



11th November 2016

Dear Parents,

As always, it is a pleasure to provide you with updates from life in the Junior School. The following provides some details and updates about our Arts Week workshops, SRC projects, a bio from our new staff member Ms. Cecilia Wakio who has joined the Year 3 team, the Junior School Inter-House Sports Day, student art for a local competition, as well as results from the recent CASA Junior swimming gala. Also included is:

- The Student Representative Council members – 2016-17
- The presentation slides used at our recent Parent Workshop
- Ms. Cecilia Wakio's bio

Year 3 Teaching Assistant

I am delighted to announce that Ms. Cecilia Wakio joined the Junior School staff at the start of this month. She is a qualified teacher of Kiswahili and has wanted to work with younger students than the ones she previously taught. Ms. Cecilia joins the Year 3 team as a Teaching Assistant and the students are delighted to have her with them in class. Please find attached her bio, which gives you further details about her experience.

News from the SRC

Attached are the names and photos of this year's Student Representative Council. It has been a pleasure meeting with our Year 5 committee members these past weeks. They are full of ideas and initiatives which they have carefully presented to the school leadership. Their discussions show that they really have the Junior School students' well-being at the core of their mission and we have had great proposals for some school spirit days. One includes a day where students will come to school dressed-up in an outfit connected to a role which inspires them for later in life. This will take place on Thursday 8th December; further information will be communicated from the SRC in our next newsletter.

Junior School Inter-House Sports Day

A big thank you to those who joined us at our annual Inter-House Sports Day, making this a very enjoyable morning for both students and adults. The photos depict a fun morning, inclusive of all, with just the right amount of competitiveness and team spirit. The students have still not forgotten how strong the parent team was in the tug of war against the staff!



(From Anthony Ndungu)

On Friday 28th October 2016, we hosted our annual Inter House Sports Day. We had events for each year level and every student participated. The students were enthusiastic and vibrant despite the heat. Kestrels emerged 1st, Falcons 2nd, Hawks 3rd and the Eagles were 4th. In the Boys category, the Kestrels (Blue) emerged the winners after bagging a total of 316 points, Hawks (Red) 324 points, Eagles (Yellow) got 264 points and Falcons (Green) came 4th with 192 points. In the Girls category Falcons took 1st position with a total of 302 points, Kestrels came 2nd with a total of 300 points while Hawks took 3rd position with 252. The Eagles were 4th with a total of 241 points. In the Mixed category, Hawks were winners with a total of 245 points, Kestrels were 2nd with 230 and Falcons came in 3rd with 175 points and Eagles were ranked 4th with 160 points. It was indeed a fun-filled and competitive morning, and well done to all the students.

	Kestrels (BLUE)	Hawks (Red)	Falcons (GREEN)	Eagles (Yellow)
BOYS	316	324	192	264
GIRLS	300	252	302	241
MIXED	230	245	175	160
TOTALS	846	821	669	665
POSITION	1st	2nd	3rd	4th



Year 1s



Get ready ...



Tug-of-War!



Sack race



Year 3 race



The Junior School



Junior Inter-School Athletics – Saturday 19th November

After the successful Inter-House Athletics, we look forward to the annual Inter-School Junior Athletics Championships, which will be held on **Saturday 19th November** at AKA,M, from 8.00am to 1.00pm. Students who will be representing the school will receive communication by Tuesday next week, once the final scheduling is complete. All students and parents are welcome to come and support the team, even for part of the morning.

Swimming (from Coach Kingori)

CASA Junior Open Swimming Championships

The CASA Junior Open Swimming Championships was held on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th November. The AKA' M team was represented by 39 athletes who did extremely well in their personal and team races. AKA,M attained 25 gold, 13 silver and 31 bronze medals! Students who did not win medals are highly commended for attaining improved times and personal bests. AKAM emerged 2nd overall with 368 points out of 12 teams, schools and clubs in both the boys' and girls' teams combined, behind Bandari Swim Club. Our girls' team took 1st position overall in their category, with 247 points, whilst the boys' team were 3rd overall in their category with 121 points. Congratulations to all the swimmers!!

Rounders

The Under 11 Rounders team had two home matches this month. We played Shree Swaminarayan on Tuesday 1st November and lost at 8 ½ rounders against their 12 ½ rounders.

On Tuesday 8th November we played Mombasa Academy. It was a tight competition; unfortunately we lost by ½ a rounder. The final score was 10 rounders for AKA,M and 10 ½ for Mombasa Academy.

We will play our last match of the season against Light Academy, next week. Well done to the team for their team work and representing the school.

Updates from the Arts Week (from Michelle Perez)

We are well on our way into the 2nd week of Arts Week. It has been an exciting process for the students to select a workshop that they are interested in, as well as teachers planning together to decide on the knowledge and skills that students will be learning. The different workshops offered this year are Dance, Music, Photojournalism, Art, Costume and Jewelry, Moviemaker and Drama. Some members of the Student Representative Council, including the Expression and Student Representatives, Female President and two members of the Drama club, have been brainstorming and working collaboratively, during and after school hours, in writing the script for the performance. In addition, three DP students are volunteering their time in guiding the script writers through the process. Next week on Monday, students from the Costume and Jewelry workshop will be taking a trip to Nawal Center to buy fabric and accessories that will be used for the performance. Participating workshops will be included as part of the performance which will be held on **Friday, 2nd December, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm** (note the change of date from 1st December, as mentioned in our last newsletter). Further information will be sent to you, duly. We are all looking forward to sharing this festive time of the school year with families and friends.

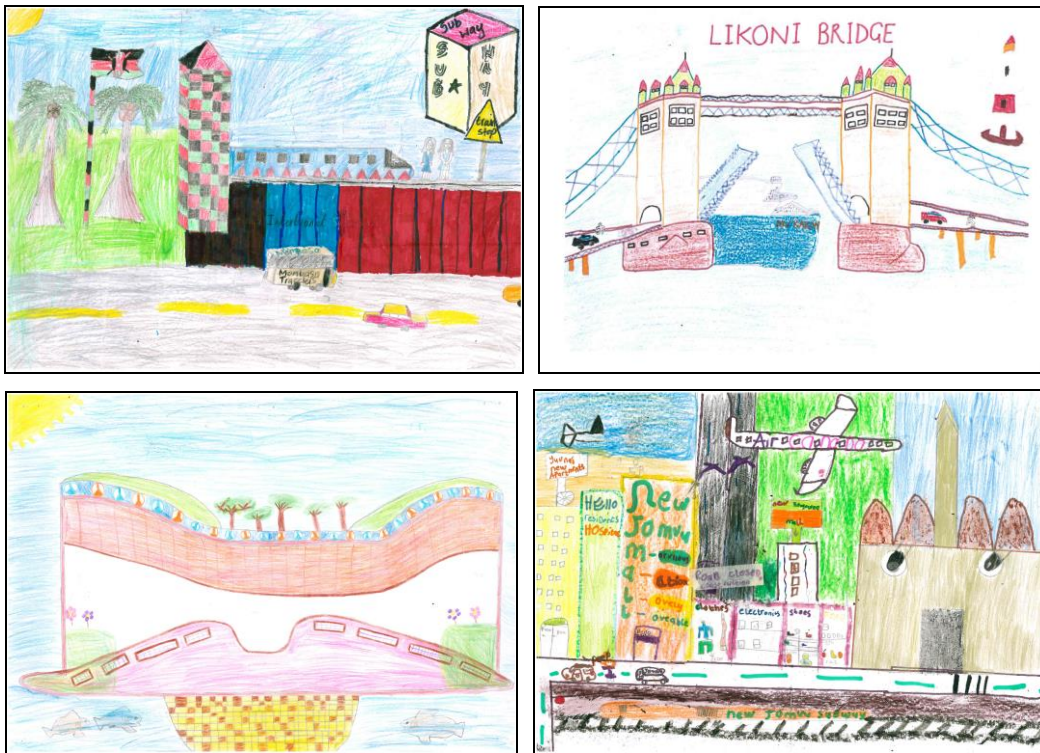




Some Arts Week activities

Mombasa Art Competition

Four Junior School students recently created pieces of art for a local competition, which was open to students from Years 4 to 8. The competition was organized by the County Government of Mombasa along with the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA), with the theme *The Mombasa City I want in 2040*. We very much appreciate the efforts of the students who chose to take part in this, and as required by criteria, we submitted to the organiser one piece each from Year 4 and 5.



Art pieces – Mombasa in 2040

Stories of Learning

At the start of the school year we sent you your child’s Curriculum Overview for the year, which included details about the Units of Inquiry as well as other subject areas. It is our pleasure to send you today, photos with anecdotal comments about the classroom learning that has taken place. These will be sent out to you in your child’s respective Year Level group. Please do give us your feedback about this new initiative, keeping you informed about classroom life.



Assemblies

Year 4A – 4th November

Year 4A students shared their learning at the class assembly on Friday 4th November, on the Lunar Cycle and Children’s Rights Units of Inquiry.



Year 4A

Year 5K – 11th November

Year 5K shared their learning at assembly today on their Unit of Inquiry, on Migration.



Parent Workshop

It was a pleasure seeing many of you at our recent workshop; *Building Character in children*. For those who did not make it, attached with this newsletter is a copy of the slides of the PowerPoint presentation.

We propose that for one of our next parent workshops, we have an open-discussion forum as an opportunity to bring up subjects which would be beneficial to discuss together.

Finally, with just four weeks left before the end of term, please see below some key dates to take note of:

Dates for the Diary

Saturday 19 th November	Inter-School Athletics	8.00am – 1.00pm
Friday 2 nd December	Arts Week Performance	6.00pm – 8.00pm
Tuesday 6 th December	Arts Week Exhibition and Christmas Tree Lighting	
Thursday 8 th December	Spirit Day – ‘Career’ dress-up day	
Friday 9 th December	School closes (2.40pm)	

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable week-end.

With kind regards,

Isla Gordon
Principal, Junior School

Attachments:

1. SRC Committee
2. Parent Workshop PowerPoint presentation
3. Staff profile – Cecilia Wakio

