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MSIS NEWSLETTER**

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**TERM TWO 2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR [www.mountsinaiinternationalschools.com](http://www.mountsinaiinternationalschools.com)**

We would like to thank our Parents and Guardians for all your support throughout this Second Term of the 2023/2024 Academic year! This term has been a remarkable success and we look forward to working well with you for the rest of this Academic year and beyond.

The International Examination classes Year 6, Year 9, Year 11 and Year 12 are required to attend revision classes during the Easter holiday period. Please note that holiday revision classes are mandatory and are free of charge. The purpose of the revision classes are to prepare the students in the run up to the International Examinations commencing in April 2024. The holiday revision class timetables and the final International Examination timetables will be sent on the class WhatsApp groups and on email as well as displayed on the main School and class notice boards.



The Administration Office will be open from 8am to 2pm during the School Holidays but will be closed on the Public Holidays- Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April and on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 for Eid al-fitr. The School will reopen for the Second Term on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024**. Please refer to the Third Term Calendar on page 17.

We strongly encourage Parents and Guardians to support your children during the run up to the examination period by ensuring that they are punctual and arrive to School on time for their revision lessons and exams. Students must also be well equipped with adequate and relevant stationary. The Class Teachers will send out a reminder to all Parents (especially for students in Year 11 and 12) of the specific stationary required for the international examinations.

All Parents and Guardians with students in the International Examination classes Years 6, 9, 11 and 12 are reminded that the full payment of School fees is required before or on the first day of School (Monday 15th April 2024). The School Management requests that all Parents and Guardians must adhere to the School fees policy, no Student will be allowed to sit for the examinations without payment and the School Management will strictly observe this policy.





# Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is an occasion for our students to show appreciation, gratitude, thankfulness and kindness to one another and their Parents. MSIS Junior Campus celebrated Valentine's Day on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 by making arts and crafts valentines cards and gifts for their Parents and Guardians.



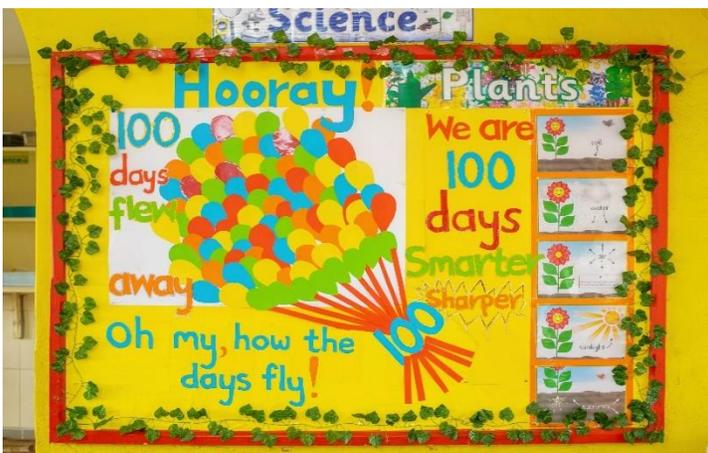
Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School!

I am 100 days smarter!



The Junior School (Reception to Year 3) celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 with students coming to School dressed at 100 year olds. The 100th day of School is an important milestone because it means that students are more than halfway through the Academic year. It is also a great occasion to highlight how much children have learned since the 2023/2024 academic year began. Marking the 100th day is particularly popular in the Junior School because Teachers are still heavily focused on reinforcing basic math skills and numbers. A big thank you goes to our Teachers who have helped us grow and learn in so many ways these past 100 days and to our Parents for always making a great effort during dress up days.







# Year 3

# POETRY

On Wednesday 21st February, after a few lessons on poems, how to write them and how to make them interesting, the Year 3 Penguins and Swallows created their own poems and had to apply the concepts learnt - including using descriptive nouns and noun phrases. There are definitely some future great poets in our midst.

Bunny! Bunny!  
 You're so cute as you leap,  
 By just looking at you, as you nibble treats  
 I can't get enough of you, see.  
 Bunny! Bunny! I wish you'll come over,  
 And sprint, play and have a sleepover!

Bernice Axelle  
 Yr. 3 swallows

You loudly bark, just like your dad.  
 Excitedly plays just like your sister.  
 Meat eating mammal just like your granddad.  
 Supreme guard dog just like your brother.  
 Dark brown just like your mom.  
 Super friendly just like your Grandmom.

Christian menna.  
 3 Sallows

Gigantic Lion  
 The gigantic lion.  
 Sitting in a tree.  
 It bounces out the big tree and  
 onto its prey  
 But...  
 It's scared when it sees a tiger!

Sizwayo Mganga  
 year 3 Penguins.

Clever cat  
 Beautiful and soft never too rough  
 Pouncer looking for food.  
 With lightning speed for its treats.  
 Meowing for milk.  
 So soft for me to touch.  
 I love her and she loves me.  
 What a clever beautiful little cat.

Tazirwa Nyirago  
 Year 3 Penguins

My dog  
 My dog is so fast!  
 He always passes in front of me  
 You are fluffy cute and puffy.  
 When I go somewhere you run  
 quickly behind me.  
 you bark so loud, out in the  
 crowd.

TAZIRWA Grace Mlotha  
 Year 3 Swallows

Bunny! Bunny!  
 You're so cute as you leap,  
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**THERE IS AN ARTIST IN YOU!**

As students learn art and design, they are encouraged to believe in themselves. They should always be proud of everything they do that it is beautiful and worthy to be called an artwork as they also attach meaning and stories behind their artworks. They should be able to communicate their ideas or feelings through their artworks.

This term the Year 4's learning in Art and Design focused on PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN (PATTERN). This is the proper arrangement of the elements of art (shape, line, form, colour, texture space and value). The elements of art need to be arranged in a harmonious manner in order to create a great visual effect (pattern). So practically students sketched their own hands individually and coloured them different patterns. They also drew a circle and divided it in three sections. Here they produced patterns using two elements only COLOUR and VALUE.

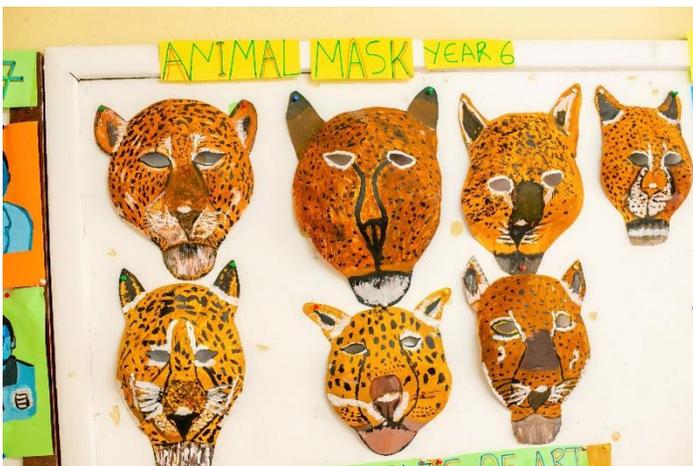


The Year 5 students learnt about PERSEPECTIVE DRAWING using the horizon line, vanishing point and perspective lines. With this knowledge, students managed to draw houses and paint the landscape in perspective. Students also learnt about LANDSCAPE PAINTING, about features that start first when painting a landscape. For instance, students begun by painting the background (blue) and then the clouds (on top of the background) then they painted the land, the tree and finally they highlighted the middle background to make waves of the water.



The year 6 Class learnt about the elements of art which is the blueprint of artwork. They managed to achieve all the elements of art in their practical work. The SHAPE (one of the elements of art) was achieved using coloured papers. The VALUE and COLOUR (the other elements of art) were achieved using coloured pencil. TEXTURE: achieved using sand. LINES: Achieved using wool. SPACE: achieved by basically just leaving a gap inside the artwork. FORM was the final outcome of the artwork. They also learnt about MONOCROMATIC CLOUR. Here they have knowledge that they can use HUE/COLOUR only with TINT (white) and SHADE (black) to produce an artwork. They did an activity on landscape painting. They were asked to choose one

colour between green and purple which they would mix with black or white to come up with different variations of colours. They also learnt about OPTICAL ILLUSIONS. These are images which are visually deceptive or misleading. When one looks at them, he/she may think of an existing object and yet it is non-existing. The Year 6 Class also made CRAFTS; they made a leopard face mask using old calendars.



The Year 7 students learnt about ELEMENTS OF ART and showed their understanding about the elements of art; line, shape, space, value, form, texture and colour in their artworks. Students drew different animals and used wool to achieve these elements of art practically. They focused more on texture. Some of them achieved smooth texture while other students tried to achieve spiky texture using wool as an art medium. They also learnt about MONOCHROMATIC COLOUR. Here they learnt that they can use the variations of one colour to come up with an artwork. They were mixing the colour with tint (white) and a shade (black) to produce different varieties of a colour/ hue. At the end of their learning, students managed to paint their own portrait using the varieties of one colour. Some students chose the colours like red, yellow, blue and brown. Another art topic they learnt was FORESHORTENING IN ART. This is a technique of representing an object or a human body in a picture so as to produce an illusion/force projection. They were asked to imagine a person falling from the top towards their direction and draw that person with the hands and the feet bigger than the rest of the body. As part of craft, students were asked to be in groups and make a vase using old newspapers and paint using design of their choice.







“Safer Internet Day” is a special celebration, which takes place on the 6th of February each year and aims to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all, and especially for children and young people.

MSIS would like to thank Mr. Desmond Mhango, the Executive Director for the Centre for Youth and Children’s affairs, colleagues Mr. Moses Busher and Miss. Tionge Thole and the Macra Cyber Security Officer Miss. Ella Hamwaka for commemorating the safer internet day with our Middle and High School students. It was a thought-provoking and educative program that was very beneficial to our students.





### KCH Community Outreach project

On Tuesday 12th March, 7 excited students and 2 teachers bundled into a school bus and headed off on an adventure. On this adventure the 7 students and two teachers took with them a truck filled to the hilt with gifts and its driver along with 3 strong men and a photographer. Why? What was the occasion?

A special event was happening... We were all heading off to bless those in need at the KCH Neonatal ICU Unit with the generous gifts provided by you, the reader of this newsletter, our very special parents and guardians.



We arrived at the hospital at just a little after 8am and were received by members of the medical faculty of KCH maternity unit, ICU department and Kangaroo 1 & 2.



The students; Mayamiko Njati, Abigail Thembo, Kelsey Waters, Blessings Mwangonde, Devon Seshan, Divine Mitengo and Natasha Soko were ushered into the waiting area along with Mrs. Waters and Mrs. Roshini and the process of handing over the donations began. With every item brought in, the overwhelming joy, emotion and gratitude expressed by the staff of KCH

was tangible. Their eyes sparkled as their hearts swelled with joy. Some allowed that joy to leak out their eyes, while others smiled so wide, we thought their faces would spit in two.



The donations were received by:

1. Mr. Antonio Kamamnga - Principal Health Administrator
2. Dr. Elizabeth Nkosi Principal Pediatric Medical Doctor
3. Fatima Ndege - Principal Nursing Officer
4. Watson Kumwenda - Senior Nursing officer and
5. Precious Dinga - Nurse Midwife Technician

After the handover was done, we were given the honour of being escorted through the different sections of the department and the students were shown why, how and where the items so generously donated would be used. We saw first-hand how enormous their need is and we all left KCH wishing we could sweep in with a magic wand and fix everything just right. Realistically this is simply not possible but we know that the kindness of our MSIS family will bring the staff and their patients along with the guardians of those patients some joy, some relief and some ease and it is for this reason that we do what we do because the kindness from a stranger is undoubtedly the purest form of kindness you'll ever receive. We sincerely and deeply thank you all for your outpouring of love, your generosity and your willingness to help.



# TERM 2 INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

Mount Sinai had great enthusiasm when we started the games this term especially when our boys looked like they were going to upset Bishop Mackenzie in the first football game played at Home. The game started well with Cedrick Onyancha scoring an early opener before Bishop equalized just before halftime. At the start of the second half Cedrick gave us the lead again keeping hopes up for a win for the boys. Halfway through the second half pressure from Bishop Mackenzie forced our team to make blunders which helped the visitors to score 2 quick goals and they eventually led by 3 goals to 2. The mistakes drained the power out of the team as BMIS dominated the game and went on to score 3 more goals before Mount Sinai replied with one through Collins Makawa after an assist from Vitumbiko Ngwira ending the game at 3 - 6 in favor of BMIS.



In the senior netball game played at Home against BMIS, Mphatso Macheso and Constance Mpinganjira were outstanding in defense and attacking respectively unfortunately, MSIS lost 9 to 32. Our girls displayed great discipline and sportsmanship during and after the matches despite the loss.



Our under 13 football team displayed great skills when they were dispatched to play against Bambino and they won 4 goals 2. Players like Famous Theula, Warren Zghambo and Wayenera Kanyumbu were outstanding and have shown that they have a great potential future in football.

Not to be out done the under 13 girls were brilliant against Bambino led by Kylee Juma, Sienna Gilbert and Favor Lutala won 30 to 4. We hope they will keep up the great netball display!



During the middle of the term we were invited by Bambino to witness the opening of their refurbished basketball court. We obliged by providing our under 13 basketball team. This was the first time for them to play a competitive game and they did not disappoint at all. Whilst the hoops looked very new for them they struggled at first but players like Ian Chinkhuntha, Akuzike Chithala, Pedro Afonso and Alinafe Luka played very well and the final score was 6 -4 in favour of MSIS. Well done to the team and congratulations to Bambino for the great developments!



Month end of February MSIS hosted Zipatso Academy from Salima. This was a great experience and eye opener for our teams; the under 13, 18 boys' soccer and girls netball teams. Mount Sinai lost all the 4 games but our players showed team spirit and the zeal to fight up to the end. The scores were as follows under 13 boys MSIS 2 Zipatso 4, under 18 boys MSIS 3 Zipatso 5, under 13 Netball MSIS 4 Zipatso 15 under 18 netball MSIS 15 ZIPATSO 19. Thank you to Zipatso Academy for choosing to come to Lilongwe and play with MSIS and showing such great sportsmanship.

The under 18 boy basketball team took to the courts against Bishop Mackenzie at Home. The game was very entertaining with a lot of skill being displayed with a lot of excitement. Mount Sinai led the first quarter of the game with Nigus Ashanafi fired up assisted by Samuel Chakwera. Chisomo Theu and Tony Sibbo also showed great skills. Bishop Mackenzie changed gear in the second quarter and gave MSIS boys tough time. From the start of the second quarter to the end of the game it was a see-saw battle but BMIS were sharp on shooting and the final score was 35-33 in favor of BMIS. Despite the loss our boys did a great job in a very fast paced game and we are sure that they will make a great comeback in the next term.





The under 12 boys had a show down with ABC at the ABC grounds. ABC were in the mood of revenging a previous defeat in the hands of MSIS. The game was closely contested with both goal keepers given tough time. MSIS have our goalkeeper Nathaniel Kaunda to thank who was assisted by players such as Tapiwa Alabu and Jayden Chipofya's efforts which were constantly put away by the ABC goalkeeper. The game ended nil all scores, however, it was a great game from both teams.



Putting a lid to the sports for second term was the under 18 boys who were pitted against ABC Academy at ABC. After a very bad start to the term the boys finally remembered to win and this was in style. Putting up a stellar performance which was even applauded by the home team supporters. Goals in the first half from Honest Tembo, Tayamika and Vitumbiko Ngwira silenced the rather stubborn defense of ABC. Credit must go to Loyiso Phumisa who well marshalled the MSIS defense rightly protecting his keeper although they considered a late goal to finish the game at 3 goals to 1 in favor of MSIS.



The sports department would like to thank all our Parents and Guardians who supported their wards and allowed them to participate in all the games this term.





Mount Sinai International School is so fortunate to have such a diverse community within our school and we are committed to creating a school culture that celebrates the cultural diversity within our school community as well as exposing our students to diverse learning experiences. The Year 11 IGCSE Class of 2024 have organized a, “Cultural diversity day” which will take place on Friday 22nd March 2024. Students from the Junior, Middle and High School came to school dressed in clothes that showed their culture.







### NEW SCHOOL BUS ROUTE!

We are excited to announce that a new bus route will be introduced from Term Three. The new bus route will cater for students who live in AIRWING. Bus services will include a door to door, pick up one way or pick up and drop off from specific bus stops.

Prices are as follows:

MK140, 000.00 (Door to door / Pick and drop)

MK110, 000.00 (One way pick or drop)

Please contact City Schools Express on the following number for further enquiries:

0886605856 (Mrs. T. Matabwa)



## Term 3

Important  
Dates

DATE	ACTIVITY
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2024	➤ IGCSE EXAMINATIONS BEGIN
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	➤ First Day of School
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	➤ Final School Fees deadline for IPP, Secondary Checkpoint and IGCSE
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	➤ Middle School knock off at 1pm
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	➤ High School knock off at 2pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2024	➤ ASA start for Junior and High School
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2024	➤ Middle School knock off at 1.00pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2024	➤ High School knock off at 3.30pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> to Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	➤ IPP AND CHECKPOINT INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	➤ Deadline for 50% School fees payment for returning students
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	➤ ASA start for Middle School
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	➤ AS LEVEL EXAMINATIONS BEGIN
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	➤ Day off for Public Holiday- Labour Day
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	➤ Junior School Sports Day
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	➤ Student exclusions for unpaid 50% School fees
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	➤ Day off for Public Holiday- Kamuzu Day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	➤ Middle and High School Sports Day
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	➤ MID TERM EXAMINATIONS (40%)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	➤ JUNIOR, MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	➤ Deadline for 100% School fees payment for returning students
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	➤ World Environment Day
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	➤ Student exclusions for unpaid 100% School fees for returning students
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> Thursday June 2024	➤ Final week for ASA except for paid clubs
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	➤ AS LEVEL EXAMINATIONS END
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	➤ IGCSE EXAMINATIONS END
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	➤ IGCSE Class of 2024 Graduation
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2024	➤ IGCSE Class of 2024 Prom
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	➤ END OF TERM EXAMINATIONS (60%) MIDDLE AND HIGH
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	➤ END OF TERM EXAMINATIONS (60%) JUNIOR SCHOOL
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	➤ LAST DAY OF SCHOOL AND 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	➤ FAMILY FESTIVAL (SCHOOL EVENT)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	➤ PARENT-TEACHER CONSULTATION DAY
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	➤ FIRST DAY OF THIRD TERM FOR IGCSE OCT/NOV COHORT
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024	➤ FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR THE 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR



**MOUNT SINAI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL  
WISHES ALL OUR PARENTS, GUARDIANS,  
STUDENTS AND TEACHERS A VERY HAPPY  
EASTER HOLIDAY!**



**HAPPY EASTER!!!**