



Dear Parents,

With just a week of school before the half-term break, we write with updates from life in the Junior School.

Junior School Student Representative Council Elections

Since the last newsletter, the Junior School has been animated with emotions running high throughout the Junior School SRC campaigns and elections. For just the Year 5 Executive Committee positions, we had over twenty-eight candidates vying for ten positions. This whole process has been a learning experience for us and provided rich grounds for reflection and review of the events. I certainly look forward to working with our newly elected SRC team whom, through their speeches, put forward great ideas for creating a positive climate and for developments in our school. One of the areas that the Citizenship and Expression Representatives will be immediately involved in, is the upcoming Junior School Arts Week workshops, performance and exhibition. Another objective, involving all the SRC representatives, will be collating the classroom codes of conduct and creating essential agreements for all members of the community. The team has also other great ideas; a parent student football match and talent assemblies, just to name a few.

We must also recognise the students who participated in the campaigns whom throughout the process, showed commitment, determination and creativity.



Voting



Presenting the SRC Executive Committee



Meeting with the SRC

Sports News (from Anthony Ndungu)



Cricket vs MSB



Rounders Vs MSB

U11 and U13 Rounders Tournament – Saturday 1st October

The 7th edition of the AKAM U11 and U13 Rounders Tournament will take place tomorrow, Saturday 1st October, with Braeburn Mombasa International School, Jaffery Academy, Oshwal Academy, Shree Swaminayan Academy and Light Academy. Please do join us to support them.

Upcoming Sports Events

- U11 and U13 Cricket Tournament – Saturday 8th October
- CASA Open and Age Group Swimming Championships – 14th – 16th October

We wish all the students taking part in the various competitive sports, the very best!!

On Tuesday 27th September the U11 boys played a cricket match and the U11 girls a rounders match, versus MSB AlMadrassa. Our teams played well; however the boys lost the match with 60 runs in 7 overs whilst MSB achieved 61 runs in 7 overs, with a ball to spare. In the girls match our team proved to be too strong for the MSB; they scored a total of 14 ½ whilst MSB scored a total of 7 rounders.

On Tuesday 6th September AKAM played against Oshwal in U11 Rounders and U11 Cricket matches. AKAM lost 11 to 12 in Rounders and lost 97 runs to 88 runs in Cricket.

Information from the Learning Commons (*by Ms. Leabres*)

As a learning community, we encourage our students and teachers to collaborate with their peers and colleagues across the Academies. Last week our Year 4 students had a live conference with the Year 4 students from The Aga Khan Academy, Maputo. Our students shared their learning and experiences about how to prepare for and cope with natural disasters, which was one of their units last year in Year 3. The Year 4 students in Maputo, together with their teacher Mr. Simiao Mathe, asked our students some questions and used the information as a primary resource. We used Skype for Business and a conferencing camera from Logitech. One of our goals in the development of the Learning Commons is the integration of digital literacy and the effective use of technology to strengthen a student's learning experience.

Have you heard of digital learning:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l_LWqgtAiFk&feature=youtu.be



If you are interested in robotics, coding and using technology as a tool for learning, please do not hesitate to contact me about your ideas and recommendations:

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Assembly – Year 5A

It was a pleasure to have so many Year 5 parents join us for this morning's assembly. Our students enthusiastically presented a colourful story taking us on a journey to different lands and at the same time, illustrating the concept of migration. This has been a key part of their most recent Unit of inquiry.

Anne Weke on return from maternity leave

After the birth of her baby last May, we were delighted to have Ms Anne Weke return to school this week and join her Year 1 class. Anne will continue to work alongside Andrew Jones who took the class on whilst she was on leave.

Workshops for Teachers – they are lifelong learners too!

This week-end, many of our teachers will be participating in a PYP workshop on Mathematics. Sean Walker, an IB Educator and teacher at the International School of Paris, will facilitate the workshop. Sean is no stranger to Mombasa and has run workshops for AKA, M before, as well as worked with Isla Gordon at events in Geneva.

Dates for the Diary

The following are key dates to take note of, for the next month:

October 2016		
Wednesday	5 th	Last day of classes before the half term break
Saturday	1 st	U11 & U13 Rounder Tournament (8.00am – 1.30pm)
Thursday	6 th	Parent Teacher Conferences (no school for students)
Friday	7 th	Parent Teacher Conferences (no school for students)
Saturday	8 th	U11 & U13 Cricket Tournament
Monday–Fri	10 th -21 st	Half-Term Holiday
Friday –Sun	14 th - 16 th	CASA Open and Age Group Swimming Championships 10+
Monday	24 th	School reopens
Friday	28 th	Inter-House Athletics



Reading and reviewing Maths facts with your child

Parents often ask us how they can support their children's learning. Whilst we have a particular format for home-learning during the school term, we appreciate that during holiday time you may want to spend a bit of time having your children do some school-related activities. We recommend ongoing reading, as well as practicing of math facts. Mr Andrew Jones and Ms Christine Robertson have written a paper, attached with this newsletter, to inform you about different ways of support your children. This provides information on how we structure your child's learning in mathematics and reading at school, as well as what can be done at home. Included are links to some sites you may find useful. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher or Mr. Jones or Ms. Robertson, should you have any enquiries about this.

Finally, we very much look forward to seeing you next week at your child's Parent-Teacher consultations. I also use this opportunity to wish you all a restful and enjoyable half-term!

Warm regards,

Isla Gordon
Principal, Junior School

