



NAIROBI JAFFERY ACADEMY

The Quest for Excellence

Newsletter

Principal's Message:

Dear parents, carers and family members,

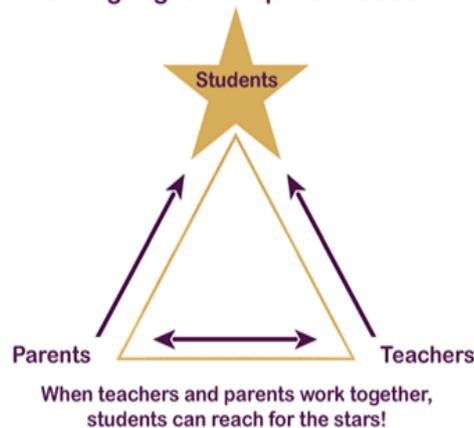
May Peace Be Upon You

Welcome back and a special welcome to all of the new pupils who have joined us across the school.

Thank you for kitting the children out so smartly – they looked fantastic on their first day. Long may it proceed. Please ensure all clothing is labelled, as it helps us enormously in returning lost items.

Together we will create a year of excellence for our pupils. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our pupils can achieve their astounding potential. As partners, we share the responsibility for our pupils' success and we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities.

Working together equals success!



We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that she/he:

- 1. Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning**
- 2. Completes all homework assignments**
- 3. Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills**
- 4. Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of her/his school life**
- 5. Informs you if she/he needs additional support in any area or subject**
- 6. Knows that you expect her/him to succeed in school**

We welcome new staff members to the NJA team: Mr Samuel – Head of English, Mr Martin – ICT Teacher, Ms Lillian - Head of PE, Mr Justin - English Literature Teacher, Ms Catherine - Primary Teacher and Ms Elizabeth - People Operations.

Important

Please take note of the following dates

Tuesday	Ashura Day
10 th Sept	Holiday
Saturday	Principal's Coffee
14 th Sept	Morning (for parents, family members and friends) 9:45 -
Monday	EYFS Settling In
16 th Sept	Reports issued
Tuesday	EYFS Parents
17 th Sept	Orientation Forum
	2.00-3.00
Wednesday	Checkpoint Meeting with Year 6
18 th Sept	parents - 3:30 -
	4:00
Thursday	Year 7/8 Parents
19 th Sept:	Orientation Forum
	3:30 - 4:30

Through hard work, effective and creative teaching, and a strong school community partnership, we will reach our goal to provide a high quality educational program that meets the needs of all of our pupils at NJA.

Once again, the Board, SLT members, myself and our winning team welcome you and your children. Thank you for your continued commitment and dedication towards your child's education.



A successful team beats with one heart! (Ref Sarah-Jane Redmond)

Please do not hesitate to contact the Secretary Ms Mariam Yusuf for any administrative matters, the class teacher, Head of Section or myself if you have any concerns or issues about your child's learning.

I leave you with one of my favourite quotes from a very inspiring person who I have followed all my life.

Don't wait for the world to recognise your greatness. Live it and let the world catch up to you.

Muhammed Ali.

Mr Akif Naqvi

Principal

BA, B.Ed, TEFL, IT Dip., PGCE, MA Eco., British Schools Overseas (BSO) Inspector Certificate

Message from Secondary:

Dear parent, family and friends,

Indeed, we are glad to welcome you back to a new academic year. After an enjoyable summer holiday, we now look forward to an exciting new and dynamic year. I wish to state that we, as the teaching staff are ready to serve the learners as we provide the best in their education. Our goal is to ensure that pupils focus on learning and embrace discipline which is necessary to become responsible citizens of the world.

“Change is inevitable, growth is optional” - John Maxwell.

UPGRADES:

We have upgraded in key areas to enable effective teaching and learning.

- Departmental rooms: learners are now on stringent supervision by teachers and teaching aids are readily available during the lessons.
- Assessment: This term we are putting emphasis on assessing pupils as they learn so focus will be on formative assessment e.g. question and answer, tests, quizzes, mind maps and concept maps. The pupils will only sit for end term exams to give them time to settle in the new academic year.
- Sports: We have lined up after school sports training to ensure holistic learning.
- The Secondary school (Year 7 to Year 9): has mixed gender classes to enable them learn from each other's thinking methods because they have different thinking methods.
- Lockers: The lockers have been repainted giving it a better look. Pupils are reminded to adhere to locker safety rules displayed in their classes.

LOCKER USAGE EXPECTATIONS



1. Pupils should keep their key safe, or their combination, secret. The Academy will not be held liable for the security of items placed in lockers.

2. Pupils must keep their lockers padlocked. Pupils must not keep any belongings in an unlocked locker.

3. Pupils will be responsible for any damage or the loss of locks: Pupils will be responsible for the cost of any necessary repair work, along with lost or damaged locks/keys. Pupils must take full responsibility for the items stored in the locker.

4. Pupils should keep the lockers clean. No writings or stickers will be allowed. Should any water come into contact with the locker it

should be wiped away immediately with a clean, soft and dry cloth to prevent any lasting damage.

5. Do not share lockers, use your assigned lockers.
6. No mobile phone or any items prohibited by the Academy should not be stored in lockers. Smoking and drug use is prohibited. Storing contraband items in the lockers will be severe consequences.
7. Only special circumstances can you switch lockers and with administration approval.
8. You will not be allowed to go to your lockers during any class times.
9. Academy lockers will be inspected on a regular basis- The Academy administration retains the rights to inspect the lockers at any time. Academy lockers are the property of the Academy. They have the right to inspect and open the locker at any time. Pupils are expected to keep lockers clean and free from damage and they should avoid bringing items that are not needed on Academy premises.
10. Be Respectful, Stand only by your locker to make room for others. Use kind and respectful language like “excuse me” and “thank you” Keep your hands and feet to yourself; leave other people’s property alone.

INDUCTION OF AS AND A LEVEL PUPILS

The As and A level pupils were welcomed into the institution officially on 3rd September 2019 by our principal Mr Akif Naqvi. The alumni namely Zameena Khimji, Zahra Imam and Hasnain Bhojani gave the pupils a pep talk on A level expectations, study habits and the relationship the pupils should have with their subject teachers. The pupils were receptive and followed the proceedings keenly. We look forward to more interaction with our pupils.

MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARIAN

Research has proven that noise is the worst enemy of focus and it is very hard to block out. Distractions can take a person from getting an A, all the way down to barely scratching a D. Therefore, we would like our Library to be a room where our pupils and staff members are able to concentrate without getting distracted or lose focus when reading. We therefore like to remind everyone that NJA Library is a quiet room and a place for pupils and staff to read, study and research. We thank those pupils who already follow this.



WAY FORWARD

Research has shown that one of the most important factors in determining pupils' success in school is parental interest and involvement in their child's education. I therefore encourage parents to increase their involvements by attending school forums and consultation meetings during this academic year.

We are glad to inform that teachers will be in school till 4.30 p.m. from Monday to Thursday. If there is a concern book an appointment and meet them during this time as the best way to address it is to follow up on the issue immediately. Together, we will continue to make our academy a great place to enjoy learning.

Do not hesitate to visit school regularly and communicate regularly with your child's subject teacher, Form tutor or Head of Department and Section.

Looking forward for an exciting and dynamic academic year

Mr. Benson Majiwa
Head of Secondary and Sixth Form

Message from Primary:

Welcome back Jafferians,

I hope you had a lovely and blessed summer holiday. All the learners are recharged and ready to start a new school year. Respected parents, we value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education and I look forward to synergize with you.

CPD– BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT

On the Friday 30th August 2019, teachers were ready to refresh their knowledge on how to manage behaviour in the classroom. They learned that behaviour of learners highly impacts their academic performance.

Teachers are familiar with how pupils should own classroom rules. Pupils are aware of how to earn rewards and there are consequences for not following procedures inside and outside the classroom.



CLUBS AND GAMES

In line with our mission to give holistic training to our learners, NJA Primary School offers clubs and games which help instill compassion, teamwork as well as reaching out to the world through community service. The following is a list of clubs and games offered in NJA.

NON PAID CLUBS IN JUNIOR SCHOOL

CLUB	PATRON	VENUE
KNITTING& BOARD GAMES	MS. CAROLINE GITAGIA/ MRS OCHIENG	1A
DRAMA CLUB	MS. DAISY, MS. SAUMU	4B
GAMES CHILDREN PLAY	MR. NDAMBUKI, MS. JENIFFER	FIELD
SCIENCE CLUB	MR. AMOS	5B
COMMUNITY SERVICE	MS. AKALA	EINSTEIN
READING	MS. ANNE, MS. HAWA	2B
JUNIOR ARTS	MS. FLORENCE	1B
GIRL GUIDES	MS. TAHERALI	4A
PUBLIC SPEAKING	MS. MUCHIRI	5A
ICT	MS. AMIDAH	ICT LAB 2
WILDLIFE	MS. PATEL	2A
MATH	MR. ISAIAH	6B
BROWNIE	MS LUCY & MS CATHERINE	3A

PAID CLUBS

CLUB	VENUE	CHARGES/TERM
SKATING	PARKING LOT	KSHS 4000
CREATIVE ARTS	4B	KSHS 3500
TAE KWONDO	LUNCH HALL	KSHS 4500
TRAMPOLINE	FIELD	KSHS 2500
GYMNASTICS	FIELD	KSHS 3500
TENNIS	QUADRANGLE	KSHS 3500
MONKEYNASTIX	KG	KSHS 4500
HORSE RIDING	FIELD	KSHS 2000

GAME	TEACHER	VENUE
HOCKEY KS1, KS2	Ms. Daisy, Ms. Kate	Sports club
FOOTBALL KS1	Ms. Evaline	School pitch
BADMINTON	Ms. Caroline N., Ms. Florence	Sports club
BASKETBALL KS1, KS2	Ms. Lucy, Ms. Akala	Drive way
FOOTBALL GRADE 3	Ms. Amidah	School pitch
ROPE SKIPPING KS1,KS2	Ms. Anne,	School pitch
TENNIQUOITS RUGBY KS 1,KS2	Ms. Patel	School pitch
HULA HOOP KS1, KS2	Ms. Carol G.	School Pitch
ROUNDERS KS 2	Mrs. Taherali, Mrs. Saumu	School pitch
NETBALL KS1, KS2	Ms. Hawa	Parking lot
LAWN TENNIS	Ms. Muchiri	Parking lot
TABLE TENNIS	Ms. Ochieng, Mr. Amos	Emirates
SWIMMING AND LIFE SAVING KS1,KS2	Ms. Jacqueline, Ms. Margaret	Swimming pool
CRICKET	Mr. Isaiah	Sports Club
Coordinators:-Sports teachers – Mr. Ndambuki, Miss Jeniffer		

Wedding bells are gonna chime...

Our best wishes and prayers to our ICT Teacher Ms. Linet Amidah for embarking on her new journey. Congratulations!



Mrs Mariam Kassim
Head of Primary School

Message from Early Years:

Dear parents of Early Year Foundation Stage.

We would like to welcome all your children to their new classes and give you some relevant information of term 1.

READING

Reading helps with mental stimulation for the children. Nursery and Reception children will bring reading books home regularly. Kindly listen to your child reading, discuss the book and there after write a short comment and sign the reading record book so we know what has been achieved at home.

SNACKS

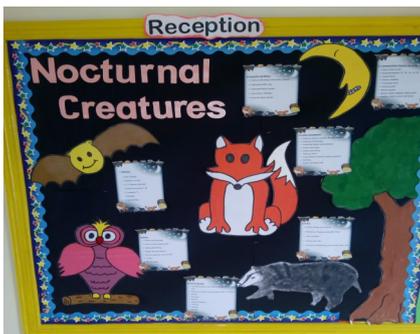
Please provide a healthy snack for your child's break and a water bottle clearly labelled with their name.

We look forward to meeting you during the class orientation scheduled for 17th September 2019.

CLASS PROJECTS

Thematic learning helps in promoting learning with understanding. The term's projects are as follows:

- Playgroup- My Dress My Choice
- Pre- Nursery - Weather
- Nursery - Under The Sea
- Reception- Nocturnal Creatures



Mrs Sukaina Jaffer
Head of EYSF

Welcome aboard to NJA family



Catherine Moraa: Class teacher Grade 3B

I am a graduate of the University of Nairobi with more than five year's teaching experience. I am a warm and caring teacher who wants all children to be successful learners and work to create a classroom atmosphere that is stimulating, encouraging and adaptive to the varied needs of learners. I am committed to professional ethics, standards of practice and the education of young children. My interests are in volunteer/charity works, sports, networking, travelling and child care activities. I look forward to a fantastic year where all my pupils will feel safe as I assist them realize their full potential. Thank you.



Sadia Shazad: Teacher - Arabic Qur'an & Morals and IRE Grade 1 Grade 4

This is my first year of teaching at Nairobi Jaffery Academy and I couldn't be more excited! I was born and raised in Nairobi. In my spare time I love reading and spending time with my family. This term is going to be an explosion of learning both for the pupils and myself! I am so excited to be teaching your child and cannot wait to get to



Samuel Nyabere: HOD - English Language and Literature

I am a qualified teacher of English Language and Literature with solid international experience across all levels of the school. I am committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. In my teaching, I set high expectations which inspire, motivate and challenge my pupils. I always seek to be a collaborative and inclusive team member able to work individually and as part of a multi-professional team. I join Nairobi Jaffery Academy as a teacher of English Language and Literature and as the Head of the Languages Department. I hope to make a positive contribution to the wider life and ethos of the school.



Lilian Kirior: HOD - Sports

I will be teaching P. E. as well as in charge of P. E department. As a teacher, I believe that all pupils learn regardless of the pace and that each child needs as many chances as possible so that they can exploit their potential. I play tennis and squash as a hobby and I am an outdoors enthusiast. I look forward to having a fantastic teaching year.
Thank you.



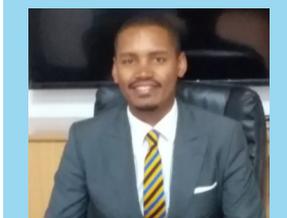
Martin Ndung'u: Teacher - ICT and Mathematics in O and A level

I am dedicated, resourceful and goal-driven professional educator with a solid commitment to social and academic growth and development of every child. Outside of school I enjoy playing chess, table tennis and lawn tennis. I bring with me a wealth of experience and dedication to ensure the success of our pupils.



Irene Karanja: Teacher - Nursery

I like to describe myself as a jovial, vibrant, loving teacher. I joined the Nairobi Jaffrey fraternity after a five year stint at the Aga Khan Nursery. Teaching and changing lives is my biggest passion and I have been doing it for the last 9 years. Besides teaching I also enjoy reading, travelling, and singing. I have enjoyed my stay at NJA so far and I am looking forward to bigger growth in my personal and teaching life.



Justin Kasyoki: Teacher - English and Literature Year 7 to 11

I am a qualified English and Literature teacher holding a Bachelor of Education from Daystar University. For more than 4 years I have taught pupils through Year 7 to successful completion in Year 11 in a high expectation environment. I delight in not just imparting knowledge in my pupils but more in enthusing them to love learning and to strive to know more beyond their world.



Elizabeth Mugo - People Operation Manager- As the People Operations Manager, I will be mainly focused on performance management, HR compliance and administration. I am process and system oriented person with over 10 years' experience in various aspects of HR from various fields mainly education, corporate and the NGO world.



Strictly
NO SMOKING
in or around
school grounds

NO-SMOKING

Smoking in all public places (except in designated areas) is prohibited throughout Kenya. We would like to support the Kenyan government's antismoking laws. As well, as a school, we would like to set a good example for our children. We, therefore, request all our parents to help us to ensure that there is no smoking in or around the school grounds. Please also refrain from throwing the cigarette butts on the school premises. Thank you to those parents who always support this.



FIRE DRILL

As a part of our Health & Safety measures, last Tuesday, we conducted an Emergency/Fire drill. Well done to our pupils and staff for evacuating the school in under 5 minutes 18 seconds. You can find out how you can plan and conduct a Fire Drill at home by going here www.wikihow.com/Conduct-a-Home-Fire-Drill **Nairobi Fire and Ambulance Services - 999**



TRAFFIC DURING SCHOOL HOURS

It has been noticed that some parents are not considering the rights of children in the school premises. We have also noticed some parents driving fast and beeping at the children crossing. We are formulating plans for safe areas which are away from the cars parked. Until such time, due to the safety of our children, we request our parents to please consider the rights of children and give way.

Weekly Newsletter

We will begin to e-mail the Newsletter and other necessary information. Please ensure we have your most current email address.



Food For thought

“Nothing ever goes away until it teaches us what we need to know.” -**Proverb**