey team travelled to Greensteds for a Hockey festival.

As for the swimming gala held at the School of Nations on 4th February 2023, the sharks emerged top overall position in the swimming gala. All winners were awarded medals. Oshwal Academy Nairobi Primary was ranked the

best team in both boys and girls categories.

A true athlete takes true dedication to overpower, overtake and overcome the odds. He runs with hope in his heart and dreams in his head because he knows the subtle meaning of something constructive comes from every defeat. We have also had moments of testing our limits in the players' physical and mental ability in soccer.

The U7 Boys and Girls Soccer Team hosted a fixture on Wednesday 15th February 2023 match at Oshwal center against Premier school. It was an experience and a challenge to understand that one man can be a crucial ingredient on a team, but one man cannot make a team.

The U9 Boys and Girls Soccer Team took a drive to Premier Academy on Thursday 16th February, 2023 for a friendly match. It was not about

the hard day. It is what makes them stronger; it's how they get it right as champions. The bad days makes them realize what a good day it is. If you never had any bad days, you would never have that sense of accomplishment! It's not whether you get knocked down; it's whether you get up.

Cycling is a big part of the future. It has to be! There's something wrong with a society that drives a car to work out in a gym. I don't know about you, but I pretty much like you to get inspired by noblest invention of mankind; that's the bicycle. When you ride a bike and you get your heart rate up and you're out, after 30 or 40 minutes, your mind tends to expand; it tends to relax.

On Saturday 18th February, 2023, School of Nations hosted the Inter-School Bike-thon championship. It was a discovery moment for our Campus cyclist to saddle to glory in

a rapid rush through the air. Our cyclist emerged second position overall with 317 points.

Twice the gut, double the glory! It takes a champion to have such a heartbeat under a swimming suit. The sharks did not wait the ship to sail to them; they swam out to glory at the Sabis International School Swimming Gala on Saturday 18th February 2023. The school team emerged second overall position in the event as well as in the boy's category; they took the surface of first Position while the Girls emerged 2nd Position.

To conclude the month of February our U11 boys and girls hockey teams hosted Nairobi International School on 28th February 2023. The team displayed teamwork and enhanced hockey skills after days, week and 2 months of intense training.

HOCKEY RESULTS

U11 Boys Hockey Team A vs. Premier	1 st Match lost 0 - 1
U11 Boys Hockey Team B vs. Braeside	2 nd Match won 1 - 0
U11 Girls Hockey Team A vs. Premier	1 st Match won 4 - 0
U11 Girls Hockey Team B vs. Braeside	2 nd Match won 2 - 0
U11 Girls Hockey Team A vs. Braeside	3 rd Match won 2 - 1

U9 Boys Hockey Team A vs. Premier	Won 2-0
U9 Boys Hockey Team B vs. Braeside	Lost 3-1
U9 Girls Hockey Team A vs. Premier	Drew 0-0
U9 Girls Hockey Team B vs. Braeside	Lost 1-0

U9 Boys Hockey	U9 Girls Hockey
1st Match: Oshwal drew 0-0 vs Premier	1st Match: Oshwal won 1-0 vs Premier
2nd Match: Oshwal drew 0-0 vs St. Austins'	2nd Match: Oshwal drew 0-0 vs St. Austins'
3rd Match: Oshwal Lost 1 -0vs Greensteds	3rd Match: Oshwal Won 3-0 vs Greensteds

U11 Boys Hockey	U11 Girls Hockey
1st Match: Oshwal won 2-1 vs Premier	1st Match: Oshwal won 1-0 vs Premier
2nd Match: Oshwal won 2-1 vs St. Austins'	2nd Match: Oshwal drew 0-0 vs St. Austins'
3rd Match: Oshwal won 2-0 vs Greensteds	3rd Match: Oshwal drew 1-1 vs Greensteds

SOCCER RESULTS

	TEAM A	TEAM B
U11 Girls SOCCER TEAM	1 st Position Overall	4 th Position Overall
U9 Girls SOCCER TEAM	2 nd Position Overall	3 rd Position Group Stage
U7 Girls SOCCER TEAM	2 nd Position Overall	5 th Position Overall

U11 Girls Hockey	U11 Boys Hockey
1 st Match: Oshwal won 3-0 vs NIS	Oshwal A Won 4-0 vs NIS
2 nd Match: Oshwal won 6-1 vs NIS	Oshwal B Won 3-1 vs NIS

U9 Boys soccer vs Premier	U9 Girls Soccer vs Premier
LOST 7 - 2	WON 2 - 0

U11 Girls Soccer	U11 Boys Soccer
1 st Match: Oshwal won 5-0 vs Regis	Oshwal A Lost 1-2 vs Regis
2 nd Match: Oshwal won 2-1 vs Regis	Oshwal B drew 0-0 vs Regis

U7 Boys soccer vs Premier	U7 Girls Soccer vs Premier
GAME 1 LOST 1 - 0	TEAM A WON 2 - 0
GAME 2 LOST 1 - 0	TEAM B LOST 2 - 1



Head's Message

As we come to the end of the month of February, I would like to thank each and every stake holder of Junior High Campus for the continued support in whichever capacity.

February has traditionally been a very busy month at Junior High. The month kicked off with the much-loved Middle School Model United Nations at United Nations Office in Nairobi which went on for a whole week.

The theme of this year's MSMUN was 'UBUNTU' (which is a ZULU word for 'HUMANITY') MSMUN was followed by the much-anticipated pastoral trips to various destinations. As usual, Year Seven students

proceeded to Tafaria Castle in Nanyuki while Year Eight enjoyed their Maasai Trip. The President's Award Assessors went to Naivasha for their training session. After the mid-term break, a record breaking 168 students represented our school in the World Scholar's Cup held at Light International School and Catholic University of Eastern Africa.

After a marathon four days of debating, quizzes and writing, Oshwal Junior High scooped 155 Gold Medals and 131 Silver medals in the Junior Category and 163 Gold Medals and 133 Silver Medals in Senior Category.

We pride ourselves year in year out for presenting the largest number of participants in Kenya. East Africa Model United Nations

(EAMUN) seniors followed immediately after World Scholar's. Our students were able to impress the judges and some of our students' resolutions were adopted.

Year 11 students were able to attend the Australian university Fair at Senior High Campus. Our IED student hosted a very colourful Valentine Lunch where they presented songs and recitals and dances.

Our former IED students were in attendance and they too encouraged the current students by talking about their current work life.

Mrs. Sujata Yanamandra
**Head of School
Junior High Campus**

Year 8 trip to Mara

The year 8 trip to Maasai Mara took place from 9th to 11th of February 2023. The experience can be summed as intensely adventurous, fun and refreshing. The trip did not only allow students a chance to enjoy company of their friends but also enjoy the magical beauty of Maasai Mara- Kenya's paradise.

Various fun activities were organized during the trip. From the guided game drives to the fulfilling conversations enjoyed over a bonfire. From the visit to a Maasai village to the dances enjoyed with the Maasai dancers.

From the formal dinner enjoyed over an impeccable set up to the thrilling dips into the expansive swimming pool. To add on the list, the joyful rides to and from school were a great experience for the students.



Year 7 students outside the grand Tafari Castle during the go dream programme

Year 7 trip to Tafari castle

This trip was a worthwhile adventure for our students; a well-deserved break away from the classroom. Year 7 students were in Tafari for three days and 2 nights.

They engaged in a myriad of activities including: swimming, archery, sports, museum and farm tour as well as horse riding. The participants also had team building sessions every day as part of the go Dream programme run by Tafari. This usually involves fun filled life skills that help students develop their leadership and sporting skills.

From the feedback gathered so far, the students loved the experience and would like to visit Tafari again.



Students reclining to get entertained in the evening after the day's engaging programme



ASDAN IED VALENTINE LUNCHEON



IMMERSE EDUCATION ESSAY COMPETITION

Immerse Education is a UK based organization founded in 2012, with the aim of providing students aged 13-18 with unparalleled educational experiences. They have educated thousands of students through exceptional academic enrichment programmes at Oxford and Cambridge University, University College London and University of Sydney.

This year, Akshita Srivastava, Najma Feisal, Riya Deepak Bid and Poojashree Madhan took part in the 2023 Immerse Education Essay

Competition. Their entries were among 10,000 from students all over the world. Each of the judges commented on the impressive quality and originality of essays that our students wrote. Our four students' essays were selected to receive a partial scholarship of 10% to take part in the Medicine programme in 2023.

The four students Akshita Srivastava, Najma Feisal, Riya Deepak Bid and Poojashree Madhan they are able to use the scholarship on any of the online courses available

year-round, in addition to the residential programmes in Sydney, Oxford, Cambridge and London.

They can use their well-deserved scholarship on any of the scholarships list below: - Architecture & Design - Business Management - Creative Writing & Film - Engineering - Fine Art - Game Design - Law - Medicine Congratulations to Akshita Srivastava, Najma Feisal, Riya Deepak Bid and Poojashree Madhan for being recognized as some of the highest caliber of entries this year.



Akshita Srivastava
10E



Najma Farah Feisal
9F



Poojashree Madhan
9C



Riya Deepak Bid
10A

29TH MSMUN & EAMUN CONFERENCE

This was the first physical conference since covid-19 started.

"I am because you are- Ubuntu."

This was the theme for this year's conference and our ambassadors and delegates exhibited their firm belief in togetherness through their eloquent debating prowess as well as in executing their duties as assigned.

We presented students at both the MSMUN and EAMUN.

It was an exceptional sacrifice from our students and we are immensely grateful for their honorable representation of Oshwal Academy Nairobi Junior High.



Our MSMUN delegates pose for a group photo while displaying their certificates, with them, MSMUN Advisor Ms. Martha, Head of School and Deputy Head of School during assembly



Best Resolution
Anaya Goel
11E



Best Delegate
Gantla Lalith Reddy
11B



Honourable Speaker
Gantla Rachith Reddy
11C



P.A. training of assessors at Naivasha

The newly-selected PA assessors for 2022-2023 went for training at the Flamingo Oloiden Camp by the banks of the scenic Lake Naivasha.

They were trained on various aspects of the President's Award Scheme such as camp-crafting, tent-pitching, risk assessment, leadership skills to name but a few.

The assessors also got a chance to let their hair down after a rigorous training schedule by enjoying a boat ride on the lake. The trip will definitely stay in their memories for a long time.



President's Award participants pitching their tents in preparation for a night



President's Award participants engage in map reading exercise



President's Award participant demonstrates first aid exercise



World Scholar's participants pose for a photo together with their medals and trophies

WORLD SCHOLARS CUP

The World Scholars Cup Nairobi regional round took place on 16th to 17th February, 2023 for the Junior teams and 18th to 19th February, 2023 for the senior teams at Light International School. All competition's activities were centered around this year's theme "Reconstructing the Past".

We presented 31 teams in the junior category and 25 teams in the senior category and are pleased with the outstanding performance of our students. We commend Anusha Gupta for being selected to represent the school during the Debate showcase. In addition, hearty congratulations to Jeremy Kombe for being selected as a judge during the debate showcase. All our teams qualified for the global round.

In the junior category we scooped 155 gold and 131 silver medals, in the senior category, we bagged 163 gold and 133 Silver medals. Besides, we brought home 12 trophies for outstanding performance in collaborative writing and Scholar's challenge.



Head's Message

The month of February had been an extremely busy and exciting month at Senior High. The students and the teachers were busy with numerous academic and co-curricular activities.

Students went through training sessions for Inter-house swimming gala which was held after Pre-mock 2. Our students took part in Gold expedition for the (Duke of Edinburgh International Award) popularly known as the President's

Award in Kenya (PA). The residential trip was held during mid-term. The gold level expedition is quite challenging for students. I applaud for their determination and true spirit of working together to complete a task as charity work.

Some of the popular events such as Science quiz, East Africa Model United Nations Assembly (EAMUN), World Scholar's Cup were held in this month. We also held Australian University Fair. Newly selected Peer counsellors held Mentorship

practicum this month. BTEC parent teacher consultation was held. Year 13 batch is closer to the completion of their course. We admire their hard work and resilience as they strive to improve on their assignments.

The month ended on a good note. We thank you all for your continued support.

Mrs. Vibhanshu Sharma
**Head of School
Senior High Campus**

ANNUAL SWIMMING GALA

This year's eagerly awaited gala was held at Oshwal Complex Swimming Pool. The students were psyched and turned up in large numbers to strategize on how best to not only compete for the best male/female swimmer but also garner maximum points for their respective houses.

At the end of the day this year's best Female Swimmer Award went to Rebecca Lemm Atieno of Topaz House, while Manuel Karanja of Emerald House defended his last years title went to win the best Male Swimmer Award.

One of the highlights of the day, Emerald house (Manuel Karanja, Zayan Pema, Frank Chege, Soham Sheth) sliced off 12 seconds in the 4 x 50mts freestyle boys' relay to set a new record.

A new record was also set in 4 x 50mts Medley relay by Emerald house team (Manuel Karanja, Dheer Shah, Dhanil Dodhia, Soham Sheth).

When all the results were taken into account the overall winning house results were as follows:

- 1st position: Ruby with 399 points.
- 2nd position: Emerald with 368 points.
- 3rd position: Sapphire with 269 points.
- 4th position: Topaz with 248 points.



RESIDENTIAL PROJECT AT NKAIMURUNYA HIGH SCHOOL – ONGATA RONGAI

The presidents Awards club in Oshwal Academy senior high had a very successful residential Project for the students who are about to complete their gold award at Nkaimurunya High School in Ongata Rongai, Kajiado North. The excursion took place between 9th February and 13th February 2023.

A total of 65 participants took part in the project. They made their contribution by contributing towards the materials such as Sand, Cement and working implements used for plastering the School Hall.

The members of the club agreed to source for resources so that they plaster the floor of the School Hall. During the residential, the students also had an opportunity to learn about Compass, map read-ing and Online Record Book Registration. On the last day our Students donated water and various food items which had remained to the hosts.



Interhouse Science quiz Competition

The annual inter house Science quiz competition was held on 15th of February 2023 in the multi-pur-pose hall from 2.00 to 3.30 pm. The competition comprised of four teams from the four houses with 4 participants per house. The following were the results.

- Position 1 - Topaz; 46 points
- Position 2 – Ruby; 44 points
- Position 3 - Sapphire; 36 points
- Position 4 - Emerald; 24 points

The winning house received a trophy.



AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY FAIR

Oshwal Academy Nairobi-Senior High hosted the Australian University fair on 17th February 2023 at the MPH. Sixteen Universities showcased their courses and programs.

The fair was graced by the Australian High Commissioner to Kenya and the Academic Consultant. The event was very successful.



NAIROBI HOSPICE DONATION

The Interact club at Senior High did a funds drive for Nairobi hospice towards cancer alleviation. A total of 118,370/= Kenyan shillings was collected.

The cheque to Nairobi Hospice was presented to the representatives on 23rd February 2023 at the school.



WORLD SCHOLARS REGIONAL ROUND

On 18th and 19th of February, 2023, Oshwal Academy Nairobi -Senior High students took part in this year's World scholars cup held at light International School. 3 teams took part in the regional round.

They participated in all activities amassing a total of 61 medals (41 Gold medals and 20 silver medals) plus a trophy for the overall position 5 for one of our student in the competition that had more than 2500 participants. The activities that they participated in are:

Team Debate, Scholars Challenge, Collaborative writing and Scholars Bowl. They also got to enjoy a show case debate by the top debaters and talent show of fellow students in the competition.

The school top was student was Jabali Maingi. He managed to be one of the only two students that won Gold medal for 5 subjects.

The competition was stiff but our student's resilience was exceptional. All teams won all their three debates and also scored great scores in all subject areas.



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Senior High

BTEC Hospitality Bidwood Suites Hotel

The BTEC hospitality students had the unique opportunity of doing a work placement at the Bidwood Suites Hotel for the period of 10 days from (24th January 2023 to 6th February 2023).

The students worked under supervision in the Front Office, Housekeeping and Food and beverage Departments.

They got hands on experience, were mentored by professionals, and also got to complete their assessments in the specific areas of learning.

The work placement gave them the ideal opportunity to learn on the job and put the theory that they have learned in class to practice.



BTEC ENTERPRISE & ENTREPRENEURSHIP & BTEC ART & DESIGN STUDENTS STANDARD MEDIA GROUP VISIT

The BTEC Enterprise together with the BTEC Art and Design students visited the standard Media group on the 27th January 2023 to learn about business and Art and design concepts.

The visit took place at the standard media offices along Mombasa. The main objective of the BTEC Enterprise and Entrepreneurship students was to understand branding and how it is applied in media and the company at large.

The students achieved this objective by engaging in discussion with the various department involved in coming up with branding materials and branding of the company.

The BTEC Art and Design students had the opportunity to have a look at the creative art workspace. They learnt about personal branding and other aspects of marketing in digital media

BTEC SPORTS VISIT TO KEREITA FOREST

The BTEC student visited Kereita forest on 16/2/2023. A total of 9 students and two teachers were present.

They had two objectives which were to explore the relationship between anxiety, arousal and team dynamics in sports performance and to carry out research about different activities offered in the local area.

They managed to meet these objectives and even surpassed. Below is the evidence of the photos taken during the event.



EAMUN CONFERENCE 2023

This Year's EAMUN took place from Tuesday 21st to Friday 24th February 2023 at the UN headquarters in Gigiri. It was a welcome relief for the students to have a physical conference after the Covid pandemic disruption.

This year Tirth Thakker and Boomi Naithani were at the helm of the EA-MUN executive committee with Tirth Thakker as the Secretary General and Bhoomi Naithani as the Deputy secretary general. Urvi Saboo was also part of the executive serving as a senior chair. The following students were awarded for exemplary performance in various committees.

BEST SPEAKER

Armaan Din: Ecology committee
Dev Shah: Economic and Political Committee

HONOURABLE MENTION

Best speaker honorable mention (special Summit): Maina Wahome
Best speaker honorable mention (Ecology Committee): Shiv Sathvik Dhavala
Best delegate honorable mention (Political and economic Committee): Ayoub Salwa



Senior High

Current Affairs Trip To Cheryl Children's Home (Cherish Watoto Kenya)

The current Affairs club visited Cheryl Watoto Kenya children's home on Saturday 25th February 2023.

During the visit, the members were taken round the home and thereafter interacted with the children through a mentorship session.

They donated to the home 9 bags of rice (25Kgs each) and 20 Bundles of flour (2Kgs x 12) which they had bought through a funds drive.



Peer Counsellors/mentors Practicum Experience

The Peer Counsellors made a trip to St. Paul Boy's School to have their practicum experience for the academic year 2022/2023. They handled and interacted with a group of 14-18 year olds.

The peer counsellors mentored them on importance of self-awareness and helped them deal with common teenage problems like low self-esteem issues.

The Peer mentors were required to handle a group of 20-25 Boys/mentees with whom they would mentor them on self-awareness issues in particular how to identify ones personality type.

Under supervision of the school counsellor, they created rapport with them through skills gained, interacted with the students through discussions and answering the question that the student's mentees had. The forums were concluded by Summary discussions of the entire group and discussing challenges they had encountered.

The Students counsellors were able to gain practice experience on counselling and mentorship of fellow mentors while also building their confidence and leadership in handling matters hand on.





menting the school and sharing areas of improvement.

One of the components of the OAM academic success is the project based curriculum which is implemented through Kindergarten, Junior and Senior School.

Learners are able to showcase their knowledge and understanding through applicable skills such as, modelling different concepts to complement the units they are learning in class.

Our holistic education also continues to empower learners to be motivated while displaying self-confidence, servant leadership and perseverance through participation in various school activities such as, assemblies, the visual and performing arts, sports, charity work and many other activities.

We do hope that these monthly highlights provide the unique and diverse nature of learning at OAM.

Mrs. Jackline Aming'a

**Head of School
Oshwal Academy Mombasa**

Head's Message

The diversity of activities that characterize each school day make OAM a home of great learning, great teaching and great fun. A home that is a kaleidoscope of colours which we celebrate and are proud of.

In our quest to ensure every learner thrives, of course obstacles sometimes arise but we are grateful that no matter the obstacle, we are always well able to surmount

them—a true mark of our resilience and adaptability. Our successes are achieved with the support and involvement of all stakeholders and for that we are immensely thankful.

Through a culture of collaboration, we use various platforms to work with parents and recently, held the coffee mornings through which parents not only interacted with each other, shared parenting ideas, discussed ways to rise above emerging issues besides comple-

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Playgroup sound 'P' for Pencil

Our Playgroup learners coloured sound 'P' for Pencil. They coloured their worksheet using a colour pencil with the assistance of Aunty Maggie and Aunty Gladys.

They also learnt how to sharpen coloured pencils. Colouring is an excellent way for learners to express themselves, develop their motor skills and enjoy quality time with their peers.



Playgroup learning about the colour Orange

During their numeracy lesson our learners learnt about the colour orange. They came to school dressed up in their favourite orange attire.

They also brought in their favourite selection of toys.

KG 1 Exit Point 'Weather Wonders' Trip

After learning about the amazing magic of nature - rain, snow, storm, hurricane wind, floods, sunny day, cloudy day - 'Weather Wonders' our learners went on a trip to celebrate the unit.

They participated in different activities such as, making sand castles along the beach, flying kites and much more.



KG2 Exit Point 'Dinosaur Detective'

After exploring the lives of dinosaurs, reading PowerPoint presentations, learning about the names of different dinosaurs and also participating in dinosaur-themed activities which were aimed at enhancing their skills in writing, communication and maths, among many others, our learners participated in an engaging exit point.

They went in search of the different 'pretend dinosaurs' spread around the campus while role playing as doctors to provide care to the 'injured animals'.



KG3 IEYC UNIT 'THE BRILLIANT BUG BALL – MINIBEASTS'

After exploring the world of minibeasts and bugs - caterpillars, beautiful butterflies and much more. Our learners organized a 'Bug Ball Party', they made a variety of masks complementing different minibeasts that live in the soil, under stones, amongst the plants and grass, in the trees and even in our homes ranging from different shapes and sizes.

For this unit, the learners transformed to tiny ants, beautiful butterflies with brightly-coloured wings and other exciting bugs.

They also used play dough to model different foods while preparing for the event. They later celebrated the unit in a beautiful dance showcasing the different bugs.



Pyjama Day

Our learners started their Friday morning in their pyjama attire carrying pillows and teddy bears to complement the theme of the day.

The day was supported by a variety of learning models which empowered learners to embrace comfort while learning.

During class, they participated in different activities including reading while holding their favourite teddy bear.



The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future.

The agenda is held by 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are an urgent call for action by all countries.

They recognize that ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand-in-hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth – all while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests.

OAM Junior School assemblies have introduced the Sustainable Development Goals to learners in a bid to unite them in action. By the end of this term, every class will have had the opportunity to present on one of the SDG's and to enlighten their peers on its importance.



>> Quality Education

This 4th SDG aims to ensure education for all including ending inequality in educational opportunities for all children. The learners had the opportunity to share this educational content with their peers.

No Poverty

The objective of the 1st SDG is to raise awareness among learners about themselves and their immediate environment. By engaging and interacting with their peers, they develop and promote values such as empathy, generosity and sharing. The SDG also empowers learners to demonstrate servant leadership both at home and in school.

Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

During this assembly our learners educated their peers on the importance of peace to nations and even within their social circles. They also learnt about justice and the foundation of law in maintaining a peaceful school environment.

The aim of the 16th SDG is to help learners to conceptualize the world and the similarities and differences both between others and among their families, cultures, communities and traditions.

Making use of their imagination and curiosity, they learn to develop appreciation for multiculturalism as well as for the existing uniqueness in the world.

They are also exposed to the vast diversity of religious and ethnic identities, learners understand the need for mutual respect and understanding at a school level and later, a global level. They learn to express insights in response, and to agree or disagree respectfully as a means to participate responsibly in society.

Through peace education, students develop an aptitude for dialogue to participate positively in class and wherever they find themselves by showing tolerance towards diverse worldviews. Literacy is an integral part of our

curriculum at OAM. It aims to promote the ability to read and write, access the curriculum and improve communication skills amongst other skills.



Material World

In this IPC unit, our Year Three learners researched about the hundreds of different materials that are used to make everyday objects. In IPC, project-based learning is aimed at developing students' curiosity, critical thinking and creativity.

The unit also helps to consolidate their knowledge of materials about electrical conductors and extend their understanding of the ways in which the brightness of bulbs or speed of motors works in a circuit.

It is also an opportunity for them to participate in hands on investigative research processes hence enhancing their 21st century skills.



Pyjama Day

OAM organised a day dubbed the Pyjama day on Friday 27th January 2023 where learners, and teachers had an opportunity to showcase their love for books.

Students, as well as teachers came dressed in their favourite pyjamas/ comfortable clothes and shoes and carried along pillows and stuffed animals which they used to create cosy reading spaces in their classrooms. An array of exciting activities were lined up throughout the day to promote literacy.

In addition, learners donated story books from their home libraries, signed and accompanied by a note on why they loved the book(s). The donations will be sent to a children's home that the Junior School Students Council aim to visit.



Year 6 Trip to Malindi Kensalt Gongoni

As part of their IPC outdoor learning, our Year Six learners participated in an excursion to Kensalt Gongoni-Malindi. The aim of the trip was to consolidate their learning on material changes and observe the process of harvesting salt.

The learners were accompanied by Ms. Mercy Ezara, Mr. Wycliff, Ms. Martha and Mr. Sam. They arrived at Kensalt Gongoni in Malindi where they explored the process of harvesting salt before it's taken to the factory. Led by a tour guide at the site, they observed various salt puddles and the cones created to facilitate evaporation.

When producing salt, seawater is placed in large "concentrating ponds" to allow efficient evaporation from the sun and the wind. They also learnt that the manufacturing of salt is performed in areas

with low rainfall in order to allow for enough time to for evaporation hence why salt is often produced in dry climates such as the coast.

The learners also recorded some fascinating discoveries including how salt is cleaned and taken up for storage on the conveyer belt. The facilitators explained to them that saltwater is usually surfaced and treated with vacuum evaporation to remove mineral impurities, before the brine is then pumped into shallow ponds or salt bed.

Table salt is produced in this way and as it produces nearly pure sodium chloride salt crystals.

They also had a chance to touch the salt crystals from the cones and the water puddles while seeking answers about various observations on evaporation of water and formation of salt.





best possible career path through internship programs, partnerships with higher education agencies and many others.

“The future depends on what you do today.”-Mahatma Gandhi. Your career isn't just a job that allows you to pay your bills, it's the fundamental passion you have towards a certain area of study. From the time I was a young boy, I have always been asked the question “What do you want to be when you are older?” by my friends and family.

I always take a moment and ponder but sometimes it seems that there is no answer. I have seen so many people confused about what they want to do in the future- I'm not saying that not knowing what you want to do is a bad thing but there is no harm in acquiring interest in a certain field at a young age and building towards that interest.

I absolutely love the idea behind 'Career day' as it not only gave several of us a background idea of what we want to do. For those who did not find their preferred career, they learned and probably gained interest in another career giving them a variety of options to choose from.

What was even more exciting was that we were allowed to engage with the guests and gather first-hand experience. As a fellow Year 7 student, I am lucky that my school is already instilling a mind-set in me to figure out what I want to do and work towards it.

By Ruhan Shah

Career Exploration Day

The idea of moving from the academic culture to a business-focused self-dependent industry environment which demands the flexibility to suddenly switch projects can be daunting for many learners.

Career Exploration Day for Senior School students was designed to help learners to prepare and transition smoothly towards choosing their potential career paths. Each of the career paths described by the speakers during the OAM Career Exploration Day platform was a testament to the importance of academics when exploring the available opportunities in higher education.

The discussion was led by Ms. Victoria, Learning Support advisor and facilitated by seven panellists.

- Milan Shah – Partner - Shah Pandya & Company LLP (OAM SMC board member)
- Dr. Fredrick Korir - Cornea Surgeon and Consultant Ophthalmologist at Lighthouse

for Christ Eye Centre and Ocean Eye Centre Mombasa

- Rose Kebati - Ssali - Chief Operating Officer Lafarge Eco Systems - the environmental arm of Bamburi Cement PLC
- Dan Mugambi - CEO and Founder of Dankiz Arts and Creations Ltd - Interior Architecture and Construction firm
- Pareet Shah - Photographer for the United Nations ·Dr. Sarah Kinyanjui - an academic consultant, advocate of the High Court of Kenya, accredited assistant counsel at the International Criminal Court and a certified professional mediator
- Kevin Odongo – Customer Relations Official, Pride Inn.

This is one of the many initiatives the Careers Department has taken up over the years through various projects in order to bridge the gap when it comes to career selection.

In many instances, the school has also partnered with private firms to equip students with knowledge training by guiding them to the

Senior School Assemblies

Assemblies help to create a sense of community as students of all Year levels come together to share experiences.

Our learners also use this platform to celebrate their outstanding achievements, service, and academic excellence.



INTERACT CLUB ASSEMBLY 'THE POWER OF GIVING Celebrating Years of Servant Leadership

The Interact is Rotary International's service club for young learners between the ages of 12 to 18 years sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which are led by students with the support of advisors/teachers.

The club's main goal is to provide servant leadership through networks that yield partnership to serve communities that need empowerment.

Over the past years the club has continued its mandate of changing lives through initiatives such as, gifting children from the Cannan Orphanage to attend Ziwa la Ng'ombe Primary School under a full-scholarship, planting trees and cleaning different environments, they have also gifted the Kenya Society for the Protection and Care

of Animals, K.S.P.C.A – animal orphanage Mombasa, to cater for the normal operations of the facility. In 2018, the club in conjunction with Rotary Club of Mombasa, became the first ever Interact club to launch a solar powered borehole at St. Andrews school in Malindi supporting over 10,000 people living in the environs with safe water for consumption.

In 2021, The Interact Club of OAM and The Rotary Club Mombasa donated sanitary towels towards the 'Pad a Girl' Campaign.

The initiative was aimed at delivering sanitary pads and health education to girls to make sure that their basic needs do not get in the way of their right to Education. In 2022, the club collaborated with the Rotary club to make a differ-

ence at the St. Charles Lwanga School. This project was an extension of the long-term initiative, Pad-a-Girl project that the club has been dedicated to supporting. They donated food supplies and more items to the approximately 1,000 students at St. Charles Lwanga.

In the same year, the club in partnership with the Kilifi County led by the Deputy Governor, Hon. Flora Chibule donated food items that catered to 200 people for a period of three days during their KCPE exams.

The school recognizes the effort the club has put in to uphold servant leadership and team work over the years.

Oshwal Academy Model United Nations (OAMUN) Borehole Bonanza

January the 27th was a well anticipated day. A day that celebrated the end of a series of events. A day that signalled the beginning of a better future.

On this day, OAMUN's executive committee of 2022, Kreeshi Shavdia as Secretary General, Matthew Miano as Assistant Secretary General and Dylan Moonesawmy as treasurer, presided over the opening of their club's sponsored borehole at Kiwambale ECD centre in Shimoni, Ukunda, in celebration of 20 years of the club.

The ceremony was graced by Mr. Mukesh Malde, OAM School Management Committee (SMC) Chairman. It was truly a proud moment for the committee of 2022 to see the final stage of their cumulative efforts. OAMUN also donated stationary, books, food, toys and soap.

The Kiwambale community members were immensely grateful and the kindergarten children of the ECD Centre entertained all with skits, songs and dances. It was an event surrounded with pomp and glory. Access to safe water, through the construction of a borehole, has the power to break



the cycle of poverty, to protect and save lives and to make a brighter future possible for all.

We would like to thank the Oshwal Mombasa School Management Committee and parents of Oshwal Academy Mombasa for supporting the club, which in return enables OAMUN to adopt the United Nations Standard Development Goals. Together with you, OAMUN have ameliorated the living standards of an entire community! By Kreeshi Shavdia, OAMUN Secretary General, 2022.

By Kreeshi Shavdia, OAMUN Secretary General, 2022



Parent Coffee Morning Meetings

OAM Coffee morning platform aims to assist the school to share information with parents and listen to feedback and ideas on how the school can improve the OAM parent experience.

The meetings fuel the partnership between home and school while addressing and modelling strategies that can help maximize every learners potential.

During the meetings, parents participate in an open forum that also allows them to discuss and table the challenges that their children might be facing.

In the month of February the school has hosted successful meetings right from Kindergarten to Year 8. We look forward to creating more and better partnerships with our parents.





OAM scoops 234 World Scholar's Cup awards (144 gold medals, 79 silver medals, 8 team trophies and 3 individual trophies) during the Mombasa Regional Rounds held in Nairobi

Scholars from Oshwal Academy Mombasa proved themselves a force to be reckoned with when they took part in the Mombasa regional round of the World Scholar's Cup by garnering a total of 144 Gold medals, 79 silver medals, 8 team trophies and 3 individual trophies.

A total of 595 scholars took part in the event that attracted students from 14 schools in Mombasa County. The scholars competed for individual and team awards in various slots such as collaborate writing, team debate, scholars challenge and scholars bowl as well as team debate.

In the junior category, their prowess in the debate was evident when the team of Shreyan Modi, Tiana Shah and Krish Patel scooped a team trophy for emerging second debate team overall. While scholars from the senior

category trounced their peers in the scholars challenge, team debate and scholars bowl by producing the first team in the challenge, third overall debate team, third overall scholars bowl team respectively.

In addition, Oshwal emerged victorious by producing the first and second overall teams in the senior category as well as the first and second best overall scholars in the senior category of the competition.

To cap it all, Manan Basnet was picked to showcase his debate skills on the topic: That the world would be better if no one remembered the year 2020. His team, which was affirming the motion, ended up winning the showcase. Several students were also not left behind in showcasing their talents in singing, playing of musical instruments and eating competi-

tion. These were Fiona Thami with a song, Shreyan Modi with the playing of a musical instrument and the trio comprising Manan Basnet, Jai Shah and Meet Shah with their eating competition.

All the scholars qualified to proceed to the Global round of the competition to be held at either Doha, Qatar in June, London and Seoul, Korea in July or Bangkok, Thailand in September by meeting the qualification threshold.

We would like to appreciate OERB for giving our learners the opportunity to take part in this competition, the parents for supporting the scholars and facilitating their participation, the teachers and the entire Oshwal fraternity for their role either directly or indirectly in ensuring the students succeeded.



tasks as quickly and flawlessly as possible on a special playing field. In addition to the Robot Game, they presented an innovative solution to scientific questions that they themselves had researched on the topic 'Superpowered'.

Oshwal Academy Mombasa has taken part in the Lego League competition since 2019 and have continually improved in the performance, scoring the highest points so far this season (190pts).

We aim to use the opportunity to increase interest in STEM for learners at an early age and to make them future-ready for careers in the rapidly advancing field.

OAM Participates in the Superpowered Season – First Lego League Competition

First Lego League is a tournament organized by STEMTRIX that invites students of different ages to a tournament to showcase innovation and creativity in tackling challenges.

The First Lego League is a competition in which learners between the ages of 6 and 16 work creatively on tasks with annually changing themes. In addition to teamwork and research presentations, the competition also involves the

construction and programming of robots made of Lego. The competition combines the fun of technology and science with the exciting atmosphere of a sports event. In the First Lego League Challenge, teams built and programmed an autonomously acting robot using Lego set EV3 to carry out missions without human intervention. Each mission had specific points awarded for successful completion. The robots desired outcomes were to solve

Presidential Award Scheme - Gold Residential Project in Taveta

The Middle School Model United Nations has been an ongoing conference for the past years. This conference welcomes students who are of Junior School age to the United Nations conference for 4 days of enriching debate.

The program simulates the activities of the real United Nations Organization through the General Assembly and committees such as Technology, Health, Human Rights, Ecology and Security Council. This year OAM students attended the MSMUN program at the United Nations offices (UNON), Nairobi. Delegates- learners, who show-



cased outstanding debate skills during the conference were selected for honourable mentions, best position, or Best Delegate. The team received the following awards:

- Best Resolution: Manan Basnet
- Best Delegates: Anita Gadani and Shaine Dhodia
- Best Speaker: Ruhan Shah

By Deeya Shah

Valentine's Day

During Valentine's Day, our learners came to school in their red themed attire. They also had a bake sale organized by the Oshwal Academy Middle United Nations (OAMUN).

It was indeed a beautiful day marked by red roses all around the campus.



OAM SPORTS UPDATE



AKAM Racket sports Table Tennis

Our learners participated in table tennis during a competition held at Agakhan Academy Mombasa. The performance recorded was as follows:

U13 BOYS

- 1st position - Romir Doshi
- 2nd position - Vir Hania
- 3rd position - Rohan Khagram

U15 BOYS

- 2nd position - Jai Shah
- 3rd position - Shrey Mehta

OPEN - GIRLS

- 1st position - Iyanna D'silva
- 2nd position - Amaya Shah

OPEN - BOYS

- 1st position - Dhairyan Shah

U13 OAM Basketball Team

The OAM basketball team participated in a match at Agakhan Academy Mombasa. OAM had the following scores:

Round 1

- U-13 girls: OAM (10) - AKAM (2)
- U-13 boys: OAM (24) - M.M. SHAH (1)

Round 2

- Girls: OAM (-) - AKAM (3)
- Boys: OAM (3) - AKAM (7)



OAM U 13 Football Team

OAM Under13 Boys football match was held at Agakhan Academy Mombasa. OAM emerged 3rd position. The match score was as follow:

- Oshwal 0-0 Kivukoni
- Oshwal 1-0 Light International Malindi
- Oshwal 1-0 Jaffery Academy A
- Oshwal 1-2 Jaffery Academy B
- Oshwal 0-0 AKAM A
- Oshwal 0-0 AKAM B

OAM U 15 Football Team

OAM Under15 Boys football match was held at Agakhan Academy Mombasa. OAM emerged 2nd position. The match score was as follows:

- Oshwal 0-1 Mudzini
- AKAM 1-1 Oshwal
- Oshwal 1-0 Kivukoni

U6 Football at Jaffery Academy Mombasa

Our Kindergarten learners participated in their first ever football match at Jaffery Academy. The learners emerged 4th position.



Head's Message

February was a busy month for our students and staff. Students were busy preparing for continuous assessments, mid-semester exams and semester course works/assignments. The College also held several extra-curricular activities which included Inter-High Schools football tournament, Oshwal College Student Association (OCSA) inauguration ceremony, Mr. & Miss Oshwal College Beauty Pageant, Valentine's day celebrations and orientation sessions for new students.

In the same month, the OCSA team launched a donation drive aimed at gathering donations for a

charity visit to Smile Community Centre in Kayole Nairobi later this month.

One of our focus for the month was to raise awareness about the importance of studying for a professional course in addition to an academic qualification. In the past, a degree used to be the major deciding factor of who got hired. Nowadays, this is no longer the case.

Employers are now looking for graduates with in-depth and specialized knowledge/skills in their areas of expertise. Those lacking these qualities are being forced back to class to study for a professional course or fail to secure

the opportunity altogether. Whereas academic qualifications are research-oriented and a great source of transferable skills, professional qualifications, on the other hand, are career-specific, often involving an in-depth practical training and industry exposure.

They are linked to a specific industry and are designed to help students improve and develop relevant skills for a particular career path. Due to the nature of the curriculum and the practical emphasis, they serve as a proof of competence and expertise in a certain area.

They are also accredited and administered by professional bodies giving them an edge over other types of qualifications. These professional bodies require continuous professional development to ensure that holders of these qualifications have the most current skills in the field. With regard to international job mobility, professional qualifications such as ACCA, CISI, CFA, CHRP and CPA allow the holders to work in any part of the world/continent since they are regionally & globally recognised.

Currently, majority of big companies require that staff above a certain grade must hold some form of professional qualifications without which they cannot be considered for employment or promotion.

But Perhaps the most compelling reason to study for a professional course is that, in some professions, there is a legal requirement to be chartered or certified before you can operate as a professional in your field. In Kenya for example, it is mandatory for all accountants and human resource practitioners to be certified before they can be allowed to practice as standalone professionals.

On the whole, the key thing to remember is that a professional qualification will certainly improve your career prospects, income, skills and abilities within your role.

Mrs. Jayashree Prathap
**Principal
Oshwal College**



The panel of judges led by team from Qwetu Residences (in Orange)



Miss Keziah Mumbi on her way to winning the beauty crown



Umair Sroya on his way to winning the Mr. Oshwal College crown

Winners of Mr and Miss Oshwal College 2023 Beauty Pageant Crowned

Umair Sroya and Keziah Mumbi are the winners of this year's Mr. and Miss Oshwal College Beauty Contest that was held at the College Recreation Centre on Friday 14th February 2023.

Umair is a Pearson BTEC- Business student while Keziah is studying BSc (Hons) Computing Degree, offered in collaboration with University of Greenwich, UK. Apart from being the face and

ambassadors of the College, the duo will take an active role in the coordination of CSR activities as well as spearheading the social and cultural events in the College.

The event which was held amid pomp and colour also included the valentine day celebrations, which is held annually to allow students express their affection for one another and give them an opportunity to bond.



Incoming Head of Accounting & Finance Department, Joseph Barongo, addressing the new students



Oshwal College Student Association (OCSA) President addressing the new students

NEW STUDENTS ORIENTATION

At the beginning of every semester we look forward to welcoming new students to Oshwal College! On Monday, 20th February 2023, we conducted an orientation session for the new students who have enrolled for the January 2023 semester.

The event is aimed at providing new students with a successful transition to Oshwal College.

Apart from introducing them to our unique vibrant campus life, the event also provides an opportunity to highlight the College policies, rules, study requirements, facilities, academic and support services, and much more!

Congratulations for securing admission with us and welcome to the Oshwal family!

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Oshwal College Student Association (OCSA) Inauguration Ceremony

After a democratically conducted, free and fair election, the newly elected student leaders were on Tuesday 14th February 2023, inaugurated and took oath of office in the presence of College Senior Management Team and students in an event dubbed "Oshwal College Investiture Ceremony 2023".

Speaking during the event, the College Principal, Mrs Jayashree Prathap, commended the elected leaders and urged them to work with diligence in championing the students' interests. She also assured them of the management's commitment to support them in order to realize their goals and aspirations.



Jason Ndung'u taking oath of office as the OCSA President



Mayur Rabadia taking oath of office as OCSA Assistant Secretary



Chehan Grewal taking oath of office as OCSA Girls' Sports Captain



Newly elected Oshwal College Student Association (OCSA) officials in a group photo with College Senior Management team



A briefing session by the tour guide



Getting ready for paint balling

Nature Trail and Bonding Trip

On 27th January 2023, a group of new and continuing students from Oshwal College made a one-day trip to Kereita Forest.

This was in line with the College's commitment to nurture students' holistic development and make their studies fun and enjoyable.

The students took part in zip-lining, horse riding, archery, paint balling and nature walk after which they headed back to College having had a fun-filled trip.



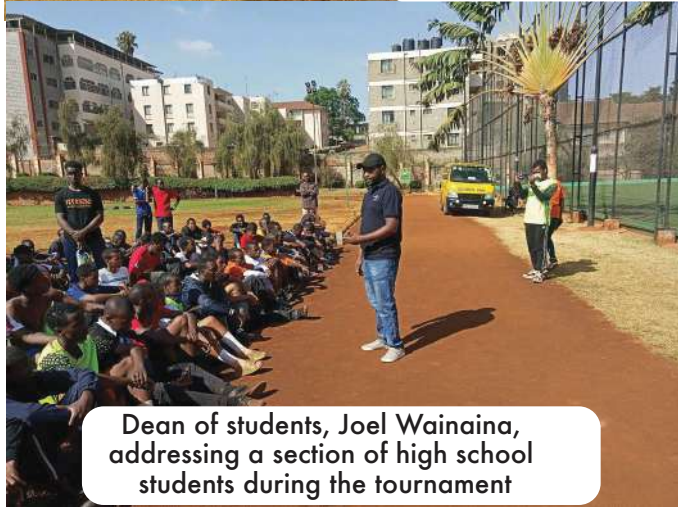
A briefing session by the tour guide



Students participating in archery



Winners of the tournament-Muslim Academy



Dean of students, Joel Wainaina, addressing a section of high school students during the tournament



Winners of the tournament-Muslim Academy

Oshwal College Rising Star || Inter-High Schools Tournament 2023

This tournament was held at Oshwal Centre Grounds on 11th February 2023 and attracted 5 schools drawn from different parts of Nairobi. Muslim Academy - Park Road, emerged the winners followed by Kenya Muslim Academy.

This was a perfect opportunity to nurture and grow local talents. Congratulations to all the participants!



Teams in action at Oshwal Centre grounds

BA (Hons)-Business Administration Progression path

