

Re: World Environment Day, 13th June, 2008

I am writing to you one last time prior to Friday's World Environment Day celebrations. This year we have some exciting and stimulating activities lined up for the pupils. (Please see Paige Faulkner's excellent display outside the administrator's office!) These include: a study of the trees in our school; the 3 Rs (Reduce, Recycle, Re-use); making energy-efficient briquettes using waste paper and leaves; tree planting at Kereita forest (500 indigenous trees kindly donated by the Fairburns); 'Kick the Habit' T-shirts; a visit to a recycling plant; recycled art work using plastics and other 'waste' materials.

The Juniors should bring their normal school equipment. For the Seniors I am providing lists, as without these items the activities planned will be difficult to deliver.

Year 5 -

Scissors, glue, sellotape, straws, old rubber/eraser (only small piece needed), rubber bands, cereal box/cardboard box, pencil case, including colourful pens.

Clothes for Friday afternoon activity, if needed.

Year 6 -

Old T-shirt (preferably white, or at least light in colour) for T-shirt printing;

A very simple design based on WED (THEME - 'CO₂, kick the habit') on A4 paper;

Games kit and appropriate footwear for penalty shoot-out and the all-important sponsor form;

Clothes for Friday afternoon activity, if needed.

Year 7 -

Pencil case and clip board (to take notes at Brookhouse Recycling Centre);

Clothes for Friday afternoon activity, if needed.

Year 8 -

Change of clothes in case it's muddy at Kereita forest AND change of shoes, for same reason.

Clothes for Friday afternoon activity, if needed.

General Reminders and Updates:

1) Our large, green dustbin is now in place for the recycling of paper and plastics. (Could you please make sure that you continue to put magazines and newspapers into the wheely dustbin outside the Art/DT room. This is for the *Sharp Shooters*.) Other papers such as clean waste paper, receipts and cardboard should be placed in the large green dustbin adjacent to the car park. Clean plastics (such as bottles, washing-up bottles, plastic bags) can be placed in the other side. For every one kilogram we recycle we get back Ksh 3-4. This money can then be re-invested in the school. So, please DO use the facility - the scheme will only work if we make the effort to actually use it.

2) On Friday, as you know, we are asking all pupils to come to school with someone else in order to reduce the number of vehicles used, i.e. car-pools. Make sure you coordinate your journeys as soon as possible, if you've not already done so. If you live locally you may decide to walk in, or indeed cycle. We would like to highlight the fact that, above all else, we want everyone to come into school and return home safely. I would not personally recommend any child to cycle along Lower Kabete Road - it is barely wide enough for two cars to pass each other, in places. If you do decide to cycle in you MUST inform your tutor / teacher so

that they can check which roads you will use and whom you will cycle with. All teachers and tutors will check the travel arrangements with your child(ren) before Friday.

3) Please remember that Friday is a 'green and/or brown' day in terms of dress code. There will be prizes on offer for the most creatively dressed boy and girl in each class from Years 2-6. (Years 7 and 8 will be off the school site for most of the day and therefore need to dress appropriately. Green/brown theme still applies though!) It should be noted that the children will not be considered for a prize if they *only* wear green and brown. We are looking for some invention (I will be disappointed if we don't have a least one 'mobile energy-saving light bulb!'), along the lines of 'CO₂ Kick the habit'.

4) Year 6 pupils have an extra opportunity - fund raising. The challenge is to get as many sponsors as possible for a penalty shoot-out. Each goal scored will raise Ksh 10. All money will go towards environmental initiatives. Remember, Year 6, you only have to score against Mr Blake and Mr Toner, so it's pretty straightforward! Speaking of money, may I remind you that we will have a few stalls as a part of a mini green-shopper fayre. Currently we have uniqueco-designs (the flip flop recycling company), Kioko Mwitiki (art using recycled paraphernalia and wire snares) and Caring Hands (jewellery made, in part, from old paper). Please come and see what is on offer from 3.00pm - 4.30pm.

5) Finally, and importantly, we are lucky enough to have Mr Achim Steiner, Executive Director of UNEP (and also, if you didn't know, a parent at Peponi House!), who will kick-start our day. The whole school, and we hope parents too, will congregate up in the dining pavilion (don't ask!). There Mr Steiner will talk to us all and, no doubt, bring the message home - we all need to kick the CO₂ habit. Mr Steiner will, time allowing, also present the prizes for the best dressed boy and girl in each class.

Juniors will 'get environmental' from the start of the school day up until lunch time. Normal lessons AND activities WILL take place after lunch. The Seniors' programme will run from 8.00am until 3.00pm. Activities, including Oliver rehearsals (from 3.00pm to 6.00pm), WILL take place at the normal published times.

Thank you for your continued support. Let's hope for an action-packed and productive day.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Richards