



12 October 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope your child/children are having a restful break after the first seven weeks of this Academic Year. I too hope that you had valuable discussions at the Parent-Teacher Conferences held last week. If there are any teachers you were unable to meet, or if you were unable to attend, please make an appointment with the relevant teachers as early as possible after the school re-opens. This meeting is important to inform you about your child's progress to date and to set goals for the rest of the Academic Year. Thank you for your feedback on the conferences; we will be considering your opinions and suggestions.

I attended the IB conference held in Vienna last week. The theme of the conference was *Shaping the Future*, and provided the opportunity for me to meet with other IB educators from Africa, Europe, the Middle East and other parts of the world. The speakers and presentations discussed many aspects of education, including the impact of technology; the challenges and opportunities for new learning for students and teachers in our modern world.

I was pleased to see many of you at the recent *Getting-to-Know You* afternoon tea on Monday 01 October, and look forward to more interactions with you, and for you as parents to meet informally with each other. Thank you for making time to attend.

Appointment of Lead Teachers

We are pleased to inform you that Ms. Evelyn Awino and Mr. Titus Mutemi have been appointed as Lead Teachers, for the Upper Primary - Years 3, 4 and 5, and for the Lower Primary - Years 1 and 2, respectively. In their roles they will provide leadership and management for their teams, for the development of curriculum attainment, in order to advance the standards of teaching and learning in the Junior School.

Student Representative Council 2018-19

On Friday 21 September, the Junior School elected their Student Representative Council (SRC), to represent them this Academic Year. Congratulations to the newly elected team, comprising of:

SRC Executive Committee (Year 5)

- Presidents: Sarina Alibhai and Ameir Muravvej
- Citizenship Representatives: Thea Shah and Lyndon Mwangi
- Action Representatives: Munira Nassor and Jaison Hira
- Expression Representatives: Billan Abdi and Carson Kariuki
- Academic Representatives: Ojaswini Pandey and Alvin Sheja



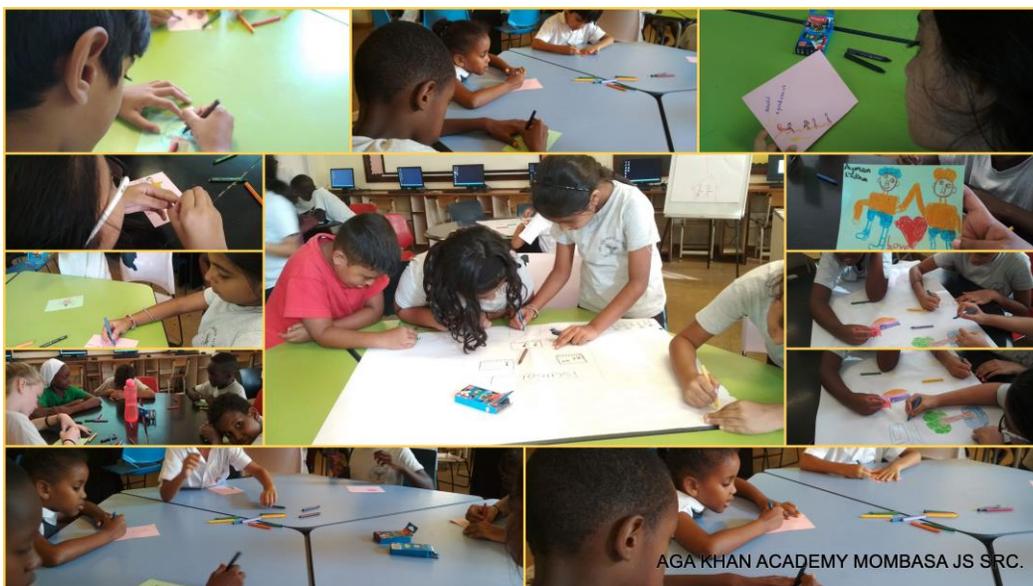
House Representatives (Year 4)

- Eagle (Tai)/Yellow: Alexandra Hart and Samier Hamdi
- Ravens (Kunguru)/Blue: Harvi Vekariya and Ayman Ladha
- Hawk (Mwewe)/Red: Ava Devani and Kian Moolraj
- Falcon (Kozi)/Green: Nahal Swaleh and Robert Richard

Class Representatives

- Year 1: Ibtisam Hamdi and Harith Muses
- Year 2: Shani Magotsi and Ali Gulamhusein
- Year 3: Fatimah Kanji and Mahin Patel
- Year 4: Manha Khan and Enock Odhiambo
- Year 5: Romeo Safari and Aamal Lota

We look forward to the SRC articulating successful leadership and learning in their respective areas. We applaud and thank all the students who vied for a leadership role on the SRC.



SRC Meeting on 01 October

Enrichment Programme

The afterschool activities will change this second half of the term (for school-offered, non-paid activities). The enrichment activities will culminate into the students staging a production. We welcome the Year 1 students to join the Enrichment Programme, which will take place as usual on Mondays and Tuesdays, from 2.45pm – 3.45pm.

The Enrichment Programme will re-start on **Monday 29 October**, including the clubs run by external coaches, that is, Tae kwondo, Skating and Tennis. For the students doing LAMDA, Mrs. Hughes has communicated that the lessons will resume on Wednesday 07 and Thursday 08 November.

Ms. Hope Baraka has been appointed as the Enrichment Coordinator, a role she has taken on from this month. We thank Ms. Evelyn Awino for coordinating the Enrichment Programme, very ably, since August 2016.

Enrichment Activities



Arty Crafty – painting seating spools



Mandala Art



Drama – performing a skit

Parent Workshop – Bilingual Learning – Friday 26 October 2018

We welcome Ms. Eowyn Crisfield Burr back to the Academy for a professional visit. Ms. Crisfield Burr is a Bilingual Consultant who has collaborated with the Academy since 2015, to provide professional development to the faculty, to support our dual language and translanguaging teaching and learning. Part of her work with us includes strengthening the home-school partnership, in guiding to improve the learning experiences of bilingual and multilingual learners. In this regard, we cordially invite you to attend a workshop on this topic, from **8.00am to 9.30am on Friday 26 October 2018** in the Junior School library. For logistics planning please email the school office by Wednesday 24 October, at rebecca.davis@agakhanacademies.org to confirm your attendance. The parent sessions we have had in the past have been educative, inspiring and interactive, and we do hope you can attend. I would like to share with you Ms Crisfield Burr's professional background (an extract from her web page). You may also visit her blog for more information, at <http://www.crisfieldeducationalconsulting.com/home/about-me>.

Eowyn Crisfield is a Canadian-educated specialist in bilingualism, bilingualism in education, and teacher-training. She holds a B.Ed. in Teaching English as a Second/Foreign Language, and a Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics, with specialisations in bilingualism and bilingual education. Eowyn has over 20 years experience in the field of Applied Linguistics, and has a background that covers research, teaching and teacher-training, and supporting bilingual families. Her past institutional experience includes English-language teaching, language department coordination, curriculum development, lecturing in Initial Teacher Education programmes (methodolgy, sociolinguistics, language acquisition), and doing academic development for educational organisations.

Over the years she has developed a number of unique services, including Family Language Planning and a whole-school “Every teacher is a language teacher” professional development program for language support in schools. Eowyn continues to research in the field of bilingualism, with a special interest in promoting language equality in schools, and the integration of “languages across the curriculum”.

Inter-House Sports Day – Friday 02 November 2018

The annual Inter-House Sports Day will take place on Friday 02 November, from 8.15am to 12.00pm. The whole Junior School community looks forward to this event! Students should come to school dressed in their PE kit with their house colour t-shirt, and bring with them their water bottle, an extra drink and snacks. We cordially welcome you to attend, and as always, there will be parent events at the end for you to participate in. The school day will end at the normal time, 2.40pm.

Students Safety and Security

To those it may concern, this is a kind reminder that students should be collected from school promptly at the end of the school day, by 3.00pm when there is no enrichment and by 4.00pm on enrichment days, unless your child is staying in school for an organised and supervised activity after which they should depart school. Two teachers are on duty for a limited time only after classes as they have meetings, lesson planning, or professional development thereafter, and cannot be available to supervise the students.

For the school, and you as parents, in being mindful of your child’s security, please also speak to your child/children about being aware about who is picking them up from school, if it is someone other than yourself or a trusted friend, driver or nanny. A student should not leave the school with a friend unless both the parents have agreed to this. Drivers should be made aware of this too, to avoid any such occurrences happening.

Dates for your Diary

OCTOBER 2018			
Friday - Sunday	19 - 21	KSF National Open & Age Group Swimming Championships	
Monday	22	School Resumes	7.40am
Friday	26	Bilingual Learning – Parent Workshop	8.00am – 9.30am
Saturday	27	Open Boys Oshwal Cricket Tournament – (A)	8.30am
Monday	29	Enrichment Programme Begins	
NOVEMBER 2018			
Friday	02	Inter-House Sports Day	8.15am - 12.00pm
Saturday	03	U11 Boys Cricket Tournament (TBC)	
Saturday - Sunday	03 - 04	CASA Open Junior Swimming Champs	
Saturday	10	U11 & U13 Rounders Tournament	8.30 - 1.00pm
Saturday	17	Inter-School Athletics	8.00am - 1.00pm
Saturday - Sunday	24 - 25	NASA Invitational Swimming Championships (Nbi)	

We look forward to having the students back at school on Monday 22 October.

Best regards,

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Principal, Junior School

