

From Elizabeth’s Desk

Good afternoon, everyone! Welcome to this week’s edition of Awoko! A highlight of this week for me has to be a group of young readers and writers who came to demonstrate their reading and writing skills to me. Thank you, Ms Michelle, for bringing them along! Fantastic work and Congratulations to them all.



Chess club

As some of you may know, AISF now has a chess club being run by **Ms Hopkins on Thursdays**. This is such a great opportunity for our young people to develop some valuable skills for life.

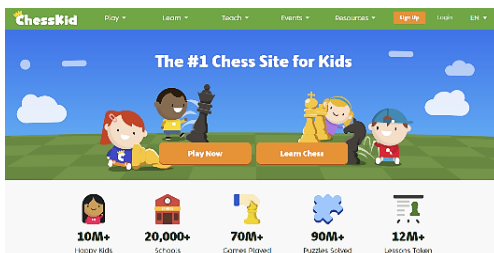
Thank you, Ms Hopkins!

Here are some of the benefits of playing chess. Playing chess:

- Brings people together across age groups
- Teaches us how to respond positively to winning and losing.
- Helps us to develop our understanding of the consequences of our actions.
- Helps us learn to focus.
- Helps us to develop and retain memory skills.
- Develops Creativity.
- Builds Confidence.
- Develops Problem-Solving Skills.

Please visit the sites below to find out more about chess. Enjoy a game of chess with your children!

www.Chesskid.com



<https://new.uschess.org/chess-educator-resources>



Film based on a true story about some of the values of chess:

Queen of Katwe <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt4341582/>



A few photos of chess club and the creative chess pieces being made by AISF students!



Sierra Leone's national chess team at the International Chess Championship in Budapest,



The youngest female chess player

Director's Poem of the week by Spike Milligan

Smile

Smiling is infectious,
you catch it like the flu,
When someone smiled at me today,
I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner
and someone saw my grin.
When he smiled I realised
I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile,
then I realised its worth.
A single smile, just like mine
could travel round the earth.

So, if you feel a smile begin,
don't leave it undetected.
Let's start an epidemic quick,
and get the world infected!

Knight Owl Teaching Resources

ECC

This week the ECC children wrapped up their learning on the unit 'This is Me!'. They learnt about different emotions and feelings that humans have, and talked about how to deal with them. For Math, it was a combination of iReady activities and body themed Math activities. In Science we can successfully name and label some parts of our bodies! In Phonics we continue with our phase 2 phonic initial sounds and CVC words.





Grade 1-2

We do believe we can add Gardening to our resume. Despite grieving the loss of our potato plant we were able to turn it around by planting lettuce, arugula, cucumbers, and radishes. Hopefully, we get to do a small harvest in a few weeks.

Apart from growing our food, we have been doing a deep dive into our different cultures and backgrounds in class and we must say the findings are very interesting and informative.

In addition to this eventful week, we want to give a big congratulations to our Grade 2s doing their first-ever Map tests!!





Grade 3-4

This week, our Grade 3 and 4 students focused on crafting strong summaries, exploring what makes a summary clear and effective as they planned their writing pieces. In math, they worked on place value subtraction and wrapped up their first iReady unit. They also got hands-on in the garden, planting tomato seeds and flowers, and are excited to see them grow. During SEL, students learned about the power of positive thinking and how sometimes our feelings are shaped more by the stories we tell ourselves than by the events themselves.

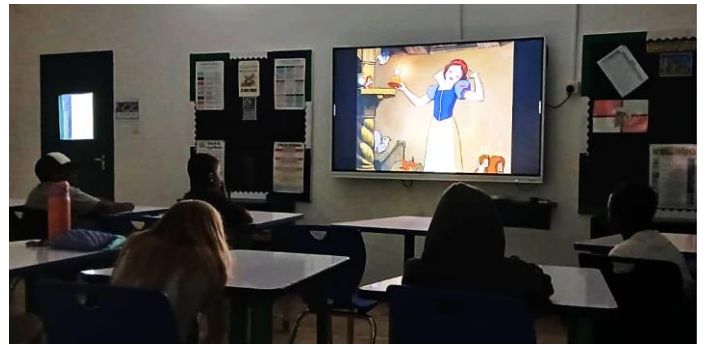




Grade 5-8 (English and Social Studies)

This week the grade 5/6 class continued to read their novel, both as a class and in smaller groups. In addition, they learned how to properly format the titles of books and chapters and the basics of MLA format when completing written assignments. In social studies they continued to learn about various early hominins. In grade 7/8 students completed their Ancient Greece timeline posters and also engaged in a debate about the most important events in Ancient Greek history. While in ELA students completed Part 1 (of 3) in the *Summer of the Mariposas* and discussed which elements of the story they thought have been most crucial to the story thus far.





Grade 5-8 (math and Science)

This week in Math, grade 5 studied multiplying multi digit numbers. Grade 6 used nets to find surface area. Grade 7 studied proportional relationships and grade 8 learned about multiple transformations of rigid figures.

In Science grades 5 and 6 began learning about properties of substances. Grades 7 and 8 continued their study of plant and animal adaptations.

In SEL this week, we discussed friendships, how to identify good vs toxic friendships and how to be a friend in certain scenarios.





High School

After spirit week, it is back to normal with the outfits. Classes are progressing and science subjects are an opportunity to experiment. Students don't hesitate to participate when necessary and to help each other. Great attitude!



Looking Ahead



Monday 7th October - Friday 11th October	MAP Testing continues at AISF
Thursday 3 rd October	PTC Schedule for Parents will be sent out to parents.
Thursday October 3 rd	PTO: Creating a Culturally Affirming Learning space 5:30-7pm
Saturday 5 October	SAT Exams at AISF
Wednesday 9 th October	G1&2 Learners come to school dressed in their cultural outfits
Week beginning Monday 14 October	Parent-Teacher Conferences. We look forward to welcoming parents and celebrating your children's learning. There are NO After School Activities on the evenings of the PTCs (Monday 14th October, Tuesday 15th October & Wednesday 16th October)
Thursday 17 th October	After School Activities recommence today.
Friday 18 October	School Closed Mid-Term Long weekend
Wednesday 23 rd October	G1&2 Exit Point 12pm-1pm
Thursday 28 November- Sunday 1st Dec	Thanksgiving Long weekend (School closed)
Week beginning 2 nd December	No After School Activities
Week beginning 9 th December	No After School Activities
Friday 13 December	Last day of school before the holiday/Noon Dismissal
Monday 6 January	School Reopens