



AKA News

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Message from the Head of Academy

Welcome to 2020-21!

As we plan for a beginning like no other we have seen in the past, our focus will still be to ensure that:

every child, every day is finding a way to feel **connected**,
every child, every day is being **challenged** by new learnings and experiences, and
every child, every day knows they have a member of staff they can turn to.

The last term of 2019-2020 challenged our staff, students and parents to find a new normal for learning and being physically separate connected us in new ways. It required us to lead and support from afar but none of it would have been possible without the commitment our teachers have shown for which I am grateful. I am also grateful for the ways in which our students continued to work hard and continued to grow. The start of the new academic year may not be normal, but our learning will not only continue, it will thrive. We can't wait to move on to the next phase of learning under COVID-19 and we know, all returning and new students will be welcomed to our community and we will continue to grow! Since we broke for the summer, teachers have reflected on and reviewed their distance learning experiences from last term to identify the challenges and share the successes. Despite its challenges, working in an online environment has definitely brought about some positive changes for example students have been required to take more responsibility and ownership of their learning; teachers have been required to be more creative and to differentiate and personalise learning more to engage and support individual students.

The Academy teachers have worked tirelessly since we finished the term to further develop their skills and understanding of distance learning methods and have learned how to utilise more technology tools so that your children will receive the best possible remote education. In readiness for the start of the year, staff have been reviewing their curriculum plans to ensure continuity and coverage.

Starting 10 August, we will be having Zoom meetings with specific groups of parents to answer questions as to how we will be supporting their Y10 and DP2 children to ensure they transition and complete the final years of the MYP and Diploma Programmes. We will be running an induction programme for all new students to meet their teachers, familiarise themselves with the technology tools and understand how to navigate learning online before school starts on 17 August. More information regarding these sessions will be shared by the school Principals and Programme Coordinators this week.

Normal is such a simple word and it is our goal to not only find our 'new' normal, but to use this time as a learning experience that will forever impact the learning environment of the Academy for the better. Your continued support as partners in learning is much appreciated and is essential as we continue to focus on your children's learning and to ensure that when we eventually return to campus, we are safe and stronger as a community.

Warm regards,

Ms. Alison Hampshire.

Raphael Mwachiti joined the Academy through the Talent Identification Programme in 2015. During his time at the Academy, he has had outstanding achievements using technology to improve the lives of others, from teaching computer skills to children in his community to his brilliant innovation to aid the visually impaired.

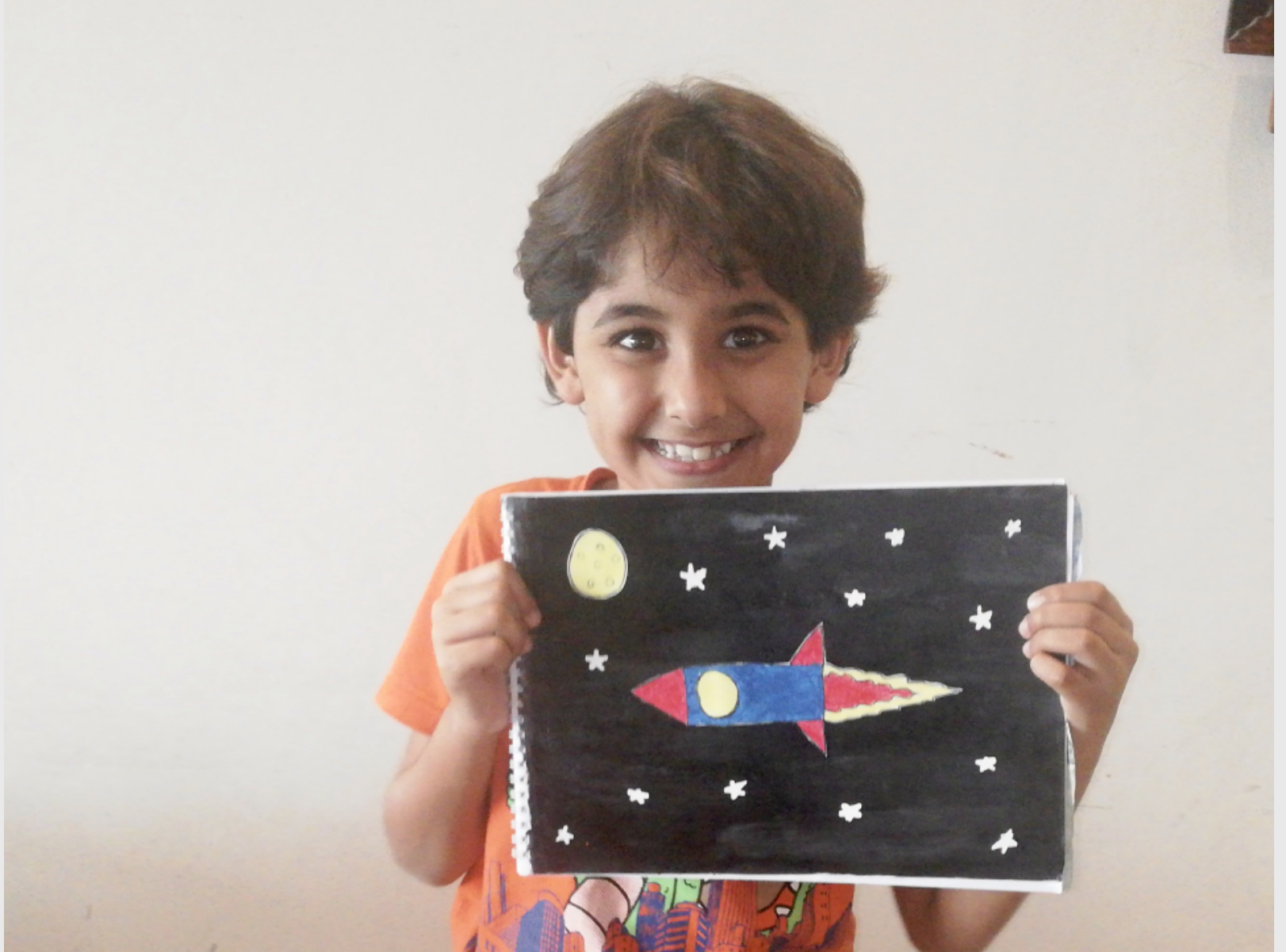


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RECENT NEWS

The Aga Khan Academies launches the Holiday Programme

The Aga Khan Academies launched a Holiday Programme as an interesting, fun and creative way for students to stay busy during the holidays. The activities, which are updated on a weekly basis, are designed to build relevant skills, including critical and creative thinking. The activities are open to all students and parents and teachers are also encouraged to participate. The site will be active until the beginning of the school term.



Students launch iSEAYou challenge

The iSEAYou team has put together some fun and easy challenges to motivate students to be more environmentally conscious. The series of challenges which will take place over the course of a few weeks encourage participants to creatively reuse and recycle. All participants will be recognized for their efforts with winners being announced at the end of each challenge.



Log Out: a short film by students from the Aga Khan Academy Mombasa

A short, captivating film called ‘Log Out’ tells the story of a young introverted boy who becomes addicted to gaming on social media. The short film, featuring students and teachers as actors and producers, was put together with support of Art & Drama teacher Joyce Arigi and English teacher Alex Mwololo who guided the film-making process.



"To this end, the Academies curriculum seeks to instil a habit of intellectual humility which constantly opens young minds to what it is that they do not know, and which sends them on a wide and rigorous search for new knowledge. In my view, the most important thing a student can learn in any educational institution is the ability to keep on learning."

His Highness the Aga Khan
The Aga Khan Academy Mombasa, 2007



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