

From Brian's Desk

Pangolin Exit Point

On Wednesday, our Grade 1&2 class (The Pangolins!) wrapped up their unit on Land, Sea, and Sky with an exit point. The students have been busy learning about animals and their habitats, and an exit point is an opportunity for them to share and explain what they have been learning. As I am sure that we have all learned, it is more difficult to actively explain one's understanding than to it is to passively absorb knowledge. Exit points help to make children more comfortable presenting their learning and understanding while also making the experience more memorable.



Toyota Dream Car Competition

Every year, Toyota holds a “Dream Car” competition where they invite young people to submit their drawings and creative ideas for the dream car of the future. The competition was brought to AISF by Kathrin van Rensburg, our art teacher for the past two years. This school year, art teacher John Oliver had our students design their dream cars to submit to CICA Motors for the 2024 competition. They had many interesting and creative ideas.

On Saturday 9th March, the prize giving took place at the British International School, and Helena Arango, a Grade 6 student at AISF, took third place in her age category! Congratulations, Helena!!



Important Upcoming Dates

Thursday 28th March	Trimester Two Reports Go Home
Thursday 28th March	Noon Dismissal for Spring Break
March 29-April 14	Spring Break (School Closed)
Monday 29th April	Sierra Independence Day Observed (public holiday-school closed)
Wednesday 1st May	May Day (public holiday-school closed)
6th May—16th May	MAP Testing (Grades 2—8)
Monday 17th June	Eid-al-Hadha (tentative—school closed if confirmed)
Friday 21st June	Final Day of School (noon dismissal)

Quote of the Week: *We may encounter many defeats but we must not be defeated.* Maya Angelou

ECC

This week at ECC, our students have been immersed in learning about Women's History Month, exploring the remarkable contributions of women who have shaped our world. From scientists to activists, artists to leaders, our students have been inspired by the stories of these influential figures. As we approach the end of the month, our girls are eagerly preparing for a short performance to honor these extraordinary women and showcase their own appreciation for their achievements.



Grade 1-2

This was a great week for the Pangolins! We wrapped up our IPC unit "Land, Sea, and Sky" with our Exit Point. It was great to see so many of our family members and friends there, and we really enjoyed showing off everything we have learned.

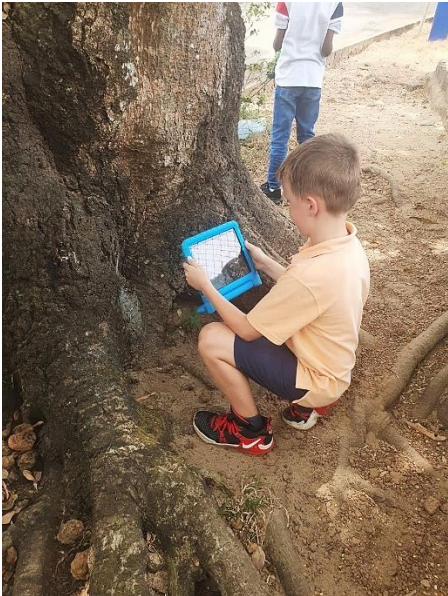
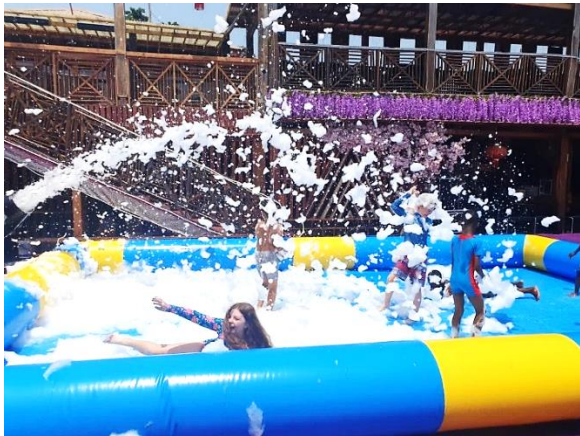
We then started our new unit "Explorers and Adventurers". We brainstormed how and why early explorers travelled the world and went on an adventure around the school to bring back spices for Queen Nachele. We are definitely excited to see what this unit has in store for us!



Grade 3-4

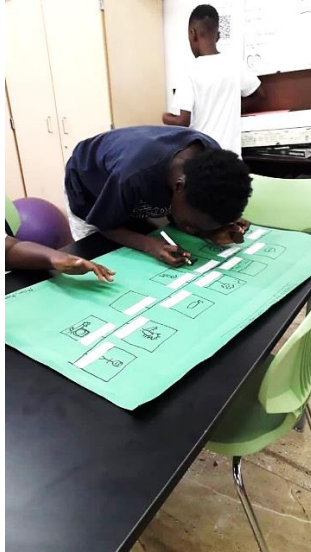
Wow! What a week! On Tuesday we celebrated Miss Kamara's birthday and spent the day at Leone Sky Bar. We used the money raised from the Entrepreneurship Fair to celebrate our hard work and business flair. We had a great time on all the play activities and had a great feast before returning to school.

For the remainder of the week, we learnt about the importance of shelter, water, food, and space within a habitat. We learnt about how within an animal's home, they'll have everything they need to be able to find food and successfully raise young. We went on a lookout for creatures in the playground and garden. We took some fascinating pictures of insects, bugs, and little animals. We then had a discussion about their different habits and why they were best suited to them.



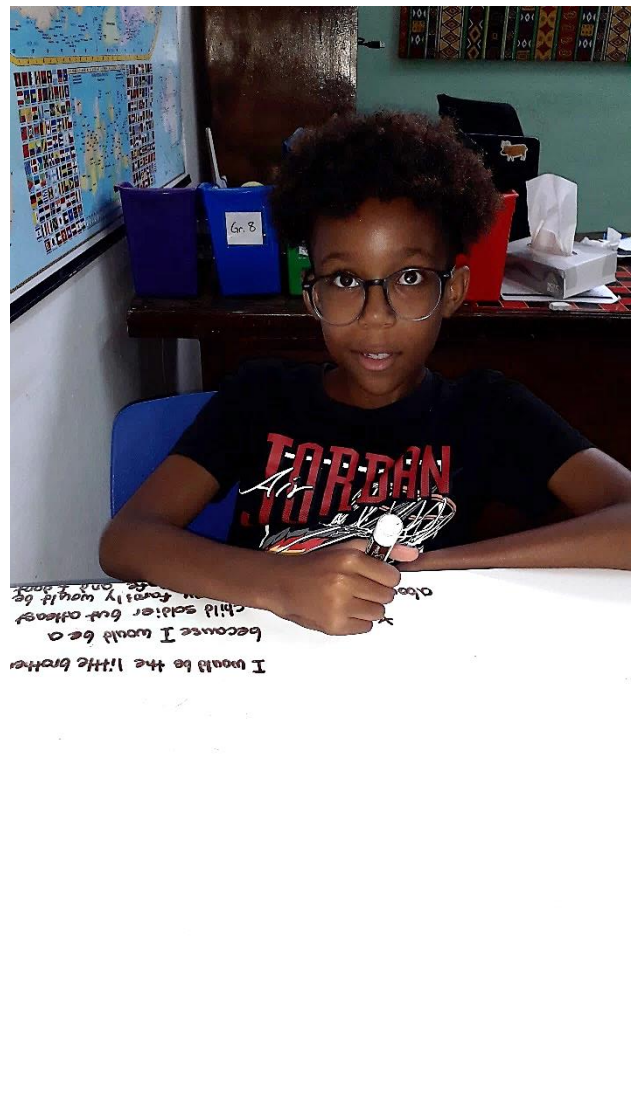
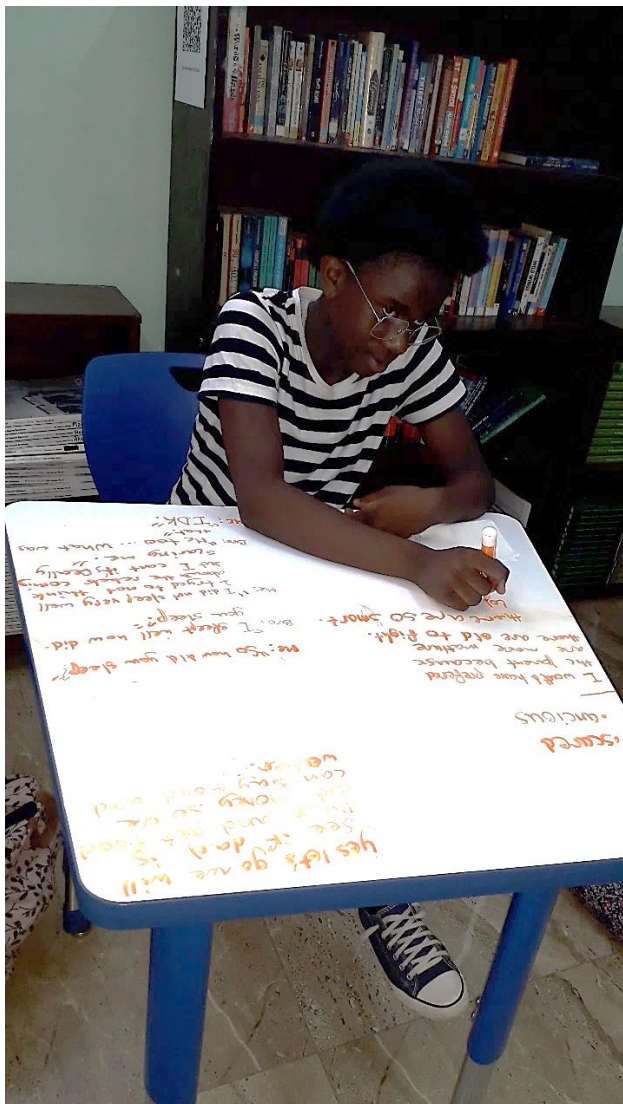
Grade 5-8 (Math and Science)

We began our 3rd trimester units in Science this week. Grades 5 & 6 will be learning about the history of the earth and were introduced to the topic. Grades 7 and 8 will be learning about human impact on the environment and began the unit by learning about natural disasters and the strides humans are making to reduce their impact. In Math, grade 5 studied estimation and adding and subtracting fractions in the form of word problems. Grade 6 learned about equivalent ratios. Grade 7 performed all four operations on integers in word problems and Grade 8 learned how to identify functions and solve systems of equations.



Grade 5-8 (English and Social Studies)

This week the grade 5/6 class looked closer into Buddhism by learning how primary sources have been used to pass down teachings through the generations. After completing *I am Malala*, the students engaged in a class discussion about the most important points within the text. In grade 7/8 students learned about child soldiers and the unfortunate role they played in the Sierra Leone Civil War (and in wars around the world). In ELA they continued to read *A Long Way Gone* and reflect on the transformation of a person from an ordinary child to a boy soldier. Both classes were also introduced to the BIG 5 Personality test and what it can tell us about our tendencies in behavior.



High School

This week has been another busy week for High School. On Tuesday, they finished the VHS Term 3 and now they are working on Term 4 (the final) assignments. Term 4 started on Wednesday 20th, and it will finish on May 7th. There will be lots of final projects to make, quizzes to take, and unit tests to pass honorably. On Thursday, they celebrated World Poetry Day listening to poetry written in English and French.

