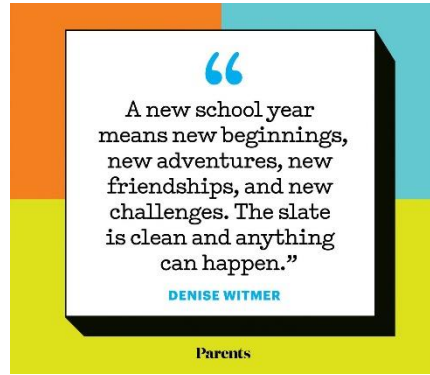


# AWOKO

## From Elizabeth’s Desk

### WELCOME BACK!

Welcome to the first edition of AWOKO for the 2024 to 2025 Academic Year! It has been a real joy and privilege for me to join this caring and creative community.



The welcome assembly on Monday was a vibrant and joyous start to the year. It was such an honor to have US Ambassador Hunt share a few words of wisdom with us all! Singing a song together about getting to know each other and participating in a fact-finding game organised by the School Council were truly memorable activities and fun! The pictures below help to capture the essence of the occasion.



## Back to School Event for Parents

Next Friday, the 13th of September from 5:pm to 6:30pm we would like to invite parents to an information evening at school. For more information, please see the flyer below.

# American International School Freetown

# BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

**Friday 13th September**  
**@ 5:00 - 6:30**

Join us to

- Get Important Information
- Meet with your child's classroom teachers
- Meet with other parents from your child's class
- Meet with the Specialist Teachers



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## After-School Activities

After-School Activities will start the week beginning the 16th of September. Information with further details and a sign-up sheet will be sent to parents next week. Please note that **Monday the 16th of September** is Mawlid (The Prophet's Birthday) and **school will be closed. (tentative)**

### AISF Back to School Spirit Week: September 23-27

This event is being organised by the **Student Council** and promises to be a great opportunity for fun and learning!

**The themes for the week will be as follows:**

9/23 Monday Nerd Day

9/24 Time Travel Tuesday Dress as a young or old you or someone from the past/future

9/25 Wildlife Wednesday

9/26 Beach Day Thursday

9/27 Formal Friday



### Important Upcoming Dates

Thursday 12 September	Parent Committee Meeting 08:15
Friday 13 September	Parent Back to School Event 5pm-6:30pm
Monday 16 September	School Closed (Mawlid. Tentative)
Tuesday 17 September	After School Activities start Trimester 1
Monday 23-27 September	Back to School Spirit Week
Saturday 5 October	SAT at AISF
Week beginning Monday 14 October	Parent-Teacher Conferences
Friday 18 October	School Closed Mid-Term Long weekend
Wednesday 27 November	End of Trimester 1 (T2 Fees due)
Thursday 28 November- Sunday 1st Dec	Thanksgiving Long weekend (School closed)
Friday 13 December	Last day of school before the holiday/Noon dismissal
Monday 6 January	School Reopens

- Quote of the Week: *"Don't count the days, make the days count."* — Muhammad Ali



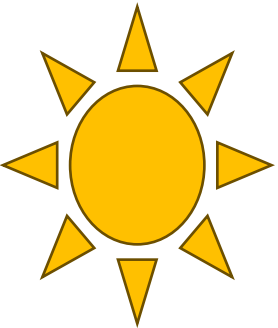
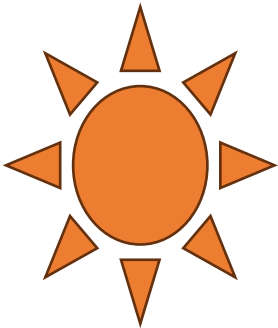
# ECC

A big hello and welcome from the ECC team! This year the class teacher is Miss Kamara and the assistants are Ms Cornelia, Miss Amaratu and Miss Dennisha.

We are excited to work with you to scaffold and support your child's learning and wellbeing. We are all set for a year filled with lots of fun and learning!

The primary focus of this half term is to get the new children settled into a new environment, for all children to have confidence in themselves and to build relationships with their peers and adults.

This week we focused on developing personal, social and emotional skills and settling into the school routines. The children took part in short PSE circle time sessions encouraging them to talk and listen to others, make friends, take turns and talk about their likes and dislikes. To end the week we learnt about healthy eating and made a yummy fruit salad for our snack.

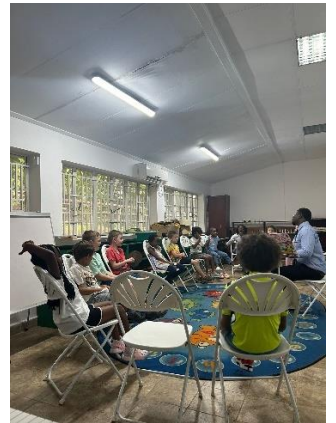




# Grade 1-2

Welcome Back Pangolins!

This week has been filled with learning new things. From knowing where things are in the class, making new friends to understanding our new math topics we believe we are on a roll this year!





# Grade 3-4

The best part of returning from our fun summer break is seeing my wonderful students excited for the new school year. This week, we spent time getting to know each other, talking about who we are, and choosing positive affirmations to say every morning. A favorite affirmation among my students is "I am Important," reminding us that each person in our class matters. We also started our IPC unit, math program, and began reading a new novel. My students researched Roald Dahl and learned some interesting facts about his life. We look forward to a great year full of discovery and learning!





# Grade 5-8 (Math and Science)

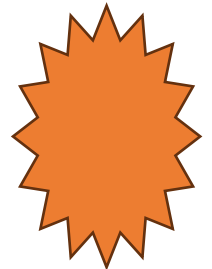
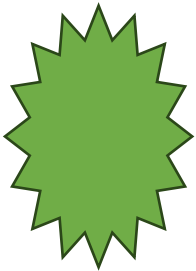
This week in middle school math and science, we eased into the new year. All students learned about Google classroom and other online platforms we will be using in class and at home. We had a special guest tell us about internet safety and the school's internet policies. In Math, we began our first i-Ready diagnostic test to get a benchmark for the year. 5/6 science students began investigating matter and what it is. That will be our topic for the first trimester. Students in grades 7 and 8 will study Adaptations and began with learning about what makes the Galapagos Islands so significant. We are all looking forward to a great year!





# Grade 5-8 (English and Social Studies)

This week the middle schoolers were introduced to the school curriculum for ELA and Social Studies, as well as the academic and behavioural expectations for the school year. They also had some fun reacquainting with old friends and getting to know new classmates through a series of activities and icebreakers. For social studies, the 5/6 class began learning to read and construct maps. While the 7/8 class began diving into the history of Ancient Greece. For ELA, the 5/6 class was introduced to the book they will be reading this trimester: *The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell*. While the 7/8 class was introduced to the book they will be reading: *The Summer of Mariposas*.





# High School

For this back-to-school week, the high school students put on a great show of cooperation. The older students, familiar with the organization, brought their experience to the new ones which have chosen their courses and are starting to familiarize themselves with their new class and the online courses. The Grade 12 students have been very independent and diligent and seem highly motivated in this graduation year.

