



Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Dear Parents,

With many activities taking place in the Junior School since last writing, it is my pleasure to share with you details and pictures from last night's PYP Exhibition celebration, our recent Swahili Day as well as last week-end's CASA Swimming Gala.

### The PYP Exhibition

Last night the Year 5 students showcased their PYP Exhibition work with an evening celebration. They spoke with confidence and were extremely knowledgeable about their chosen topics. It was a well-attended event, which included members of the community who have supported the students. We were delighted to have as guest of honour, Honourable Lewa Mtana Tendai, County Executive Secretary, Education and Environment, who spoke of the importance of giving students a voice to shape their future. Indeed he has been an advocate of our school's programme for many years and is keen to continue to work in collaboration with us to support some of the students' proposals for action that connect with the work of the Department for Education, Environment and Sustainability.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the Year 5 students have been working on self-selected topics of significant meaning to them, carrying out research from a variety of sources. Last week each student in Year 5 presented to a panel their proposals for taking *action* as a result of their learning. The panels were made up of Senior School teachers and Junior School faculty, as well as other people from within the community, which extended as far as our colleagues from the Aga Khan Academy in India, Hyderabad. This notion of presenting a concept or idea, receiving feedback and then readjusting the original plan, is all part of the significant learning experiences which develops attitudes of perseverance, creativity and resilience in our students. We have had a lot of positive feedback from our community about this year's Exhibition and indeed, the students in Year 5 have done us proud!



Left: Honourable Lewa Mtana Tendai, Guest of Honour at the Exhibition official opening



Right: Parents and guests at the opening ceremony





**A snap-shot of Exhibition presentations**

### **Swimming Gala**

Last week-end a CASA Under 11 Swimming Gala took place in which many of our Junior School students participated. Again, the team performed brilliantly. The girls took 1<sup>st</sup> place, the boys 2<sup>nd</sup> place and AKAM were 1<sup>st</sup> overall with a total of 108 medals; 65 gold, 31 silver and 12 bronze! As you can see, our swimmers did extremely well and were great ambassadors for our school. Well done to the whole team!



**The U11 Swimming Team**



**They won multiple events!! Well done!!**

## Swahili Day - 29<sup>th</sup> April 2016

We recently had our annual Swahili Day, to commemorate our coastal culture. Indeed, the variety of presentations given by students in our assembly was a reminder of what an eclectic mix our Mombasa culture is with its many influences. Using the Kiswahili language as a medium for all the presentations, students showcased a debate on the merits and disadvantages of school uniform, a simulation of a school TV news bulletin, along with a variety of poetry, songs, dance and drama, as well as a fashion show of Swahili-inspired clothing.



Snap shots of Swahili Day

## Library Books

In preparation for the end of year library inventory, we will be collecting in all library books and ask that books be returned to school by **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May**. We would also much appreciate any help from parents in shelving them. If you are able to come in on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and/or Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May, to please let Ms. Cochu know by sending an email to [Rukiya.Cochu@agakhanacademies.org](mailto:Rukiya.Cochu@agakhanacademies.org). Once we finish with the inventory, the students will be able to borrow books for the holiday, should they wish.



With just 6 weeks of school left of this academic year, we ask you to take note of the following dates for your diary. Please note that next **Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> May** is a non-school day.

**Dates for the Diary**

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	U11 Netball Vs MSB (H)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Triangular U11 Football Vs Oshwal Vs Mombasa Academy (A)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term holiday
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 field trip to Muhaka Camp, Shimba Hills
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	U11 Netball Vs Mombasa Academy (H)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	CASA Inter-Clubs Invitational Swimming Championships
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 5 Party
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	U11 Netball Vs Oshwal Academy (H)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Graduation
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Semester 2 Reports to parents
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	School closes (12 noon)

Again, thanking you for all your support with the different events at the Academy. Wishing you a restful weekend.

With kind regards,

*Isla Gordon*

