



Friday, 27th November, 2015

Dear Parents,

Hoping that this Thursday was a peaceful and restful holiday for you, it certainly made a short week at school. It was interesting to see the reaction of the Junior School staff when the national holiday was announced, hearing their concerns expressed that students would be missing out on a day to get all their class activities finished by the end of the week!

With just two weeks until the end of term, times are busy! We look forward to our end of term celebrations, one of which will be our **Festivals Assembly** which will take place on **Friday 4th December from 7:45am – 8:45am**. You are all warmly invited to join us for this event, a special assembly where, through dance, singing and recitals, we will celebrate the religious festivals of Eid, Christmas and Diwali, these being particularly relevant to our community.

As the term draws to an end, there are other dates important to take note of for your calendar.

- Thursday 3rd December – PYP meeting **on Assessment in the PYP** – 5.00pm – 6.30pm
- Saturday, 5th December from 11.00am to 4.00pm – Zawadi Bazaar
- Tuesday 8th December from 7.00pm to 8.30pm – Lighting of the Christmas tree lights and carol service
- Week of 7th – 10th December – final week of Enrichment Clubs
- Friday, 11th December at noon – school closure for the holiday
- Tuesday, 5th January at 7:40am – classes resume for Term 2

Your child may have told you that we had a camel in school last Friday! This camel will be at the Zawadi Bazaar to give rides to students and their families.

Zawadi Bazaar – Uhai Group – Fashion Show

A Senior School CAS group, UHAI, will host a fashion show on the evening of the Zawadi Bazaar on 5th December. The show is aimed at raising awareness of cancer, including providing free check-ups (within a private space), by a professional group from Mombasa. It is open to all parents, teachers and the community around. You may pass on the information to friends, the flyer is attached. The events accompanying the fashion show are appropriate for all ages so children are free to join their parents.

Please do join us for these special occasions as an important part of our community events.



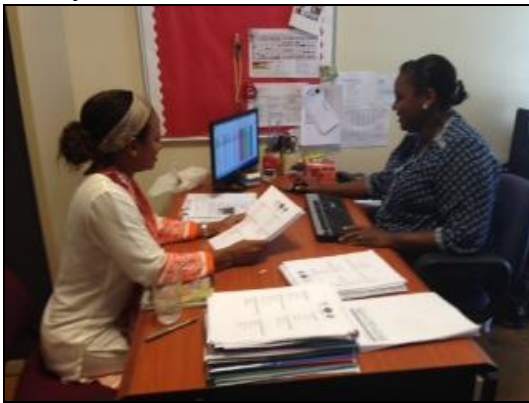
New staff member – Michelle Perez

We are delighted to announce that we have a new member to our teaching faculty, who will start work with us in January, 2016. Mrs Michelle Perez will be joining the Year 4 team of teachers and as you will read in her biography, attached with this newsletter, she is a highly experienced educator and also has many talents which she will undoubtedly share with the students. Ms. Michelle will take over as Class Teacher for Year 4A, which to date this year, has been taught by Mrs Khona Bhattacharjee and Mrs Rukiya Cochu. Both Ms. Rukiya and Ms. Khona will continue with their respective roles as Vice-Principal and PYP Coordinator from January 2016, as well as support a smooth transition with Ms. Michelle taking on the class.

Curriculum Overviews

We are coming to the end of the second Unit of Inquiry in all the year levels; these have been Years 3, 4 and 5 – units related to How the World Works (Scientific Principles), Year 2 – How We Express Ourselves (Patterns) and in Year 1 – Where we are in Time and Place (Maps). Next week students will start their third Unit of Inquiry; we will send out the Curriculum Overviews during the week. These will contain useful information about how you can support your child with learning new vocabulary or reinforcing some concepts from different subjects.

Student Representative Council



Tallying SRC Votes on Friday 13th November



SRC Executive members receiving their certificates

The SRC election process came to an end two weeks ago and the Council has already had their first meeting. You will see in the photo above, Ms Rukiya and Miss Becky, carefully counting the student votes for the election. Attached with this newsletter are the names of the students who are part of 2015-16 Student Representative Council, as well as a copy of one of the candidate's speeches. This has been attached for you to see the quality of a presentation whilst a student was running to serve on the SRC.

Year 4 and 5 Student Outing to the Cinema

Following an SRC member's initiative to organize this event, on Saturday 21st November, several of the Years 4 and 5 students went to the cinema to see the film *He Named Me Malala*. This film is particularly relevant on many levels, both in connection with our Academy's vision for children's access to education as well as in relation to the Units of Inquiry on Migration in Year 5 and Child Rights in Year 4. This outing was a wonderful demonstration of student initiative and a much appreciated moment for the families who joined.



Year 4 and 5 at Cinemax – Saturday 21st November

Year 2 Assembly – 20th November 2015



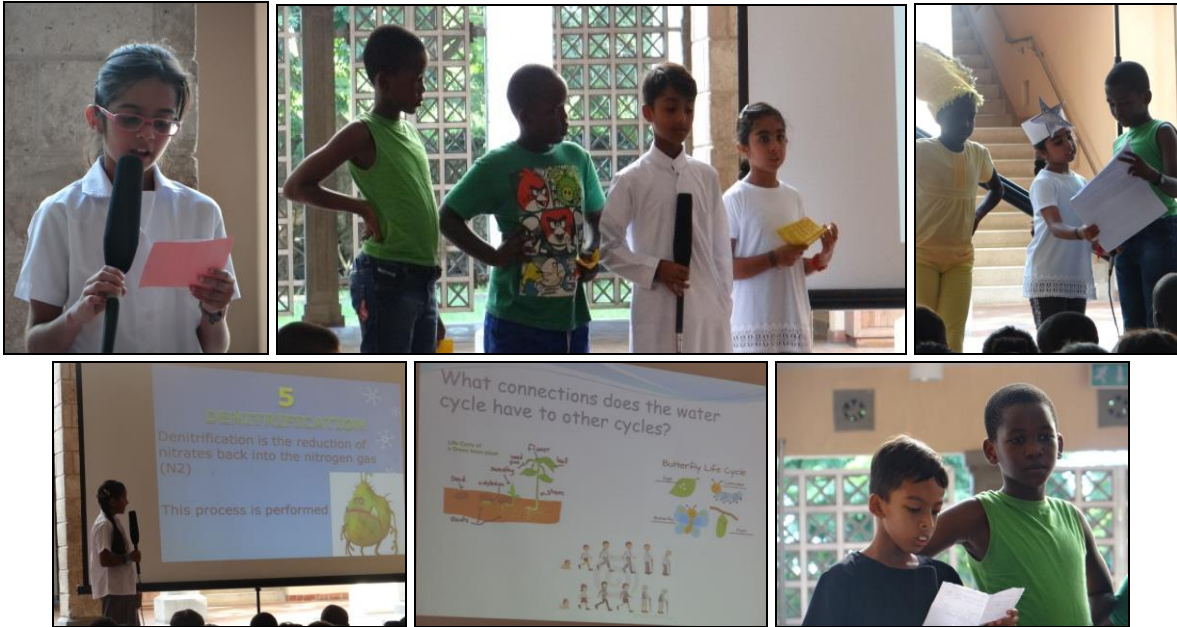
Year 2 Assembly – 20th November

On Friday 20th November, the Year 2 students presented a delightful and colourful assembly exploring aspects of cultures and connected these to their current Unit of Inquiry on *How We Express Ourselves* (Patterns). There were musical pieces and dance, as well as a fashion show of local dress emphasizing patterns found in local prints and cloths.

Year 4A Assembly – 27th November (A message from the teachers)

Year 4A presented their Summative Assessment on Natural Cycles during their assembly this morning. Using powerpoint, models and movie-making, students worked independently to show stages of different natural cycles, connections between their chosen cycle and other cycles, as well as activities that change or alter the pattern of cycles. Part of their presentation

was also a play in Kiswahili describing how day and night happens, the solar eclipse and reflection. As we end the second unit, there is evidence to suggest that students can now work productively in teams; they can research with minimal guidance, have developed presentation skills and are always eager to learn something new.



Year 4A Assembly Presentation

PYP Parent Workshop on Assessment

We had our first workshop with on the theme of *Assessment in the PYP*, on Thursday 19th November, and very much look forward to the next session which, due to yesterday's public holiday, we have had to re-schedule to **Thursday, 3rd December at 5.00pm**. We look forward to another good turnout of parents. The meeting will be in the Junior School Library.

Sports

Unfortunately, due to the rain, we had to cancel the Inter-School Athletics competition which was due to take place on Saturday, 14th November. At the next Mombasa Schools' Fixtures Meeting, the coaches will decide on another date for the event in 2016.

On the theme of sports, and during these months where the weather is particularly warm and the sun is strong, we highly recommend that all students in the Junior School bring a sunhat or cap to wear during P.E. lessons and at break-times. Please make sure these are **clearly labelled** so we can return them to your child should they forget it somewhere.

Coast Academy Art Competition

The Coast Academy Art Competition took place on Saturday 7th November with the results being announced on Saturday 21st November. One of our students attained 2nd place and two were placed 3rd. Well done to all who took part in the event.



Some Student Art – Coast Academy Art Competition

Finally, we certainly look forward to seeing you at many of our end of term events. In the meantime, we wish you a peaceful and relaxing week-end.

With kind regards,

Isla Gordon
Principal, Junior School