

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

Dear Parents,

It is difficult to believe that in just over a month's time we will be ending this academic year. Indeed we will be saying good-bye to our Year 5s as they move on to the MYP, as well as to a few other students who are re-locating.

At the end of the year we will also be bidding farewell to Mrs Amita Dave who after many years of service, will be retiring from her work as Learning Support Teacher at the Academy. She will be truly missed by the children, their families and the staff; a truly supportive and dedicated colleague and teacher.

The following parts of this newsletter include information about our recent assemblies, sports events updates and our participation in the Kenya Music Festival.

### **Assemblies**

#### **Year 3 – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May (from Ms. Hope Baraka)**

The Year 3 assembly showcased their learning experiences for the Natural Hazards unit. Through a musical performance, students demonstrated different types of natural hazards and illustrated their effects on people and the environment.



#### **Year 4K – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May (from Ms. Anurdha Mohsin)**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of May, to showcase their learning, the Year 4K students presented a colorful assembly connected to their Unit of Inquiry on *Ecosystems*. Imbalance in Ecosystems being the highlight of the assembly, students did an informative play in which they were able to portray how poaching and littering in game parks affects the ecosystem, and suggested a few actions. The assembly ended with a lovely dance by the girls of the class.



Year 4K Assembly

## Sports News

### Football Festival (from Mr Anthony Ndungu)

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May we hosted the Aga Khan Academy Mombasa boys' and girls' U11 and U9 Football Festival. Ten schools from Mombasa participated, in three tournaments. We had two AKA Mombasa teams, A and B in the Under 11 boys and in the Under 9's mixed teams. The two Under 11 boys' teams managed a 4<sup>th</sup> place for team A and 6<sup>th</sup> place for the team B. Two of our students were voted as the Most Valuable Players in both Team A and B. The Under 11 girls emerged in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and one of the members was declared the Most Valuable Player in the team.

The Under 9 mixed team B was placed 5<sup>th</sup> and team A emerged the winner of the tournament. One student from team B and two from team A were voted the Most Valuable Players from their teams. The boys and girls from all the schools displayed high quality football skills and techniques, resulting in a highly challenging, fun and rewarding tournament. Well done to all the players and I extend a big *thank you* to the staff who coached the students and helped organise the event.



### **Football and Netball Matches (form Mr. Kennedy Kariuki)**

The Mombasa International Schools' League is well underway. The Under 11 boys' football team has played four matches so far, the results are as follows; AKA Mombasa drew 1 goal with Mombasa Academy, drew 2 goals playing MSB, triumphed 4 – 1 against Jaffery Academy and scored 1 goal against Shree Swaminarayan's nil.

The Under 11 girls' netball team have played three matches so far this term, drawing 1 with Mombasa Academy, scored 2 to Jaffery's 4, and scoring 2 to Shree Swaminarayan's 14.

The next round of U11 matches is on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May against Oshwal Academy, at Oshwal. Well done to the team for their spirited sportsmanship.

### **Kenya Music Festival - 2017**

This year the Academy will again participate in the annual Kenya Music Festival. Sixteen Junior School students are part of a larger choir of 25 students, which will compete at the festival. Their first event is scheduled on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at Tudor Primary School for the sub-county level. We wish the AKA Mombasa team the very best.

### **Students fasting during Ramadhan**

We wish all our families who will be celebrating Ramadan a peaceful and restful month. If your child will be fasting during this time, we ask that you let their homeroom teacher know so that accommodation can be made to exempt him/her from PE and swimming. We will also allocate a space to rest, during the lunch break.

### **Child Safety – Virtual Sites**

The safety and well-being of your children is of primary concern to us. There have recently been concerns raised about an online game that has had serious consequences for children who have become involved. Whilst this would not usually apply to students of Junior School age, we thought it was necessary to inform our parent community about this; a reminder to remain vigilant about the supervision of our children's online activities. Please see attachment which has been written by our School Counsellor, Mrs Minal Shah.

### **Dates for the Diary**

#### **May**

Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Kenya Music Festival – Sub-Country Level
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	U11 Football and Netball matches vs Oshwal (Away)

#### **June**

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Madaraka Day – Public Holiday
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	U11 Football and Netball matches vs Braeburn (Home)
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	Student-Led Conferences 8.00am – 2.45pm
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Last week of Enrichment Programme
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Graduation – 8.00am
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Party – evening
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Semester 2 Reports to Parents
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	School closes – 12.00pm



Finally, we are sending along on a separate email, your child's Year Level's Story of Learning which we trust you will enjoy. Through the pictures and captions, we hope you get a glimpse into their life at school.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Kind regards,

Isla Gordon  
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