

Residential Update



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‘Open-Minded’ Module + Cancer Fundraiser

Our residential students have been busy over the past two weekends discussing issues around being ‘open-minded’ and walking for a good cause to help fight cancer!



On the weekend of November 21-22, our students visited Mji wa Salama children's home and Alms Nyumba ya Wazee. We delivered 125 kgs of food stuffs to each respective home that was raised in our annual food drive, where the Academy community raised a total of 1250kg of food - the

residential community raised 300kg of this. In addition to the food donations, the students shared some songs and spent time interacting with the orphaned children. In the Nyumba the Wazee, students spent time interacting with the old folks in the home. Alykhan in particular was very keen in knowing more about the Wazees he visited. Maxwin and Ikhwan spiced their visit by enjoying French lessons from an old man from Congo Zaire. Our hosts in both cases were delighted by the gestures shown by our students. This was a rewarding experience for our students.

That afternoon, two teachers, Andrew Ndeche and Steve Rebuku, facilitated the "open-minded" module to the students. The students were involved in varied activities designed to explore the theme of being open-minded.

Our new Head of Administration at the Academy and one of our visitors from Tajikistan joined us in our Sunday excursion to Ngomongo cultural village. The students learnt more about the, economic activities, songs, foods, and housing of some the different communities in Kenya. Quoting Ilma, she said, "I learnt more about the different tribes of Kenya that I did not know."

On the weekend of November 28-29, the students experienced our first boys'/girls' only night on Saturday evening. The girls were very excited, putting on their best

clothes and getting ready to watch a late night movie at Nyali Cinemax called "New Moon." The girls had a great time together and seeing their friends from the day school.

For the boys, the evening started by watching a Premier League football match between Manchester United and Portsmouth at the Head of Academy's home, Mr. McMurray. It was very interesting to see that everyone who did not support Manchester was supporting Portsmouth. During half time there was a quiz on football facts where the students were put in 4 groups. Rahim demonstrated his knowledge by answering more questions



than all the other teams combined! When the game resumed, pizza, sodas and chips were served as dinner. After the match the boys moved to the lounge for some dessert and watched the movie

"2012".

On Sunday, a walk to raise awareness and funds for cancer was hosted in Haller Park, 30 minutes away from the school. The entire Academy community participated, including teachers and students across the school. Our DP students, including Shezin, Rishad, Saaiqa, Maria, Nausheen, Soraiya, Terry and Salima played an active role volunteering at the function. While most students walked the 4.2km course, others decided to show-off their fitness by running. William, Maxwin, Kelvin and Asterix were the first four to finish the course. In total, the Academy raised over Ksh 300,000 towards the cause.