

Newsletter

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World Safety Day.

Woodcreek School joined the rest of the world in celebrating World Safety Day.

The main aim of this event was to create awareness and check on everyone's understanding of the concept of safety and security in and out of school.

This year's theme was 'Zero Harm'. The event saw students participate in several activities meant to showcase what they can do to ensure that everyone in the school community is safe.

The activities included competitions across the Key Stages, discussions on safety at home and school, evacuation procedures and a lockdown drill.

Ann Nyaga - Head of Security.



Year 9.5 Taster Week.

Transitioning from Key Stage 3 to Key Stage 4 at the end of Year 9 comes with its fair share of challenges.

Besides the Checkpoint Exams, one has to pick several subjects they will study in Years 10 and 11. This was quite the challenge, but luckily, the school gave us two weeks to attend some of the taster lessons during the Taster Week.

I also had a chance to have a conversation with my parents and teachers regarding my subject choices, which helped me pick subjects that would eventually lead me to my career of choice in the long run.

After the eventful two weeks, I submitted my form in complete confidence of my decision.

Marissa Thomas - Year 9.5 Duma

Indonesian Cultural Expo.

On May 11th, our team and I met with Universitas Islam Indonesia to discuss education in their country.

The Indonesian Government offers 50 scholarship opportunities to deserving students from around the globe.

These discussions are essential for us as a growing school. This is because having a vast pool of universities helps our students find the right fit for them when choosing a university.

Mr. Ijal Usman (Diplomat, Education and Culture) quickly noted that the Indonesian Government is open to working with Kenya, and we also touched on the possibilities of initiating exchange programmes that would benefit our learners.

Miss Sarah - Careers and Counseling.



Sustainable Development Goals Exhibition

On the 26th of May 2023, the school was happily visited by members from the United Nations involved in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are the goals to keep our world the way it is for future generations.

On this day, artists and photographers of all ages had prepared artwork in line with the SDGs and displayed them around the school for our guests to see, ask and learn about.

Afterwards, the artists returned to the school theatre to hear from our visitors and get to know about who they are, and the kind of work they do in line with the SDGs.

Hanwa Mate - Year 10 Chui

Key Stage One Book Week.

We celebrated the Key Stage One Book week in style.

The event saw the students engage in several activities that allowed them to show off their creative skills. They made book-marks, decorated our walls and read in random places; here, they had to take photos and share them with their teachers for an award at the end of the week.

This culminated in a costume contest where the kids dressed as their favourite book characters and presented the story, with the winners crowned Mr and Ms Book Week.

Ms. Judith Oloo - Year 1 Stream Lead



Chess Tournament at Crawford

Students from the Woodcreek Chess Club participated in the 1st Edition of the Crawford International School Inter-Schools Chess Championship to showcase their skills and strategic thinking.

We had players from Under Eight (U8) to Under 18(U18), and Nolan Muhangi, in the U8 category, had the best performance of 4.5 out of 6 points.

The event fostered healthy competition, friendship and a love for the game, inspiring everyone to continue their chess journey.

Alice Wanjiku - HoD Mathematics



Woodcreek School Term 3 Swimming Round-Up.

On May 6th 2023, we held The Pipssa Inter-School Swimming Gala at Woodcreek School for 11 years and under.

Twenty-two swimmers from our school participated in the event and won 44 medals; 24 gold medals, ten silver medals, and ten bronze medals.

Our boys and girls came in position two and won a 1st runners-up trophy.

On May 7th 2023, we took 12 students to Mpesa Foundation Academy for a KSF invitational swimming championship geared towards the preparation for the National Swimming gala at Kasarani Aquatics Stadium.

Our students managed to win six gold medals, seven silver medals, and ten bronze medals.

Five students qualified for national trials, where they did very well recording some personal best times.

Joseph Mwikamba - Director of Sports and Extracurricular Activities

SAIMUN Mock Debate

This is the Sub-Saharan African International Model of the United Nations.

This platform promotes the growth and development of the next generation of young change makers. It does this by exposing learners to a progressive approach towards the field of diplomacy and negotiations. During the mock debate, our high school students got the chance to practice diplomacy, public speaking and teamwork skills, all with the goal of preparing them for future engagements and empowering them to participate in decision making at all levels.

Ms. Esther Mikisi - MUN Assistant Advisor



School Gym

The school recently set up a brand new facility, the gym, for its students - particularly those in the boarding section.

The gym comes with all types of equipment ranging from a leg press, to free weights, to even a bench and squat rack, along with a multitude of other equipment. The facility also has locker rooms fitted with showers which are right next to the gym.

The students will only be allowed to use the gym when accompanied by a teacher. The boarders will have unlimited access to the gym as well as the aerobic space.

We hope that these facilities will help our learners stay fit and improve their performance in sports.

Micah Raboi - Year 10 Chui, Craig Ndundi - Year 12



Woodcreek Examinations and Assessment Performance.

Woodcreek School has chosen to publish how we have fared in terms of Academic Performance and some University destinations on our school website. In addition, we have also posted copies of the same results in the reception area.

This is to show the community our academic journey over the years. Hopefully, this will also inspire the learners to put in extra effort in their studies to match up or post better performances than the ones we have witnessed in previous years.

We expect candidates to sit their exams in the ongoing May/June 2023 Exams Series.

We also send our best wishes to the Key Stage 2 to 4 students currently on with their continuous formative assessments for Term 3.

Mr. Elijah Ondigi - Examinations Officer.

Cambridge IGCSE Exams.

Moving from our mocks to the Cambridge IGCSE examinations was a tricky yet slightly comfortable transition for our class; to take on these exams without immense anxiety and stress.

With the confidence and preparation that our teachers bestowed upon us, we feel ready as a class, and we hope our results will show all the hard work we've put in over the last two years.

Aisha Wamathai, Year 11

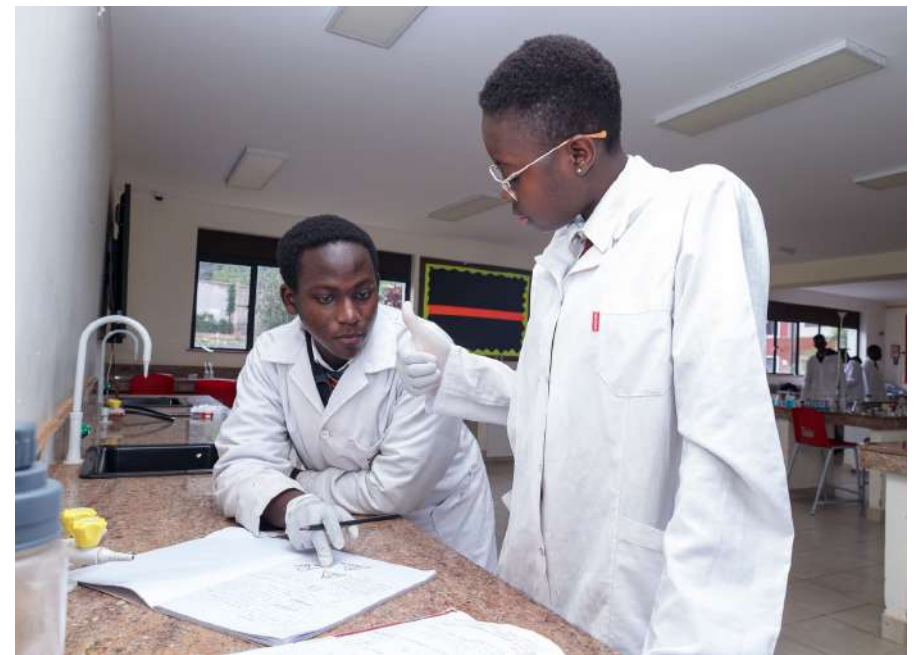
AS Level Exams.

Exams are generally stressful, especially major ones like the AS exams.

The exams were less nerve-racking than expected, mainly because of the mocks and post-mocks we had done before these.

Preparing for the exams took work, though; it required a lot of focus and commitment. Our hard work will be shown in the results.

Abby - Year 12





Year Three Trip To Amboseli Serena Lodge

The Year Three students went for a pastoral trip to Amboseli Serena Lodge from 27th May to 29th May 2023, accompanied by their class teachers.

Learners went for a game drive where they were able to spot animals, and visited a Maasai village where they learned about the Maasai's way of life and also took part in a traditional dance.

At the hotel, the students had a comfortable stay in the Manyatta-designed rooms with clean, well aerated and cozy rooms. They enjoyed a three-course buffet during all meal times with various delicacies varying from African, Indian and Western cuisine.

The students engaged in football, badminton, swimming sessions and a bonfire session.

Mercy Njoroge - Class Teacher Year 3C

Year 4 Class Trip To The Mara

It was an exciting moment full of sleepless nights when the Year Fours were informed that they were going to Masai Mara from the 27th-the 29th of May 2023.

The Masai Mara National Reserve and conservancies were brimming with life, being home to the lions of 'Big Cat Diary', the temporary residence of the 'Great Migration' of wildebeest, mighty Maasai warriors and some of the most luxurious safari lodges on earth.

Students enjoyed observing the natural flora and fauna. They eventually arrived safely and began having the panoramic view of sprawling savannah, dramatic river crossings, a herd of hippos chilling in a water body and leopards under a shrub, probably strategizing their next meal.

The learners left Masai Mara with unforgettable experiences and lifelong memories.

James Monayo - Class Teacher Y4

Year 5 And 6 Class Trip To Taita Hills

From the 27th to 30th May 2023, the Year 5 and 6 embarked on a pastoral trip to Taita Hills led by their class teachers and tour guides; the trip spanned for 4 days and 3 nights.

Once we arrived, we received an orientation session on the History, Geography and importance of the Taita Hills ecosystem from the staff. We later checked in at Salt lick cottages. That evening we started out with a game drive to explore the Saltlick sanctuary, where we encountered various wild animals, including elephants, zebras, gazelles, impalas and numerous bird species.

We later had a well-served buffet for dinner where we could see elephants coming to take water. After supper, students went to catch up with friends until 10pm when we had all of them in their rooms and the following day started early at 6:30am with a morning game drive.

We had to drive back to the salt lick for refreshing and breakfast. The rest of the time was spent at Taita Hills where we had various activities, such as devotion led by Ms. Emily and Ms. Pauline and later a cslide, swimming, volleybal, football and a tour to the World War 1 Museum.

On our last day at Taita Hills, we had students hanging out with friends with pastoral gender based talk and dance.

Ms. Rahab Gachie Key Stage Two Coordinator



Woodcreek School Term 3 Soccer Round-Up.

On May 6th 2023, U7, U9 and U11 soccer boys teams participated in the termly PIPSSA tournament at Crawford.

The Under 11 boys defended the title and were unbeaten from the group stage to the finals. Under 9 was also unbeaten in the group stage but narrowly lost in the semis through a penalty shoot-out.

The little ones in the under-7 team also performed well.

The other major tournament took place on May 13th.

The U7, U9, and U11 Girls' football teams participated in the Woodcreek School PIPSSA girl's football tournament 2nd Edition.

Under 11 got to the finals unbeaten; unfortunately, they conceded a goal against the defending champions, Oshwal Academy. They emerged as the 1st runners-up.

Under nine were second in their pool in the group stage but could not go to the semifinals because this term's Edition attracted many teams. The Under 7 team also worked hard and won some matches.

The football skills development in our girls' teams has been tremendous, as evident from the high standard skill set they displayed well done, girls.

Joseph Mwikamba - Director of Sports and Extracurricular Activities.

Under 7 Mixed Football Festival

On Friday, May 12th 2023, our Under 7 team mingled with their peers from other International Schools at a football festival organized by Brookhouse School.

We played friendly matches with schools such as Brookhouse Karen, Nairobi Academy, Greensteds, and Aga Khan.

We drew in a few matches and won some as well.

The day's objective was to interact and learn from our peers, have fun and promote positive sportsmanship among the young lads.

Joseph Mwikamba - Director of Sports and Extracurricular Activities







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