



OSHWAL ACADEMY NAIROBI NURSERY

Putting Children First



2024-2025

End of Term 1 Newsletter

→ **Next term Dates**

BEGINS:

6th January 2025

MID TERM:

13th to 17th February 2025

ENDS:

4th April 2025

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HEAD'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Caregivers,
Greetings.

I hope everyone is doing fantastically.

As we approach the end of this term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible achievements and experiences our young learners have shared. It has been an excellent term filled with meaningful learning, exciting activities, and wonderful memories.

Our students have shown remarkable progress in their reading and learning, and their enthusiasm for ability and knowledge continues to inspire us. The term was further enriched by awards recognizing their efforts in reading and talents beyond academics, along with vibrant sporting activities and friendly competitions that showcased their teamwork and determination.

One of the most heart-warming highlights was the Student Exchange Program organized for our Reception learners at the children's home. The experience was truly touching, fostering empathy, kindness, and a deeper understanding of community values among our young ones.

I would like to sincerely thank you for your unwavering support and encouragement, which play a vital role in nurturing a positive attitude and a joyful spirit of learning in our students. Let us continue working together to provide a solid basis for their future achievements.

Wishing you a wonderful break and looking forward to another term of growth and achievement.

Warm regards,

Rooma Mali

Head of School-Nursery Campus



DEPUTY HEAD'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents,
Greetings.

As we conclude the first term in our vibrant kindergarten, it's truly rewarding to reflect on the incredible progress our young learners have made. Following the EYFS curriculum and integrating the engaging IEYC themes of My Toy Shop, Weather Wonders, Ocean Treasures, and Chattering Children, the children have embarked on a journey of discovery, creativity, and skill development.



Each theme has provided rich opportunities for the children to explore their world while building essential skills. Through My Toy Shop, they explored different types of toys and early math concepts like counting and sorting. In Weather Wonders, they observed and discussed changes in nature, fostering curiosity and critical thinking. In while Ocean Treasures sparked awe and appreciation for the marine world, enhancing their knowledge and vocabulary. Chattering Children encouraged collaboration and communication, helping them express themselves confidently.



Our dedicated teachers have been tracking this progress with the guidance of the Early Learning Goals for each year group. This systematic approach allows us to observe, document, and celebrate the developmental milestones captured in the children's journals.

Looking ahead to the second term, we are excited to build on the foundations laid this term. Our focus remains on challenging the children to refine their skills, acquire new knowledge, and apply it in meaningful ways. By addressing specific target areas, we aim to provide them with a well-rounded and enriching learning experience.



Many thanks to you, our supportive parents and guardians for your partnership in this journey. Together, we are nurturing confident, curious, and capable young minds who are ready to embrace the next chapter with enthusiasm.

Here's to another term filled with growth, learning, and joyful moments!

Kind regards,
Chepngetich Koech
Deputy Headteacher

CO-CURRICULAR CO-ORDINATOR'S MESSAGE



Oshwal Academy Nairobi Nursery concluded a dynamic term, marked by a range of engaging activities and significant milestones.

The term culminated in a vibrant Sports Day, where our young learners showcased their athletic abilities and sportsmanship. The event featured a variety of exciting activities, fostering a love for physical activity and a sense of friendship among the students.

Our young learners also showcased their athletic abilities and endurance in a mini-marathon. Additionally, our Reception class participated in team-building activities that fostered collaboration, problem-solving, and social skills.

Kindergarten students embarked on a fun-filled leisure trip to Stedmak Gardens, where they explored the wonders of the natural world. This immersive experience sparked curiosity and ignited a passion for learning.

Furthermore, our school actively participated in collaborative initiatives with Pippa, providing our students with opportunities to engage in friendly competitions and learn from other schools.

The term was also marked by joyous celebrations of Diwali and Navratri. Our students participated in various cultural activities, including dances, songs, and art projects, fostering a deeper appreciation for Indian heritage.

The Christmas Cantata, held at the Junior High Auditorium, was a spectacular event that showcased the talents and creativity of our young learners. The festive atmosphere, coupled with captivating performances, created a memorable experience for all.

As the term comes to a close, we reflect on the significant growth and development of our students. We are grateful for the dedication and hard work of our teachers and staff, who have consistently provided enriching learning experiences. We look forward to the next term with excitement and anticipation.

Best regards,

Girija Ramkumar

Co-Curricular Co-ordinator



OPEN DAY/ CURRICULUM ORIENTATION

The event on Saturday, 31st August 2024, from 10 AM to 1 PM at Nursery campus MPH2, was led by Ms. Rooma Mali, Head of the Nursery campus, and Ms. Chepngetich Koech, Deputy Head. They introduced the school's mission, vision, staff, and curriculum support roles.



Parents were split into two groups: new admissions toured co-curricular stations with the leadership team, while existing parents reviewed their children's programs with class teachers.



Later, new admission parents met class teachers. The open day showcased teaching, the curriculum, and opportunities to connect with the school community.

WELCOMING TO THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

The new academic year began with excitement as students and staff returned, eager for new educational adventures.

"Welcome to School Day," held on Tuesday, 27th August 2024, created a warm, positive start for both returning and new students.

Orientation for new admissions followed on Wednesday, 28th August, featuring icebreaker activities like card-making, painting, dancing, and outdoor games. The children quickly settled in, marking a successful start to a promising academic year.



Unit of Work: Entry Points

The unit of work starts with an entry point celebration to deepen learners' understanding and application of topics.



On 11th September 2024, Preschool celebrated Weather Wonder by flying kites at Oshwal Centre. On 3rd September 2024, Reception and Kindergarten marked Chattering Box and Ocean Treasure with themed activities at MPH2, MPH1, and the field. Each stream celebrated uniquely.



EDUCATION FIELD TRIPS

Field trips provide learners with valuable practical experiences. This term, students explored their unit of work through group-based visits to various locations.

- The **Reception** class visited the Karen Blixen on the 9th and 10th of September 2024.
- **IED** Visited Stedmak Garden on 11th September 2024.
- **Kindergarten** Visited Under the Sea on 12th and 13th September 2024.
- **Preschool** Visited Karura forest on the 16th and 17th of September 2024.



The trips were highly educational and successful, leaving learners excited and eager to share their experiences.



FIRE DRILL

On 19th September 2024, Oshwal Academy Nairobi Nursery conducted a fire drill to boost safety awareness and test emergency procedures. The evacuation, completed in 3 minutes and 58 seconds, highlighted the plan's efficiency.

A teacher later discussed fire safety rules, stressing calmness, following the plan, and avoiding independent fire-fighting attempts.



U6 PIPSSA FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

On 26th September 2024, our learners participated in the PIPSSA Football Festival, a friendly tournament with matches against invited schools. The event provided a platform for young footballers to showcase their skills and teamwork.

The festival was a memorable experience, combining a friendly atmosphere with competitive spirit, making it enjoyable for all involved.



IEP MEETINGS: 23/09/2024 – 27/09/2024

Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) are tailored by our expert teams in collaboration with families to support each student's unique needs and growth.

From 23rd to 27th September 2024, the Inclusive Education Department hosted IEP meetings, highlighting the essential role of parents and the commitment of teachers and students in achieving set goals.



NON-ACADEMIC AWARD



Reception students are awarded badges highlighting traits they have demonstrated, such as I am Obedient or I am Resilient. These simple phrases help children internalize and continue displaying these qualities. The badges are presented as special incentives during assemblies throughout the school year.

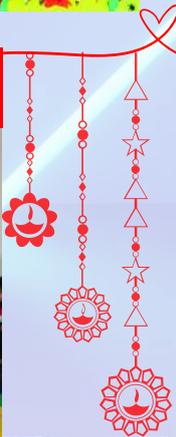
U8 PIPSSA SWIMMING GALA

On Saturday, 5th October 2024, Oshwal Nursery hosted the 8th PIPSSA Swimming Gala, welcoming 300 young swimmers from seven schools. The athletes impressed in exciting races, with all participants awarded gold medals for their dedication and sportsmanship. The event celebrated swimming and camaraderie, making it a resounding success.



DIWALI ART COMPETITION AND CELEBRATION

Oshwal Academy Nursery celebrated Diwali, the festival of lights, with vibrant events. On Tuesday, 8th October 2024, the school, in partnership with the Oshwal Youth League, hosted a Diwali Art Competition, highlighting students' creativity. The grand celebration on Friday, 1st November 2024, saw students from Playgroup to the Inclusive Education Department in traditional attire, sharing sweets and creating Diwali cards and artwork for their families. The day was filled with music, dance, smiles, and festive joy, creating cherished memories for all.





NAVRATRI CELEBRATION



At Oshwal Academy Nairobi Nursery, we celebrate unity in diversity and promote internationalism as a core value. The 2024 NAVRATRI DHAMAKA took place on Wednesday, 9th October 2024, from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm at Oshwal Center. Learners, parents, and staff participated in Garba and Dandiya, traditional folk dances, to mark the beginning of this auspicious religious occasion with Arti.

The hall was beautifully decorated, with Maa Durga's shrine at the center, highlighting the

Both students and visitors enjoyed lively Garba songs and dances, concluding with delicious refreshments.

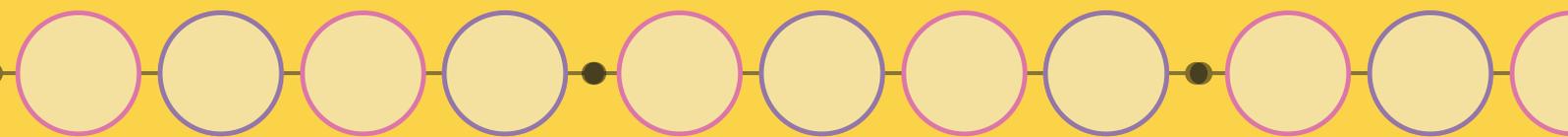


SPORTS DAY

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, Oshwal Academy Nursery celebrated Behaviour Day with preschool learners in the school hall. The event focused on teaching strategies for modeling positive behavior, emphasizing traits like respect, resourcefulness, and sharing.

Students watched inspiring movies, sang songs about good behavior, and enjoyed the special appearance of a real Binky Bunny. Teachers awarded beautiful badges to recognize exemplary behavior, serving as lasting reminders of the day. The celebration was both educational and memorable for all involved.



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 enjoyed a morning of fun, music, and bonding. The event featured engaging dance routines, interactive activities, and opportunities for parents to connect. The joyful atmosphere and positive interactions made it a memorable experience for all.



Reading Awards



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.



Sports Trivia

On Thursday, 7th November 2024, our reception students participated in an exciting internal sports trivia competition. This engaging event provided an opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of various sports and athletes. The competition, which consisted of different rounds of trivia questions, was a thrilling experience for all participants. Each student from every class was represented, fostering a sense of teamwork and sportsmanship. To acknowledge their participation, all participants received certificates of recognition.



KG Day Trip



On Friday, 8th November 2024, our kindergarten students enjoyed an exciting educational trip to Stedmak Gardens. They explored a variety of animals, including lions, monkeys, tortoises, and aquatic creatures, sparking their curiosity and wonder.

After a hearty meal, the children participated in fun activities like boat rides, train rides, and a bouncing castle. The day ended with joyful yet tired students, eager to share their memorable experiences with friends and family.



Kindi Athletics

On 8th November 2024, eight of our young athletes had the opportunity to participate in a friendly U6 Kindi Athletics event hosted by Brookhouse School. This event provided a platform for our students to showcase their athletic abilities and sportsmanship.



The children actively engaged in various athletic activities, fostering a love for sports and physical activity. Each participant received a certificate of participation as a token of appreciation for their efforts.



Raising resilient Children

On 8th November 2024, afternoon Ms. Binny Brahmhatt Sharma gave a valuable talk to parents of Kindergarten and Reception students. The session focused on the importance of raising resilient children. Parents gained valuable insights into fostering resilience, managing stress, and building strong emotional foundations in their children. This informative session empowered parents with practical strategies to nurture resilient and adaptable individuals.



Inline Skating

On Saturday, 9th November 2024, our school, in collaboration with Skate Studio, Nairobi, organized an inline skating tournament for children aged 2.5 to 6 years old. The event was a resounding success, with young skaters showcasing their skills and enthusiasm. Participants received medals for their achievements, and certificates were awarded to their schools for distribution during assembly. The tournament took place from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.



Community Service & Student Exchange Program

On Monday, 11th November 2024, Reception learners took part in a meaningful Student Exchange Program with Mother Mercy Children's Home on Limuru Road.

The visit encouraged interactions with children from diverse backgrounds, promoting empathy, compassion, and understanding. Students shared toys, smiles, and experiences, spreading joy and contributing to the children's well-being.

This heartwarming initiative left a lasting impact, fostering social responsibility and a desire to create positive change.



HANDWRITING COMPETITION

On Tuesday, 12th November 2024, our Reception class students participated in a handwriting competition. This activity aimed to enhance their handwriting skills and promote the benefits of traditional pen-and-paper writing. Students were tasked with copying sentences and a short passage, focusing on neatness and proper letter formation. The top three students from each class were recognized for their exceptional handwriting.





On Wednesday, 13th November 2024, our playgroup students enjoyed a delightful Little Readers event from 8:30 AM to 10:20 AM, celebrating reading and storytelling.

The young learners engaged in rhyming sessions, nature stories, puppet shows, and picture book readings, sparking their imagination and fostering a love for books. These activities also developed essential literacy skills, including phonemic awareness, phonics, and comprehension.



Reception Scouts & Team building

On 15th November 2024, our Reception class students engaged in a fun-filled day of team-building activities. The students participated in various games and challenges, fostering teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills.



The colorful props and enthusiastic participation of the students created a vibrant and joyful atmosphere. By organizing such events, we aim to provide our students with opportunities for holistic development, balancing academic learning with physical and social activities.



Mini Marathon

On Wednesday, 20th November 2024, the school hosted a lively mini-marathon to promote physical activity and healthy living. Students from all streams participated enthusiastically, sporting colorful class T-shirts and P.E. shorts.



The event fostered fitness, community, and camaraderie, with festive decorations adding to the memorable atmosphere. Events like these empower students to embrace active and healthy lifestyles.



WALKATHON

On Thursday, 21st November 2024, the school hosted its annual Walkathon, uniting parents, children, and staff for a morning of fun, fitness, and community spirit.

Participants enjoyed a leisurely walk around the Oshwal Centre, promoting healthy lifestyles and fostering camaraderie and well-being. The event underscored the school's commitment to holistic student development. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined and contributed to its success!



Puppetry

On 18th November 2024, our school hosted a puppetry workshop for all classes, led by Teacher Jacqueline. This hands-on experience allowed students to explore their creativity and enhance their storytelling skills. Through various puppetry activities, the children gained confidence and learned to work collaboratively. The workshop offered a fun and engaging way for our young learners to express themselves.



CHRISTMAS CANTATA

On Wednesday, 27th November 2024, the Reception class lit up the Junior High Auditorium with a joyful Christmas Cantata. The young performers dazzled the audience with percussion, carols, and lively dances. Santa Claus made a special appearance, spreading cheer and handing out gifts. The festive event left lasting memories, fostering holiday spirit and a sense of community.



Class Parties

The learners' final day of the term was on Thursday, 28th November 2024. It was observed as a school-wide class celebration day. Learners arrived in their home clothing, and each class had fun-filled activities. They also shared snacks and it was a half-day for them.

