



Newsletter No. 3 2017-18

Monday, 23rd October 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this year's third Junior School Newsletter. We hope you had valuable discussions at the Parent-Teacher Conference, last week. If there are teachers you were unable to meet or you were unable to attend, please make an appointment with the relevant teachers, by Friday 10th November. This meeting is an important part of informing you about your child's progress to date, and set goals for the rest of the academic year.

As we have come to the end of the first half of Term 1, I would like to share some important information with you.

Arts Week

We will commence our third annual Arts Week workshops, immediately after the half term break. As in the past two years, we have chosen a theme for this year, that links to the Aga Khan Strands. This year the Strand is based on *Culture*, in the rarely-mentioned African and South Asian civilisations, through the theme of *ancient civilizations*. The workshops will enable our students to explore areas that they are interested in with regard to the content, skills and dispositions. Attached with this newsletter is further information and details about the Arts Week, from the Enrichment Coordinator, Ms. Evelyn Awino.

Field Trips

Having taken advise from our Security Manager on the current political situation, we have postponed class field trips until further notice.

Safety Drills

There will be a *Shake Out* (earthquake) and evacuation drill, next month. We have been talking to the students about the importance of having these drills, for their knowledge, as a measure for safety and security, and have assured them that they are not in any imminent danger. The students have responded very well so far, in the *lock down drills* we carried out recently. However, if you notice your child exhibiting any anxiety due to these drills, please let the class teacher know about it, so we can provide further reassurance.



Head Lice

We have recently had a few cases of head lice in the Junior School, and I would request that you carefully check your child/children's hair at home, and have it treated during the holidays, if you notice any lice or nits. Treatment for hair lice is available at pharmacies or you can use alternative, natural treatments. It is recommended that if your child is affected, other family members should have the treatment at the same time, including having towels and bedding specially washed to ensure complete eradication of the parasite. If your child is affected, kindly ensure he/she is lice-free before resuming school on 31st October. The following link has useful information on identifying and treating head lice: <http://kidshairinc.com/hair-advice/lice/>.

Social Media - A note from the Communications Department

With a view to sharing more Academies information with you, that may not be in our newsletters or website <http://www.agakhanacademies.org/mombasa>, note the following information from our Communications Department:

Engage with us on social media! The Aga Khan Academies shares fascinating stories, videos and photo galleries on all our social media pages. We also have two ongoing social media campaigns; the Academies Journeys and 60 Stories for 60 Years, which provide interactive and engaging insight into the unique Academies community. Be sure to follow, like and subscribe to our pages so you can stay up to date on all Academies news and never miss out on our exciting updates!

Like us on Facebook: @AKAcademies

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Dates for your Diary

OCTOBER 2017			
Tuesday	31st	School reopens	7.40am
Tuesday	31st	Arts Week Enrichment Activities begin	
Tuesday	31st	U11 Girls Rounders Vs Light Academy (Home)	3.00pm

NOVEMBER 2017			
Saturday	4th	U11 Cricket Tournament (Home)	8.00am - 1.00pm
Saturday - Sunday	4th - 5th	CASA Open Junior Swimming Championships	
Thursday	9th	PYP Parent Workshop - Trans-Languaging	8.00am – 9.30am
Friday	10th	Inter-House Athletics	8.00am -12.30pm
Friday - Sunday	17th - 19th	CASA Inter-Clubs Invitational Swim Championships (TCB)	
Saturday	18th	Inter-School Junior Athletics at AKA Mombasa	8.30am - 1.00pm
Saturday	18th	Inter-School Friendly Swimming Gala at Shree	
Thursday	23rd	**PYP Parent Workshop - Trans-Languaging	5.00pm - 6.30pm
Saturday - Sunday	25th - 26th	NASA Invitational Swimming Championships - Nairobi	
Thursday	30th	Enrichment Programme ends (all – including paid clubs)	



DECEMBER 2017			
Friday	1st	Arts Week Production	Evening
Saturday	2nd	Zawadi Bazaar	TBC
Friday	8th	Whole School Assembly	TBC
Friday	8th	School Closes for Term 1	2.40pm

**** Note the PYP Workshop on Trans-Languaging, initially scheduled for Thursday 16th November, has been postponed to Thursday 23rd November, at the same time.**

Diwali greetings to all the families who celebrated the Festival of Lights, on Friday last week!

We wish all our families a happy and safe school break, and we look forward to the students returning to school on Tuesday 31st October 2017.

With best regards,

Khona Bhattacharjee
Acting Principal, Junior School

Attachment: Arts Week 2017 Information Letter

