

IN THE LOOP

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CRAWFORD INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

By Jenny Coetzee

Crawford International School is a vibrant school filled with energy and enthusiasm. I am therefore thrilled that our first proper newsletter is being sent out today. This is indeed another historic moment where our activities can be documented with illustrations and articles. I encourage parents to send through news from their children for achievements which may take place outside of the school.

Crawford International School opened this year with an enrollment of 363 students – a wonderful growth since its inception in 2018 with 104 students. Our opening assembly's theme was that of "Everyday heroes" with the focus on making everyone feel welcome and accepted. I am confident that our new families have already been made to feel very welcome by the Crawfordian families. I therefore extend a very warm welcome to all our families and teachers as we bravely face the new academic year with its challenges embracing new experiences with valour.

With the growth of the school we have employed additional teachers: Maurice Nzioka (Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Science), Tabitha Makau (English), Carolynne Kimenya (Year 5), Bill Clinton Njorese (Kiswahili and Religious Studies). Ms Bennadetta Wanjiru (English) and Ms Gladys Kivu (Year 2) are relief teachers for Ms Elizabeth and Ms Melvine who are currently on accouchement leave. Ms Anne Minza, kindly stepped into Mr Kizito's role in the French Department whilst he recovers from an operation. Our library has become a busy venue and it has been necessary to employ Ms Priscilla Nduta Njeri as a library assistant. Ms Ruth Michoma joins us as the school's PR/Marketing/Communications Manager. Our social media presence will be increasingly robust so we encourage you to follow Crawford on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter.

We are sending a warm farewell to Mr Albertus, Ms Sandra and Mr Amlani who have resigned to follow other aspirations not connected to a schooling environment. They have all contributed hugely to the success of our school and will be missed. We thank them for their enormous contributions in establishing the school. Replacement teachers have already been sourced for these positions and you will be informed once all legalities have been finalized. There will be a period of handover in both positions so that the transition is as smooth as possible.

Our school programs are well under way with some sports fixtures being hosted at school which has been great to spectate. School trips, both educational and experiential, are underway whilst the school production has started their rehearsals in earnest. Moms, thank you for your support in your attendance at the Muffins for Mums' session which was held. Dads are now challenged to match their attendance at the Donuts for Dads' session.

On a more serious note – the triangular relationship between the school parents and the child is paramount for success. Registration took place on the 31 August and we will be asking parents who have still not formally registered to do so. A reminder that fees are paid in advance and we will be monitoring payments of fees very carefully this year. I am not in favor of excluding students from class, but unfortunately when parents renege on their financial responsibilities, the school cannot carry the cost of catering and music fees and therefore exclusions must be instituted. I thank the many parents for fulfilling their financial obligations. Your support is sincerely appreciated.

I have also been asked by many parents to reconsider the Halloween Day on the calendar. Crawford International School will not be celebrating Halloween. However, we may consider still holding a dress down day based on some of the uplifting ideas I've received from students already.

Lastly – please diarise next Friday for our Interhouse Cross Country event. It would be great to have you attend the race.

Kind regards

Jenny Coetzee



THIS ISSUE'S HIGHLIGHTS



Year 11 Students Visit BBC Studios

by Mr Anthony Mwangi

The Year 11 students studying Business Studies and English went on a trip to BBC studios at Riverside Drive in Nairobi. They were given a tour of the entire studio which is the largest BBC studio in Africa, housing over 300 media personnel.

The students got to visit the radio, TV production and video editing studios, where they were given an in depth lesson on how programmes are produced.



They also got a brief exposure to how the digital and animation team design products in conformity to the BBC brand image. They met the legal and business team and were given lengthy career insights. Finally they got to visit the control studios housing the live broadcast screens and equipment as well as the newsroom. What a learning experience it was!

The BBC is intent on establishing a long term partnership with Crawford where some of our students can go to their studios for job shadowing. They will also be sending some of their staff to train or involve students in writing or other competitions with a view to equipping them with various skills pertaining to media. Winning scripts can be converted into programmes and where possible produced by the BBC.

On Fri Sep 26, BBC staff will be coming to Crawford to sensitize students on fake news.

Health Message

by Nurse Joy



It is cold season and the flu bug is in the air. Your child may present with complaints of sore throat, fever, headache, fatigue muscle aches and a cough. You could treat it conservatively with home remedies or see a doctor for antibiotic treatment if the symptoms persist. Also, insist on proper cough etiquette to avoid spreading the germs (coughing in one's inner elbow).

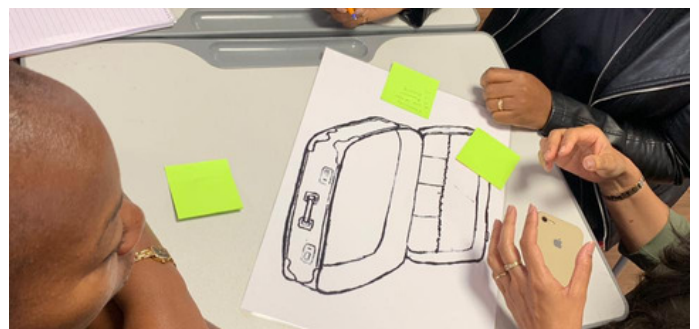
Ensure proper hygiene measures such as proper handwashing, keeping short nails and eating healthy balanced meals to keep them healthy always.

Muffins with Mums

by Sandra Githaiga

Our first Muffins with Mums session occurred on Saturday, September 14. It kicked off to a great start with 62 mums in attendance with a mixture of new and returning mums. Our theme for the day was “How to help a child succeed academically, socially and emotionally this year”.

Enjoy the day's highlights in pictures.



Year 5 Learns About Germination

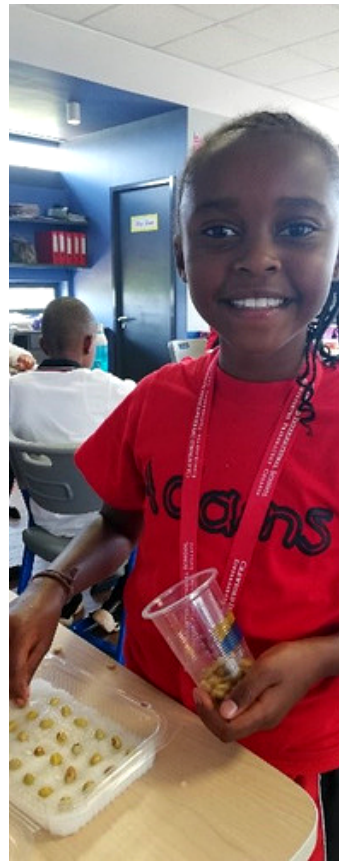
by Shelly James

The year 5 students took part in a science experiment on germination. They got to plant their own bean seed and watch the different stages it takes as it develops into a plant. They have observed the factors that need to be in place in order for a plant to grow.

The learners eagerly walk to the window sill each morning to see how much their plant has grown.

The next stage of their experiment will be nurturing the plants on their own when they take their little seedlings at home for a week. They will thereafter compare their progress sharing lessons in the delicate task of plant care.

Clockwise from left: Tannia sowing the seeds; Bean sprouts growing on the windowsill; Aiden planting his seed



Positive Reinforcement for Years KG - 3

by Beatrice Wanjiku

Every Friday the early years have a reward assembly geared to motivating the children towards positive attitude at school and class. We also celebrate birthdays that happened during the week.



YOUNG JOURNALISTS

Articles by Members of the Crawford International School Journalism Club

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Year 10 Bonding Tour

By Joy Mumo

The Year 10 class made a visit to Paradise Lost on 6th September. The event was organized with the aim of helping the rapidly growing class to interact meaningfully, get to know each other and develop the skill to work together as a team.

Students were accompanied by 5 members of staff, who also facilitated the day's activities. The day started with friendly games that got the students in high spirits and ready for the competitive games. All tasks demanded teamwork and leadership skills.

"My personal favorite was the task of making standalone cubes using raw spaghetti sticks and molding clay. I learnt that just as we handled



spaghetti with care,so must we be careful with other people's feelings since words can break them and they may never be the same again."

The students began the trip with curiosity and optimism. They were rewarded with a day full of fun, excitement and invaluable learning moments. One student said, "We have strengthened friendships and formed many new ones." They are looking forward to more trips like these in future.



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Everyday Heroes

By Ethan Magolo, Year 11, Daniella Onyona, Year 8 and Creanscencia Ndinda, Year 9

What do bright colored suits, rippling over exaggerated muscles, flying and saving the world point to? Superheroes!

Tuesday the 3rd of September saw the stage of Crawford International School's multipurpose hall flooded with superhero characters, with faces familiar to the students and parents. The characters ranged from the mysteriously elusive dark knight, to the brutish manly rabid Wolverine, to the bright strong plushy Power Puff Girls.

The characters under the colorful costumes were Crawford's Everyday Heroes – the teachers! Their performance served as an introduction of the School's theme for this term – HEROES.

Explaining the theme, the Principal Mrs. Jenny Coetzee said, "Being a hero is not about having super powers; it is about the everyday things we do to make a difference." She was assisted by a group

of students on stage who read out relatable messages of what it meant to be a hero. The students were fascinated by the ill-rehearsed yet entertaining performance.

There were gasps of surprise and laughs among them as teachers made their entry onto the stage in their unique garbs, dancing to music, and reenacting scenes of superhero saves. Some students commented that some of the scenes were quite absurd but, in the end, they appreciated the message that each one of them is a hero.

In the words of one of the students, "The weird costumes, the peculiar choice of colours, and some unrecognizable heroes; all showed that one does not need to be perfect to be to do something wonderful."

We all look to see Crawford heroes bloom!



**BEING A HERO IS ABOUT THE EVERYDAY THINGS WE DO TO
MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

Crawford Family Welcomes New Members

By Maria Kimani - Year 8, Kisha Mutisya - Year 8 and Isaac Njoroge - Year 11

The first trimester of Crawford's second year has seen an influx of over 100 new students, 4 new full-time teachers and 2 gap teachers, making the Crawford family bigger and merrier.

Since opening its doors on 8th September 2019 the school has received positive reviews for its learner-centered approach to education, drawing attention from parents and children in Kenya and other countries. The new students have come from different schools in Kenya, and others from different countries. The growth has seen the School establish two streams for several of its grades.

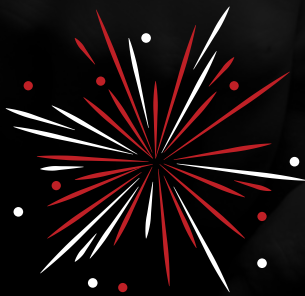
New students interviewed by members of the Journalism Club said they heard about Crawford through their peers, social media, advertisements, and public conversations about the achievements

Crawford has made within the 1 year of its existence in Kenya. They were fascinated by news of Crawford students' accomplishments, for example, the astounding achievement of students who represented the School in Beijing China for World Scholars' competitions and how fitting the MSUN students presented their views during the conference.

The end of year Awards and Graduation Ceremony, with its "pomp and glam", was said to have been a prodigy on its own. The invited guests were sure to spread the word about the incredible achievements throughout the school.

Our new Crawfordians have said that they are enjoying the great interaction with teachers, the technologically driven teaching methods, the wide variety of clubs, sports and co-curricular activities, and the warm interactions they are having with fellow students.

Keep Crawford In the Loop



Has your child accomplished something or had an experience worth sharing outside the school? We'd love to hear about it and celebrate together!

Please share your story.

Email: rmichoma@crawfordinternationalschool.com

SPORTS



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The Under 15 Rounders Team

Victory at Crawford's First Home Games

*By Albertus
Van Buuren*

The 18th of September was a memorable day at Crawford International School. We hosted Potterhouse in two matches: Under 15 Football and Under 15 Rounders. Our football team featured quite a few new faces. We started slow but progressed into a very strong finish.

The players will definitely improve the more they play together in the future under the watchful eyes of Coach Max. The final score was 4-0 Crawford to Potterhouse.

We are fortunate to have a great number of students who excel in sports. I am very confident and believe that Crawford will be a powerhouse in sports both locally and nationally.

In our rounders team, our players showed a lot of commitment to the game as well as their teammates. Our team started very confident against the stronger and more experienced Potterhouse team.

Our girls showed great team spirit and trust in one another, a very positive sight to see. They will only get better the more they play with Coach Louis leading from the front. The final score was Crawford 9.5 to Potterhouse 8.5. We had two great wins and looking forward to many more.

I am very proud of the teams that played and also the coaches who are making a difference in the sports players lives.



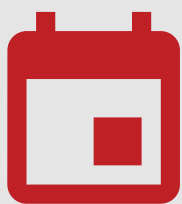
Sports Desk

by George Githinji

The Under 9's played well with 3 matches in total during our tournament on Saturday, September 21. Our team won 1:0 against School of the Nation Team B lost to Premier 3-1; Crawford finally lost in the semi-finals 4-1.

The Under 11's played against Potterhouse on Wednesday September 25. The rounders team lost by 9-4.5. Our Crawford team was gracious enough to play for the Potterhouse team which was short a few players. The soccer team secured a victory with a score of 4-2.

*Above: The Under 11 Football Team
Left: The Under 11 Rounders Team*



Calendar of Events

Sat, Sep 28 - Fri, Oct 4, 2019

SAT 28/9

U15 Girls Rounders Tournament at Samaj
Doughnuts with Dads Years 4-11 - 9 AM-12:30 PM

MON 30/9

SCIENCE WEEK STARTS
Test Tuesday

TUE 1/10

U15 Girls and U15 Boys Football at Sanha - 11 AM

WED 2/10

U-13 Boys Football and U13 Girls Rounders at
Crawford - 11 AM

THU 3/10

U-13 Girls Rounders at Crawford - 11 AM

FRI 4/10

SCIENCE WEEK ENDS
Interhouse Cross Country
(see flyer on next page)





CRAWFORD INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

INTERHOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

**FRI, OCT 4 2019
STARTS AT 9 AM**

**ALL PARENTS
ARE WELCOME!**

**Consider joining our
Parents and Teachers Race
and earn a point for your
child's house.**

Students must wear their official school running outfits in
their house colours and arrive by 8 AM.