



Newsletter 1/2015

Friday, 9th January, 2015

Dear Parents,

It is a pleasure to write to you my first Aga Khan Academy, Junior School newsletter. I do hope you had a restful and enjoyable break and send you my warmest wishes for the New Year, 2015. I am delighted to have formally started my work here in Mombasa. This time last week I was still contemplating the freezing temperatures of Switzerland and am now appreciating Mombasa, not just for the warm weather, but also the warm welcome I have received from the community.

The school week started with a 'non-contact' day for staff on Monday where we were engaged in many activities. These included a look at our school in terms of its mission and what makes it unique, professional development sessions on inclusion of students with different learning needs and group work around twenty-first century skills for learning. You will see below a photo of the Junior School staff highly engaged in team activities.



Professional development for staff

This week we also had two assemblies with the students. One to welcome them back from the holidays on Tuesday and then the traditional Friday one, where staff shared with students some of the work they created during the non-contact day. It is important for our students to know that we are all lifelong learners in this community!





Tuesday assembly in the Junior School

Four new students joined our junior school this week. The AKA Junior School children have assured me they have gone out of their way to help them and make them feel at home, and we extend our warmest welcome to their families.

On Monday 12th January we will have four new teachers joining us as part of the Teacher Preparation Programme; this is an extension of the programme which was started in the Senior School last year. They will be spending eighteen months in the school for training in our classes and on-going professional development. They are teachers who have recently graduated from national universities with degrees in education. Each TPP trainee will spend time with our syndicate teachers as well as with Years 1, 3 and P.E. classes. This is to give them a breadth of experience across the age groups and curriculum areas. This type of programme is beneficial not just for the trainees but also for the school in terms of additional support in classes and exchanges of professional expertise and dialogue between our staff and the trainees.

Our teachers have already started to write your child's school progress report which will be sent to you on 30th January, 2015. Following this, we look forward to seeing you on the 5th or 6th February for your child's *Three Way Conference*. This will be an opportunity to discuss their learning and the contents of the school report.

The Enrichment Programme will be starting for the Junior and Senior schools on **Monday 19th January**. At the end of this letter you see a list of the activities which will be offered. The students will have an opportunity to register for these next week. We are delighted this term to include the Year 1 students in the programme.

This is the first of a bi-monthly newsletter from myself and my colleagues at the Junior School. It is important to us that we share with you events and learning taking place, to give you a glimpse into your child's time with us.

I look forward to seeing you soon and in the meantime wish you a restful and enjoyable week-end.

With kind regards,

Isla Gordon
Junior School Principal

JUNIOR SCHOOL ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES LIST: TERM 2- 2015

ACTIVITY	PATRON	GRADES	Max. No.	VENUE	Day
Arty Crafty	Ms. Mary	1-5	15	Art room	Monday
Young Authors	Ms. Norah	3-5	15	LSU room	Monday
Aero Yoga	Ms. Salima	3-5	15	IWBR	Monday
Science	Ms. Klueg	4-5	15	Science room	Monday
Girls Football	Mr. Klueg	3-5	15	Astro turf pitch	Monday
Reading Club	Mrs. Kariuki	1-5		Library	Monday
Swimming For Fun	Ms. Caroline/ Ms. Ruth	1-3	15	Swimming pool	Monday
Badminton	Ms. Enitta	3-5	15	MPH	Monday
U11 Boys Hockey Team	Mr. Ndung'u	4-5-selection	15	Field	Monday
U11 Girls Hockey Team	Ms. Edwina	4-5-selection	15	Field	Monday
Junior School Band	Mr. Zack	By Selection	15	Music room	Monday
Junior Choir	Mr. Phillip	3-5	15	Music room	Monday
Readers Theatre	Ms. Rukiya	1-3	15	TBC	Monday
SRC	Ms. Khona	SRC Members	SRC	TBC	Tuesday
Musically Speaking	Ms. Prisca	4-5	15	2A	Tuesday
Peer Mentoring	Ms. Minal - Grade 9's	5	15	TBC	
Dance	Ms. Ann	1-3	20	1K	Tuesday
Fun With Math	Ms. Sangale	1-2	15	1A	Tuesday
Dress-up Stories	Ms. Leabres	1-3	15	2K	Tuesday
Football	Mr. Samson/ Mr. Victor	1-5	25	Field	Tuesday
Girl Guides/ Brownies	Ms. Judith	3-5	15	4A	Tuesday
Boy Scouts	Mr. Phillip	3-5	15		Tuesday
Beadwork & Jewelry Making	Ms. Evelyn	3-5	15	4K	Tuesday
Athletics Club	Mr. King'ori/ Mr. Collins	2-5	20	Field	Tuesday
Needle Work	Ms. Harsha	3-5	15		Tuesday
Acapela Karaoke	Ms. Ruth	2-5	15	3A	Tuesday
PAYING ACTIVITIES					
Tennis	Coach Peter 0721396829	1-5	15	Tennis court- behind MPH	Monday/Tuesday/ Thursday
Tae Kwon Do	Mr. Hannington 0721 394 132	1-5	15	Yr 6 Foyer	Monday/Tuesday
LAMDA	Ms. Hughes 0733 626 264	1-5	20	IWB Room	Wednesday/ Thursday
Skating	Mr. James 0727 499 795	1-5	15	In front of Senior Library	Tuesday
French	Lamia Ibrahimji 0733 227 159	1-5	Minimum 8 / group	Kiswahili room	Monday/Tuesday/ Wednesday

School Buses Schedule (For students using the school bus: from 19th January)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Departure Time</u>
Monday:	4.00pm
Tuesday:	4.00pm
Wednesday – Friday:	3.00pm

