

October 2024

# REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF OSHWAL EDUCATION & RELIEF BOARD



Oshwal Academy  
Nairobi & Mombasa



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## Head's Message



*We are proud to create an environment where children are inspired to build great skills and character, becoming the best versions of themselves."*

**D**ear Parents/Caregivers, Greetings.

Our school is a place where children not only learn but also

grow into confident, compassionate individuals, ready to make a difference. This month has been an exciting one at our Nursery school, filled with festivities, sports, and a focus on instilling key moral values in our learners. We introduced engaging and challenging races for all year groups, aiming to build resilience and enhance essential skills in a fun and dynamic way. The children have shown remarkable enthusiasm and dedication, making us proud of their progress. It was a wonderfully conducted sports day showcasing the ethos of the school viz the care, the vibrancy and the enthusiasm of our campus. The attention to every detail of the

function was evident. The enthusiasm of our TEAM was the hallmark of a great school and a great event. The love and the care shown by the teachers as they guided and assisted the learners with their events was remarkable. It was heartwarming to see the total support of our Academic Consultant, our Campus and Sister Campus Committees with the presence of the chair and the committee members. All in all a great function we can all be proud off.

Additionally, we're delighted to launch our new Library and Reading Awards initiative to encourage our Reception readers. This program aims to foster a love for reading and recognize the learners' achievements, supporting their literacy journey in both the Reading and Library sections. Children will have opportunities to earn awards by actively participating in reading activities, showing improvement, and

engaging with a variety of books. We believe this will foster a positive reading culture and encourage children to explore new stories, enhance their vocabulary, and build a strong foundation in literacy.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children's early years. Wishing you and your families happiness, health, and continued success.

*Mrs. Rooma Mali*

**Head of School  
Nursery Campus**



### NON-ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Reception students are given a badge that identifies a certain characteristic that our students have displayed. I am Obedient, I am Resilient, and so on. These characteristics have been conveyed in a simple phrase that the children may internalize and continue to display. Throughout



### UB PIPSSA SWIMMING GALA

Oshwal Academy Nairobi Nursery proudly hosted the 8th PIPSSA Swimming Gala on Saturday, October 5th, 2024. The event attracted a total of 300 plus young swimmers from seven participating schools. The talented young athletes showcased their skills in a series of exciting races, demonstrating their dedication to the sport. To recognize their achievements, all participants received gold medals as a token of appreciation for their hard work and sportsmanship. The Swimming Gala was a resounding success, providing a platform for these young swimmers to compete, learn, and grow. It was a memorable event that celebrated the spirit of sportsmanship and the joy of swimming.



# Oshwal Academy Nairobi Nursery

"Putting Children First"

# DONATION

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PLAY AND LEARNING

**DONATIONS ACCEPTED**

**BEFORE**

**WEDNESDAY, 6TH**

**NOVEMBER 2024**



**"IT'S NOT HOW MUCH WE GIVE BUT HOW MUCH LOVE  
WE PUT INTO GIVING."**



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## DIWALI ART COMPETITION AND CELEBRATION

It is yet another auspicious time of the year, the most awaited season to mark the new year celebration which is popularly known as Diwali- the festival of lights celebrated by very many people across the globe.

The Oshwal Academy Nairobi Nursery Fraternity marked this beautiful occasion by holding a Diwali Art Competition in collaboration with the Oshwal Youth League on Tuesday, 8th October 2024 where the learners showcased their talents and creative artistic skills at the school hall. We also celebrated the big day on Friday, 1st November 2024 in all our year groups. From Playgroup to Inclusive Educational Department our learners came dressed in traditional clothes and brought sweets and snacks for sharing with their friends. They also made Happy Diwali Cards, artwork and sent best wishes to their parents and family back home as well. It was a fun-filled day full of smiles, good music, dance, good vibes and snacks.



## NAVRATRI CELEBRATION

At Oshwal Academy Nairobi Nursery, we value unity in diversity and promote internationalism as one of our key values. NAVRATRI DHAMAKA for the year 2024 was on Wednesday, 9th October 2024 from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm at Oshwal Center. Our learners, parents and staff performed Garba and Dandiya - the world-famous folk dances to mark the start of the auspicious religious occasion with Arti. The hall was ornately decorated, and the presence of Maa Durga's shrine in the middle indicated the importance of the event. Students and visitors alike enjoyed a variety of Garba songs and dances while having a great time. The event ended with delicious refreshment.



# OSHWAL ACADEMY NAIROBI NURSERY

PRESENTS

# SPORTS TRIVIA

## FOR RECEPTION CLASS



**Oshwal Academy Nairobi Nursery**



**7TH November 2024**



**During school hours**



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## SPORTS DAY

Our recent Sports Day, held on Saturday, 26th October 2024, emphasized the importance of enjoying the event and striving for personal excellence rather than solely focusing on competition. We encouraged our children to develop a lifelong passion for sports or other physical activities. The event was further enhanced by our children's engaging participation in various displays and the active involvement of parents in the planned activities.



## BEHAVIOUR DAY

On Tuesday, 29th October 2024 we had an awesome opportunity of celebrating behaviour day by our preschool learners at our school hall at OANN. It was an important day since students learned many strategies for modelling great behaviour at home and at school. Some of the positive behaviours that were discussed include respectful, resourceful and sharing. Additionally, there were movies available for the students to watch that inspired and motivated them to develop positive behaviour. They also sang songs about various behavioural traits. A real Binky Bunny also participated in the event.

The teachers also had an opportunity to reward learners who showed exemplary behaviour in class. The learners got a chance of being awarded beautiful badges that would always remind them of that special day.



# OSHVAL ACADEMY NAIROBI

## NURSERY

Presents



### WORKSHOP

FOR KG & RECEPTION  
LEARNERS' PARENTS

# RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN



**Guest Speaker:**

**Binny Brahmhatt-Sharma**

- Psychologist
- TEDx Speaker
- Adolescent Mental Health Consultant
- Mental Strength Coach (Professional Athletes)
- Member of Kenya Psychological Association (MKPsyA)

 **Friday, 8th November 2024**

 **2.30 pm to 4:00 pm**

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**PLAYGROUP – MOMMY BABY TWIRL DAY**

On Thursday, 31st October 2024, our playgroup hosted a delightful Mommy Baby Twirl Day event. Parents and their young children gathered for a morning of fun, music, and bonding. The event featured engaging dance routines, interactive activities, and opportunities for parents to connect with one another. The joyful atmosphere and positive interactions made it a memorable experience for all participants.



**INCLUSIVE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

This involves placing exceptional learners in mainstream classrooms alongside their peers, which offers a multitude of benefits. These children can develop essential social skills, such as communication, cooperation, and teamwork, which are crucial for success in both academic and social settings. When included in mainstream classrooms, exceptional learners can also build self-esteem and confidence as they learn and grow alongside their peers.



A diverse and inclusive learning environment benefits all students. Exposure to different perspectives and learning styles can enhance critical thinking and problem-solving skills for everyone in the classroom. Inclusive education also promotes understanding and acceptance of individuals with disabilities, helping to break down stereotypes and create a more inclusive society.



**Oshwal Academy**  
Nairobi - Nursery



# ANNUAL INLINE SKATING CONTEST

## TIME

8:00am - 1:00pm

**INVITATIONAL  
RACE**

## DATE

Saturday,  
9th November 2024

## VENUE

Oshwal Academy Nairobi -  
Nursery, Wambugu Road

## AGES

3-6 years old

## PRICE

1,000 KES

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# OSHWAL ACADEMY NAIROBI NURSERY

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## Handwriting Competition

### For Reception Class



12th November 2024



During school hours



**"Putting pencil to paper, one beautiful letter at a time!"**

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## STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

FOR RECEPTION CLASS LEARNERS  
MONDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER 2024



Mother Mercy  
Children's  
Home



**THEME:**  
Gratitude Is The Best Attitude

### ACTIVITIES

- Donation
- Field Trip
- Rhymes
- Stories
- Games



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# OSHVAL ACADEMY NAIROBI NURSERY

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## MINI MARATHON

20TH NOVEMBER 2024

DURING SCHOOL HOURS

STARTING 09:00 AM



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### WEEK 1 ACTIVITIES:

- MUSIC
- DRAMA
- LEGO
- ART & CRAFT
- DANCE
- TAEKWONDO

### WEEK 2 ACTIVITIES:

- CHRISTMAS CAROLS
- FOOTBALL
- KICKBOXING
- CHESS
- BADMINTON/ATHLETICS
- SANDPIT, CYCLING AND FIELD GAMES

**ENROLL BEFORE  
30TH NOVEMBER 2024**

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## Head's Message

**C**elebrating festivals in schools is essential for fostering cultural understanding, promoting diversity and creating a sense of community among learners. It provides opportunity for children to learn about different traditions, values, and customs.

On Wednesday, 9th October 2024, Oshwal Academy Nairobi Primary Campus together with our sister Campus Oshwal Nursery, joined hands for Navratri Celebrations at Oshwal Centre featuring Garba and Dandiya-Raas. Parents, students and staff turned up in large numbers looking gorgeous in their glamorous outfits and showcased graceful styles of dance along with Dandiya sticks in pairs. A very beautiful event was witnessed as the congregation dressed in colorful traditional outfits, danced to their best and took a moment to make prayers. Celebrating festivals in school help students appreciate the rich cultural heritage of India and develop a sense of pride in their identity.

Diwali was celebrated in a grand way with Aarthi Thali and Rangoli

event on the 18th October 2024 and this offered a platform for our students to design their own Aarthi Thalīs and Rangolis. This is an event that enhanced creativity and craftsmanship in our learners and it was wonderful to see the entire hall adorned with the beautifully set Aarthi thalis and Rangoli designs made by learners. A refreshing treat to our eyes.

Apart from celebrations and festivities, October is also the month that we prepare our learners for mid-term assessments. The assessments were well planned and executed in good time. Students did their best and teachers took them through the papers, thus enhancing learning and refreshing concepts already learnt. This is the time a lot of relearning happens, so as a school we emphasize these discussions.

The mid-term had the year 3s spend a frolicking time at Bantu Africa Lodge Neyri. They had a great time developing their friendships with one another and making everlasting memories. The Prefect proceeded to a Oloiden Flamingo Camp Naivasha for Prefects training program, were they boosted their skills in

expected attitudes in Prefects, discipline, how to uphold school values, habits of effective leadership, personality and skills.

We at Oshwal believe in enhancing skills in children that help them to become independent and do the right things at the right time. Much as children toil through the growing up challenges, there is much we need to do as a school to support them maneuver through their tracks. We invited Ms Binny Brahmhatt to talk to our year 5&6 learners on navigating screen time and how to stand strong against peer pressure; a vital topic for our young learners. All in all, October was a month of festivity, creativity and learning at Primary.

*Ms. Anjana Vijayan*

**Head of School  
Primary Campus**

## MID-TERM ASSESSMENTS

Our Mid – Term Assessments kicked off very well on Friday 4th October 2024 and culminated on Wednesday 9th October 2024. A good opportunity for our students to be evaluated on what they had achieved in academics over the first half of term 1 Academic Year 2024-2025. Our students demonstrated calmness and confidence as they attempted to write their Mid-Term Assessments. Well done to our students and we continue to encourage them to continue working hard in their studies.



## YEAR 5 AND 6 STUDENTS TALK WITH A GUEST SPEAKER

On Tuesday 1st October 2024 Year 5 and 6 students had a very interactive talk with a guest speaker in our school Gym. The renowned speaker Ms. Binny Brahmhatt Sharma, Founder-Architect of Empower Teen Program took the students through Navigating screen time, finding harmony between digital and real-life, empowering choices and standing strong against peer pressure. Students were given a chance to ask questions, clarify their doubts and find solutions on any issues affecting them in line with the topics discussed that day. As a school we believe the tips discussed on that day will go a long way to help our students as they grow.



## KEEP -IN - TOUCH (KIT)

On Saturday 19th October 2024, parents had an opportunity to interact with their child's classroom teacher to be kept abreast on the progress of the child in school. A one-on-one discussion with our Sports, Art, Music, ICT and Drama teachers was evident as parents got a brief from the teachers on the developments of the child in different areas. Our Music Department took a moment to showcase an Instrumental Music Display to the available parents during the Keep in touch session. It was a day well spent by the teachers and parents discussing the welfare of our students.







### Inline Skating Race Championship 3rd Edition

Competition is a central component of Skating's development platform for skaters of all levels, whether they are looking to advance in the qualifying pipeline or simply hone their skills. By engaging with peers in a competitive environment, skaters develop lifelong skills like resilience, competitive spirit and cooperation which hold value both on the skating track and off. On Saturday 5th October 2024, Glide Skates in partnership with Oshwal Academy Nairobi Primary held the Oshwal Academy Nairobi Primary Interschool Inline Skating Championship-3rd Edition at Primary Campus Gym. The venue

provided a suitable and safe environment for the young skaters to compete, challenge their skating skills and enjoy themselves. The race offered an unforgettable experience with awesome memories created for the young skaters. The event featured multiple race distances and categories to accommodate participants of all skill levels. The event saw close to 120 young skaters of all age groups ranging from 6 years to 12 years taking part in this historic race. The competition brought together young skaters from various schools showcasing their skills and talents.

The event aimed to promote inline skating as a sport and provide a platform for students to develop their skills and compete with peers from other schools. By the end of this event, out of 15 students who represented our school in this very competitive event, they brought home 5 gold medals and 1 silver medal. Beyond the accolades and laurels by the top performers in each category, this day encapsulated the embodiment of values that transcend the sporting arena, instilling in every student the virtues of discipline, teamwork and the pursuit of excellence.



### NAV RATRI CELEBRATIONS AT OSHWAL CENTRE

Navratri is a nine-night celebration followed by Dussehra. In most parts of India and worldwide, people adorn themselves in vibrant attire for all nine nights and engage in the lively Garba dance. On Wednesday 9th October 2024, Oshwal Academy Nairobi Primary Campus together with our sister campus, Oshwal Nursery, joined hands for Navratri Celebrations at Oshwal Centre featuring Garba and Dandiya-Raas. Parents, students and staff turned up in large numbers looking gorgeous in their



glamorous outfits and showcased graceful styles of dance along with Dandiya sticks in pairs. A very beautiful event was witnessed as the congregation dressed in colorful traditional outfits, danced to their best and took a moment to make prayers.

The thrilling event was a great success reminding us of the importance of the festival as it symbolizes the power of good over evil. It also reminds us to walk the path of righteousness with Maa Durga's blessings. Later after the event, we were all served with a delicious meal.

## Year 3 Overnight Trip to Bantu Africa Resort

The Year 3 overnight trip to Bantu Africa Resort in Nyeri county took place on Friday 11th October 2024 to Sunday 13th October 2024 for three days and two nights.

On Friday 11th October 2024, forty-four year 3 students and four teachers arrived in school early in the morning full of excitement. This was a special day for them they had eagerly waited to participate in their overnight trip scheduled to take place over their Mid- term break. Full of joy and energy, they boarded their bus and their journey begun. The students had fun, made lasting memories and enjoyed themselves as they engaged in various activities within the hotel. The hotel offered a wide range of activities, such as horseback riding, swimming, football matches, a merry-go-round, golf carts, rock climbing and water rollers. The students had a blast as they engaged in the various activities. It was such a nice way for all the participants to relax and enjoy by engaging in the overnight trip during the mid-term break.



## Aarti Thali and Rangoli Displays

It is always a special moment for our students to showcase their artistic and decoration skills during our Annual Aarti Thali and Rangoli Displays. After our Navratri celebrations, it was now a great opportunity for our students on Friday 18th October 2024 to display their Aarti Thali and Rangoli patterns / Designs during school hours in the gym. The desire and commitment by our students to take part in this event was clearly evident by the end products of very well arranged and beautifully designed Aarti Thali and Rangoli displays. Great artistic and decorative skills in the students' work was witnessed as teachers and parents spared a minute to view students work during the keep in touch session. We are so grateful to our dear parents for the support accorded to the students during this event. Congratulations to our students for such wonderful displays during the event.





## Prefects Training and Team Building Camp at Oloiden

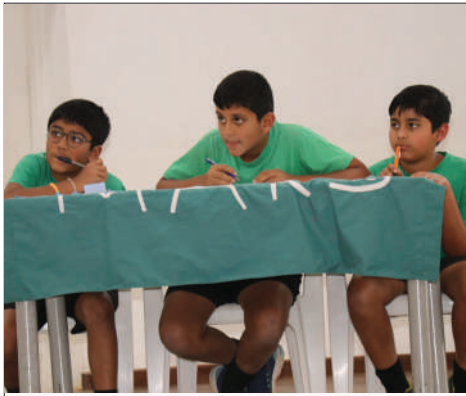
Our prefects embarked on their journey to Oloiden Flamingo Camp in Nakuru county for their Annual prefects training and team building camp. The training camp that took place on Saturday 19th to Monday 21st October 2024, was conducted by the behavior management team under the pastoral care department. Our prefects were subjected to a wide range of team building activities and well-coordinated training programmes with an aim of sharpening their leadership skills as well as preparing them for the future leadership roles. We continue to support and wish all our prefects the very best as they serve the school to the best of their abilities.



### OUR MORNING SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES CLASS PRESENTATIONS

Our morning assemblies created a big platform for learning, recognizing and appreciating achievements of students as well as an avenue for entertainment. Class presentations have remained quite educative and entertaining to all members of primary campus based on the assigned themes to year 5 and year 2 students. Class 2C took on stage their colourful class presentation. Dressed in gorgeous costumes, they took us through the Rusinga Island. It was a moment for them to elaborate more on the Island through well-coordinated narrations and a special dance. Class 5B took us through one of the second languages taught in our school- Hindi. It was a moment for the students to teach us the commonly used vocabulary in Hindi. Class 2D students were not left out either. They passionately outlined the key features of the Madagascar Island through narrations accompanied by a dance. Special thanks to our dear students for their immense contributions and dedication to make our assemblies colourful, entertaining and educative.





Venus house verses Mars house participants, took each other neck to neck on the Motion: Technology has a negative influence on the behaviour of the youth. Venus house participants were tasked to propose the motion while Mars House were opposers. The audience, who were the year 4,5 and 6 students were taken through a series of points as the participants gave in their all to convince their worthy opponents to cross over and support them either in the opposing or proposing side of the motion. It is worth to note that Mars house emerged the winner in the debate semi-finals. Congratulations to all our participants for the amazing work done during the debate semi-finals.



## Annual Inter- House Debate Contest Semi - Finals

Our exciting Annual Inter -House Debate Contest Semi - Finals took place on Tuesday 22nd October 2024 in our school Gym. It was a great moment to see our students express themselves with a lot of confidence as they demonstrated their debating skills. The participants took on each other as they argued their points on the allocated motion as opposers or proposers as well as on the rebuttals. Saturn house verses Neptune house took on stage the Motion: Social media has positively impacted the youth. Saturn house proposed the motion while Neptune house opposed the motion. It is worth to note that Neptune house emerged the winner in the debate semi-finals.



## Students Appreciation Badge Award: Open- Minded Students Award

The month of October, teachers were scouting for students who have clearly shown the willingness to listen to other people's opinions, celebrate differences and explore diverse ways of thinking. During our assembly, it was an opportunity to appreciate all the students across all the year groups who merited for the Open- Minded Students Award.



**Inclusive Education Department Field Trip to Nairobi Arboretum**

Inclusive Education Department students and their teachers embarked on their field trip to Nairobi Arboretum on Wednesday 23rd October 2024, an experience that proved to be both enjoyable and enriching for them. The trip was meticulously planned to cater for the various unique needs of our students as well as ensuring a safe and inclusive environment. The students engaged in a variety of activities, each designed to stimulate their senses and foster a sense of accomplishment. They explored a local nature reserve, where they observed and engaged in tactile activities with natural materials. The change of scenery and the opportunity to interact with their peers in a different setting contributed to a day filled with joy and learning. The field trip not only provided a fun day out but also served as a valuable educational experience, promoting social skills, independence and confidence. It was a testament to the importance of inclusive activities for students with special needs, offering them opportunities to learn and grow beyond the classroom.



**YEAR 3 FIELD TRIP TO NAIROBI RAILWAYS MUSEUM**

On Thursday 24th October 2024, the year three students and teachers took a ride to the Nairobi Railway Museum for their field trip. It was a great opportunity for the students to explore the only railway museum in East and Central Africa that traces the history of the building of the railway in Kenya and Uganda. Among the best experiences that the children had during the visit was learning the important dates in the railway history from the beginning of the construction of the Kenya-Uganda Railway to the launching of the present-day Standard Gauge Railway Project. What a rare experience as the students had a view of the locomotive displays which were used back in the day from hand push train, steam to diesel locomotives. Through this first-hand information our learners were able to answer focus questions prepared by their teachers to give feedback of what they learnt during their field trip.



## OUR SCHOOL CLUB ACTIVITIES

Paid and Non- Paid activities in our school have progressed on very well throughout the month of October. Our students have gained real life skills that are beneficial to them as they participate in these activities. They have had fun, gained knowledge and developed necessary skills through training in different activities offered in our school.



## INCLUSIVE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

At the Inclusive Education Department, we have had a bee hive of activities in the Month of October. In a recent Science lesson, students delved into the fascinating world of plants, focusing on the various parts and their functions. The lesson began with an interactive presentation, illustrating the different components of a plant and their roles in its survival and reproduction. During Activities of Daily Living (ADL) lesson, students were taught the importance of wearing shoes and sweaters. The objective was to help these students develop independence in their daily routines and understand the practical reasons behind these actions. In Art lessons, learners were introduced to the creative world of coaster painting. The objective was to enhance their fine motor skills, creativity and understanding of color theory. Drama and music lesson covered the topic of voice projection and creating music. In Culinary Art lesson, students embarked on a delicious journey of chocolate making. The objective was to equip them with practical cooking skills and create products for an upcoming school fair where they were to sell their handmade chocolates. The lesson began with a demonstration on the process of chocolate making, from melting the chocolate to molding it into various shapes. The students were



then guided to prepare their own chocolates, practicing their motor skills and following a step-by-step recipe. The students were fully engaged in the activity, their eyes sparkling with excitement as they created their chocolate treats. The classroom was filled with the rich aroma of chocolate, adding to the delightful learning experience. This Culinary Art lesson was not only a fun and engaging activity but also a valuable life skill for our students. The process of making chocolates helped improve their fine motor skills, cognitive abilities and understanding of following instructions. These chocolates were specially made to sale during Diwali Fair which will provide them with an opportunity to apply their new skills and boost their confidence, contributing to their overall development. Four of our students Bradley Kinuthia, Dan

Kilimo, Ruqaiyyah Tarwadi and Nyle Njenga were awarded with the Most Open-Minded Student Award. Reading lessons have become a celebrated tradition in our department. Students enjoy as they read books suited to their levels. On Saturday 19th October 2024, Sunday 20th October 2024 and Monday 21st October 2024, Inclusive Education Department took part in the Diwali Fair which was held at Oshwal Centre. The buyers loved and appreciated items made by our students. We had an overwhelming response by the buyers who were impressed by the products made by our students. It was a nice way of creating awareness on the potential of the children with special needs and giving our students the right exposure of their talents. Our candles and chocolate boxes were one of the main attractions in the Diwali Fair.

## OCTOBER 2024 SPORTS ROUND UP

*If you're trying to achieve, there will be roadblocks. I've had them; everybody has had them. But obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it." - Michael Jordan (Basketball).*

On Friday 20th September, 2024, Oshwal Academy Nairobi- Primary organized its Annual Sports Day. This year saw us having new winners on the podium with several awesome individual and team performances. This is how the houses were ranked in this year's Annual Sports Day.

POSITION	HOUSE
1st	Neptune
2nd	Venus
3rd	Saturn
4th	Mars

We started the month of October with a bang! We began a new month with outstanding performances in a boys and girls mixed team Soccer fixture held at Braeside Thika School for the U7 Mixed Soccer team. A tremendous sense of camaraderie was shared by the young athletes. The Girls and Boys once again outdid themselves.

The U11 Boys and Girls Soccer team played against Rusinga School and Braeside Thika School on Tuesday, 1st October 2024 at the Oshwal Centre. On Thursday 3rd October 2024, the U9 Boys and Girls Soccer school team accepted an invite for the KAISS U9 football tournament which was held at the Nairobi Academy. A tremendous sense of camaraderie was shared and at the end of the day our team emerged the winner.

On Saturday 5th October 2024, a group of young swimmers both boys and girls made their way to Oshwal Sports Complex to take part in The OAN U9 Inter school stroke gala. All the children performed fantastic and gave it their all, showing resilience throughout the competition. Having painstakingly plugged away towards their goal, our swimmers finally reaped the fruits of their efforts.

Our sportsmanship knows that it is a game, that we are only as good as our opponents and whether you win or lose, to always give 100%. On Saturday 5th October 2024, the U11 Boys and Girls football teams were invited to St. Christopher's Academy for the U11 KAISS football tournament. The boys and girls displayed great moves and footballing skills, showing excellent teamwork as they managed unbeaten runs throughout the event. The best part about this festival was the remarkable spirit with which the team displayed.

The basketball team was also not left behind as they hosted an afternoon basketball fixture against Woodland Star Academy's U9 and U11 Basketball teams at the Junior High Campus basketball court on Tuesday 9th October 2024. The U11 Boys and Girls Cricket teams were invited to Premier Academy for an afternoon Cricket Fixture on Tuesday 15th October 2024. Being the first cricket fixture for the team this season, it was a great experience for the players to identify their strengths and weakness to see how best they can improve their skills. On the 12th and 13th October 2024, the schools swimming team 'The Mighty Sharks' took part in the PIPPSA Nationals Swimming Gala held at Oshwal Academy Mombasa. In a great display of their winning spirit, the team was

exceptional as they managed to scoop first position overall out of a possible 16 teams. The girls team scooped first position while the boys team came in second. It was a great avenue for our young swimmers to compete and gauge themselves against their peers. The newly signed in U7 Soccer Boys and Girls School Team participated in the PIPPSA U7 Soccer Tournament on Wednesday 16th October 2024 at the Light Academy. The young warriors outdid themselves again with their brilliant performances and showcased great footballing skills and mastery of the game. The girls managed to scoop first position Overall as the boys came in third position.

On Thursday, 17th October 2024, in our home ground, the U9 Boys and Girls cricket teams hosted Premier Academy for an afternoon packed with cricket action. It was a wonderful afternoon with lots of fun had by all! On Saturday, 19th October 2024, the schools' U9 and U11 girls' basketball teams hosted the PIPPSA girls' basketball tournament at the Junior high campus' basketball court. This event saw many athletes from far and wide turning up to compete and overall the event was worthwhile. This has indeed been a great sporting month for the students. Bravo! to all who made the month a success!





## Head's Message

**D**ear Parents / Guardians, This month has been filled with exciting events, significant achievements, and wonderful experiences that reflect our vibrant school community. Here's a brief overview of the highlights:

### 1. Navratri Celebrations

The school came alive with vibrant colours, music, and dance during our successful Navratri celebrations. Students, staff, and parents participated enthusiastically in the festivities, embracing the cultural significance of this joyous occasion.

### 2. Year 11 Parents' Coffee Morning

We hosted a lovely Year 11 parents' coffee morning, allowing parents and teachers to engage in meaningful conversations about student progress, upcoming exams, and how to support our learners during this crucial time best. Our guest speaker Mrs. Binny Brahmbhatt (Mental Health Consultant) presented to the parents on how to manage their adolescent teenagers.

### 3. Football and Netball Tournaments

Our sports teams have had an outstanding month, participating in various football and netball tournaments. We are proud to report fantastic results, with several victories that highlight our students' hard work, team spirit, and dedication to their sports.

### 4. Badminton and Cricket Fixtures

Our badminton and cricket teams also enjoyed great success in their fixtures this month, securing impressive wins. These results are a testament to the skill and discipline of our players, who continue to make us proud.

### 5. Year 10 German Trip to Goethe Institute (Nairobi)

A group of Year 10 students visited the Goethe Institute in Nairobi as part of their German studies. The trip was an enriching experience, offering them a deeper understanding of the German language and culture, and further inspiring their passion for learning.

### 6. Pre-Bronze Expedition to OlePolos

As part of our President's Award

program, (Duke of Edinburgh Award) students undertook a Pre-Bronze expedition to OlePolos. This challenging yet rewarding experience helped them develop essential life skills, including teamwork, resilience, and leadership while enjoying the beauty of the great outdoors. Overall, it has been a dynamic and fulfilling month, with achievements that extend beyond the classroom. We look forward to a colourful Diwali Art Competition and to continuing this positive momentum in the coming month.

### 7. Annual Sports Day

The annual school sports day is one of the most anticipated events of the year, bursting with energy, enthusiasm, and a vibrant display of school spirit. This year's event exceeded expectations, delivering a colourful and action-packed day that celebrated athleticism, teamwork, and school pride.

### Preparations and Opening Ceremony

The weeks leading up to the event were filled with excitement as students, teachers, and staff worked tirelessly to make it a success. The school grounds were



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transformed with brightly coloured banners, flags, and tents, each representing various houses in vivid colours. On the day itself, the opening ceremony kicked off in grand style, with the school band leading a colourful match-past for all students and teachers. The national anthem played as students proudly held up their house flags, and the lighting of the torch set the tone for the day.

## The Events

The event schedule was packed with a range of activities to cater to students of all ages and skill levels. Traditional track events, like sprints, relay races, and long-distance runs, drew loud cheers from the crowd, while field events, such as long jump, high jump, and shot put which had been held earlier, showcased the students' strength and technique. Additionally, some unique events like the obstacle race which included the sack race, tyre race, and tug-of-war added a fun and competitive twist, allowing participants to showcase their agility and teamwork. Highlights of the day included thrilling finishes in the relay races, where teams competed neck-and-neck, and the house cheer squads that filled the air with chants, songs, and dance routines, creating a carnival-like atmosphere. A teachers' relay race and a parent-student tug-of-war added a special touch, engaging everyone in the festivities.

## Sportsmanship and Team Spirit

The sports day wasn't just about winning; it was about fostering unity and respect among students. Teachers and student volunteers ensured that each event was organized smoothly, helping participants stay hydrated and encouraging fair play. The support from peers was evident in the way students cheered on their classmates, regardless of house affiliation, embodying the true spirit of sportsmanship.

## Awards and Closing Ceremony

The sports day concluded with an awards ceremony. Medals and trophies were awarded to winners in each category, with an overall house champion announced. The winning house Impala received a shield and was met with ecstatic

cheers, while other houses congratulated them, celebrating the achievements of the day. We were pleased to host the OERB Honorary Chairman Mr. Suhash Ratilal Shah, Honorary OERB Secretary General Mr. Nirmal Kirit Shah, Junior High Campus Committee Chairman Mr. Pragnesh Cheddah and Mrs. Beena Malde Junior High Campus Committee Member. The Headteacher commended the students, teachers, and staff for their hard work and dedication, and the day ended with a lively tug-of-war performance by the teachers leaving everyone in high spirits.

This year's sports day was a memorable event filled with laughter, cheers, and unforgettable moments. It brought the entire school community together in celebration, showcasing the importance of teamwork, perseverance, and joy in both victory and defeat. As students left with medals, friendships, and memories, they eagerly looked forward to making next year's sports day an even greater success.

*Mrs. Sujata Yanamandra*

**Head of School  
Junior High Campus**

# NAVRATRI CELEBRATIONS



# PRESIDENT'S AWARD PRE-BRONZE EXPEDITION TO OLE POLOS



**YEAR 11 COFFEE MORNING TALK FACILITATED BY MRS. BINNY BRAHMBHATT (MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTANT)**



**ANNUAL SPORTS DAY**



**YEAR 10 GERMAN STUDENTS EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO GOETHE INSTITUTE**



**FOOTBALL, NETBALL, BADMINTON AND CRICKET FIXTURES**





## Head's Message

I am thrilled to present this month's report, showcasing the vibrant co-curricular activities that defined October at our esteemed school. Our commitment to holistic development continues to yield outstanding results.

October saw enthusiastic participation in various sporting events, demonstrating our students' physical prowess, teamwork, and sportsmanship in track and field. The PA Gold expedition tested their stamina, fostering resilience and camaraderie.

Our Media hub photography competition unleashed creativity, showcasing talent without bounds.

This spectacular showcase highlighted the importance of self-expression and innovation. In line with our commitment to social responsibility, October witnessed:

- Pink Day projects, demonstrating compassion and empathy
- Customer Service Day, recognizing our valued customers
- Leadership Development We nurtured future leaders through:
  - Inter-house debate
  - BTEC pitch deck event

These initiatives empower students to become confident, responsible leaders.

Our students excelled in academic competitions, including Game Jam

and Oxbridge debate reflecting their intellectual prowess and dedication. This success is a testament to the hard work of both students and teachers.

October was a month of accomplishments, growth, and collaboration. Co-curricular activities enriched our students' lives, contributing to our school's ethos. I extend my gratitude to students, parents, and staff for their unwavering support. Looking forward to continued success and development in the months ahead.

*Mrs. Vibhanshu Sharma*

**Head of School  
Senior High Camous**

## **BTEC YEAR 13 PARENTS TEACHER CONSULTATION MEETING HELD ON 02ND OCTOBER 2024**

The BTEC year 13 Parents' Teacher Consultation meeting was held on Wednesday 02nd October, 2024, from 7:30 AM to 11:00 AM. During this time, parents received detailed feedback regarding their children's academic performance, with specific areas for improvement highlighted.

The tripartite partnership between parents, teachers, and students is instrumental in enhancing children's performance. The turnout from parents was commendable.



## **BTEC ART AND DESIGN BRANDING TALK HELD ON 4TH OCTOBER, 2024 AT THE ART STUDIO**

The BTEC Art and Design students had the privilege of attending an insightful talk on branding, delivered by Ms. Maureen Khaoya, a graphic designer and communications expert. This session was particularly relevant to Unit B1: Personal Progression, as it provided students with valuable insights into the importance of branding in their artistic careers. The guest speaker emphasized on visual identity in branding as it encompasses the entire experience that a customer has with a product or service. This understanding is crucial for aspiring artists and designers as they develop their personal brands.

The speaker also highlighted the importance of knowing one's target audience, shared strategies

for developing a unique artistic identity, emphasized the necessity of consistency, the impact of social media on branding was a significant focus, and provided examples of successful artists and designers who have effectively built their brands. These case studies illustrated the practical application of branding concepts and inspired students to think critically about their own brand strategies.

The talk was an invaluable experience for the BTEC Art and Design students. It not only aligned with Unit B1: Personal Progression but also equipped students with practical tools and strategies to enhance their artistic journeys. The insights gained will undoubtedly influence their approach to branding as they continue to develop their personal styles and professional identities.





## **BTEC SPORT TALK ON INFLUENCE OF TECHNOLOGY ON SPORTS HELD ON 15TH OCTOBER, 2024 AT THE BTEC RESOURCE ROOM**

The session focused on the evolving role of technology in modern sports and its impact on both athletes and sports management. Additionally, the speaker touched on the relationship between sports and business, offering students a well-rounded perspective on how these areas intersect in today's professional sports industry.

The talk explored how technology has revolutionized various aspects of sports, including athlete performance, sports training, event management, and fan engagement. Angela Syombua provided real-world examples of how cutting-edge technology is being utilized in different sports to improve efficiency, accuracy, and the overall experience for both players and spectators.

The session also dived into the business side of sports, examining how technology helps drive revenue, sponsorships, and brand value in professional sporting organizations.

The speaker discussed how tools like wearable technology, GPS trackers, and performance analysis software are increasingly used to monitor athletes' health, fitness levels, and in-game performance. Devices that track heart rate, body temperature, and physical output allow for personalized training

plans and injury prevention, enhancing athletes' longevity in their sports. Virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) were highlighted as emerging tools in training athletes.

The speaker also emphasized the role of data analytics in managing sports teams and events. The speaker explained on how mobile apps, social media, and streaming services have increased fan engagement, enabling supporters to follow games in real-time, purchase tickets, and interact with content from anywhere in the world.

She also discussed how technology has facilitated the growth of the sports business sector. With the rise of digital platforms, teams and athletes can now market themselves directly to global audiences.

The talk provided a comprehensive look at how technology continues to influence and shape the sports industry. From enhancing athlete performance and training to revolutionizing sports management and fan interaction, it is clear that technological advancements will play a vital role in the future of sports.

The insights into the business side of sports further highlighted how technology creates new opportunities for revenue generation and global reach. Students left the session with a deeper understanding of how

sports and technology intersect, and many were inspired to explore these trends further in their own career paths in sports management and business.



On the second day, the embarked on a challenging hike to Vuria Hills, the highest point in the region. The participants showed impressive endurance and enthusiasm as they conquered the steep terrain and reached the peak. The return journey followed the same route, marking a full day of adventure and accomplishment. The participants continued their hiking excursions for the next three days, covering various routes around the Taita Hills region. Over the course of the 3 days, they managed to hike a total of

approximately 88 kilometers. This feat is highly commendable, given the challenging landscape and altitude of the region. The PA excursion in Taita Taveta County was an invaluable experience for the students. They demonstrated resilience, teamwork, and determination throughout the 5-day event, particularly during the physically demanding hikes. Covering The combination of scenic views, physical activity, and outdoor learning made this a memorable and enriching experience for everyone involved

## PRESIDENT'S AWARDS (PA) EXCURSION IN TAITA TAVETA COUNTY, TAITA HILLS

The Presidential Awards (PA) excursion took place in the scenic Taita Hills, Taita Taveta County, from 10th to 14th October 2024. The event provided a platform for students to challenge themselves physically and mentally through hiking and outdoor camping. A total of 86 students accompanied by 4 teachers and 7 assessors, participated in this 5-day excursion. On the first day the team arrived at Wundanyi Stadium at 5:30 PM, marking the end of the road journey. From the stadium, the team hiked 4 kilometers to Kungu Primary School, where they camped for the night.



## TRIP TO ISUZU COMPANY

The Btec students visited Isuzu company where they gained valuable insights into the company's operations and the importance of safety procedures in the workplace.

They explored the production area, where they observed the process of receiving and assembling motor vehicle components, providing the students with practical insights into marketing, human resource management, branding, and the assembly process for Lorries and pickups.

The Isuzu management team and the engineers congratulated the students for their exemplary conduct and the curiosity they displayed throughout the visit. Overall, the visit was highly educational, offering students a deeper understanding of both the operational and strategic aspects of the automotive industry.





## GAME JAM COMPETITION ON 3RD ANNUAL CRAWFORD INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

The competition was held for three days – 17th, 18th and 19th October 2024. It aimed at enhancing coding skills by providing participants with opportunities to network with industry professionals and collaborate with fellow developers. It also fostered creativity and innovation, encouraging critical thinking among the students as they developed their games.

Over 25 teams participated. All participants received certificates of participation. Notably, one of our teams, which included Nicholas Ogara and Darsh Shah, secured a

spot in the top 3. They were awarded a trophy, certificates, and a cash prize of Ksh 30,000. In addition, participants were exposed to valuable insights from industry professionals, focusing on game development and its broader applications in technology.

This experience not only enhanced their coding and creative skills but also helped students develop critical thinking, problem-solving abilities, and an awareness of career opportunities in the gaming and technology industries. The competition provided a platform for students to build future-ready skills, preparing them for the dynamic world of technology and innovation.



## FIRST ROUND INTE-HOUSE DEBATE 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

The first round inter-house debate was held on 25th September 2024 at the school multi-purpose hall. Emerald competed against Sapphire while Ruby went against Topaz. The two debates happened, one after the other. It was an exciting event as the competing teams showcased their critical thinking skills while trying to outshine each other. However, every race has a winner and a loser. Topaz and Emerald emerged the winners.

# Senior High

## **PINK DAY EVENT HELD ON 16TH OCT 2024 AT THE OSHWAL ACADEMY NAIROBI, SENIOR HIGH CAMPUS**

The event aimed at educating the school community about Breast Cancer, prevention, and support for those affected by the disease and sought to raise funds for cancer medication and support for organizations helping the Breast Cancer patients. The event also aimed to foster a sense of community participation on Breast Cancer awareness, among students and staff while encouraging discussions about the importance of Breast Cancer Awareness.

The event was organized by the Interact Club students with the help of their club patrons. Students and staff dressed in pink attire, showcasing solidarity and raising awareness.

Ms Veronica Njoroge, Director of Lady Hope Wellness Institute spoke about the importance of awareness and prevention by sharing personal stories that resonated with the audience. Other guest speaker included Mr. Amos Ng'ang'a, a cancer warrior

who shared his journey with breast cancer and insights on cancer awareness. This dismissed the notion that breast cancer is a women only disease.

Student and staff gave cash donations directly to the course. In addition, students organized fundraising activities that included a bake sale and pink ribbon sale, offering pink-themed treats. Proceeds went to Lady Hope Wellness Institute to enabling the patients access treatment.

A fashion show was conducted that showcased creative outfits, in different colours each symbolizing a specific type of cancer hence creating awareness and support for cancer patients. This brought out the creative aspect of the students and their ability to bring out themed outfits for the event. The students designed "Get Well cards" with inspirational messages for the patients.

A football and basketball tournament was organized, promoting physical health, cancer awareness and student engagement. The success demonstrated the organizational

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## BTEC Trip to the United Nations Offices at Nairobi (UNON) on 18th October 2024

The BTEC students visited the United Nations Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya, focusing on sustainability, green technology, and the UN's history. The tour guide, provided an insightful overview of the UN's history, the significance of the 195 flags, and led us through the UNEP and UN Habitat spaces, emphasising the role of green technology in promoting sustainability. The students also learnt more about the United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON), which facilitates cooperation between the UN and regional organizations, manages conference services, and ensures the safety of staff and facilities. During the visit, students observed two meaningful sculptures: one of a forefinger donated by Government of Chile, symbolizing unity and the power of individual

action, and another of a spoon donated by Government of India, representing nourishment and cooperation. Additionally, the tour guide shared a powerful photo painted by school going children depicting a journey on sustainability, highlighting the UN's commitment to environmental management and peace building. Students were also taken into one of the conference rooms, where they simulated a UN session, with two of the students volunteering as ambassadors and presenting resolutions. This hands-on activity enhanced their understanding of global diplomacy. Overall, the UN educational trip has enhanced the students' understanding of sustainability, international cooperation, and the role of the UN in promoting foster peace and sustainable development.



## INTER-HIGH SCHOOLS ICT COMPETITION AT OSHWAL COLLEGE

The competition aimed at inspiring high school students to explore and understand the impact of artificial intelligence on daily life and education through creative projects and research. Four students represented Oshwal Academy Senior High. The quick-fire team achieved the rank of 1st runner-up and was awarded a trophy for the school.

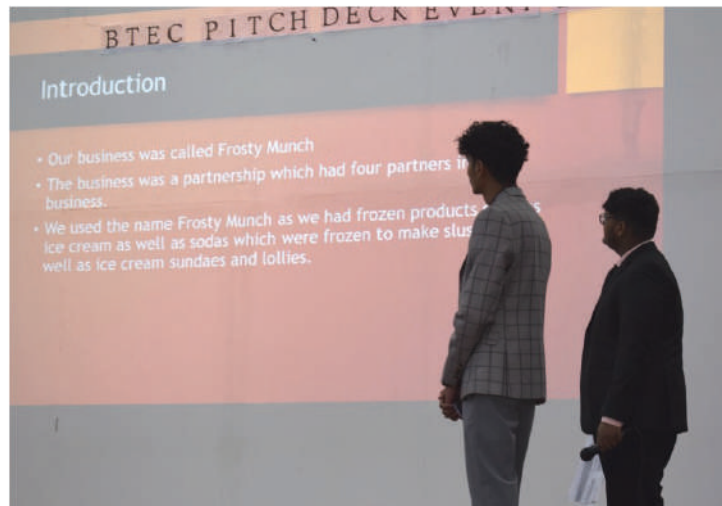
**All participants received a certificate of participation.**



In addition, students were exposed to information and experience from ICT professionals focusing on AI and its impact on enhancing daily experiences and convenience. This helps students to develop their critical thinking and problem-solving skills, career awareness, develop future-ready skills and much more.

# OSHWAL ACADEMY NRB SENIOR HIGH

BTEC PITCH DECK EVENT 2024



## PITCH DECK EVENT – 24TH OCTOBER 2024

On 24th October 2024, a highly successful pitch deck event was held at Oshwal Academy Senior High Campus, where students across various BTEC disciplines showcased their projects. The event was a remarkable display of student talent and knowledge.

The BTEC Sports students gave engaging presentations on sports injuries and the effects of technology in sports,

demonstrating their deep understanding of these the topics taught in class.

The BTEC Enterprise and Entrepreneurship students presented the outcomes of their small start-up enterprise, effectively covering aspects of product selection and development, sales, marketing, and finance. Their presentations offered insightful views into the business world, with practical examples of their entrepreneurial success.

The BTEC Art and Design students exhibited extraordinary artwork, which captivated the audience. Both the guest assessors and parents were particularly impressed by the quality and creativity of their pieces, making it one of the highlights of the event.

The BTEC Hospitality students offered an enlightening presentation on recruitment in the hospitality industry and shared their knowledge of global cuisines, keeping the audience fully engaged throughout.

Overall, the event was a fantastic showcase of student achievements, leaving a lasting impression on everyone in attendance especially the parents.



## PITCH DECK EVENT – 24TH OCTOBER 2024

BTEC Art and Design students embarked on an enriching trip to the Nairobi Gallery, renowned for its Murumbi African Heritage Collection and contemporary art exhibits. This visit was not only an opportunity to explore significant artistic works but also a vital component of Unit B1: Personal Progression, which emphasizes the importance of experiential learning and personal development in the arts.

The Murumbi African Heritage Collection is a remarkable assemblage of artefacts, textiles, and artworks that celebrate Africa's rich cultural diversity. As students navigated through the gallery, they encountered various pieces that reflect the historical and social narratives of African heritage. This collection serves as a testament to the importance of preserving cultural identity and understanding the past, which aligns with our curriculum's focus on the historical context of art. Students engaged in discussions about the significance of the artefacts, analysing their cultural relevance and the stories they tell. This experience encouraged them to think critically about the role of art in society and its power to convey messages across generations.

In addition to the heritage collection, the gallery showcased a variety of contemporary artworks by both local and international artists. This exposure to modern artistic expressions allowed students to draw connections between traditional and contemporary practices. They observed how contemporary



artists address current social issues, reflecting on themes such as identity, migration, and globalization. The interactive nature of the exhibits encouraged students to engage creatively, prompting them to consider how they might

incorporate similar themes into their own work. This aligns with Unit B1's objectives, which emphasize the importance of personal reflection and the development of individual artistic voices.

DIWALI ART COMPETITION



CULTURAL DAY





## Head's Message

October has been a vibrant and bustling month filled with a variety of enriching activities across all levels of the school. The Kindergarten learners have immersed themselves in learning through engaging IEYC units such as 'Mindful Play' and 'To the Rescue', sparking curiosity and hands-on exploration among our youngest learners. Year 2 learners took a step back in time with a visit to Fort Jesus as part of their history unit- 'Buildings: People and Places', delved into the rich history of Kenya. This immersive experience allowed them to connect with the past in meaningful ways. In Junior School, the highlight of the month was undoubtedly the Year 3 Camp Night. These young adventurers demonstrated remarkable courage, facing their nighttime fears. The event too provided them with a platform to test their soft skills as they navigated the evening under the careful guidance of their teachers. The Melodious Afternoon brought joy to the school community as our

budding musicians displayed their talents. With both vocal and instrumental performances, they captivated an enthusiastic audience of parents and teachers, celebrating their musical growth. Our interhouse Debates have been an exciting for learners to develop negotiation and public speaking skills. The debates centered on current global issues, and it was inspiring to see our learners articulate their thoughts with such passion and insight. Cultural diversity shone brightly through the Garba Dance, which brought Indian culture alive within OAM. Junior and Senior School students, dressed in traditional Indian attire, danced to the rhythm of Hindi music, celebrating culture and community spirit. Learning Disability Week was yet another impactful initiative, giving the school community a chance to deepen their understanding of disabilities and promote awareness and inclusivity. Our talented artists also participated in the Dear Diary Art Competition, with a theme focused on mental health awareness. Their creative expressions served as a powerful reminder of the importance of

mental well-being. Keeping with the theme, Year 6 students extended compassion and kindness with a visit to Nyumba Ya Wazee, an opportunity that fostered empathy and provided hands-on experience in philanthropy. OAM students displayed their athletic prowess in a series of tournaments, competing in Cricket, Rounders, Swimming, and Chess, both on campus and away from campus. These tournaments have given our students valuable opportunities to enhance their skills and demonstrate teamwork. The Junior School Cycling Competition was another resounding success, highlighting both the enthusiasm and perseverance of our young cyclists.

October has truly been a month of growth, engagement, and celebration across all aspects of school life. We look forward to more inspiring achievements as the term progresses.

*Ms. Mildred Aseyo*  
**Head of School**  
**Oshwal Academy Mombasa**

### Playgroup Entry Point 'Mindful Play'

During IEYC the playgroup class had a successful Entry Point on the unit 'Mindful Play'. The little ones had an exciting experience exploring a variety of fun activities, hence developing their eye and hand co-ordination as well as cognitive, fine and gross motor skills.

They displayed keen curiosity and were able to role play and imitate certain scenarios. The activities were; poring and scooping of water and sand, jumping on the big and small bean bags, balancing small bean bags on their heads while stepping on small square mats, making mud balls and getting messy, attempting to wash and clean themselves using the hose pipe and finally having a blast playing and splashing about in the inflatable play pool. OAM playgroup amalgamated its entry point with the schools inclusion celebration day, by learners doing a special colourful handprint showcasing their uniqueness and togetherness to make the world a better place. It was indeed a great learning experience!



### KG 1 Entry point 'Going Places'

Learners had a great time ending the unit mindful play celebrating group meditation, body movement exercises, playing jenga using wooden blocks and talking about their five senses discoveries. They also embarked on the new unit 'going places' by visiting the airport and train stations virtually. The learners named a few vehicles, identified the traffic rules and regulations. They had a motor rally at the amphitheater and later coloured a picture related to the 3 mode of transport.







### KG 3 Exit Point to the Rescue!

KG 3 learners took part in an exciting challenge recently which was all about teamwork, fun, and skill-building! Divided into 5 groups, each took on different tasks in a thrilling rotation. From peaceful yoga sessions, to exploring the toddlers' mini gym and swings, to the energy-packed hurdle race - the little champions were unstoppable! The playground buzzed with excitement and cheers as each group cheered their teammates to success. It was an amazing day of collaboration, fitness, and fun.



### Year 2 Trip to Fort Jesus

The Year 2 class have started an exciting unit called "Building: People and Places." To bring this lesson to life, they took a trip to Fort Jesus, a historic fort built in the 17th century by both the Omani Arabs and the Portuguese. The students had a chance to walk through history, observing the incredible architecture that tells the story of the people who built and lived in this place. This experience helped the young learners understand how buildings are not just structures, but reflections of the culture, history, and people of that time.





## Year 3 IPC Unit 'Travel and Tourism'

Year 3 students use LEGO pieces to creatively design their future means of transport in relation to their IPC unit "Travel and Tourism".



## Year 3 Camp Night

Year 3 students recently enjoyed an exciting Camp Night on the school premises as part of their Exit Point for the Travel and Tourism unit. The camp aimed to nurture friendships, develop life skills like communication and collaboration, and reinforce their understanding of being responsible tourists. The students' embraced independence, learned to respect differences, and had a blast with activities like swimming, a balloon fight, and tug rugby. The fun continued with a movie night, music, and dancing! The next day, they enjoyed warm-up activities and painting. This enriching experience helped them grow both personally and academically!



## Learning New Skills in the Origami Club

During Junior School's Origami Club, the children enjoyed an unforgettable experience with a special guest instructor, who introduced them to simpler techniques for creating colorful paper flowers, decorations, and figurines of both humans and animals. With just a few clever scissor cuts, the students were amazed by how easily they could bring their creations to life. The session was filled with excitement and wonder as the children eagerly

practiced these new skills, transforming plain paper into beautiful art. This hands-on learning experience sparked their creativity, making the club a highlight of the day.



## JUNIOR SCHOOL MOCK DEBATE

The Junior School's mock debate was a lively and engaging event where students from Year 2 onwards took the stage to showcase their debating skills. Representing their respective houses - Ruby, Emerald, Sapphire, and Topaz - three debaters from each team passionately argued for or against various motions presented to them. Topics ranged from whether uniforms should be replaced by home clothes, to the idea that homework should be banned, Robots are a negative invention and Sports should be mandatory. The event not only encouraged critical thinking but also fostered a spirit of healthy competition and teamwork among the young students.



## Students Hone Their Musical Skills

OAM Junior and Senior school students hard at work, practicing and honing their musical skills! The halls fill with the rhythmic beats of drums, the symphony of violins, and the melodious sounds of pianos. It's a beautiful reminder of the talent and dedication our students bring to every note!

## PROMOTING SWAHILI LITERATURE AND READING CULTURE

Year 4 and 5 students, were introduced to captivating short Swahili stories. They will have the opportunity to share and discuss these stories during their language lessons, deepening their understanding and appreciation of Swahili literature. Meanwhile, Year 6 students were treated to a thought-provoking Swahili video about Uji Mtamu, sparking rich conversations around its themes. Through these initiatives, the language department aims to nurture a lasting love for Swahili language and promote a reading culture within the school community.



## Year 6 Visit Nyumba Ya Wazee

Year 6 learners had a meaningful and enriching experience during their visit to Nyumba Ya Wazee. The visit provided our students with valuable lessons including the importance of community service. They enjoyed learning about different life perspectives and gained a deeper appreciation for the wisdom and experiences of the older generation.



## Year 8 Book Designing

In line with Year 8's weekly book reviews the students designed a book. It included the book cover, verso page and the summary of the book in the Senior School library.

## OAM Prize Giving Day

OAM proudly celebrated the outstanding academic and co-curricular achievements of both Junior and Senior school students for the academic year 2023-2024 during its annual Prize Giving Day. This event showcased the hard work and dedication that each student has demonstrated in pursuing their goals, whether in the classroom or through various extracurricular activities. OAM applauds their perseverance, creativity, and teamwork, which have contributed to a vibrant school community. Congratulations to all the achievers!



## University Fair Extravaganza!

OAM recent university fair was a resounding success! OAM students and students from various high schools had the unique opportunity to engage with representatives from top universities, gaining invaluable insights into higher education opportunities, scholarships, and the application process. University representatives in attendance were Ontario Tech University, University of Law (UK), EU Business School (Barcelona), Navitas Group, Oxford International, Georgian College, Centennial College, St. Clair College, Taylors University, Xiamen University, Kaplan Australia and New Zealand. High Schools in attendance were Light International School, Light Academy Girls Secondary-Mombasa, Light Academy Boys Secondary- Mombasa, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Secondary School.



## OAM Award Unit Adventurous Journey to Mount Longonot and Kijabe Hills

OAM Award unit with 65 participants drawn from Bronze and Silver had their adventurous journey to Mount Longonot and Kijabe hills. The two day and three day journey for Bronze and Silver respectively was challenging but the participants successfully ascending to the top.

## Model United Nations Conference

OAMUN attended the 4th Annual Aga Khan Academy Mombasa Model United Nations (AKAMMUN) recently. The conference was graced by 6 schools.

There were only 3 Committees (General Assembly 1 (GA1); General Assembly 2 (GA 2) and Special Summit Committee). Each Committee was to award the Best Speaker, Best Delegate and Best Resolution among the 100 plus delegates from all the delegations presented by the 6 schools to these Committees. Hence getting recognition in the Committees alone demanded a lot of effort from our delegation within the 2 days of the conference.

The following students got recognition during the conference: Best Speaker (GA 2) – Manan Basnet, Honourable Mention (GA1) - Anita Umazi Gadani, Honourable Mention (GA1) - Shaine Bijal Dodhia and Honourable Mention (Special Summit)- Neeva Shushrut Sumaria and Jai Vikash Shah.



### OAM STUDENTS WIN 3RD POSITION IN DEAR DIARY ART COMPETITION

OAM Junior and Senior School art students win 3rd position in an inspiring art competition titled "Mental Health Awareness" at Wild Waters organized by Dear Diary Initiative Kenya. Accompanied by their art teachers Mr. Sam and Ms. Daisy, the students showcased their remarkable creativity and artistic talents through beautifully painted portraits. The competition offered a unique platform for them to express their perspectives on mental health, raising awareness on this crucial topic. We are proud of our students for their commitment and passion, and we applaud their artistic contributions, which highlight the importance of mental well-being in our community.



**CELEBRATING FACULTY MEMBERS BORN IN OCTOBER**

At OAM, we celebrate not only our students but also the incredible faculty who make our school a special place! This October, we honored our staff members with birthdays this month, appreciating their hard work, dedication, and passion for education. Together, we build a stronger, caring community!



**Promoting Mental Health Awareness**

OAM students engaged in a variety of activities to promote mental health awareness and understanding. They participated in word searches to learn more about mental health terminology, practiced different breathing exercises to manage stress, and explored their emotions to better understand and regulate them. Together, we are building a supportive and informed community!

**Young Chess Champion!**

Jiyaan Shah secured 1st place in the Coast Junior Classic Chess Tournament (Under 8 category) held at Jeddys Academy! His hard work, focus, and strategy paid off, and we as a school couldn't be prouder. Well done, champ!



## INCLUSION AWARENESS DAY

OAM proudly celebrated Inclusion Awareness Day, organized by our SEN Department in line with OAM's Mission. According to the theme, students and staff donned attire with a hint of orange, symbolizing unity and support for inclusivity. Throughout the day, our school community engaged in meaningful activities and discussions that emphasized the importance of embracing diversity and ensuring everyone feels valued. This event not only highlighted our commitment to creating an inclusive environment but also empowered our students to champion acceptance and encouragement in their everyday interactions on campus.



## Garba Dance Performance

Dressed in traditional Indian attire, OAM students took to the stage to perform Garba, having practiced for weeks to showcase this spirited dance form on the first days of Navratri. Garba is more than just a dance - it's a celebration of culture, spirituality, and unity, and it was heartwarming to see our students embodying these values through their graceful movements. The event quickly turned into a full-school celebration. As both Junior and Senior students, and teachers joined in to form intricate circles, moving rhythmically to the beats of traditional Garba songs following the choreographed steps of Ms. Priya.



## CISL Under-13 Boys Cricket Tournament

OAM under-13 boys' cricket team achieved 3rd position in the CISL Under-13 Boys Cricket Tournament at the Coast Gymkhana! Competing against four other schools was no small feat, and their dedication, hard work, and teamwork truly stood out.





## LEARNING DISABILITY AWARENESS WEEK: EMPOWERING STUDENTS AND RAISING AWARENESS

This term, OAM SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) department introduced Learning Disability Awareness Week, a significant initiative aimed at creating awareness among students about learning disabilities and fostering a supportive learning environment for everyone.

Throughout the week, students participated in a variety of activities during House meets, engaging in Art, French, and ICT projects that deepened their understanding of learning disabilities and the ways to support their peers.

The week culminated in a Home Clothes Day on Friday, where students wore their casual outfits and made contributions. The proceeds from this event will go directly to supporting learners with disabilities, funding resources such as assistive devices and additional educational support services. We are proud of how our learners engaged with the activities and discussions and look forward to continuing this essential work in promoting inclusivity in our school community.



## Junior School Inter-House Cycling Championship

The much-anticipated Junior School Inter-House Cycling Championship took place this week, showcasing an incredible display of speed, skill, and determination from our young cyclists. The competition was fierce across all categories, with students representing their houses with

great enthusiasm. In the Year 1 girls' category, Tatiana from Topaz House led the pack, while Jaden from Sapphire House secured the win in the boys' race. Year 2 saw strong performances from Topaz House, with Amina taking first place in the girls' race and Fadhili sprinting to victory in the boys' event. Sapphire House shone in Year 3, with Bella taking the lead in the girls' category and Aaron in the

boys'. Year 4 saw Zahra from Emerald House win in the girls' category and Kian from Ruby House secure victory in the boys' race. The Year 5 & 6 girls' category was dominated by Emerald House, with Samantha and Riley leading the way. In the boys' race, Peter from Ruby House clinched the top spot. In the end, after a day of thrilling races, Emerald House emerged as the overall winner of this year's

## OAM Hosts CISL U-11 Swimming Gala

The Coast International Schools Association under-11 swimming gala, hosted by OAM, drew an enthusiastic crowd of six international schools from Mombasa, creating a vibrant and competitive atmosphere. Each young swimmer gave their best, putting up a remarkable performance as they raced against their peers in a series of tightly contested events. The intensity in the pool was matched by the excitement outside, as parents, schoolmates, and coaches cheered and encouraged the swimmers with passion. Every race was a showcase of skill, determination, and sportsmanship, making the event a memorable highlight for the young athletes and their supporters alike.



## Under-15 Boys Cricket Tournament

OAM successfully hosted the Under-15 Boys Cricket Tournament 2024. Four international Mombasa schools participated. It was a good day for the young cricketers on the pitch.

## MCSA Mixed Age Group Gala

The MCSA Mixed Age Group Gala, had a great impact for the OAM team with some of our swimmers being first timers in such a gala. OAM had 13 swimmers who displayed good talent, positive energy and discipline as expected of a learning institution. A total of 8 gold, 27 silver, and 1 bronze medal were bagged by both individual and relay entries for our team. As we keep working on the improved times achievements and the upcoming galas, appreciation for great support is extended to both parents and swimmers for the sacrifice and commitment.



## A Melodious Afternoon to Remember

Our talented junior and senior school students dazzled us with an incredible showcase of musical brilliance, from enchanting dance performances to drumming, singing, piano, saxophone, and guitar pieces. Guided by our dedicated music department, these young stars left the audience—especially proud parents—in awe of their artistry and passion. What a wonderful celebration of creativity and talent!



## University Career Fair

Exploring Global Opportunities: Parents and students gathered to connect with top universities from Australia, Canada, and Germany at our vibrant university fair. They received personalized guidance from university representatives, learning about diverse academic programs, scholarship opportunities, and the unique cultural experiences each country offers.



## Junior School Inter-House Sports Day

What a phenomenal day of energy, spirit, and sportsmanship at our Junior School Inter-House Sports Day!

For the first time ever, Emerald House blazed their way to the top with a remarkable 697 points! A big congratulations to all our young athletes: Emerald - 697 points, Topaz - 671 points, Sapphire - 643 points and Ruby - 524 points. From thrilling 100m sprints, challenging hurdle races, to the exciting relays, our juniors left no stone unturned in showcasing their athletic prowess.

And it wasn't just the children! Parents joined the fun with a spirited tug of war and a competitive hurdle race for the mamas, showing that team spirit runs in the family! The day wrapped up with an exciting Parents vs. Teachers relay—victory going to the parents this year!

A big thank you to everyone who made the day unforgettable. Let's keep cheering on our young champions!

## OAM Shines at AKAMOM Sports Championships

OAM emerged 3rd and 2nd overall in the under 11 and under 13 girls' age groups respectively in Rounders.

In Tennis under 15 boys, OAM emerged 2 and 3rd overall while under 13 boys Kian Amimo emerged 1st. In the Table Tennis U15 and U13 boys, OAM emerged 2nd overall while in girls under 13 was won by Amara Doshi and 2nd position by OAM.

Kian Shah emerged first in under 15 boys' badminton and Radhika Katwa took 2nd position in Under 15 girls while Naiya Pandya clinched first position in under 13 girls' badminton.

OAM also won bronze and silver in the under 15 boys and girls badminton respectively, and silver in the girls under 13.

Well done to all our champs and the Coaches.





## Head's Message

**A**s we enter the final month of learning for the July-December semester, I wish to take this opportunity to recognise all the support extended to us by parents, students, sponsors and guardians. Throughout this semester, our dedicated teaching staff have diligently worked to provide students with exceptional preparation and support for the upcoming final exams in November and December. With this support, we are confident that all students will perform well in their exams and advance to the next level in their studies. To make the college life fun and engaging, students continued to participate in different forms of extracurricular activities such as indoor games, outdoor games and field trips.

The College held an ICT competition which attracted students from high schools within Nairobi. The event, whose theme was "Exploring the Transformative Power of Artificial Intelligence in Everyday Life and Education" was facilitated by the college ICT staff and students were given an opportunity to showcase their ICT

skills through a series of competitive practical and theoretical sessions.

The College hosted a parents' open day which gave an opportunity to parents, guardians and sponsors to engage with faculty members regarding their children's academic performance and progress. This event is expected to play a vital role in fostering a strong partnership between the College and families in support of the students' educational endeavours.

Another highlight of the semester was a Mentorship Talk which focused on emerging careers in the technology world. This informative session was facilitated by Mr. Victor Ngugi, the Business Development Manager at Skillmind Software Ltd, who underscored the essential skills that employers consider important for success in the tech industry, as well as the career opportunities that students can pursue after college.

As we reflect on our successes this semester, it's important to recognize the dedication and effort from staff and students. Our collective achievements are a

testament to the hard work and commitment of each individual.

As students prepare for their upcoming examinations and work on assignments, we urge parents to provide a supportive and conducive environment at home to facilitate their learning. This support will significantly contribute to students' success in their examinations and enable them to progress to the next semester in January 2025. We extend our best wishes to all students and encourage them to continue striving for excellence.

***"The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do." – Walter Bagehot***

*Mrs. Jayashree Prathap*

**Principal  
Oshwal College**

**Oshwal College Environmental Club: Creating a Greener Tomorrow**

On 16th October 2024, Oshwal College Environmental Club members, led by their patron Ms. Lauren Makena, took part in a tree planting exercise on campus. The purpose of this initiative was to improve the campus environment and cultivate a sense of ecological responsibility within the student community.

Such activities are also crucial for students as they provide hands-on experience in environmental stewardship and foster a sense of community. They help students understand the importance of trees in combating climate change, making them socially responsible and environmentally conscious individuals.



**Pearson BTEC IT Students Mentorship Talk**

At Oshwal College, we believe that career development is as crucial as academic success. On 7th October 2024, our BTEC IT students attended a mentorship talk facilitated by Collins Kipserem and Moses Rotu, who are currently pursuing the BSc. (Hons) Computing at Oshwal College.



During the session, Collins and Moses shared their academic journey from Diploma to Degree, alongside their industry experiences and the potential career paths available to students in the thriving tech sector.

**Customer Service Week 2024**

From 7th to 11th, October 2024, Oshwal College celebrated Customer Service Week with the theme 'Championing Excellence: Swift Responses, Happy Customers.' This event was an opportunity for reflection on customer satisfaction and the development of strategies for improvement. The week-long celebration highlighted our commitment to providing excellent and responsive service.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our customers for giving us the opportunity to serve them and for being an integral part of our journey towards service excellence. Your satisfaction remains our top priority. Thank you for your continued support!



## Mentorship Talk on emerging careers in a tech-world

On Thursday, 17th October 2024, Mr. Victor Ngugi, Business Development Manager at Skillmind Software Ltd, delivered a Mentorship Talk on emerging careers in the tech world. He provided IT students with a comprehensive overview of the employer-recommended skills needed to thrive in the technology industry, along with an insightful presentation on the career opportunities that await them in the corporate world. The session was attended by 85 BTEC IT students and College IT staff.



Mr. Peter Hombe, Student Advisor, making his opening remarks



IT students during the mentorship talk



Mr. Victor Ngugi, Business Development Manager at Skillmind Software Ltd, delivering his presentation during the mentorship talk



Mr. Mike Arusei, Head of IT Department, delivering his presentation during the mentorship talk



## Oshwal College High Schools ICT Contest

On 26th September 2024, Oshwal College hosted the 7th ICT Contest, attracting over 100 students from four high schools in Nairobi. The event, themed "Exploring the Transformative Power of Artificial Intelligence in Everyday Life and Education," saw Arya Parklands Girls emerge as winners, with Oshwal Academy Senior High and Nairobi Jaffrey's Academy securing 1st and 2nd Runners-up positions, respectively. Additionally, during the event, Oshwal College ICDL Toppers were awarded by Ms. Joy from ICDL Africa for their exemplary performance. Congratulations to the winners and all participating schools!



*"The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance." – Alan Watts*



## BSC (HONS) COMPUTING FIRST CLASS HONOURS ACHIEVERS

In the recently released exam results for the June 2024 session, seven students from Oshwal College achieved first-class honours in the Bachelor of Science (Hons) Computing programme, offered in partnership with the University of Greenwich, UK. This practically-oriented degree programme is fully accredited by Kenya's Commission for University Education (CUE) as well as by the relevant regulatory bodies in the UK.

Achieving a first-class degree demonstrates exceptional academic performance and mastery of the subject matter. It indicates a high level of understanding, dedication, and the ability to consistently excel in performance. This achievement is highly regarded by employers and academic institutions, often opening doors to advanced career opportunities and further education.

The Oshwal College fraternity congratulates these top achievers for their outstanding performance and wishes them the very best in their future endeavours.



Mayur Rabadia



Chirag Chauhan



Divyesh Chudasama



Dhruv Patel



Yesha Patel



Jayanee Trivedi



Mohamed Salad

## OUR NEWLY RENOVATED BASKETBALL COURT: A HUB FOR ALL-ROUNDED DEVELOPMENT

Oshwal College recently celebrated the reopening of its newly renovated basketball court, an event that brought excitement and energy to the campus. The renovated facility boasts a sleek and high-quality flooring, providing an excellent space for students to engage in physical activity and enjoy the game. On the day of the reopening, students flocked to the court, eager to test out the new surface. The enthusiasm was palpable as teams formed and friendly matches ensued, highlighting the court's role in fostering a vibrant campus community.

Participating in extracurricular activities, such as playing basketball, offers numerous benefits beyond the academic realm. Engaging in sports helps students develop essential life skills like teamwork, leadership, and time management. It also provides a much-needed break from the rigours of academic study, promoting a balanced lifestyle that can enhance overall well-being. Moreover, being active and involved in campus activities can boost students' social networks, creating friendships and connections that support both personal and professional growth.

At Oshwal College, the newly renovated basketball court is not just a place for physical activity but a hub for community building and holistic development, reflecting the institution's commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals.



## DIWALI FESTIVAL



## TRIP TO KARURA FOREST

