

# Happiness at Primary



## Oshwal Academy Nairobi Primary

End Term Brief

**Term 3 2020/2021**





# Message by the Academic Consultant



## Oshwal Academy Nairobi

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Dear Parents

My end of year message to you all is about positivity and moving forward. Challenges come and go but Oshwal Academy has stood firm. It is now our chance to look at the future where the possibilities of a new term and new dreams can come true.

Never before has education changed so rapidly in such a short time. New directives have become part of our daily education and the link between academic vigor and our children's wellbeing has never been so more prevalent. Our curriculum sits comfortably with both ideologies enabling our children to become inquisitive learners in a **safe** and **loving** environment.

Throughout the Covid times, we took the opportunity to look closely at ourselves, take stock of what makes us successful and dwelled on the areas of improvement. Slowly a new buzz is developing and excitement is building towards going fully physical and the new norm with safety at heart.

The hard reality is that the pandemic has advanced digital "learning". The future clearly belongs to **Blended Learning**. In the last 18 months the Oshwal Education and Relief Board has invested in a substantial amount in upgrading our ICT infrastructure to accommodate and enhance this new form of learning, where in-person and online will merge seamlessly to enhance the education experience. One does not displace the other.

In the new scholastic year (September term), we shall endeavor to revert to as many physical activities as possible within the parameters stated by Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health. Some however may be low key such as the prize giving days to ensure the safety of our learners. A few sports disciplines may still take time to take off such as swimming until we are convinced of its safety for our learners.

For our Year 6 students, who were at the forefront of bearing the covid effects, it was very valiant of them to face the challenge of the check point examinations. The children performed extremely well, despite the efforts of managing both online and in-person learning. I am proud of our Year 6 class of 2021.

And equally so, we are proud of our Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 class of 2021. These children have all very bravely and smilingly managed the IGCSE, the AS, A2 and Btec examinations in circumstances far from normal. Some had to handle **two** Examination Boards, with one opting for examinations and the other opting for predicted grades.

With the Pearson Board, the students had to undergo a number of assessments to calculate their predicted grades and do justice to their ability. Our brave students took these changes in their stride and for which we are grateful to them.

The IGCSE results will be released on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021 and those of AS and A level on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021. We are confident that our learners will do us proud and once again reflect the stringent academic standards set up by the school.

The ending of a school year is always a mixture of sad farewells for those staff leaving us and touched with happiness for those joining us in the new term.

We are sad to bid farewell to Mr. Renison Mungai our Pastoral Co-ordinator at Primary Campus who moves ahead for future growth.

Mr. Mungai served the school with dedication for 16 years and gave pastoral care a new meaning. We wish him every happiness and success in his new posting.

In the same vein, we have some new staff joining us in the September term, who will bring in new ideas, practices and fresh innovations that will rejuvenate the school.

As mentioned earlier, this academic year has been notable by the enormity of change; changes that constantly needed to take place in short periods of time and based on every changing government advice. I am **indebted** to staff, in all walks of the Academy for taking on board these changes and supporting us in our quest to open up school in tiny orchestrated steps. Without their **diligence** and **patience**, this would not have been possible.

To you parents, we are eternally grateful for your support in delivering the curriculum at home during the lockdown and on return to school in the past months.

This **partnership** has enabled our children to succeed and be happy in a time when remote education brought such a challenge to what we believed an education should look like. Your emails, messages of encouragement, your kind words, have meant so much to each and every one of us.

You have trusted us, encouraged us and given your children to our care.

What more could we ask for?

And now the future.

Like a butterfly, emerging from its cocoon, our role is to emulate what nature does so naturally.

We will re-motivate, recalibrate and emerge with something new, something special.

I wish you a happy, restful and enjoyable break and will look forward to seeing you all in September.

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# Message by the Head Teacher

*All good things must come to an end.....* a commonly used proverb that truly captures the emotion we share at this fateful moment...the end of this term. With **God's** grace we had nothing short of a rocking term with so much happening in so short a time. To just have the learners back in school throughout the term was the most blessed experience. It was enlivening to feel the entire campus reverberating with their happy voices and laughs.

The back to school learning is so much more enticing with technology put to best use in the classroom. The *digital learning* experience is so much more delightful after the weariness of being glued to the screen the entire day.

We are elated that each of the few meaningful activities we planned for took a natural flight. Our learners thoroughly enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed organising it.

The *Science Fair* this time aided in boosting the confidence level of our learners. They not only came up with interesting presentations but also boldly responded to queries posed by an external judging team. It was a gratifying moment as the learners presented wonderful ideas that enhanced innovation, creativity and problem - solving skills.

*Open day* on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021 gave new parents seeking admissions a wonderful chance to get to know the school well and meet the Senior Leadership Team and also clear all their doubts. It gave them reassurance about the choice they made.

*Meet and Greet* with our incoming reception students on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021 was heart-warming. The tiny tots visited our premises and were taken through some fun activities including a tour of their future school. They were excited to meet and spend time with their forthcoming teachers. What a welcoming gesture to prepare them for the new campus in September 2021!

*Keep in touch* came as a big relief to both parents and teachers to physically meet and discuss the challenges their children faced after a long break. Though these meetings have been online during covid, it clearly was much more satisfying this time round.

The icing on the cake was the *Prefects Investiture Ceremony* on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2021 where the incoming prefects took over from the outgoing Prefects with unbeaten enthusiasm to face real time challenges this time. The well conducted event, the confidence and body language of the prefects clearly indicated the zeal and conviction within all.

Our maiden *Cambridge Checkpoint examination result* was one of the much-awaited moments of the term. Teachers and students were happy to receive their first checkpoint results that has set an appreciable benchmark despite the challenging times. Our average scores were well above the International average with students doing exceedingly well in Science followed by Mathematics and English. We are truly proud of our year 6 students and their abilities.



We were also fortunate to go through heart-warming moments when our IED students participated in Special Olympics Floor ball Regional Level Tournament that was held at our campus. It was a proud moment for us to host this event with 13 of our IED students participating both from Primary and Junior High. We are happy to host the National Level Tournament at our campus later this month.

Our youngsters of year 6 were overwhelmed as they bid farewell to Primary campus on 16 July 2021. They now transit to Junior High. They were thrilled to receive a water bottle and a documents holder as memento from their very own Primary campus, courtesy of OERB. We wish them the very best as they prepare themselves to greater heights.

For all the wonderful achievements this term, I would like to convey my heartfelt appreciations to the Oshwal Education and Relief Board for all their timely support. Our gratitude to our Academic Consultant Mrs. Jyotsna Chotai and the Primary Committee for their encouragement through all the difficult times.

Asante Sana to all our teaching faculty, Admin staff and support staff for a job well done through the term. Their steadfast commitment and hard work through the challenging times is beyond words.

A heartfelt gratitude to our parents who supported us throughout, holding up their faith in us at all times.

Most of all our congratulations and appreciations to all our young stars for their amazing zeal and attitude. Nothing would have been possible without their active presence and participation.

Ms. Anjana Vijayan

# Message from Co-Curricular Coordinator



## **TO THE YR.6 CLASS OF 2020/2021**

On behalf of the dedicated team of year 6 teachers.

***It's time to say goodbye, our time together is done.***

*We enjoyed, we read, we learned so much*

*In moments of challenges and trials, in the threatening pandemic.*

*We all stood together and fought till the end.*

*We worked so hard for the unknown, Checkpoint Exam!*

*We all had our apprehensions, first Oshwal candidates indeed.*

*Many a practice papers we went through, picking out each miniscule detail*

*Giving it meaning and leaving no leaf unturned, just in-**case**....*

*The teachers took care of all your worries to the end.*

*We saw the smiles grow on your faces, when you tackled something new*

*We watched as your sparkling eyes lit up, our eyes glistened too.*

*The worries turned to confidence, sensible questions you posed during the lessons,*

*All aimed at honing your skills, Numeracy, English and Science improved by the day.*

*The checkpoint exams you sat for, with gusto, focus and support.*

*The outcome, we all celebrated, after discovering, it was just an exam*

*Not an alien mammoth! Mistakes are okay, they help you learn.*

*Stay humble and kind, through all that you learn.*

*Be proud of yourself, strive to learn more, as you move to the next class.*

***There's more to enjoy it's true, as we aim for the sky, the limit!***

*We wish you well, We will cherish you. As you walk out the OAN Primary gates,*

***Shoulders high exclaiming: "I can't wait!"***

*Know for certain, wherever you go, you are in our hearts to stay.*

*All that we have learned together this year, will support you through and through.*

*You will always be a part of us, and we a part of you.*

*Thank you for all your effort, in the most unpredictable year*

*Mr. Joseph Kiarie*



*Our IED Learners during vocational Class*





# Our IED Learners

*Practicing for Floorball tournament*



*ICT Lesson*



*IED Lesson*



*IED Science Fair Participant*



*Art Lesson*



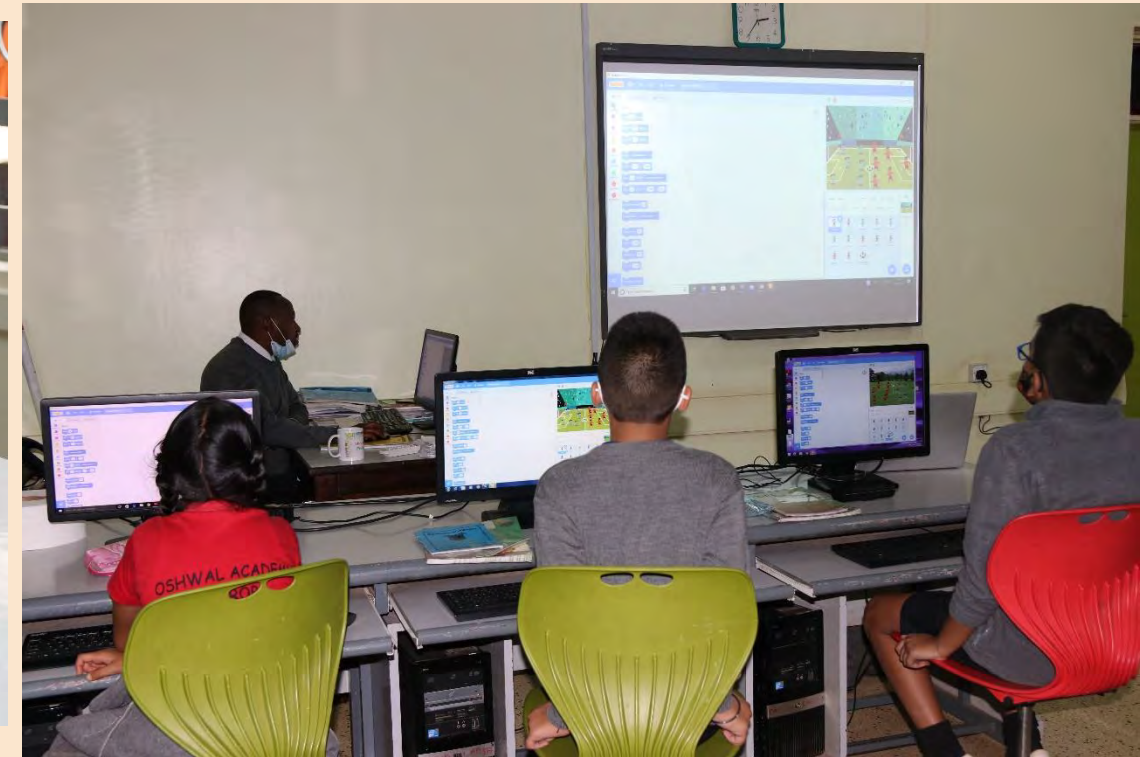
# Our Learners in School



*Life Skill Lesson*



*Year 2 Lesson*



*Year 3 ICT Lesson*



*During break time*



*Sports session*



# Our Learners in School



*Sports session*



*Break time*



*Sports session*



*Having snacks at break time*



*Art Class*



# Year 6 Visit to Junior High



## Science Fair Winners



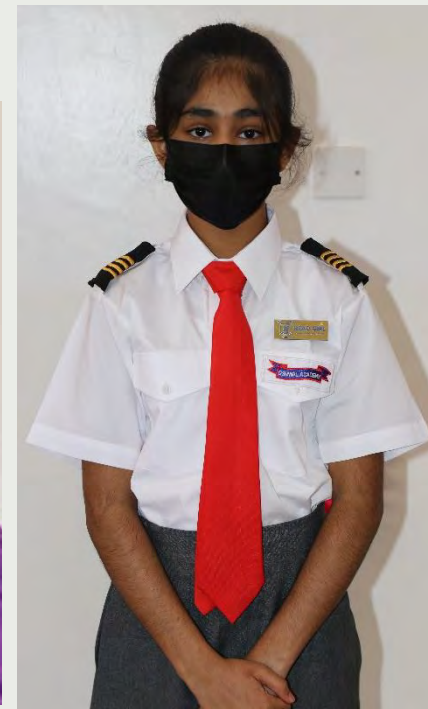
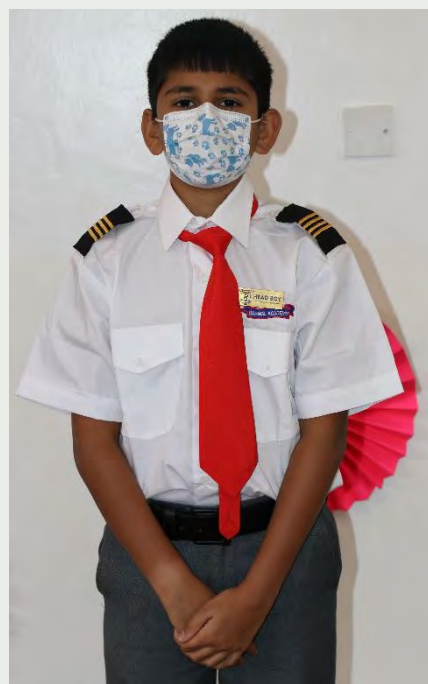


# Science Fair Winners





# Prefects Investiture 2021 - 2022





# Keep in touch - Parent Teacher session





# Meet and Greet - Reception Students Visit

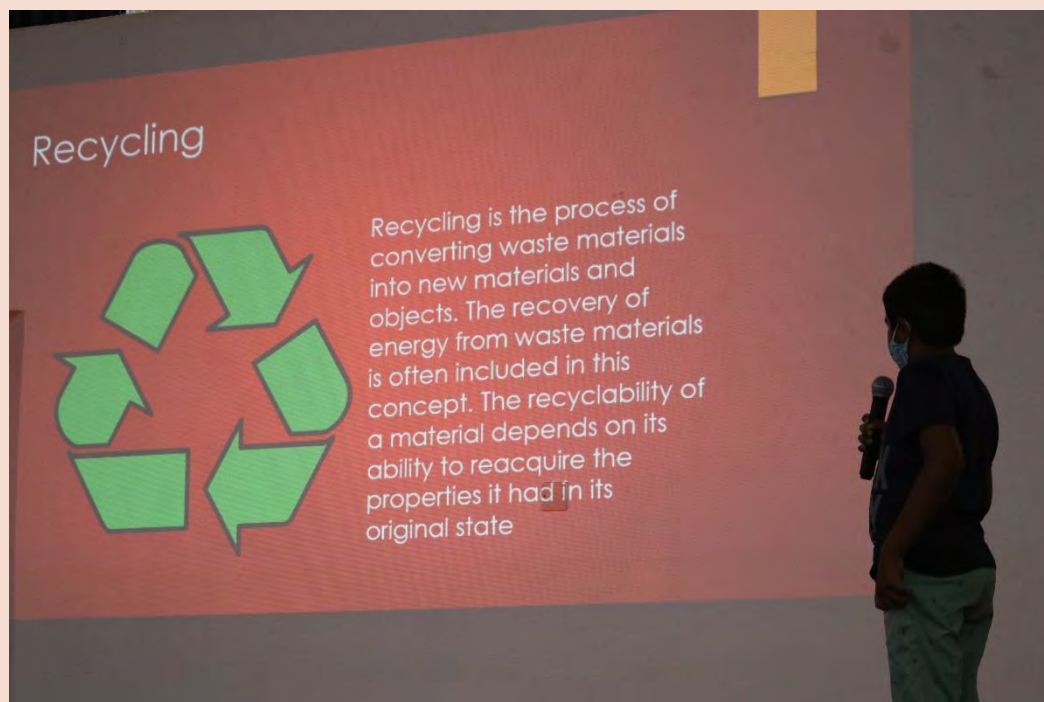




# Reception Parents Orientation



# World Environment Day





# Worksheet Collection by Parents



# Open Day for New Parents





# Year 6 Farewell Party





# Our Imprints & Expressions

## I can't wait!

I can't wait to go to a new school, we might feel sad to say goodbye,  
But friends are just like sunshine- they will dry our tears.  
I can't wait to go to a new school, we might feel nervous at the door,  
But joy will soon take over when we see our classmates once more.  
I can't wait to go to a new school, we might forget a rule or two,  
But we will gently talk them through.  
I can't wait to go to a new school, we might do things a different way,  
But new will turn into normal as we practice day by day.  
I can't wait to go to a new school, we might not say that we are scared  
But don't forget: a problem gets smaller once shared.  
I can't wait to go to a new school, we might have grown-ups who are new  
But we will get to know them as they'll get to know us, too.  
I can't wait to go to a new school, we might be facing things unknown  
But doing them together means we'll never be alone.  
I can't wait to go to a new school, where we will laugh and learn and play

**Jashvi Shah 6D**

## I can't wait!

I am done with primary,  
That doesn't mean I can go out my of boundary,  
I can't wait for an exciting beginning,  
And keep on dreaming,  
Towards my goals,  
In my soul,  
I can't wait to go to Junior High.

**Khushi Rajesh 6D**

## I can't wait!

I cannot wait to go to Junior High. I will meet new people and realize who I really am. I will also start to see my future and my career. Here is where I will meet some ups and downs like a ride in a roller coaster. I will also be making new friends and I also might lose some of my friends.  
I will also miss primary, but this is not a goodbye it is just moving to a new place. I will also be coming here to primary, to say Hi! to my teachers, but I cannot wait to go to Junior High. It is like taking myself to greater heights and new experiences.

**Yasin Bagha 6E**

## I can't wait!

I can't wait, I can't wait  
For holiday to come  
You can all relate  
I don't know how much I am going to create  
It is going to be a lot of fun  
We will play, have fun and eat some yum gum  
Hope it is enjoyable let's have fate  
And wait  
We will play a harmonium and a drum  
I can't wait, I can't wait

Incredible  
Captivating  
Amazing  
Nice  
Tactful  
Wonderful  
Adventurous  
Improvable ways  
Tasty food

**Janki Nipul 6D**



### **I can't wait!**

I cannot wait to go to Junior High! I will have advanced to a new level in academics, there will be new and interesting subjects to learn, there will be physical experiments and more. I will have six completely new subjects, making a total of thirteen. And after primary I now feel smarter and more revised of my academic life, so I will be more prepared to handle Junior High. I will be able to meet new friends in junior high, or even some old ones that I kept intact before the virus. I will have more people to hang around with, share stories and play games with. I will be able to form groups/packs, I will have more friend opportunities when I transit to junior high.

When I transit to junior high, I will be moved to a new campus, it is much bigger than the primary, which means it is much easier to get lost, but there are many different parts of the school, science labs, physics labs, art, drama, and music rooms. Very many varieties. The school has a unique mixture of old and new. It makes the school have a nice aesthetic.

It feels that I have grown up and matured, I feel more determined than before to take on life, my friends and I like to call ourselves the big boys. Year sixes are normally referenced as the most mature group in primary. It feels like a primary medal of honor to pass checkpoint and go to Junior High. We now feel like adults. I CAN'T WAIT!

**Kimanthi Oindo 6E**

### **I can't wait!**

I can't wait,  
To finally cross over,  
That's it, I'm done,  
To finally become a part of the juniors.

I passed my exams,  
I got tested in every subject,  
I explored with my beloved teachers,  
But now, I've grown up.

There's many things I learnt in these six years,  
Rhyming words, division facts,  
I learnt how to write 1 to 1,000,000,  
Oh, how tricky that can be.

Those exclamation and question marks,  
would try to puzzle me,  
compound words and antonyms,  
made me want to cry!

My precious values,  
That I keep with me till date,  
My skills that have developed,  
With my astonishing parents and tutors.

That's it, I now can't wait,  
Though not every day was easy,  
I did my best each day,  
And now my teacher is proud of me!

**Aishani Mittal 6E**

### **I can't wait**

For what? Many things  
I can't wait to excel in my studies  
Because that is the key  
To what makes me happy.

I can't wait!  
To achieve my dreams  
No matter what the circumstance  
Because if you believe in yourself  
You can do anything.

I can't wait!  
To face the obstacles that come and go  
I will be optimistic  
Because I know  
Every problem has a solution.

I can't wait!  
For life itself  
Because it is an adventure  
That has its ups and downs  
One venture I am willing to take

But all this  
Is going to happen in a long time  
So for now  
I can't wait  
To go to the next level of life.

**Jeeya Wanza 6D**



# Our Imprints & Expressions

## I can't wait!

When people start high school they're usually so excited such as me. We can't wait to experience everything that comes with being in high school, though who wouldn't. Everyone says that high school is the best years of your life. Remember there are disadvantages and also advantages. The disadvantages of course go with mostly money. Such as you might give money to someone and they have to pay you tomorrow and of course they don't return it!

To be honest High school is our start of our journey. In most cases you have to choose one subject and go on with it and in the future, you can get a job for example I can be interested in science and choose a science subject and become a scientist. Not everyone is interested in science though you will pass a stage where you have to choose what job you want and study about it, just like my sister is studying doctor.

What can you think about fun.

There can be millions, as I do have. Some can be

- 1) Take classes you actually want to take.
- 2) Go to a football game!
- 3) Participate in student government.

4) Join clubs. (Like a secret club.)

5) Attend a musical.

6) Participate in a science fair.

7) Start a band!!

8) Attend a school dance.

9) Be in the talent show.

One of the best parts about high school is the memories we make outside the classroom.

It's important to pack a ton of experiences during this time, so that you can make it as memorable as possible.

In high school you can explore your campus and find out the secret stuff, you can play a huge game of hide and seek with your friends.

You can go to sporting.

Even if you dislike sports, show your school spirit see this as a cheesy stand to go take a selfie with your mascot.

As a fun part use your student's discount. Buy one pizza slice, get the second free.

Go to the library.

If you haven't already, just take a look at those free books.

Leave your phone behind the next time you hang with your friend.

Allow some of these last moments on campus to be just for you.

Give thanks

Think of the people who helped you and thank them.

**Sree Grahash Vudata**



# Our Staff



IED Staff



Year 1 Teaching Staff



Year 2 Teaching Staff



Year 3 Teaching Staff



Admin Staff



Year 4 Teaching Staff



Year 5 Teaching Staff



ICT TEAM



Year 6 Teaching Staff



Senior Management Team



# Our Pillars of Success



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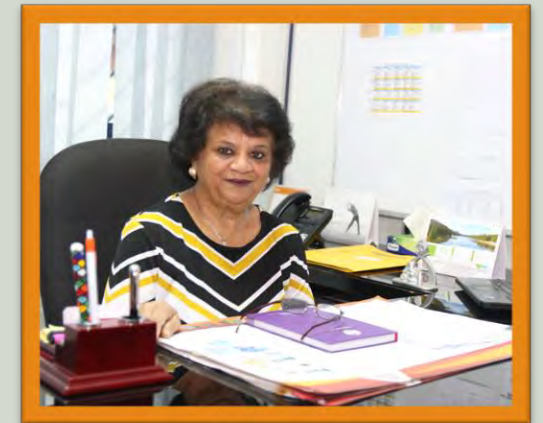
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