

From Brian’s Desk

And the Winner is...

Gifty Gamachis Galacha!!! AISF student, Gifty Gamachis Galacha, was one of eight winners worldwide of the 15th Toyota Dream Car competition. That is quite an achievement given that there were over half a million entries from 78 countries! The idea was that students would design the car of their dreams—Gifty’s car is the “Heart Fixer”. Congratulations to Gifty and thank you to our art teacher, Kathrin van Rensburg, who brought this competition to AISF and to other schools in Sierra Leone.

Thanks, as well, to CICA Motors which sponsored this competition in Sierra Leone for the first time. Last Saturday Gifty was presented with her award and a check for \$3,000 to be used towards her further education. And...in art class as I write this short piece, there are students busy working on designing their own dream cars for the 16th annual Dream Car competition! Good luck!





Mawlid

Next weekend, Mawlid—the Prophet’s Birthday—will be observed in Sierra Leone. The holiday is likely to begin at sundown Friday and continue throughout Saturday. We are not yet 100% sure whether Monday 10th October will be a public holiday in Sierra Leone, **but AISF will be closed on that Monday** to provide everyone with a short break as we begin the 6th week of school. Monday the 10th is also the Columbus Day public holiday in the USA, so enjoy the long weekend!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

This is just a quick advance announcement that we will hold parent-teacher conferences on the week of 24th—28th October with the bulk of the conferences on the afternoon of Wednesday the 26th. You will receive a formal invitation closer to the time.

Important Upcoming Dates

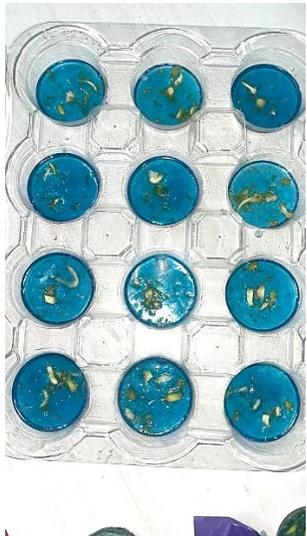
3rd to 7th October	MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) testing in Grades 5—8
Monday 10th October	Mawlid (The Prophet’s Birthday) Sierra Leone Columbus Day United States / School Closed
Wednesday 26th October	Parent-Teacher Conferences
Thursday 24th November	American Thanksgiving/School Closed
Friday 25th November	AISF Closed for Thanksgiving Long Weekend
Friday 2nd December	End of Trimester One (Trimester Two payments due)
Friday 16th December	Last day of school before the holiday
Monday 9th January	School Reopens after the holiday

Quote of the Week: *You are never too small to make a difference.* Greta Thunberg

ECC

This week we were excited make soap for washing our hands and body. In math some students are learning to make shapes while others are learning to write numbers and solve addition problems. We finished our literacy book *Stick Man* and we enjoyed watching the movie.

Grade 3&4 students gave us a wonderful presentation about healthy eating and physical activities. Their presentation was very interesting and interactive. Pre-K and Kindergarten students learned a lot!



Grade 1-2

This week the Pangolins have been learning more about how countries around the world are similar and different. Mr. Brian visited us and shared about his home country, Canada. We learned all about the climate, geography, and culture.

At the start of the week, we compared and contrasted schools around the world, and shared out research with our classmates.

At the end of the week, we learned about hobbies and sports around the world. We have been independently researching countries and making research posters.



Grade 3-4

The 16th Toyota dream car competition has started. We visited the exhibition and were amazed by the artistic skills of the competitors last year. Congratulations again to Gifty who won last year's award! We then returned to the art room to start our own drawings.

For IPC our challenge this week was to give a presentation to the ECC on the benefits of living a healthy life.

In Math both grades completed their end of module assessments with pleasing results!!!



Grade 5-8 (Math and Science)

5th and 6th grade Science studied animal interactions this week. They choreographed dances to portray those interactions and then performed for the class, who recorded the positive and negative impacts of each species. 7th and 8th grade Science worked on a project where they are exhibiting how particular species have developed over time.

In Math, grade 5 learned how to round decimal numbers. Grade 6 reviewed plotting points on the coordinate grid and learned how to reflect points over the x and y axis. Grades 7 and 8 took a quiz on solving equations.

This week, middle school said goodbye to Nellie who has been part of the AISF family since 2021. We wish her the best of luck as her family relocates to Madagascar!

We would also like to wish middle school the best of luck as they will take their MAP test next week. Be sure to get plenty of rest and eat a good breakfast next week!



Grade 5-8 (English and Social Studies)

We had a super time this week in Middle School! On Wednesday, we celebrated the start of the school year by playing a friendly football match between the middle school and the high school.

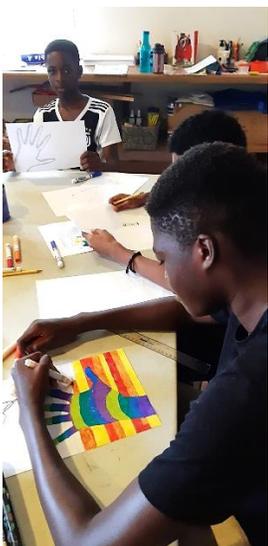
In Social Studies, 5/6 designed accurate maps of the classroom. They made sure to include a compass rose, map scale, and legend in their maps. 7/8 constructed supporting questions in order to support the compelling question, "How do micro-credit organizations affect the communities in which borrowers live?"

In Language Arts, 5/6 continued to read the novel *Refugee* by Alan Gratz. They analyzed how certain characters respond to traumatic events in the story and utilized direct textual evidence from the text in order to support their conclusions. 7/8 worked on writing clear and concise topic sentences for an argumentative essay. We also talked about what makes a strong class discussion.



High School

It has been another busy week in High School! All of the students have been working hard on their online courses. For instance, those who take Algebra 1, had to study *Linear Equations in Two Variables*, the students who take Geometry had to work on *Sequence of Transformations and Proving Congruence*, Sami, who is taking Algebra 2, learnt about [Square Roots and Complex Numbers](#), and Mahawa discovered [Transformations and Building Functions](#) in Pre-Calculus. After all this Math, a victory in the soccer game against teachers and staff was very well received. GO High School GO!



French (ECC-Grade 4)



Hello my name Madame Hassanatou. This is my 7th year at AISF as a French teacher. This year I will be teaching the ECC and the elementary classes. For the ECC, our main focus will be speaking, listening and singing performance. Hands-on activities, crafts, coloring and tracing will help them develop their motor skills. In the elementary classes, speaking, writing, listening, reading comprehension and singing are our main focus along with some craft activities from time to time. It is going to be a great and exciting year.

