

Friday, 24th March, 2017

Dear Parents,

Despite the high temperatures that the equinox brought to Mombasa this week, we hope this finds you well. Indeed, we had to close the field to our students at lunchtimes, given the strength of the sun. With just two weeks of school left before the end of term, it is a pleasure to bring you updates from the Junior School.

The SRC Talent Show

We have truly talented students in our Junior School! This morning the students participated in a special assembly; the SRC Talent Show. Over the past two weeks, more than 80 students auditioned for this occasion. Following the auditions, a selection of finalists took part in today’s event which had members of the SRC as masters of ceremony, as well as presenting the opening act. Please see some photos from this animated gathering.



SRC - Opening dance act



Football skills



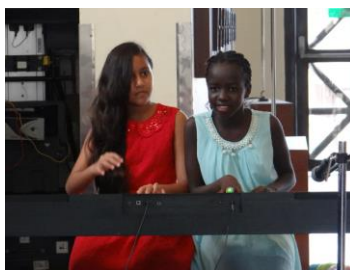
Skating



Animal noises



Drums



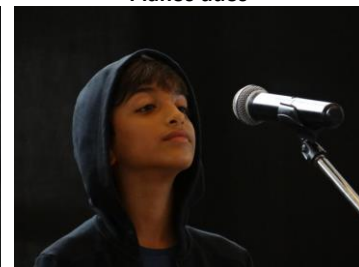
Pianos duos



Piano duo



Singing



Singing - rap



Dance acts



Dance acts

The Aga Khan Academy Mombasa – Invitation to present at the ADEA Triennial Conference

Last week, Kepha Obiri (Year 4 and 5 Translanguaging Teacher), and Isla Gordon travelled to Dakar, Senegal, to give a presentation at the Association for the Development of Education in Africa’s Triennial Conference. The presentation was based on the Bilingual Translanguaging model which is implemented at our Academy in Years 4 and 5. We were asked to present based on an academic paper which had been co-authored by Ms. Alex Holland (Academies Curriculum Manager), Ms. Eowyn Crisfield-Burr (Bilingualism consultant) and Ms. Isla Gordon. Needless to say, this was an enriching experience, not only for Kepha and Isla, but also for show-casing the Academy’s work which can help support other contexts in their developments.

PYP Exhibition Updates

Year 5 students are steadily progressing towards the final stages of the PYP Exhibition Unit. Having gathered information about their subject areas using primary resources such as interviews and surveys, as well as other text-based resources, students presented their ideas for taking action to a panel of staff members, who gave them feedback. The panellists checked that students had gathered sufficient information to ensure that their proposals for action were well-informed. Other criteria required students to demonstrate awareness of root causes for issues, as well as an action which is age-appropriate. The PYP Exhibition is a complex process, student-led with adult guidance, with a specific framework. Sharing the Exhibition with the community is a celebration of the process.

Exhibition Panel Presentations inspiring via Skype - (A note from our PYP Coordinator, Khona Bhattacharjee)

Among the panellists, we also had Mr. Michael Mansell, PYP Coordinator from The International School of Tanganyika. As a part of our collaboration with other IB Schools, this was an initiative taken to share experiences with another school in East Africa. Mr. Mansell was very pleased to be part of this, sharing that the Year 5 students in his school also go through a similar process during the Exhibition. He appreciated the confidence that students showed. The students who presented



to him found the interaction beneficial, and took his feedback, that will help making their actions sustainable. Mr. Mansell said that he is excited to share this experience with the Year 5 teachers in his school.



Exhibition presentation on skype

We look forward to celebrating the PYP Exhibition on the evening on Thursday, 6th April with Year 5 parents and invited guests, and sharing it with the rest of the community on Friday, 7th April. Junior School parents are most welcome to pass by on the Friday morning, any time between 8.15am and 12.00 noon.

Sports News

This week, eight AKA Mombasa students, three of whom are in the Junior School, are away in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, taking part in the South African Swimming Association (SSA) Level 2 and 3 Regional Age Group Swimming competition. We look forward to their news, on their return.

CASA Swimming Sprints and Relays Gala – 9 and Under (From Coach Kingori)

In the CASA U9 Sprints and Relays Swimming Gala held on 11th and 12th March, the AKA Mombasa team was represented by 35 swimmers who excelled and scooped a total of 43 medals; 11 gold, 22 silver and 10 bronze! All the participants improved tremendously in their seed time. Besides this, the swimmers had fun and enjoyed the competition. The AKA Mombasa girls' team took 2nd place whilst the boys team took 4th place, with an overall 3rd position with both teams combined out of 12 schools and clubs. Congratulations and well done to this young, upcoming team!



CASA 9 years and under gala

Triathlon and Aquathlon – 19th March (From Coach Kingori)

A team of 23 Junior School and Senior School students took part in a triathlon and aquathlon competition at the Nyalali International Hotel, beachfront, on Sunday 19th March. The event was organised by the Buffalo Fun and Fitness Club, in which several Mombasa schools took part. For most of our Junior School team this was their first time taking part in this sport, which was not



only challenging – the swimming in the sea and running in the sand, but was also very enjoyable and gratifying. Congratulations to the team; every participant completed their race. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the parents who helped with the organisation. Thank you parents, for your support and presence at the event. Below are a few photos of competition.



Triathlon and Aquathlon

Dates for your Diary

April

Thursday 6 th :	PYP Exhibition Opening – Year 5 Parents and invited guests (5.30pm – 7.30pm)
Friday 7 th :	PYP Exhibition: AKA Mombasa community and guests (8.15am – 12.00pm)
Monday 10 th – Friday 21 st :	School Break
Monday 24 th :	School resumes
Saturday 29 th – Sunday 30 th :	CASA Junior Swimming Championships – Under 11 years

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Kind regards,

Isla Gordon

Principal, Junior School