



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016

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Dear Parents,

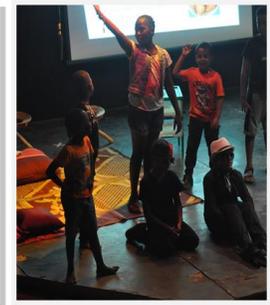
We thoroughly enjoyed sharing with you our events from the Junior School Arts; the performance last week and the exhibition which took place yesterday and today. As I mentioned in my address at the end of the arts performance, it was important that every child in the Junior School took part in a workshop of their choice as well as be involved in the performance. It was also delightful to see many students discover their artistic talents and develop confidence. The following is an array of photos from the arts workshops, the performance and the exhibition.



**The Dance Group**



**The Poetry Group**



**Poetry in action**



**Costumes group displaying Egyptian dress**



**The Photography group presenting**



**Arts and Craft – Soap carving**



**Soap carving – finished products**

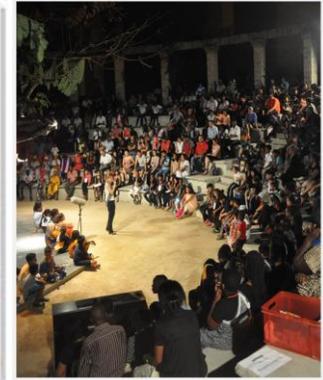


**Beading – Jewellery making**





'Akinyi' arriving in at her friend's house in 'Mombasa' and meeting her Kenyan family



A beautiful evening – the finale!

### Arts Exhibition photo collage



### Sports Events

#### CASA Junior Swimming Championships

Last weekend, on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> March, over twenty-five of our students participated in the CASA Junior Swimming Championships, held here at the Academy. The team won 11 gold, 20 silver and 27 bronze medals! Congratulations to the swimmers and coaches, and to their parents who spent hours sitting in the heat of the day supporting their children and the other school swimmers.

#### Athletics – *Message from Mr. Ndungu*

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March our athletics team competed in qualifying heats against other Mombasa schools. The team excelled and almost all our competitors qualified for the finals to participate in the Inter-School Athletics championships, to be held tomorrow Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March.



## Hockey

Our boys' U11 team played their last hockey match of the term on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March versus Mombasa Academy, which we won 3-1. This brought to an end a very successful season as the boys emerged unbeaten in all their matches and hence are the 2016 hockey winners! The girls emerged second in the league. Well done to all the players for their hard work, team spirit and dedication to the sport.



*Hockey vs Mombasa Academy*

## Inter-School Athletics Championships

Tomorrow, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March, AKAM will host the Mombasa Inter-Schools Athletics Championships, from **8.00am to 1.00pm**. Coast Academy, Mombasa Academy, Braeburn MIS, Oshwal Academy, Jaffery Academy, Shree Swaminarayan Academy and Kivukoni from Kilifi, will be participating.

Students who are in the event should arrive at school by **7.45am**. They must bring with them a hat or cap (labelled) as the weather is very hot, their water bottle (labelled) and a healthy snack, and should be dressed in their PE kit (grey t-shirt) and sports shoes. All Junior School students and parents are welcome to attend the event and cheer on the school. The tuck shop will be open for purchase of refreshments.

## Assembly – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Today's assembly was facilitated by the Music Department. Students presented captivating performances in piano recitals, the drums, the recorder, solo singing, group singing and Indian dance. The Music teachers accompanied the students, with a fusion of instruments in some performances, which was truly enjoyable. The students' talent shone through and was a good round-off for the Arts activities that have been central to our school this term.

As you have read, it has been an incredibly busy time for many of the students in the school, participating in demanding events whilst still keeping up with their work in the academic programme. We are most proud of our students with their demonstrations of enthusiasm, determination, commitment, rigour and stamina in all the activities in which they part-take.

## Up-coming Events

### Inter-House Swimming Gala – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March

The Inter-House Swimming Gala is a highly anticipated event each school year. This will take place on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March from 8.00am to 12.30pm**. Students should come to school with their swimming kit on and their PE kit with the house colour t-shirt over it, a sun hat or cap and they may wear sandals. Please ensure your child has their water bottle (labelled) and a snack; however, the tuck shop will be open by the MPH for purchase of light refreshments. The swimming programme is attached with this newsletter.

Note that the school day will **end at 12.30pm** and students depart school after the gala. Lunch will be available for students who are registered for meals for the term. The buses will leave school by **1.15pm**.

### **Enrichment Programme for Term 3**

During clubs time on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March, students will get an opportunity to experience a different Arts workshop. On Tuesday, clubs time will be used to inform the students of the activities on offer for Term 3, which they will then sign up for. Please see the attached information about paying clubs and return the form to the office by **Wednesday 23rd March 2016**. It is important that students who are enrolled in activities provided by external providers return the form, to show that you have given consent to your child to join in the activity. Payment for the activity is to be made at the Bursar's office. Term 3, enrichment activities begin on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April**. (Note: On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, school ends at 2.40pm and the buses depart at 3.00pm). Students enrolled in LAMDA will sign up with and make payment directly with the teacher, Ms. Jean Hughes. LAMDA classes begin on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April**.

### **Parent Workshops**

Prior to the February holiday, we held a workshop for parents, on *Raising Bilingual Children*. This was presented by the educational consultant with whom we work, Ms. Eowyn Crisfield. We informed parents who were present that we would share the presentation to help remind them of the content of the workshop. Please find it attached.

Our next parent workshop will be on the subject of ***Action in the PYP and Service Learning at the Academy***. This is a fundamental part of the Aga Khan Academies Programme. The workshop will be facilitated by Alex Holland, the Academies Unit Curriculum Manager and Zohra Lakhani, Manager, Student Leadership Programmes. It will take place in the Junior School library on:

- Thursday 7th April - 5pm to 6pm
- Friday 8th April - 9am-10am

### **From Alex Holland and Zohra Lakhani - Workshop Leaders**

*Action in the PYP fosters students' self-awareness, initiative, and leadership. In this workshop we will explore the philosophy of Action at the Aga Khan Academy, understand how our students extend their learning through service to their communities, and consider how this evolves as students move through the school. We welcome you to take this opportunity to learn how you can support your child as they work to put their learning into practice, and take action to make the world a better place.*

For logistics planning, please confirm your attendance, indicating which workshop session you will attend, at [rebecca.davis@agakhanacademies.org](mailto:rebecca.davis@agakhanacademies.org)

### **New Units starting and the PYP Exhibition**

These next few weeks at school mark the beginning of new Units of Inquiry. The Year 5 will be starting the PYP Exhibition Unit and we look forward to sharing with the school community, the presentations from their inquiries at the Exhibition celebration event will be held on the evening of **Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016**.

**Dates for your diary:**

Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Inter-School Junior Athletics – 8.00am – 1.00pm
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Inter-House Swimming Gala – 8.00am – 12.30pm
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>12.30pm: Junior School day ends. Students depart school</b>
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March – 1 <sup>st</sup> April	School Holiday
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	School resumes for Term 3
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Parent Workshop on <i>Action in the PYP and Service Learning</i> (5pm – 6pm)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Parent Workshop on <i>Action in the PYP and Service Learning</i> (9am – 10am)
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Enrichment Programme begins

Finally, we wish our AKA M students participating in the athletics event tomorrow the very best and look forward to seeing them in action!

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable week-end.

Kind regards,

Isla Gordon  
Principal, Junior School

## Attachments

- Enrichment Programme – Term 3
- Inter-House Swimming Gala Programme
- Bilingualism Workshop Presentation - 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016

