



MULI BWANJI MSIS NEWSLETTER

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SEPTEMBER TO
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TERM ONE 2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR www.mountsinaiinternationalschools.com



- Gratitude
- Love
- Success
- Honesty and Integrity
- Inspiring Innovation

We would like to thank our Parents and Guardians for all your support throughout this First Term of the 2023/2024 Academic year! This term has been a great success and we look forward to working well with you in the upcoming Terms Two and Three of this 2023/2024 Academic year.

Our School theme for the term was promoted through our School assemblies, Class activities and campaigns. We always enjoy bringing our School themes to life and we thank our Parents and Guardians for all of your support in promoting our School themes at Home.

The Year 2023 marks our School's **19th year** in existence and our School theme for this entire Academic year is "**A Refection of MSIS**". This theme was chosen to allow our Teachers and Students to reflect on the importance of the different life lessons we have taught and learnt at Mount Sinai International School. Lessons include the following:

- Teamwork
- Confidence
- Kindness



The Administration Office will be open from **8am to 2pm** during the School Holidays but will be closed on the following Public Holidays:

- Monday 25th December 2023**
- Tuesday 26th December 2023**
- Monday 1st January 2024**

School will open for the Second Term on **Monday 8th January 2024**

Please refer to the **Second Term Calendar** on page 18

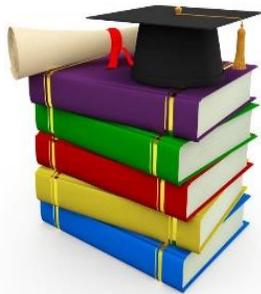


The MSIS Board of Directors is pleased to report that the roof of the Precious Hall located at the Senior Campus was successfully replaced with a new roof. The old wooden trusses were replaced with steel trusses which we believe will stand the test of time. The wooden trusses were recycled to make new beautiful student desks. We would like to thank our Parents and Guardians for your financial support to the School, our Contractors and Maintenance Team who executed this project professionally and in record time from August to October 2023.



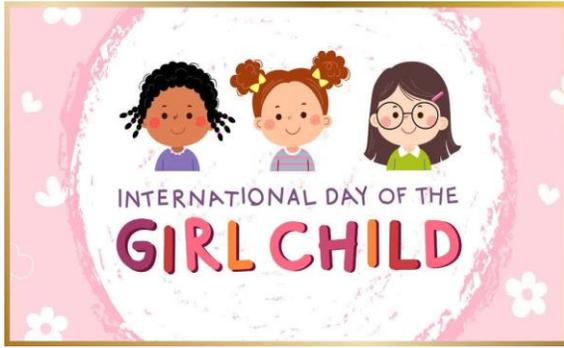


Middle School Squad



“They say not to judge a person until you walk a mile in their shoes...” From Thursday 7th to Friday 8th September 2023 our Middle School Parents were given the opportunity to meet our Teachers and attend Year 4 classes to get an insight into the life of a Middle School student. Middle School Management and Teaching Team would like thank our Year 4 Parents and our new Middle School Parents for their participation in our orientation program we are sure the program was both insightful and enjoyable!





The International Day of the Girl Child is observed annually on 11 October. The day focuses attention on the need to address the challenges girls face and to promote girls' empowerment and the fulfilment of their human rights. "To the girls who face adversity with courage and resilience, your strength inspires us all. Your dreams are valid, and your future is limitless. Girls are like seeds; when nurtured with love and opportunity, they grow into mighty trees that provide shade for all".

Our Reception to Year 12 students commemorated the day by participating in various age appropriate activities that raised awareness about girls' rights and gender equality.



WALK-A-THON



The MSIS Events Committee successfully organized and supervised the walkathon fundraising event that took place on Friday 13th October 2023. Our Reception to Year 12 students participated in this event by walking many sponsored laps around the Junior and Senior campus sports fields. The students raised a total of **MK3,043,000.00** (THREE MILLION AND FORTY THREE THOUSAND KWACHA). The money raised was used to purchase and install fans in 28 classrooms across the Junior and Senior Campus! Well done Events Committee and thank you to our students for a job well done!





Mother's Day a holiday in honour of Mothers is celebrated in countries throughout the world. In Malawi the Holiday falls on 15th October. This year our Junior and Middle School students made lovely arts and crafts to celebrate their Mothers.



MSIS Events Committee Members and Patrons



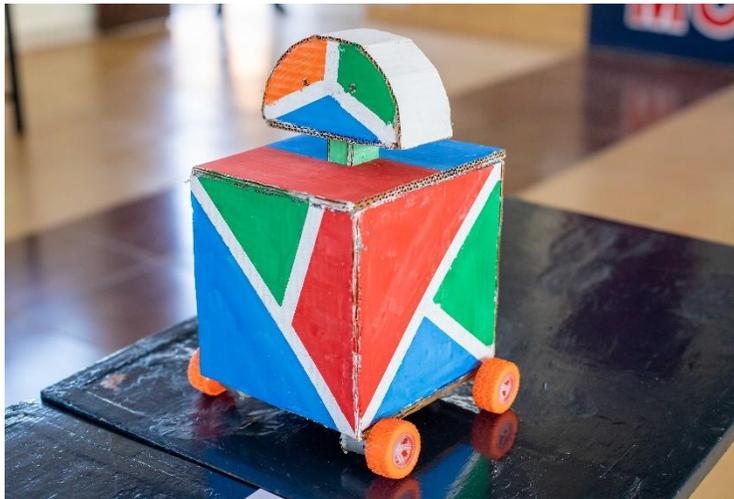
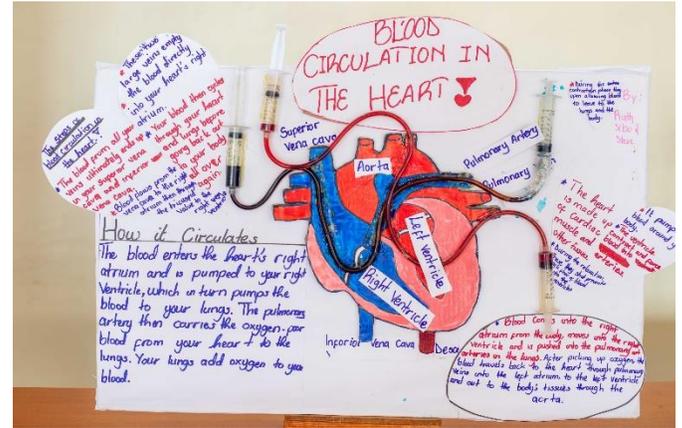


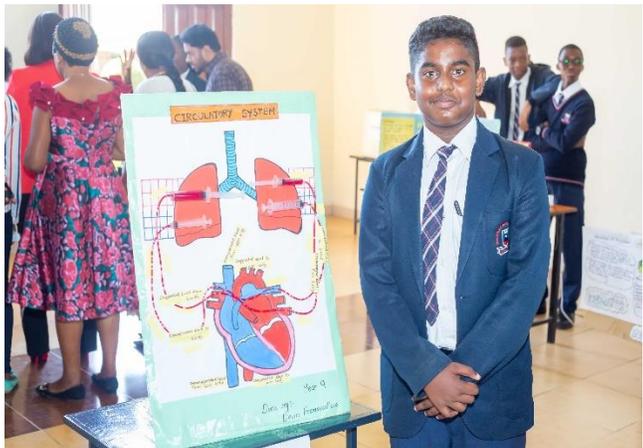
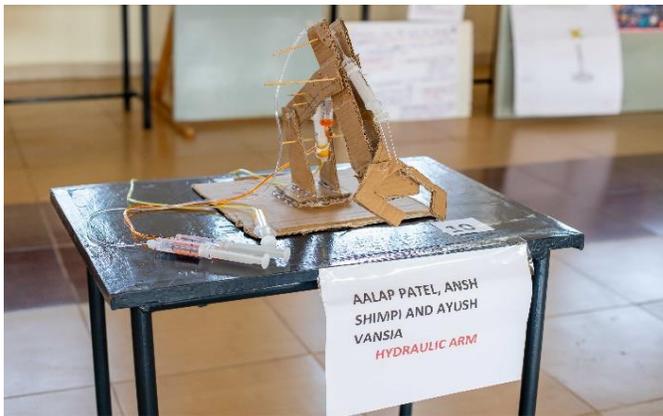
One of the mandates of the MSIS Events committee is to create awareness about matters affecting our community and on Thursday 26th October 2023 the Events Committee Patrons organised an educational talk about human trafficking by Special Guest speaker and MSIS Parent Mr. Maxwell Matewere. In 1998, Mr. M. Matewere founded Eye of the Child, an NGO dedicated to advocacy, research, and protection of children's rights in Malawi. He was a major driving force behind the passage of the Trafficking in Persons Act in 2015 and continues to tirelessly advocate for its full implementation. As the civil society representative on the National Coordination Committee against Trafficking in Persons, he successfully lobbied for the formal opening of the government's anti-trafficking fund to provide services to trafficking victims and train law enforcement and victim protection officers. Mr. M. Matewere's insightful talk focused on how trafficking can happen and advised our students on ways to avoid being trafficked. In attendance were the Events Committee patrons and members, Head of School and the Managing Director.





The High School (Years 8 to 11) Science Fair took place on Friday 17th November 2023 in the Precious hall. It was an amazing event where our High School students presented their science projects to their Parents and Guardians. Parents and Teachers voted for the best projects in each year and it was a very stiff competition as the projects displayed were very innovative and well executed. We would like to extend our gratitude to Mr. Justus Nkhata, Chief Education Officer from the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology for attending the Science Fair and motivating our High School students!







Science Fair Winners



The High School Science Fair Awards for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each Year were given out during the final First Term Assembly held on Wednesday 6th December 2023. The winning science projects were as follows:

1ST Place (Year 8- Hydroponic Farming)

Rosemary Theula, Shana Hussien and Fanny Chilunda

2nd Place (Year 8-Table Fan)

Christian Ndalama, Sean Velemu and Alinafe Noah

2nd Place (Year 8- Water Fountain)

Melisa Thakwalakwa and Senaree Wickramasinghe

3rd Place (Year 8- Robotic arm)

Andrew Tembo and Ebenezer Likaka

1st Place (Year 9- Solar Water Heater)

Loyiso Phumisa, Rodney Phongozidana and Honest Tembo

2nd Place (Year 9-Rain Detector)

Judith Dumuka

3rd Place (Year 9- Drip Irrigation)

Shalom Zgambo , Emmanuella Mungoni and Devine Mphande

1st Place (Year 10- Hydroelectric Power)

Chipatso Sitima, Nigus Ashenafi, Rick Chikwekwe

2nd Place (Year 10- Water Filter)

Wakisa Kayuni

2nd Place (Year 10- soil moisture detector)

Sharon Fowowe

3rd Place (Year 10- Water Fountain)

Param Patel

1st Place (Year 11-Blue light Blanket)

Angellina Mabote and Mbarotse Komeza

2nd Place (Year 11- Drone and Robot)

Thando Chipango, Parth Nikam and Samuel Chakwera





HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION



The First Term sporting calendar featured games in basketball, football and netball for the junior and senior boys and girls. The senior boys football team started as a team being rebuilt and it was difficult to bring out results in their first game against Paramount International School as they lost by 4 goals to nil. The girls team smiling from receiving new players who graduated from the Middle School narrowly lost 16 to 15 in a closely fought battle. Players like Natasha Kuyeri and Rosemary Theula put up a spirited fight but unfortunately they lost the game. It is the basketball team led by Nigus Ashenafi, Michael Mabote and Samuel Chakwera which brought smiles to MSIS. The team gave out a spirited performance which allowed them to come up with a 31 to 23 win.

In the second leg of netball and soccer matches our under 18 boys and girls were visitors at Lilongwe Academy, unfortunately, both games were not favorable for both teams. The boys started with power and had an early goal which only lasted for 20 minutes before Lilongwe Academy opened the flood gates against the boys. Players like Vitumbiko Ngwira and Tayamika Chadzunda tried their best but could not stop Lilongwe Academy from scoring 3 goals in the first half and another 3 in the second ending the game as Lilongwe Academy 6 Mount Sinai 1. As for the girls their fighting spirit and coordination continued with Mphatso Macheso ,Natasha and Eunice Dilawo commanding and fighting very hard but unfortunately they lost again 12 to 16 after a great fight.





The next fixtures which came were for the Middle School where the under 9 and under 11 boys participated in a seven aside tournament. The under 9 drew (0-0) the first game against Bishop Mackenzie B team, unfortunately they lost 2 to 3 and 0 to 2 against Bishop Mackenzie A-team and Paramount Respectively. Special mention should go to Chikweza Zolowere who showed a spirited performance in all the three games. The under 11 were a marvel to watch as they drew ones and won twice keeping their unbeaten record from last year's games intact. They won 1 to 0 against Bishop Mackenzie and drew 1 to 1 against Paramount before dismissing Bishop Mackenzie B team by 3 goals to nil. The boys had a great coordination with players like Warren Zgambo, Famous Theula and Ian Chinkhuntha showing out greatly.

Our under 13 boys' soccer and girl's netball teams were invited back the following week at Bishop Mackenzie where results favored Bishop Mackenzie. The boys were overwhelmed and lost the game by 12 goals to 2 with Famous Theula scoring the goals for Mount Sinai. The girls team also fought very hard with Natasha Kuyeli scoring most of the goals before succumbing 22 to 18 after a hard fought game.

The senior boys returned to the field at home against Good Shepherd International school, a day the team remembered how to win. From the onset, the team piled pressure missing 4 clear chances. Goals started coming in from the 10th minute with Precious Zuze scoring with a screamer followed by another one from Vitumbiko Ngwira. Romeo added another one before halftime. Just after the break Good Shepherd scored 2 quick goals which unsettled the boys however they recollected themselves and started moving forward and piled on the pressure. Two Quick goals were scored by Precious Zuze and another by Vitumbiko Ngwira to take the tally to 5. The 2 goals demoralized GSIS and MSIS sealed by scoring a beauty from senior defender David Chinkhuntha

to end up the game to 6 goals to 4. The following week bubbling with confidence from the previous win the MSIS Eagles demolished Lilongwe Private by 6 goals to 1. Scores came from Vitumbiko Ngwira, Precious Zuze 2 goals, Honest Tembo, Cedrick Onyancha and Romeo Kambuwe. Special mention should go to David Chinkhuntha, Vitumbiko Ngwira as well as Precious Zuze the boys who showed true leadership and great fighting spirit. The Netball team not to be outdone gave out their best and got a win over their perennial rivals Bambino Private School. The girls won by 15 to 10 With Eunice Dilawo, Mphatso Macheso, Natasha kuyeri and Temwa Nyirongo helping the team to pull out the great result. Congratulations to all the winning teams, have a great holiday and come fully charged next term for more wins!



Thank you to all the Parents who allowed their wards to participate in the games as well as those who came all the way to support their wards not forgetting our Management for allowing the teams to participate and learn more from other teams.



On the 25th November 2023, our Year 6 and 7 students enjoyed an exciting day at the Lilongwe Military Base, There were many show casings of sheer piloting expertise! The Malawi paratroopers treated us to a display of parachuting skills and the Malawi helicopters wowed us with their majestic display. Many varied sizes of aircraft did fly overs: Malawi Airforce MA600, Cluny Aviation, Swoop Aero, Jedys Aviation, Nyasa Express, First Capital Bank, African Parks, Tony Faulkner, Club Makokola etreat, AFTA Circuit, Wing Copter and East Rise Circuit. Crop Duster Water Spray then paved the way for the magnificent Nigel Hopkins and Jason Beamish Air display, where it was very clear to all why they are the South African aerobatic and stunt flying champions! In closing we were treated to a fly over of The Malawi Airlines B737-800 which was escorted in style by our South African stunt pilots. The students had a super day and are looking forward to the next air show!





Merry CHRISTMAS

On Friday 1st December 2023, The Junior School (Reception to Year 3) showcased their amazing talents in a “Celebration of Christmas”. Students from the Reception Class to Year Two sang Christmas songs and the Year Three classes performed a Christmas play. We also had a special surprise visit from Santa!







On Wednesday 5th December 2023, the Middle and High School Glee Club presented their production of “A Christmas Quarrel”. It was a brilliant play which showcased the different ways that Christmas can be celebrated and the importance of being with loved ones during the festive season to ensure a joy-filled Christmas! Well done Glee Club and thank you to our Parents and Guardians for the support rendered to our Glee Club!





**TERM TWO CALENDAR OF THE 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**

DATE	ACTIVITY
Monday 8th January 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ First Day of School ➤ Deadline for 100% School fees payment for new students and Year 6, 9 and 11 students
Monday 8th to Friday 12th January 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Middle School closes at 1 pm ➤ High School closes at 2pm
Friday 12th January 2024	<p>Exclusions for 100% fees non-payment for Examination classes Year 6, 9, 11 and 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Deadline for 50% School fees payment for all returning students
Monday 15th January 2024	➤ PUBLIC HOLIDAY-JOHN CHILEMBWE DAY
Tuesday 16th January 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES BEGIN ➤ Middle School closes at 2.30pm ➤ High School closes at 3.30pm
Friday 26th January 2024	➤ Returning student school fees exclusions (50% non-fees payment)
Monday 5th to Friday 9th February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ MID-TERM EXAMINATIONS (40% OF OVERALL GRADE) ➤ JUNIOR SCHOOL ➤ MIDDLE SCHOOL ➤ HIGH SCHOOL
Tuesday 6th February 2024	➤ Safer internet Day
Wednesday 14th February 2024	➤ Valentine's Day
Friday 23rd February 2024	➤ 100 Days of School
Friday 23rd February 2024	➤ Deadline for 100% fees payment for all returning students
Monday 4th March 2024	➤ PUBLIC HOLIDAY- MARTYR'S DAY
Thursday 7th March 2024	➤ World book Day
Friday 8th March 2024	➤ Returning student school fees exclusions (100% non-fees payment)
Monday 11th to Friday 22nd March 2024	➤ MIDDLE TO HIGH SCHOOL END OF TERM EXAMINATIONS (60% OF OVERALL GRADE)
Monday 18th to Friday 22nd March 2024	➤ JUNIOR SCHOOL END OF TERM EXAMINATIONS (60% OF OVERALL GRADE)
Monday 18th to Friday 22nd March 2024	➤ LAST WEEK OF PAID AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
Tuesday 26th March 2024	➤ LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Thursday 28th March 2024	➤ PARENT-TEACHER CONSULTATION DAY
Monday 15th April 2024	➤ FIRST DAY OF TERM THREE



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MERRY
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HAPPY NEW
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