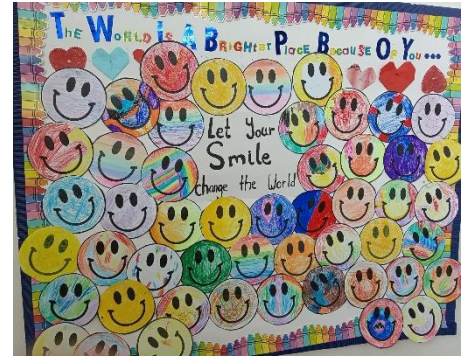


**From Elizabeth’s Desk,**

**Composting, Creativity, Books, Music & Celebration** have produced vibrant smiles and new experiences of joyful learning at AISF this week!

**Earth Day: Learning to Care for Our Planet**

We were so happy to welcome Mr Tommy Garnett who came to help us celebrate **Earth Day** on Wednesday. Earth day was led by Mr Ludo and High School students who worked hard to launch a **new composting initiative in the school garden**, helping us reduce waste and create healthy soil for growing our plants. Ms Zahra and some of her students created **special environmental artwork**, exploring themes of nature, sustainability, and caring for our planet.



**Lunchtime Live** featured an environmental rap composed by our music teacher and was beautifully performed by the whole school. The lyrics encouraged us all to think about how we can care for the Earth. This was followed by a **French song about protecting the environment**, performed by students as part of our multilingual celebration of global awareness. Thank you Mr Oliver and Ms Hassanatou, Merci!

**Book Week: Stories Come to Life.** Our annual **Book Week** transformed classrooms and corridors into a celebration of reading and imagination. One of the highlights had to be the **Student Council Decorated Door Competition**, where each class turned their classroom door into a scene inspired by a favourite book, a colourful gallery of literary creativity. Students also took part in a **Readathon**, challenging themselves to read as much as possible and share their love of books with their classmates.

**Dress Up as a Book Character Day** was a great opportunity to enjoy our students’ creativity and costumes. We were delighted to welcome **U.S. Marines and parent volunteers** to read with students. These special reading sessions help show students that reading is something which is valued and enjoyed by the whole community. Thank you to the US Marines, parents, STUCO and Ms Kerri!

**Celebrating Sierra Leone** To conclude this exciting week, the school community joined together for a **Sierra Leone Celebration Day**, honouring the culture, music, food and traditions of our host country. Students participated in **music, art, and dancing**, celebrating the rich heritage of Sierra Leone. One of the most memorable moments of the day had to be a **performance by fire eaters**, adding an element of traditional performance art and excitement to the celebrations!

**Learning Beyond the Classroom.** All these different activities and experiences reflect what makes our school such an enriching learning community. Students are not only developing academic skills but also growing in creativity, cultural awareness, environmental responsibility, and a love of reading.

It has been wonderful to see how learning flourishes when curiosity, creativity, community, and global awareness come together.



# ECC

This week was so much fun! We enjoyed painting, reading, singing, and dancing while learning together. During our DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) time, we loved listening to stories from our high school friends and the U.S. Marines — it was such a special experience!

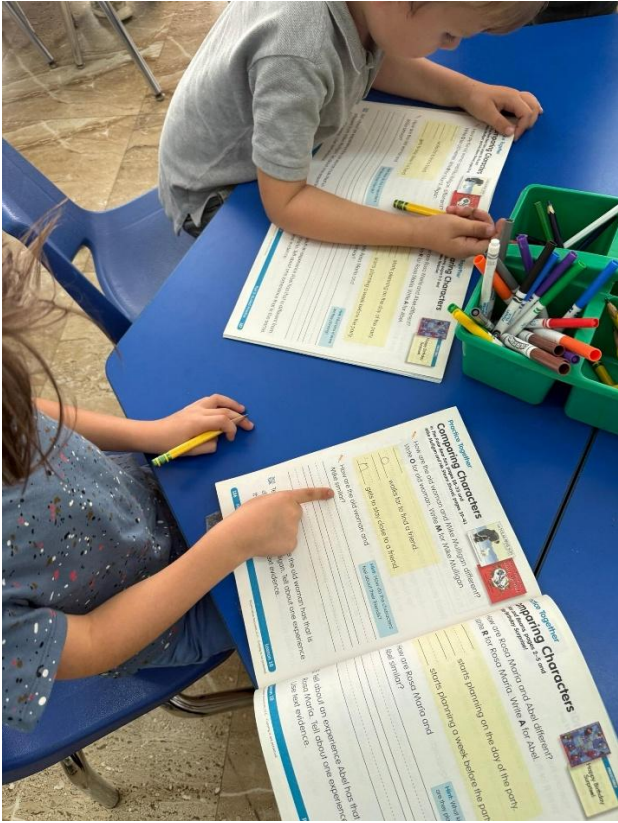
We celebrated Earth Day with yummy popcorn and fruits, and had an amazing time during Salone Day, enjoying delicious local food, playing fun games, and learning more about Sierra Leone. We also celebrated Aurelie's birthday, which made the week even more exciting!

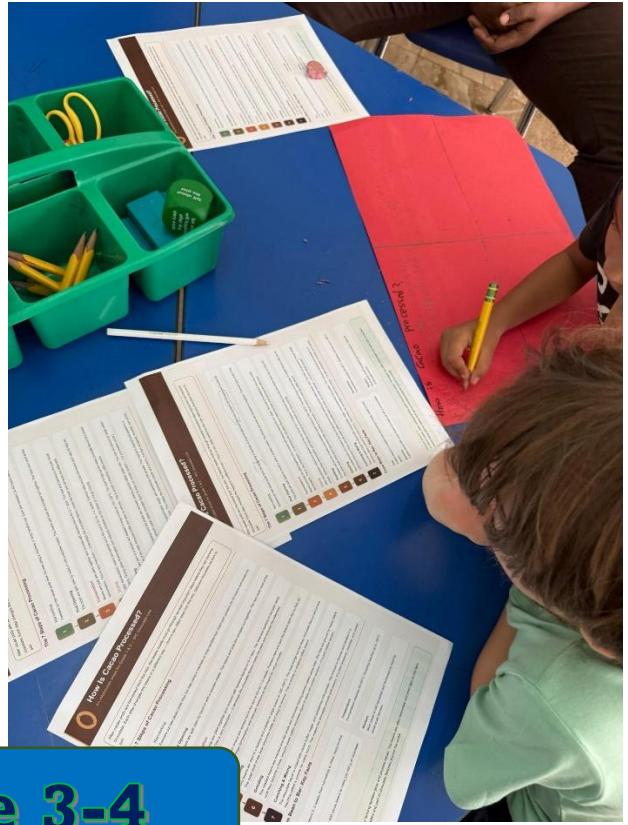
What a fun-filled and memorable week we've had! ✨💖



# Grade 1-2

What a wonderful week in the Crocodiles classroom! We marked Earth Day by exploring the importance of composting and what we can all do to care for our planet. We have also been busy preparing for our IPC Chocolate Unit exit point, happening on the 29th of April at 11:30am, we are so excited to share what we have learned! In Maths, our Grade 2 learners have been diving into measurement, while our Grade 1 friends have been working hard on adding two-digit numbers. A full and fantastic week all round!





## Grade 3-4

The Sea Turtles have had a very busy and productive week. We have enjoyed all the special activities around Earth Day, Book Week and Mama Salone Day.

This week in Math we have been working on Scaled Bar Graphs and Picture Graphs. Grade 4 students have also been revising angles and multiplication of multi-digit numbers.

In ELA our focus has been on reading comprehension. For Grade 3 this has meant learning to find the key theme in a text. For Grade 4 the focus has been on the structural elements of plays.

We had a great time in IPC constructing water wheels and discussing how the movement of water can be used to generate electricity.



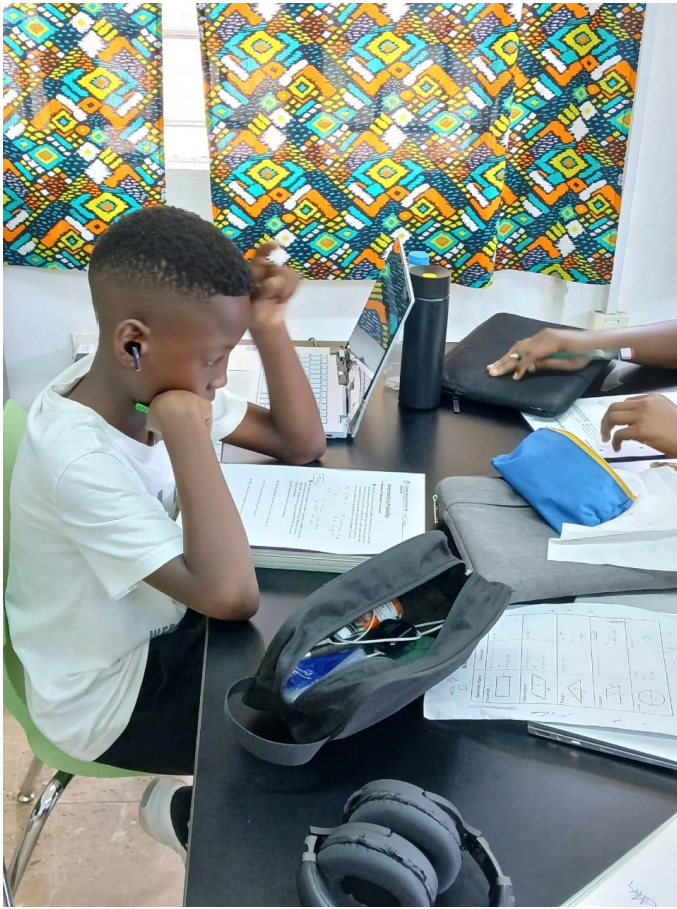
In Agricultural Science our topic has been 'Composting'. Ms Maureen taught us how to create compost with wood ash, paper, twigs, fruit scraps and leaves.

During our Earth Day event, Mr Tommy taught us how to make compost on a larger scale.



This week in middle school math, grade 6 began learning how to solve one step equations. Grade 7 began their lesson on finding unknown angle measures and Grade 8 began learning how to find the volume of cylinders, cones and spheres.

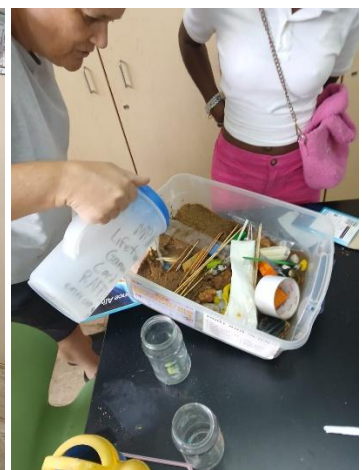




This week, Grade 6 continued their focus on geological changes over time. We looked at weathering, erosion and deposition, and discussed how barrier islands are formed through these processes. We discovered that the Turtle Islands, Sherbro Islands and Banana Island near Freetown are all examples of barrier islands formed long ago by erosion and deposition.

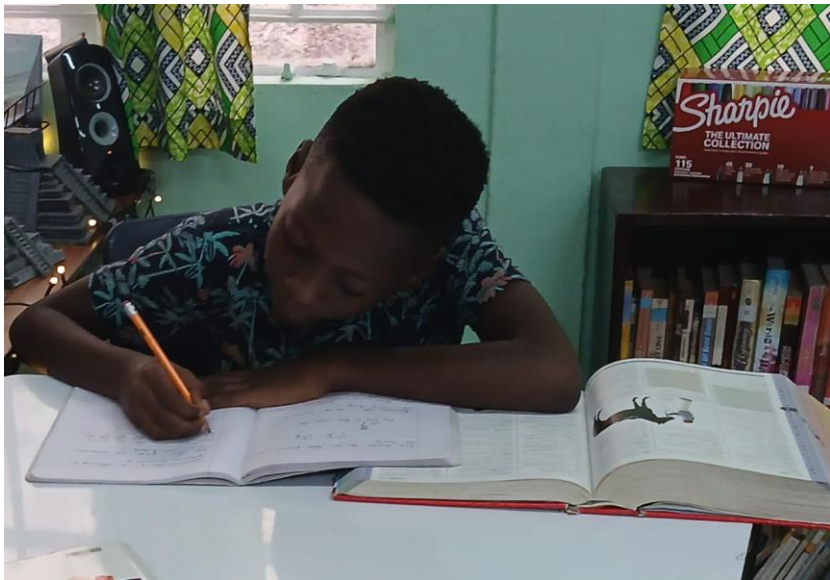
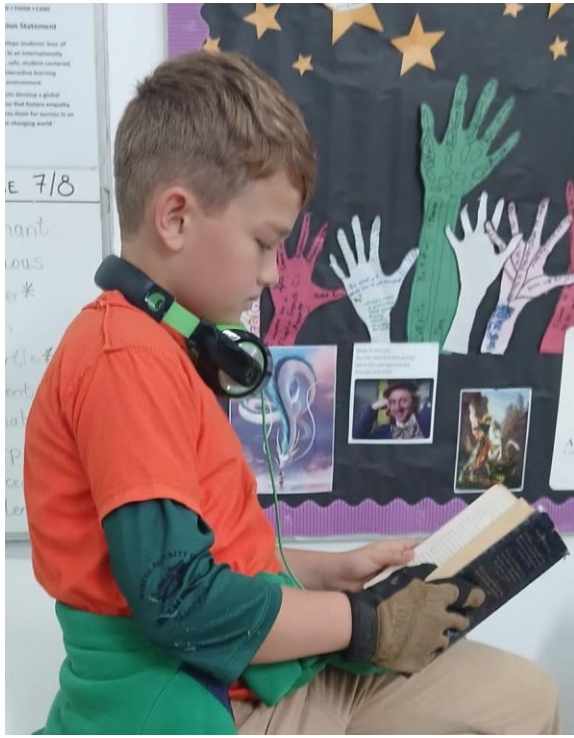
The students built a model of a landscape, river and sea using trays of sand. They then had to work out a way to prevent erosion of the landscape in the event of heavy rain and flooding.

Grade 7 & 8 students had an engineering project to complete this week. They were challenged to build a bridge out of glue and popsicle sticks that could withstand a significant amount of force. The bridge construction process is completed and we will test the structures next week with a weight test.



## Grade 5-8 (English and Social Studies)

This week in Mr. Ingram's class, Grades 6-8 had a blast! In Grades 7-8, students began reading *The Westing Game*, a murder mystery novel, and the entire class is very intrigued and looking forward to reading the book. And, at the same time, Grade 6 is just beginning to read the novel *Wonder*, a book about a special boy and the challenges he faces in his life. The students are enjoying the book and, just like Grades 7 and 8, are looking forward to reading in class. Middle school wishes ya'll the best and will see you again next week!



# High School

This week, our high-school students bridged the gap between environmental stewardship and national pride. From digging into the science of composting for Earth Day to celebrating Sierra Leone's 65th Independence Day, we've been busy honoring our roots. Whether designing intricate Krio prints or cooking up traditional Sierra Leonean dishes, we are learning that protecting our "Green, White, and Blue" should also start with protecting the Earth itself!






# Earth Day - Composting



# Salone Day





Monday April 27 SCHOOL CLOSED	Sierra Leone Independence Day
Tuesday April 28	<b>ASAs Start</b> Board Meeting 5pm
Wednesday April 29	G1&2 Exit Point
Friday May 1 SCHOOL CLOSED	LABOR DAY
Monday May 4- Friday May 8	TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
Wednesday May 6th	ECC Exit Point
Monday May 11-Friday May 15	MAP TESTING
Monday May 18-Friday May 22	MAP TESTING
Friday May 22	G3&4 Exit Point
Wednesday May 20	AGM 5pm
Wednesday May 27	School Closed
<b>Friday May 29</b>	<b>Last Day ASA's for this Academic Year</b>
Wednesday June 3	International Day Flag Parade & Costumes. International Buffet
Friday June 5	AWARDS + Celebration ASSEMBLY 5-6:30pm + Promotions
Friday June 12	 FIELD DAY led By Coach Nat! and the Events Team. We may have some surprise guests as well!
Wednesday June 17	Tree Planting with The Biodiversity Centre and Mr Tommy (tbc)
Thursday June 18	STUDENTS HELP TO TIDY CAMPUS Afternoon: WATER FIGHT
Friday June 19 REPORTS GO HOME	Final Assembly and Talent show for students. <b>NOON DISMISSAL CLOSE OF ACADEMIC YEAR FOR STUDENTS</b>
Tuesday June 23	BOARD MEETING
Tuesday September 1 2026	School re-opens for Learners