

From Brian’s Desk

As We Approach the End!

We are now rapidly approaching the end of the 2022-23 school year. Reports are being written, the Yearbook is in its final stages, families are beginning to travel, and another academic year is coming to an end.

What has been wonderful, I think, has been the opportunity to return to school as something like “normal” whatever that may be. Gone (almost) are the face masks, the cohorts, the bubbles, the blips of online learning, and all the restrictions that we have faced ever since my first school year here in Freetown (2019-20)!

We have seen a revival of the PTO, a school play, a Holiday Season program, many, many exit points, a family move night, an art exhibition, Drop Everything and Read, and...and...and....

I will say the good-byes and thanks in next week’s AWOKO but for today, I want to celebrate just being back together!

If you are returning in September, please keep in mind that the first day of school will be Monday 4th September. The calendar and a great deal of other information is always available on our website: www.ais-freetown.net





AISF T-Shirts Return

AISF t-shirts have returned and went on sale yesterday. The cost is 250 Leones per shirt (essentially our cost) and they make a great souvenir. Sales will continue next week and again in September.



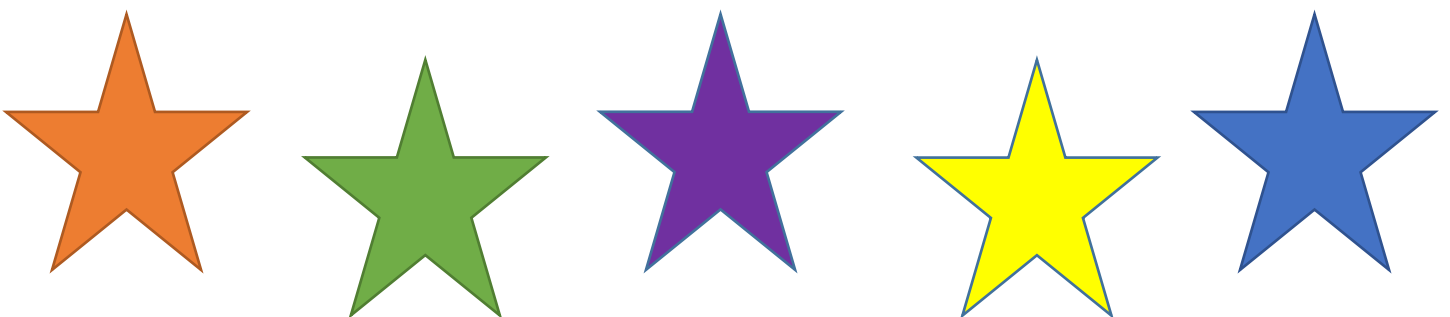
Important Upcoming Dates

Thursday 15 th June	AISF Water Play
Friday 16 th June	Report Cards and MAP results go home
Friday 16 th June	Final Day of School: 12 noon dismissal
Monday 4 th September	AISF Reopens

Quote of the Week: *Never decide that you are smart enough. Be wise enough to recognize there is always more to learn.*

ECC

Here are pictures from Spirit Week It sure brought some jubilation into our classroom!



Grade 1-2

This week the Pangolins completed their last mini-topic of the year, Ancient Egyptian Mummies! We learned about how bodies were mummified, how sarcophaguses were decorated, and about the Ancient Egyptian Gods.

It was a week full of fun - we celebrated Spirit week, had a class party with our earnings from Entrepreneurship Day, and had Sports Day. There were also sad parts as we said goodbye to Milo, Kollins and Matthew.



Grade 3-4

Our week has been filled with laughter, creativity and hard work. We have wrapped up our Math, ELA and IPC units. We also celebrated Spirit Week. On Tuesday (career day), Madisyn dressed up as Miss Kamara, Nyali Ella as a baker, Harry as a surgeon, Anais as an Olympic karateka and Nina and Danika as tennis players. Our favourite day though was Wacky Wednesday, it was so fun to go wild and crazy with our clothing!



Grade 5-8 (English and Social Studies)

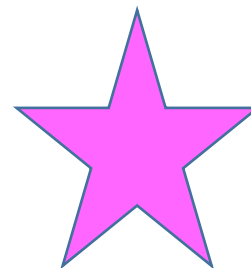
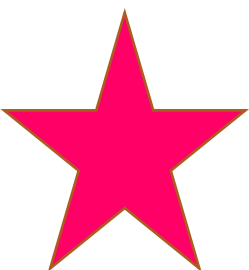
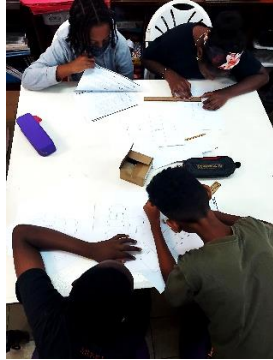
The Middle School has been hard at work finishing their end-of-the-trimester essays! They have been brainstorming, drafting, peer-reviewing, and self-assessing their writing. On Thursday, Gifty and Adomhene from High School joined the 5/6 and offered their help as writing tutors.



Grade 5-8 (Math and Science)

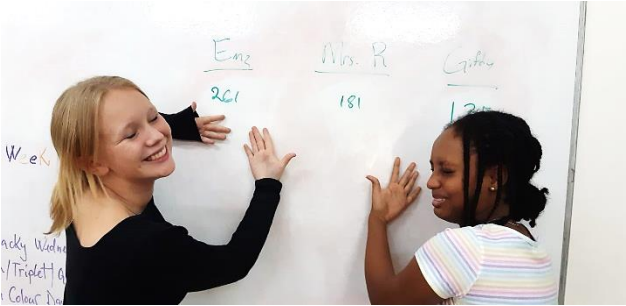
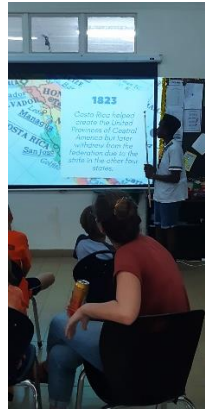
In Math, grades 7 and 8 worked on their final probability project. They each designed carnival games dealing with probability and hope to present them to the younger students next week. In Science, they researched the Earth's climate history and discussed how to improve it from here.

5th grade worked on their end of year project in Math, while 6th grade worked to build a city using area, volume and surface area. In Science, they learned how to send codes using morse code and came to the conclusion that texting is a much better way to communicate!



High School

It has been a lot of fun and interesting things have been going on around the school during this Spirit Week. The high school students participated in all these activities. They had fun playing games and they learned many things about countries around the world for the International Day, last Friday. Also, they were happy to show their presentations about Fiji Islands and Costa Rica. Excellent Job!



French (Middle School)

Grades 5 and 6 are ready to have a conversation in French about the weather: good weather, bad weather, sunshine, rain or snow, it doesn't matter. In grammar we focused on the conjugation of the verb 'aller' and the possessive pronouns for a singular possessor. The pronouns 'le, la and les' were also introduced to replace a noun. Finally, after reading about the adventures of "Jake, Pierre et BoF", the students made a big book themselves, a French one that is.



Art

The grade 3/4 art class are involved in creating art out of recycled materials. The theme is to create a museum in a box. Some wonderful creative ideas.

