

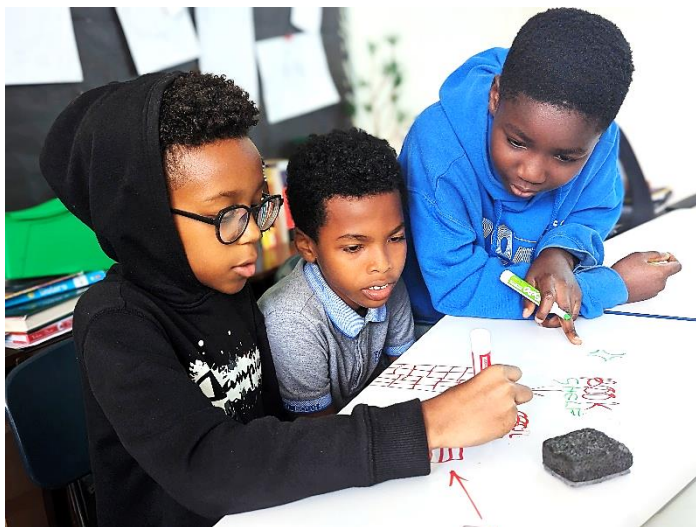
AWOKO

From Brian’s Desk

Of Song Writing and Script Writing

On Wednesday, March 22 Grades 3—8 enjoyed a morning where they could learn something about song writing or screen and script writing. AISF parent Kate Krontiris brought in a talented group of local musicians to work with our budding song writers while our own Mr. DeCoste hosted a group of aspiring screen writers. Who knows what we may see from these students as they grow and develop? Good Luck!





The Break is Coming!

It's always a long haul between coming back in the New Year and our Spring Break, but it is almost upon us. We close next Thursday and open again on Monday the 17th. I will send holiday greetings in next week's AWOKO!

Important Upcoming Dates

7th—16th April	Spring Break / AISF Closed
Monday 17th April	AISF Reopens
Monday 24th April	Eid al-Fitr (Tentative). Eid is likely to begin on the evening of Friday the 21st with the public holiday on Saturday. Monday the 24th is likely to be a public holiday.
Thursday 27th April	Sierra Leone Independence Day: School Closed
Monday 1st May	Another possible public holiday

Quote of the Week: *The seeds of success in every nation on Earth are best planted in women and children.* Joyce Banda

ECC

This week Kindergartners are learning to use objects and drawings to find out how many are left. Pre-Kindergartners are working on volume and capacity and all sorts of measurements. In IPC we continue to learn about the wonderful things that our bodies can do for us and how different parts of our body communicate with our brains. We enjoyed doing an activity with Malika (Lola's mom) on Tuesday.



Grade 1-4

It's been a great week of learning for the Pangolins and Chimpanzees. The Grade 1 children have been working hard to subtract single digits from 10s numbers. Grade 2 are learning theory number bonds up to 100. The Grade 4 children took their end of Module 4 Math test in angles and triangles. They did extremely well and should be proud of their scores! Grade 3 will be taking their end of module 4 Math test next week in shapes and areas of quadrilaterals.

In IPC Pangolins have been learning about their 5 senses. For ELA the Pangolins have been enjoying reading 'Demon Dentist' a jaw-achingly funny book, written by the comedian and children's author David Walliams.

The Chimpanzees have been learning about how to research and report news. In PE they have been practicing hockey and gymnastic skills. For ELA they have been practicing cursive writing and editing their writing.

Today the Elementary children all wore Africana clothes for their class and school photos. They had so much fun modelling their outfits!



Grade 5-8 (English and Social Studies)

In Language Arts, 5/6 continued to read *The Giver*. 7/8 started reading *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

In Social Studies, 5/6 prepared to climb Mount Everest while 7/8 started their unit on Entrepreneurship.



Grade 5-8 (Math and Science)

Grades 7 and 8 completed their model cells in Science this week. They are now ready to begin their module on Weather and Climate. In Math, they learned about pie charts, histograms, bar graphs and stem and leaf plots. They will display their knowledge with a Statistics project next week.

Grades 5 and 6 learned more about properties of light waves this week in Science. In Math, both grades reviewed all week and took their end of unit assessments. They are now ready to begin their Geometry modules. Both grades also chose a woman to research as we wrapped up Woman's Month. Ask them about it!



High School

The final term has proved pretty intense so far. The high school students work harder than ever on their online courses. There are lots of quizzes and unit tests in every subject. They work mostly independently but they have specialist teachers to support them twice a week. Also, every Friday afternoon they have an optional class with Mr. Thomas who guides them towards the SAT exam. It looks far away but time passes quickly.



Technology

Students in grade 2 have been learning how to type. We used typing club (typinclub.com) to learn the different positions of our fingers on the keyboard and how to press the keys without looking at them.

