

### Elections in Kenya

Our country held elections for a new government on 8th August 2017. These were conducted peacefully but later the Supreme Court nullified the results. The electoral body, Independent Electoral and Boundaries commission set the repeat of elections to 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017. We hope the elections will be free, fair and credible for the last one caused a lot of inconvenience. The dominant ruling party, Jubilee, want the elections to be held on that day but the opposition, NASA plans to boycott it. The school also held its annual election this year. It is normally conducted in school to promote our ability to build and practise the democratic right of voting when we become citizens. Interested candidates were required to submit a handwritten application to the school administration explaining their suitability, vision and manifesto. Some campaigned seriously and at times gave sweets to potential voters. We had a debate, open forum where every candidate was taken to task to explain his manifestos by other students. The tight contest was evident from the results, school time keeper was contested between Jayson and Cyrus who got 52 and 51 votes respectively. Voting was done by secret ballot, presided over by form 4s and teachers. Counting and tallying was done in the presence of all the students in the school hall and the winners declared immediately. The elected prefects have luckily shown the ability to lead. The election was a success.

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### The prefects retreat

The recently retired prefects were taken on a trip early this term as a way of appreciation. All 14 prefects were accompanied by our Principal, Mr Korir and driver John (uncle) to a place called Paradise lost in Kiambu County. Indeed, it was surely paradise because of the many different tree species and birds, the lake and also the hills. The hike was led by a guide called Steve who showed the way through the Old Stone Age caves used by Mau Mau fighters before independence and also to the water falls. After the hike, the students got onto three different canoes and rowed in the lake. It was a bit of challenge at first because none of them had ever been on a boat alone before. Eventually, they co-ordinated and steered well through the water. Have to say they had rowed into a lot of obstacles before getting it right. Adding salt to insult, they were not sure if the water was a habitat to dangerous creatures. This increased the fun and when it was time to get off, they were not so happy but kept laughing at themselves on how scared they were at first. From there, they had fries and chicken for lunch but at 1600Hrs, they had some rice called, "Pilau" and beef. While having lunch, unfortunately, one of the prefects was attacked twice by eagles snatching his food leaving him uninjured. The rest were kind enough to add him some more food even though he wasn't in the mood. His mood was revived when they went horse riding. Most of them were brave enough though it was their first time. The poor beasts were so friendly and beautiful. The prefects also went to the play grounds which was also great fun. The interesting day ended in a prayer when they arrived at school at 1900Hrs that day. That day, was a real day, not only great but the most memorable. All appreciation was owed to the school administration and Giraffe project.





### The Farm One Trip

Due to the large number of pupils in Form One, there were two trips. The school van can only carry 19 students at once yet 24 students wanted to go. The first group left on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September while the second one went on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September. The students visited the Nairobi National Museum and the Nairobi National Park. Mr. John commonly known as "Uncle" by the students drove the van to the museum and the national park. The first group was accompanied by Mr. Onyimo, the Geography teacher and the History teacher, Mr. Mercy. Though the two groups left on two different days, they arrived at the Nairobi National Museum at 10:00am. At the museum, they learnt about the origin of man, currency and trade in the olden days, dressing and attire, colonization, early leaders and much more. Still at the museum, there was a section called the Snake Park where the students saw many snakes like the Gaboon Viper, the black and green mamba, pythons and anacondas. There were also other reptiles like the crocodiles, turtles, tortoises, alligators, salamanders and caecilians. There was also an aquarium but they didn't manage to get in. At around 12:30pm the students had lunch which comprised of french fries and chicken later accompanied by a bottle of soda. From the pictures taken, it was evident that they were really happy. After the lunch, they headed to the Nairobi National Park. There, they started by going to the animal orphanage. There they saw leopards, cheetahs and tigers and got to know how to differentiate them. They also saw rhinos, giraffes, wildcats, lions and lionesses, monkeys, hippos and many more uncountable animals. I could unfortunately keep track of all of them. From the orphanage, they went for the Safari walk which was great fun. I have to say that they all agreed when we said that God is the greatest artist of all time. I mean, I cannot possibly imagine how he came to a point of creating all these different animal species. He is really creative and just perfect. The day ended in a prayer when the students arrived at school at exactly 7:00pm. Although they were exhausted, they were all very happy and anxious to tell their friends about the trip. They all owe all that great fun to God, their parents, their sponsors and the school itself. Thank you Giraffe Project.

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