



11th February 2016

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of this half-term, I hope that the 3-Way Conferences, as well as your child's progress report and other assessment results, are useful feedback about your child's learning. Indeed, all these activities enable us to identify key areas of focus for the next steps in your child's education with us.

As mentioned in the cover letter of your child's report, reflection is a key part of learning. In fact, Social Science researchers and educators refer to this reflection process using the term 'metacognition', some claiming that high metacognitive levels in students have a direct correlation with a child's future academic performance.

3-Way Conferences

I do hope you found/find the 3-Way Conferences beneficial, taking an active role in conversations with your child and their teacher.

Book Fair

The Book Fair started successfully today, and will be on tomorrow from 8.00am – 4.30pm. There is a wide variety of books on sale, suitable for all ages.

Bilingual Learning Workshop

The workshop on Bilingual Learning, to be held tomorrow 12th February, has been well-subscribed. Indeed, our consultant, Ms Eowyn Crisfield-Burr, presents interesting and thought-provoking information that is key to the lives of students and families living in a multi-cultural environment such as here in Mombasa.

The Year 1 Open House

On Friday 5th February we had a most enjoyable Open House event, in which kindergarten students and parents who are interested in joining AKA, Mombasa, attended. Our Junior School students did us proud as they show-cased our school through an informative and entertaining assembly.



The Audience



The SRC Presidents



Year 1 Performance



Sports Events Updates (From Coach Anthony Ndungu)

On Tuesday 9th February the girl's hockey team played against Mombasa Academy for their second match of the season. They put on a great display of team-work and individual hockey skills, making them winners by a big margin with a result of 7-0! Under the guidance of Ms. Fridah, the team has stepped up their training and have extra practice during their lunch break. The boy's team was to host Light Academy on the same day but unfortunately, the team did not show up.

Over the past two weeks, there has been an on-going Inter-House hockey matches for the girls and boys in Years 4 and 5. The matches are played at break-time and all members of each house are required to turn up when their team is playing. In the matches played so far the results are:

Boys Matches	Results	Girls Matches	Results
Yellow v/s Red	Yellow won 4-0	Yellow v/s Red	Draw 0-0
Green v/s Red	Green won 1-0	Green v/s Red	Green won 5-0
Green v/s Yellow	Yellow won 9-0	Green v/s Yellow	Green won 2-1
Red v/s Green	Draw 1-1	Red v/s Green	Green won 4-0
Blue v/s Yellow	Yellow won 8-0	Blue v/s Yellow	Yellow won 3-0
Blue v/s Red	<i>Yet to be played</i>	Blue v/s Red	<i>Yet to be played</i>

The winners will be announced after the half-term and certificates and trophies awarded.



Training session

Library (Message from Ms. Cochu)

We are in the initial stages of upgrading our library with the aim of making it a key hub of learning. Before embarking on any major strategic planning and roll out, we first need to collect all the library books for stocktaking. Please look for any library books you may have at home and return them to school on Monday 22nd February. The library will remain closed for the first week back to allow for some refurbishment, but students will still be able to borrow books from their class libraries. Please let Ms. Cochu know if you are interested and available to help in the library, by email at: rukiya.cochu@agakhanacademies.org



Reading during the school break

Holidays are a perfect time to indulge in reading for pleasure and we would like to remind you of the wealth of books available to all students from Years 1 - 5 through www.kidsa-z.com. The website is accessible on fixed as well as mobile devices so your children can read while at home and away!

Coming up

When we get back after the half-term break we look forward to starting activities delving into the arts, and later in March, to our Arts Week where we will be running workshops for students in photography, art and craft, poetry, costumes, and singing and dance, around the theme of African culture.

Strands Workshop – Friday 12th February

Attached with this newsletter is further information on the Strands Workshop, which will take place at 11.30am tomorrow, in the Senior Library boardroom. Given the short notice, the same session will be run again at a later day which will be communicated in due course.

Key dates

Friday 12 th February	3-Way Conferences for Years 1 to 5
Friday 12 th February	Book Fair
Friday 12 th February	Parent Workshop on Bilingual Learning (8.00am – 9.30am)
Friday 12 th February	Strands Workshop for Parents
Friday 12 th – Sunday 14 th February	CASA Open and Age Group Swimming Championships
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th February	Half-term break

Other Upcoming Events

26 th – 29 th February, 2016	KSF National Open and Age Group Swimming Championships
Thursday 10 th & Friday 11 th March	Arts performance (evenings)
Saturday 12 th – Sunday 13 th March	CASA Junior Swimming Championships
Thursday 17 th March	PYP Exhibition and end of PYP Field Trip Information Session (for Year 5 Parents)
Saturday 19 th March	Inter-School Junior Athletics
Thursday 24 th March	Junior School Inter-House Swimming Gala
Friday 25 th March – Friday 1 st April	2 nd Term break
Monday 4 th April	School resumes for Term 3

Wishing you and your family a wonderful half-term break.

Kind regards,

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