

RIARA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Riara Group of Schools: Striving for Excellence



THEME:
SPECTRUM OF OPPORTUNITIES

"The principal goal of education should be creating men and women who are capable of doing new things, not simply repeating what other generations have done."

Jean Piaget



Introduction

As we come to the close of second term 2023, we thank God for enabling us stay together, focused, safe and protected.

The term was definitely action packed, full of energy and diversity. Across the school a number of activities took place enhancing our students' holistic learning. Such exposure to varied learning experiences enable the students to gain more knowledge, exploit their talent, be exposed to current affairs and be independent in their learning all within the scope of ensuring we are "Striving for Excellence."

As we say a short goodbye and release the students for a month long break, we also say that we shall see you soon for an exciting second term on 30th September 2023. We are already looking forward to another great term which gives us yet another opportunity to carry out our vocational duty of providing a rich and engaging curriculum for all our learners to enable them flourish into diligent, humble and dignified stewards of the future.

We owe a deluge of thanks to our esteemed parents for your patronage and cooperation. Your partnership and ongoing support is integral to our growth and the motivating factor in our quest to provide your child with the best educational experience.



World Environmental Day

The World Environmental Day is an annual celebration held on 5th June. It is a day set aside by the UN to create awareness on environmental conservation. This year's theme was #BeatPlasticPollution. It urged the world population to urgently address the growing crisis of plastic pollution.

As a school, we have partnered with the PTA Environmental Sub-committee to sensitize the learners on ways to manage plastic waste. How did we do this?

Encouraging the pupils to collect plastic bottles and centrally depositing them.

Engaging 'Mr. Green Kenya,' a company that recycles plastic waste to enlighten the learners on recycling out recycling.

Thanks to the PTA members for ensuring that the learners joined the rest of the world in celebrating the World Environmental Day. That gesture ignited their passion to be ambassadors of environmental care as was brought out through our songs, speeches, poems and posters that emphasized the value of environmental conservation.

'Did you know that of all the waste generated, plastic is perhaps the greatest symbol of our throwaway society? They are used then forgotten, and they leave a terrible legacy. Let us join hands to beat plastic pollution.'

*Kigwe Mungai
Grade 5 Flamingo*





Starehe Fundraiser and Walk.

We encourage our children to show gratitude and practise compassion. As much as they should be grateful for what they have, the school provides opportunities for them to also model the spirit of sharing with the less fortunate in their community.

One such opportunity is assisting the needy students of Starehe Girls. Well aware that they are impacting on the lives of the less fortunate, our learners, with their parents, ardently participated in raising funds towards that worthy cause.

Kudos to all those who participated in the Starehe Girls' Centre '**UNSTOPPABLE TEAM**' walk on Saturday, 8th July, 2023 at the Ngong Forest Sanctuary. What an inspiring gesture by the former patron of Starehe Girls, Prof. Eddah Gachukia who participated in the walk from her home in Kandara Farm, Muranga County.

From your invaluable participation, we have so far managed to raise Kshs. 1.5M.



The Annual Sports Day

9th August 2023 was characterized by a special sort of exciting buzz from the students. It was their annual sports day! The enthusiasm displayed by the students as they performed the march past, curtain raiser and sports drill was amazing.

Our sports day is one of a kind. The activities are custom-made to integrate fun, competition and learning.

We all agree that sports make us healthy and strong and teach us to embrace both victories and defeats gracefully. It teaches us to work hard and push ourselves to the limit to reach a new high. Such values are inculcated in our learners during all sporting activities as they later lead to the building blocks of achievement in life.

Thanks to our parents for turning up in large numbers for this year's sports day which was being held for the first time since the year 2020.

Our visits in term 2



Grade 1- Gravity Centre (CBC Exhibition.)



Grade 2- Molito Farm, Red Hill, - Limuru



Grade 3- Kevian Peek and Peel- Thika



Grade 4- Meteorological Station



Grade 5- National Museum and snake park



Grade 6- Apollo Science Centre



Grade 7- Kevian Pick and Peel- Thika



Grade 8- Kariandusi Pre- Historic Site



Interactive meetings

Interactive meetings continue to play an integral role of keeping the parents abreast with the curriculum. They are also forums for sharing information and harmonizing expectations. Through exhibitions and stage presentations, learners grasped the opportunity to showcase learning methodologies and display their talents.

The levels that hosted their parents to interactive meetings in term 2 were;

GRADE	DATE	THEME
GRADE 1	24th May 2023	How we express Ourselves
GRADE 2	14th June 2023	The Ultimate Adventure
GRADE 6	19th May 2023	On the Track
GRADE 7	9th June 2023	Lifetime Investment

Grade 5 Breakfast Treat!

Our Grade Five learners and their teachers were treated to a hearty breakfast by the head teacher, Mrs. Naomi Mbugua on 6th July 2023. This was in recognition for participating in the highest number of quiz sessions as a level. Their determination to go the extra mile to achieve academic excellence earned them a five- course breakfast treat worth the effort

Kudos for setting the pace!

Music Festivals

Join us in congratulating all our learners who represented Riara Primary in the on-going national schools level music festivals. They put up a sterling performance at both the sub-county and regional levels of the festivals.

The team that cuts across the whole school is gearing up to represent Nairobi County at the national competitions to be held in Nyeri between 9th and 12th August. This is after they qualified with ALL the items they enlisted for the competition. These include: 3 choir pieces, 2 violin solos and 1 violin group, and 1 advanced piano piece.

We celebrate them for their incredible achievement so far and wish them all the best.

PTA Awards

For us, awarding learners as a way of motivating them is a continuous process that goes beyond the annual Prize Giving Day.

It was a remarkable day at the school for learners as the PTA committee members spent the whole of 31st July attending class assemblies in all the campuses to present awards to the students for outstanding performance in academic work. The pupils were gifted with a variety of incentives such as certificates, subject badges, trophies, chocolate and sweets.

The message from the PTA chairperson, who was accompanied by the Head teacher emphasized on the need to uphold the values of hard work, determination and maintaining high standards of discipline in order to reach one's highest potential.



Grade 3 Integrated Learning Assessment

The theme for this year's Grade 3 integrated learning assessment was '*Developing and nurturing moral values in learners for an ethical society.*' For a month, the learners were involved in carrying out activities to inculcate values such as honesty, responsibility, compassion and respect. The activities included:

- ♣ cleaning their environment,
- ♣ watching video clips that enhance moral values
- ♣ learning how to take care of school facilities
- ♣ learning and singing songs that enrich moral values.

The grand finale of the task was a stage presentation by the learners on *1st August*. Guided by the theme '*The Growth Garden*', the learners intricately expounded on the theme through elaborate displays at the exhibition stands, narration, songs, dances and role play on stage.



Sports round- up

We continue to explore opportunities that give our learners more exciting experiences while at school. Sports has always held a unique fascination among our pupils. We therefore encourage them to enroll and participate in various sporting activities thus guaranteeing physical fitness, nurturing of talents and inculcating life-long values.

Second term was indeed busy sport wise.

SPORTS PICTURESPEAK- CHESS TOURNAMENT AT RIARA PRIMARY







From the head teacher's desk

As a school, we always aim to motivate all learners to discover new strengths and practise the skills and values they have acquired during our child centred tailored programmes. Each child is inspired to be the best they can, and comfortably fit in the global community and make it better than they found it.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Naomi Mbugua
Headmistress