



# IN THE LOOP

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## My first day at school year 2022

## #courageously Crawfordian



# YEAR 2022-2023 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



## OPENING DAY SEPTEMBER 6TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Crawford International School students received a warm welcome with the back-to-school classic photos and cartoon characters.



Students and parents pose for photos on the first day



# Mom, read me a story!

**READ ME  
STORIES**



## **FRIDAY NAITORE READING A STORY TO THE KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS**

During the languages week, the Kindergarten phase enjoyed a variety of activities.

The highlight was when a parent- Mrs. Friday Naitore joined the children in the class and read a story to the students.

This activity helps to enhance parent involvement in the children's development and learning at school.





# YEAR 6-9 LET'S MEET OUR YEAR GROUP LEADERS

## **Amanda Birkenstock – Senior Deputy Principal overseeing the year 6-9 year group**

**Family:** I am married with two girls. One studying in the US and the other Travelling the world and working in different countries.

**Responsibilities at school:** Senior Deputy Principal and overseeing the year 6-9 Year groups.

**Educational experience:** Started teaching Geography and Physical Education in 1988 at an all-girls school in South Africa. Moved to a Crawford School in 2001. I have been a deputy Principal at a Crawford In South Africa before moving to Kenya in 2018.

**Hobbies and Interests:** I like to travel to exciting destinations  
Something that few people know: I am a qualified Open Water 1 diver and I climbed Kilimanjaro.

**My motto in life is:** Don't give up. The beginning is always the hardest.

**What would I change if I could:** That people would show more kindness to each other.

**Future Plans:** I want to stay at Crawford Kenya for a few more years and then move to another country to teach and experience a new culture.



## **Joseph Okapes Year Group Controller for year 9 and Teacher of Chemistry and Physics**

**Family:** I am married with two girls and one boy

**Responsibilities at school:** Year Group Leader – Year 9.

**Educational experience:** I have taught Cambridge IGCSE, AS and A-Level Chemistry and Physics for the last 16 years. I have been Head of Science, Head of Physics, Phase leader and held many other responsibilities in several schools where I have worked.

**Hobbies and Interest:** Travelling and doing research particularly related to water and water conservation.

**Something that few people know:** I am a published writer in some international Science journals and also a trained football coach with several years of experience.

**My motto in life is:** Give everybody a chance, you don't know what they may have inside them.

**Future Plans:** Give my best to Crawford Kenya as I look into venturing into more research.



## **Elizabeth Asaala Year Group Controller for year 8 and Teacher of Literature and English**

**Family:** I am a wife and a mother of two; Chloe and Jabali who are four and three years respectively.

**Educational Experience:** I have been a teacher for 12 years, a profession that gives me fulfillment and joy at the success of what I have accomplished.

My definition of a successful teacher is an individual who is willing to be totally sold on impacting lives. Over the years, I have come to understand that teaching goes beyond a whiteboard, but the joy of touching lives and witnessing the transformation of your students, as you pass knowledge to them. As a teacher, I take pride in seeing my students grow into competent global citizens, ready to fit in any society, as a holistic person.

**Interest:** I am a very outgoing person who loves reading, traveling and spending time with family. I believe every impossible thing needs a daring mind and a courageous spirit to see it work.

**In the future:** I would love to build a global network with educators in order to exchange views and ideas that would improve my pedagogy in teaching and learning. Furthermore, I would like to see my children; Chloe and Jabali grow into responsible adults.





## YEAR 6-9 LET'S MEET OUR YEAR GROUP LEADERS

### Vincent Onguso - Year Leader for year 7 and Teacher of Mathematics and Science

**Family:** I am married, I have two daughters. One is attending school at Crawford International School and the other is yet to start school.

**Educational Experience:** Teaching is my life's passion. I have been instructing students of all ages for the past 12 years in two previous institutions. In addition to teaching, I developed a keen interest in mentoring students and developing safe spaces for everyone's health and safety. This is my first year teaching at Crawford International School and I am looking forward to knowing you all and guiding your child through a successful seventh grade.

**Responsibilities:** I am a passionate teacher of Mathematics and Science.

**Hobbies:** I love sports- certified (CAF) football coach, traveling, cooking, gardening, and caring for pets.



### Jerry Maosa- Year Group Leader for year 6 and Teacher of Mathematics

**Family:** I am married with three children. Two sons and one daughter. Responsibilities at school: Mathematics teacher and overseeing the year 6 group.

**Educational experience:** I have 16 years of teaching experience. I previously taught at Greensteds International School and Rusinga Schools.

**Hobbies and Interests:** I like to travel to exciting destinations and spend time with my family.

**Something that few people know:** I was awarded the Coach of the Year 2019 at the Global round event of the World Scholars Cup held in the Netherlands. I also make amazing Chapatis.

**My motto in life is:** Aspire to inspire before you expire.

**What would I change if I could:** Learn new skills at a young age.

**Future Plans:** Spend more time with family.



WE ♥ OUR  
TEACHERS



# ‘Courageously Crawfordian’

By George Njeru – Phase one Leader

The children across the Phase have continued to show our school's theme for this academic year ‘Courageously Crawfordian’ with enthusiasm and commitment. Our confidence is growing as the children demonstrate our values in all aspects of school life. Well done to all those children that have shown their teachers that they are flourishing in our values as they participate in the different school aspects.



Phase One learners courageously adventuring in the playground.



# Theatre Trip



Year 9-13 students accompanied by Drama teachers Mr. Arthur, Mr. Newton and Ms. Mercy

As part of the Performing Arts Course, Year 9- 13 students visited the Alliance Francais Auditorium to watch a play called 'Mstinji - The Miser' written by Moliere. The play is directed by the renowned drama director and producer, Stuart Nash.

The play immensely benefited our students as they got an opportunity to watch, analyze and evaluate a play produced by professional actors and directed by a world-class director.



# FROM THE CAREERS DEPARTMENT

By William Mwangi

The Careers Department welcomes you to a rigorous and busy first trimester in the 2022/2023 academic year. We begin the term on a high note with very high expectations from the senior students as far as career development is concerned. Term one of every academic year is very important as we begin university applications for year 13 students and a lot of information for the year 12 students so that they make informed choices. The careers department has many roles and functions. They include but not limited to:

- Ø Career Guidance
- Ø Career Information
- Ø University selection
- Ø University application
- Ø Organizing career fairs
- Ø University fairs
- Ø Community service
- Ø Job shadowing
- Ø Internships
- Ø Writing of personal statements/essays



To achieve the above, we have dedicated all Mondays between 2:15 pm and 3:15 pm for career-based forums with our senior students. In addition, we shall also have virtual meetings where both parents and students will be expected to attend (dates, time and links will be communicated in advance). We are also privileged to host our first University Fair at Crawford on the 23rd September 2022, where 50 university delegates from USA, Australia, UK and Canada will showcase their courses. More details will be communicated in due course. On Thursday 8th September 2022, we hosted a delegate from University of Calgary who engaged the students with information on Canada as a study destination and what it takes. The delegate also informed the students of the various programs that the university offers and the scholarship opportunities available (encourage your son/daughter to apply).

## Progress to Date

1. Monday 12th September 2022 at 2:15 PM- Persona Statement writing training
2. Wednesday 14th September 2022 6:30 PM- Virtual training for Career Teachers on Bridge U.

We look forward to an engaging Trimester as we walk with your son/daughter in their pursuit of their desired career.





## LEE MATHENGE ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMPION



Lee Mathenge Ndegwa Year 13 Student has been involved in tree-planting since he was a child and later co-founded a Climate conservation organization known as Kijani World which creates awareness amongst young people and invites them to take positive action.

Mathenge and his peer spearheaded an electronic-waste collection initiative when they learned of the importance of proper electronic-waste management as key to securing our climate. They've since undertaken several e-waste collection drives and been acknowledged for their work by BBC News Africa.

To learn more on Lee Mathenge work please click on the link below,

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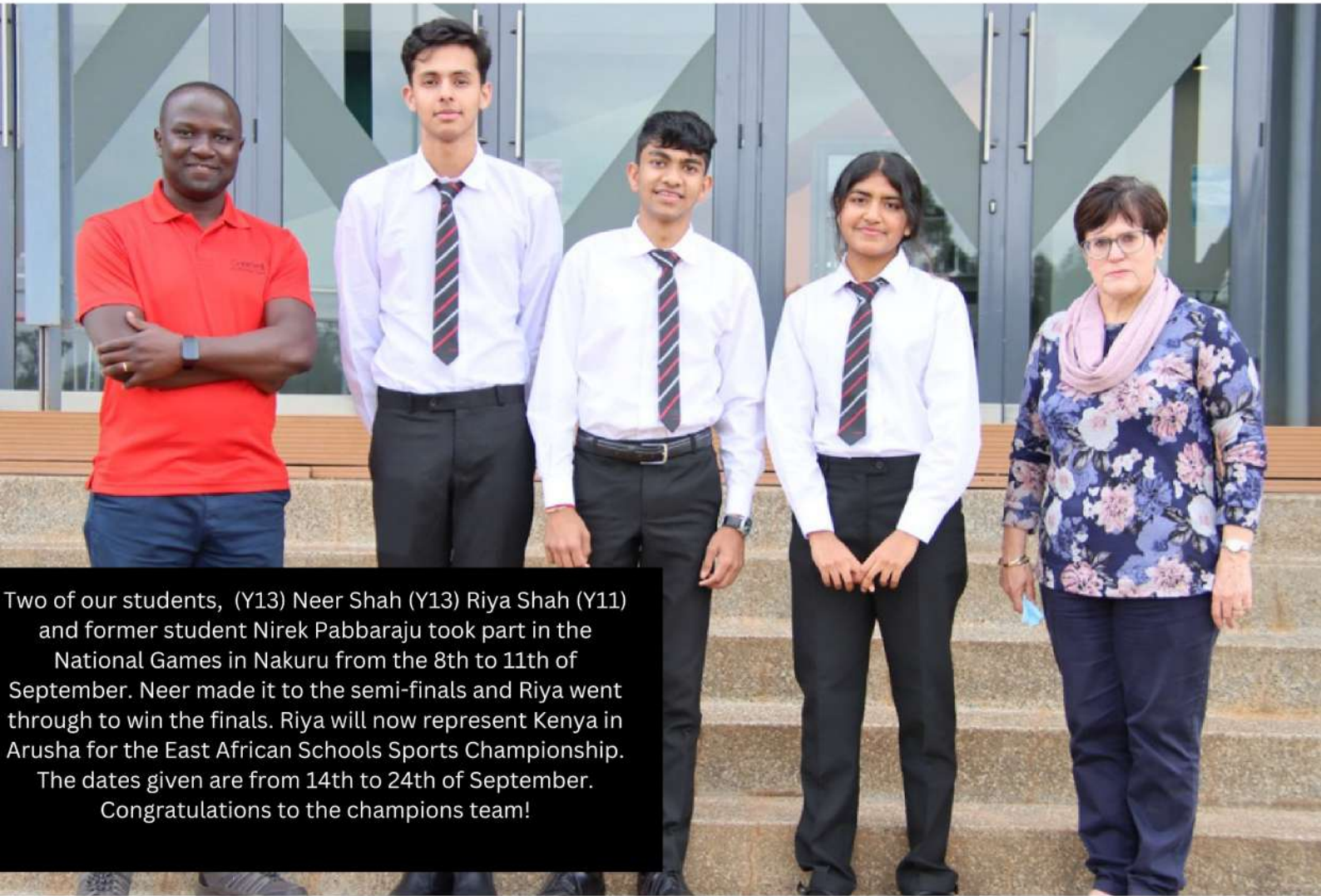
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Sifa Ogana and Lee Mathenge, merged their interest in electronics and environmental conservation to collect and correctly dispose of e-waste.



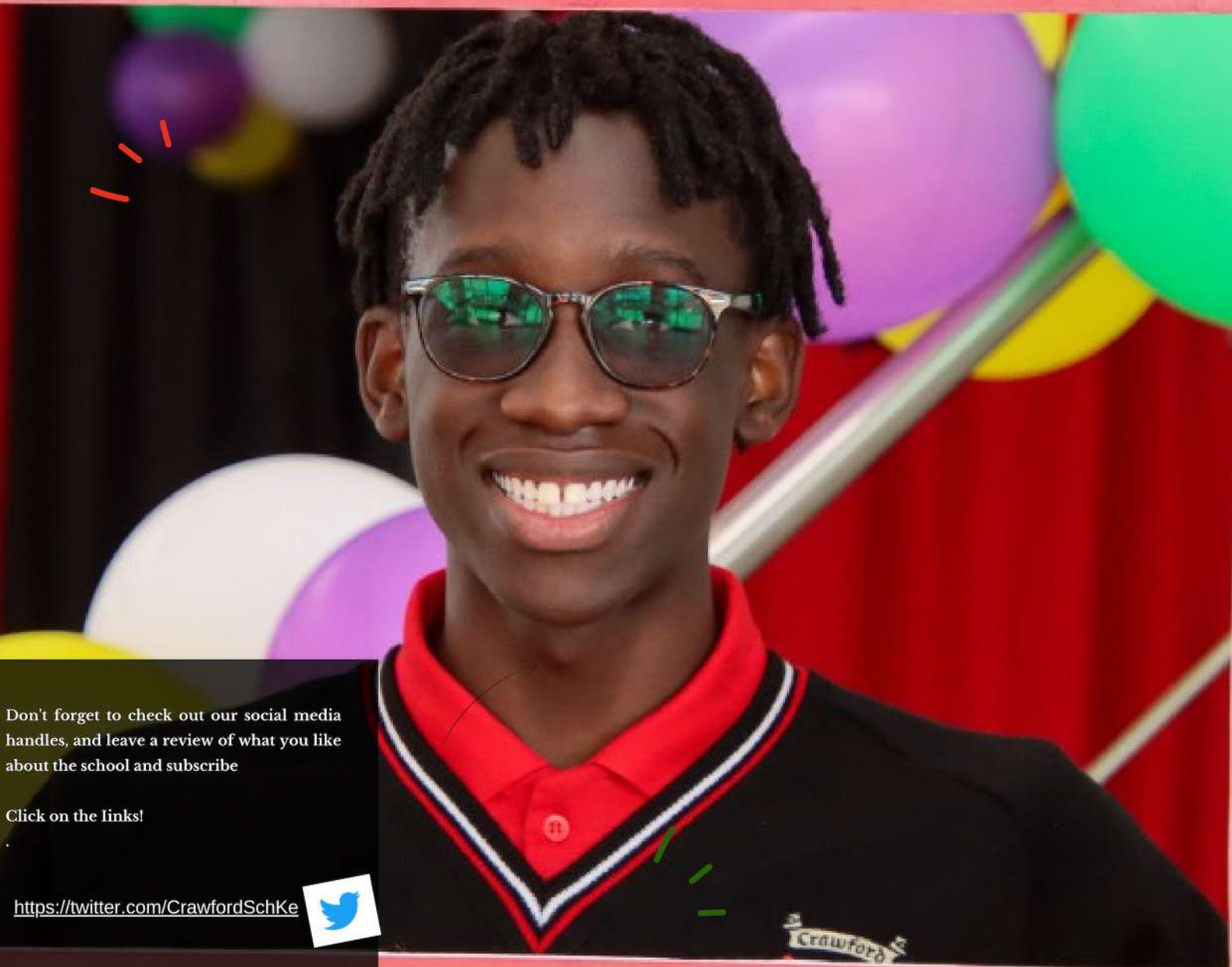
# BADMINTON TOURNAMENTS



Two of our students, (Y13) Neer Shah (Y13) Riya Shah (Y11) and former student Nirek Pabbaraju took part in the National Games in Nakuru from the 8th to 11th of September. Neer made it to the semi-finals and Riya went through to win the finals. Riya will now represent Kenya in Arusha for the East African Schools Sports Championship. The dates given are from 14th to 24th of September. Congratulations to the champions team!









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