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THE BEST VISIONARY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD

We are delighted and extremely proud to announce that Galaxy International School Uganda was awarded as the Best Visionary International School of the year at Kampala Serena Hotel.

MUN - MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Galaxy International School Uganda was proudly represented by four students, Farahnoz Year 7, Evana Year 9, Azra Year 9, and Mary Year 9 at the MUN conference held at ISU on Saturday, 30 November and Sunday, 1 December 2019.

Evana and Azra both had their resolutions chosen to be debated in the Youth Affairs committee and Environmental committee respectively.

Azra, returning as a delegate for a second year, did particularly well in debating her resolution and getting to pass by an overwhelming majority vote. All participants in the conference gained valuable experience in diplomacy and working with students from other schools. It should be noted that the GISU students were some of the youngest delegates at the conference, yet they were also the most mature in their discourses and composure.





IFCD APPRECIATION

GISU wishes to extend a warm and sincere appreciation to you our dear parents for your generous contributions towards the success of the recently concluded IFCD celebration. Thank you for sacrificing your time, mobilization efforts, sharing and exhibiting your cultural artifacts and heritage in style. We appreciate you for working hand in hand with the teachers to build our students into global citizens through teaching them how to embrace other cultures while loving their very own. For every support rendered, we are grateful. Thank you.

HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC TRIPS



Last week on Thursday, our high school students moved out to explore the outside world, specifically in those areas related to their subjects and career paths.

We had one group visiting the Uganda Industrial Research Institute and proceeding to International Hospital Kampala. The other group visited the NWSC - Lubigi treatment plant and then proceeded to the New Vision group of companies.

The trips were a tremendous success and the students attested to having had a good

experience. We thank the school administration that facilitated the trips and the parents that gave consent to their children's noble participation in this activity.

More thanks go out to the teachers who did a good job supervising the students while on the trip.

It is in our best interest to continue connecting our learners to life outside school so as to give relevance and practical application to the acquisition of knowledge and skills.

CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)



On Thursday, 21 November 2019, the Early Years section completed an EduCare certificate course in The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and the Primary section Completed an EduCare certificate course in Language Development. These courses form part of an ongoing programme aimed at improving school standards.

PARENT -TEACHER CONFERENCE

As we come to the closure of first term, all parents are invited to attend a Parent-Teacher Conference on Friday, 13 December 2019. This will be an opportunity to review your child's portfolio, discuss their progress with their teachers, and ask any questions upcoming about the term. Classroom teachers will communicate your designated conference time, between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm next Friday. We look forward to seeing you next week!

ACTIVITY DAYS PROGRAMME

SECONDARY

The secondary school exams will end on Tuesday, 10 December 2019. Students are expected to be in school even after exams on Wednesday and Thursday.

There will be interclass sports competitions on Wednesday.

On Thursday, the students will have End of Term 1 class parties at 10:30 am and watch a movie in the afternoon.

EARLY YEARS

Classes in the Early Years section will go on as usual with some special fun, engaging and yet educative activities to wind up the term as follows:

Monday, 9 December 2019: A letter to Santa Claus, making posters on save the bear for our exit point on animals, Parents storytime and reading a storybook about Rudolf the red-nosed reindeer and making a reindeer craft.

Tuesday, 10 December 2019: KG 2 and 3 will be going on a nature walk, Reception class will be looking at cool facts about the animals that live in Antarctica, watch Frosty the Snowman movie and make a snowman craft.

Wednesday, 11 December 2019: Early years pupils will bake the end of term cake, make spiral ornaments and listen to the story of how the Grinch stole Christmas by Dr. Seuss.

Thursday, 12 December 2019: Exit point on animals and bears, sing along festive season songs assembly, Pool party please bring your swimming kit and a snack to share.

PRIMARY

As we approach the End of Term 1, 2019/2020: We wish to thank you for your continued support in all the things we do at school.

The students will continue coming to school until Thursday, 12 December 2019, with varied and exciting activities arranged as follows:

Monday, 9 December 2019: Normal classes will continue with students recapping on their work and making corrections of their EoT Examinations. After lunch, students will complete a diary entry "Dear Diary" about their weeding and harvesting experience in the garden.

Tuesday, 10 December 2019: Writing challenge competition and follow through traits of writing: "Do you

deserve a present?" Students will also reflect, self-assess their effort and complete goal setting for the next term.

Wednesday, 11 December 2019: Interclass swimming competitions will be conducted at the school pool. All students are expected to carry along their swimming kits. Thereafter, students will create and design festive holiday cards.

December, 12 December 2019: Year 3A students will lead us through the End of Year Assembly "Feliz Navidad". Other key activities will include; Academic and achievement awards. The day will be crowned with class parties (dress code; Smart decent casual).



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

The school recognized this day on 3 December 2019. We watched videos and discussed with the children to make them aware of all the different disabilities. The children are aware of how we are expected to behave when we are around people with disabilities.

INDEPENDENCE CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE



Galaxy International School Uganda would like to wish family and friends from Thailand and Finland happy Independence Celebrations!

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Galaxy International School Uganda is offering your child an extensive range of extracurricular activities this year with dedicated, energetic and creative teaching staff.

The children benefit so much from the variety of activities, commitment and passion of the club teachers. In term 2 and 3, the children will choose one club of their choice to run up to the end of third term for enhancing their skills, hence payments will be made once for both terms. If your child wishes to join a club, you will need to sign the consent form and return it to school before Wednesday, 11 December 2019. Once your child becomes a member of a club, we expect commitment and regular attendance.

We will have new activities next term, namely: Hoverboard, German Language, Flute and chess among the many.

We thank our parents for the continued support.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

All GISU students are empowered to make a difference and to positively impact the world. Our aim is to collaborate with UNICEF, so that students can participate in meaningful activities to effect change in our school and communities at large. To focus these efforts on specific goals, we will challenge our students to raise awareness of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are a collection of 17 goals set by the United Nations regarding social and economic development issues.

We know that our teachers are passionate about education and want to continuously improve their teaching practice. GISU is committed to supporting their development of skills and knowledge throughout their career at GISU. We will provide continuous professional development to the faculty that relates to the Sustainable Development Goals and contributes to the students' learning.

We shall be having a specialized trainer of SDGs in the school to train teachers and students starting 9 December 2019 to 13 December 2019. This will have an impact on the teaching and learning practices in the school to address global concerns.

JAPANESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE



GISU is introducing Japanese language and culture training sessions open to faculty and support staff, students, alumni, parents, and board of governors.

This programme will promote Japanese language and culture and contribute to intercultural learning and the development of global citizenship.

GISU has a specialist from Japan to conduct the Japanese Language and Culture sessions from **Monday, 9 December 2019 to Thursday, 12 December 2019**, from 3:45 pm to 4:45 pm in the Coding Room.

For more information about the program, kindly contact **+256781468000**.

END OF TERM 1 CLOSURE

School will close for holidays, on 13 December 2019 at 1:00 pm after the Parent-Teacher Conferences.