

5th May 2017

Dear Parents,

Hoping this finds you well. The following includes updates from life at the Junior School including our recent Swahili Day, plans for Enrichment this term, as well as sports events results.

Swahili Day – Friday 28th April (*message from Ms. Esther*)

We again this year, celebrated our Swahili culture, starting with an eventful assembly under the theme of *Kiswahili ni Sasa*. The theme sought to promote the use of Swahili language not only as a tool to gaining insight into the culture and tradition of the Swahili people, but also to promote the use of Swahili language. The assembly was a good mix of presentations from our Swahili culture, and indeed had all the elements of fun which lifted our spirits to start the day.

Swahili Day Assembly



Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

This year celebrates His Highness the Aga Khan's Diamond Jubilee. To commemorate this occasion, all students in the Junior School across the three Academies, Mombasa, Hyderabad and Maputo, will be working on a project producing a form of art or writing, with a focus on 'their journey' as a student at the Academy. This project will be launched with a presentation about the life of His Highness as well as the work of the AKDN.

These projects will be run in workshops and organized in a similar way to the Arts Week. They will include poetry writing, photography, visual art, as well as other forms of media. As with the Arts Week, we will be using enrichment time on a Monday and Tuesday from Monday until the end of enrichment activities, the week of 12th June.

External Enrichment Clubs

For externally run clubs (Skating, Tae kwon-do and Tennis) these will continue as usual this term. Sent along with this newsletter is information about these activities. Students who attend a paid club will participate in the workshop for the Diamond Jubilee on the alternate day of their activity.

Sports News

CASA Junior U11 Championships: 29th – 30th April (message from Coach Kingori)

Last weekend the CASA Junior U11 years championship was held here at the Academy, with a total of 60 athletes representing the school. The AKA Mombasa girls' team and boys' team took first position in their respective categories and were first overall out of 9 teams and clubs! Congratulations to all the students for their personal and team achievements!



Swimming Team – 11 & under

South African National Age Group Gala – Level 2 and 3: 20th – 28th March (Message from Coach Abdulmalik)

This year, eight Aga Khan Academy students, three of whom are in the Junior School, participated for the Coast Amateur Swimming Association (CASA) at the South African National Age Championships, in Port Elizabeth. The team achieved excellent results; all Academy students were finalists, bringing home 7 gold, 1 silver and 11 bronze medals, and even a new 200m national record! We congratulate the swimmers for always putting in their maximum effort and for their personal excellent results. Well done!

Dates for your dairy

May

Saturday 13 th	U9 and U11 Boys/Girls Football Festival at AKAM – 8.00am
Monday 15 th	U11 Boys Football at AKAM – AKAM/MSB/Jaffery – 2.30pm
	U11 Girls Netball at AKAM vs Jaffery
Tuesday 16 th	U11 Girls Netball at AKAM vs Shree
Thursday 18 th	Year 5 Parent meeting (5pm)
Wednesday 24 th	Music Festival - Sub-County level
Wednesday 24 th – Thursday 25 th	Year 5 trip to Shimba Hills
Friday 26 th – Sunday 28 th	CASA Inter-Clubs Invitational Swimming Championships
Tuesday 30 th	Music Festival – County level

Attached is a letter regarding peripatetic Music lessons for Term 3, as well as a letter from the Senior School, *Stand Out Shout Out Club*, requesting for donations of books and soft and hard furnishings for a local school they are supporting.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

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