



2nd September 2016

Dear Parents,

It has been a pleasure to have you at school for different events over the past weeks and I do hope that you have found the recent workshops useful. Attached with this newsletter is the power-point document from the Bilingual Education workshop held this morning, led by Ms. Eowyn Chrisfield-Burr.

You have been sent quite a lot of information over the course of these past weeks, so this newsletter is short. It includes photos of some of our students who participated in the Kenya Music Festival over the July/August break, some information about the upcoming Student Representative Council elections as well as other upcoming events to take note of, in the *Dates for the Diary*.

Attached is a letter from our Kiswahili teacher, Ms. Esther Kariuki, who is collecting data for a Masters dissertation. We encourage our teachers to be life-long learners alongside our students, and fully support ongoing studies. As per the details in the letter, should you not want your child to feature in any way with regard to the data collected (anonymously), please let the office know.

Kenya Music Festival 2016

For the fifth year running, the Academy took part in the Kenya Music Festival where 52 students from both the Junior School and Senior School participated in eight entries in solos, duos, trios and in a choir, achieving sterling results. They earned five 1st positions, one 2nd position and two 3rd positions! We congratulate all the students for representing the Academy at the festival and for their commitment in coming to school for rehearsals during the school holidays. We also thank the teachers who gave their time to coach and chaperone the students for the events in Mombasa and Nairobi.

A write up on the Music Festival and more photos are available on the Academy website www.agakhanacademies.org/Mombasa.

There will be a Music concert to showcase the pieces performed during Kenya Music Festival, on Friday 9th September 2016, from 2.00pm – 3.30pm at the Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH). You are welcome to attend.



Kenya Music Festival - 2016



Junior School Student Representative Council – 2016-17 *(from the SRC Patron Ms. Kristine Leabres)*

Central to the Academy's vision is to provide opportunities for students to nurture leadership skills within themselves and their peers; all with the ultimate goal of creating an engaged, proactive, and holistically-minded student body. Being part of the Student Representative Council will allow the students to take an active role in the well-being and learning of their peers at AKA,M. We will start the nominations and campaigns next week. Please refer to the attached file for more information regarding specific posts that your child might be eligible for and interested in pursuing. Please do not hesitate to contact me at Kristine.Leabres@agakhanacademies.org if you require additional information or guidance.

Dates for the Diary

September 2016

Monday	5th	CEM Assessments – Year 3, 4, 5 this week
Thursday	8th	PYP Coffee Evening - Introduction to the PYP - 5.00pm – 6.30pm
Monday	12th	CEM Assessments – Year 1, 2, 3 this week
Monday	12th	SRC Speeches this week
Friday	16th	SRC Council Elections - 7.40am
Saturday	17th	CASA Novice Swimming
Sunday	18th	CASA Novice Swimming
Thursday	22nd	PYP Workshop – Citizenship 8.00am - 9.30am
Monday	25th	ISA Tests this week (Year 3 – 5)
Thursday	29th	PYP Workshop – Citizenship 5.00pm - 6.30pm

Finally, we have an amazing team of staff working with your children in the Junior School, and it is a pleasure to share with you their bios.

Wishing you a pleasant week-end.

With kind regards,

Isla Gordon
Principal, Junior School

