

**From Elizabeth's Desk,**

This Trimester we are going to be exploring the use of **SMART Targets** for **Goal Setting** for our Students. This is one way to encourage students to understand more clearly how to track their own progress and to take responsibility for their own learning. Below is an example of a worksheet from i-Ready Pro which some of our High School students are using.

### SMART Goals Worksheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For each goal, fill in the box following the SMART structure.  
Use the questions below to create a goal that is clear, focused, and actionable.

**S**  
SPECIFIC

**What exactly do I want to accomplish?**  
*Example: I want to raise my math grade to a B by improving in algebra.*

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**M**  
MEASURABLE

**How will I track progress and measure success?**  
*Example: I will track my quiz scores and aim to improve by 10 percent each week.*

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**A**  
ACHIEVABLE

**What steps do I need to take to achieve my goal?**  
*Example: I can achieve this by attending tutoring twice a week and doing all my homework.*

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**R**  
RELEVANT

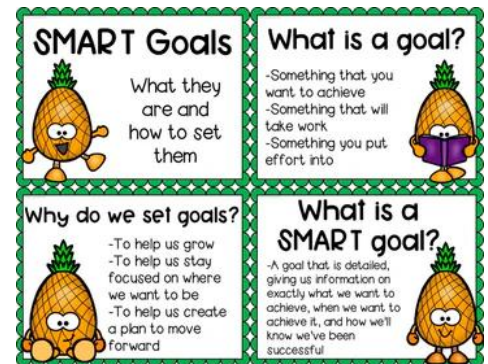
**Does this goal align with my objectives and priorities?**  
*Example: Understanding algebra will help me get into advanced math next year.*

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**T**  
TIMELY

**What is the deadline or time frame for achieving this goal?**  
*Example: I want to reach a B or higher by the end of this grading period (i.e., in six weeks).*

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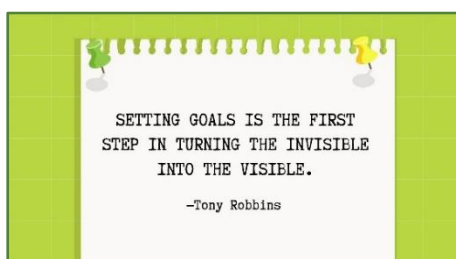
**PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP...Giving our students the ROOTS to GROW & the WINGS to FLY.**

**SMART TARGETS** link to MSA standards for Education & Well-Being



Check out the **Parents in Partnership** link to learn more about SMART TARGETS

<https://youtu.be/9PwiZwllv10?si=ZWVXpHellcUSJhW1>





This week, we had so much fun exploring nature! We collected leaves, created our own plants on paper, and made beautiful flower crafts while learning more about plants.

We also enjoyed a wonderful field trip to Biodiversity, where we learned even more about plant life and explored the rocky water path, spotting beautiful fish swimming along the way. What an adventure!

Our Kindergarten friends completed their i-Ready diagnostic tests, and we wish them the very best — well done! 🌟

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for Back to School Night. We truly appreciate your support and partnership.





# Grade 1-2

From learning some new vocabulary in French lessons with Mrs. Hassanatou to going on our first crocodile field trip to the Biodiversity and renewable learning center. We have learnt so much this week. A huge thank you to Mr Tommy Garnett for welcoming us into a world of restoration and exploration to understand what we need to do to save the earth! Remember everyone do not cut or burn down trees!





## Grade 3-4

Grades 3 & 4 have been learning new skills this week. We have learned how to make a google slide presentation, and how to carry out a scientific experiment.

Our google slides presentations are about the United Nations Outer Space Treaty. We are very proud of them! This ties in with our IPC unit on Mission to Mars.



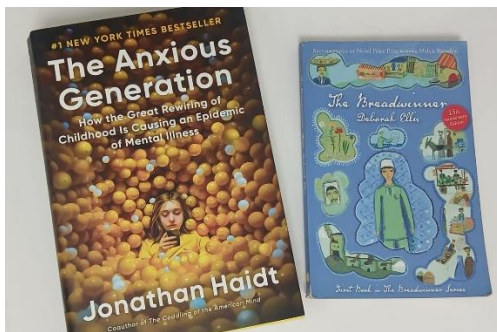
In our science experiment, we found out how much air pollution there is around our school. We are looking forward to starting our research for the March STEAM fair.





# Grade 5-8 (English and Social Studies)

This week in social studies the grade 5/6 class constructed a timeline that showed the spread of Islam during and after the life of Mohammed. And in addition to completing their iReady diagnostic and the Elements of Literature before diving into the novel *The Breadwinner*, students reviewed common and proper nouns and sensory adjectives. The grade 7/8 class learned about the various methods of food production and how these methods are dispersed throughout Africa. While in ELA students reflected on the extent to which digital technology has played a role in their lives and then read the Introduction and Chapter 1 of *The Anxious Generation*, analyzing the rise in mental illness among Gen Z and its connection to the advent of smartphones and social media.

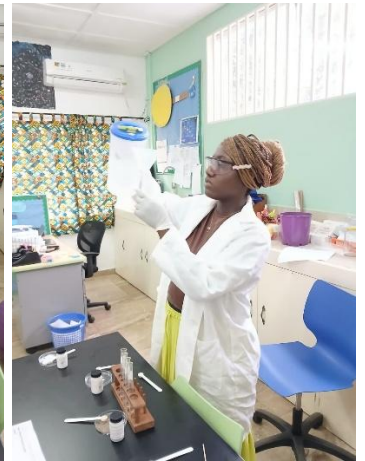




# Grade 5-8 (Math and Science)

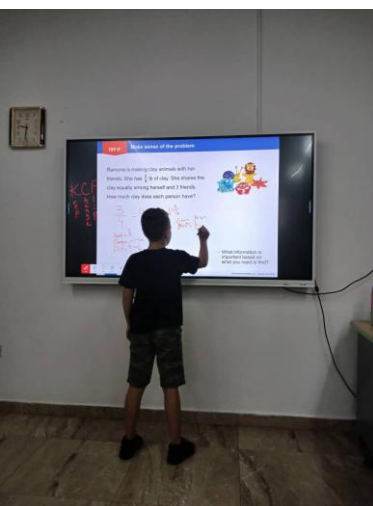
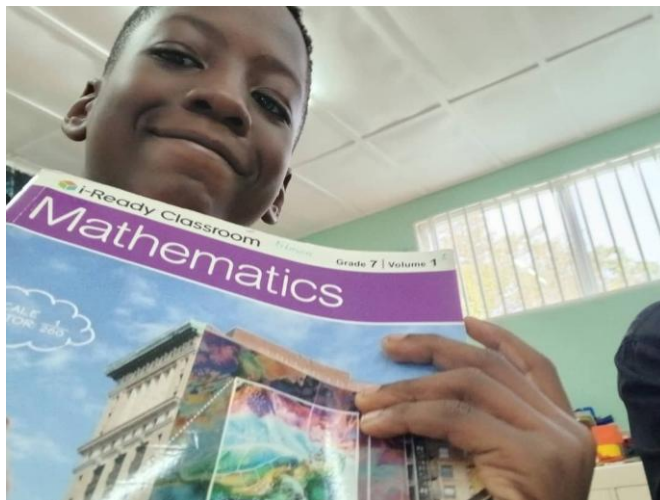
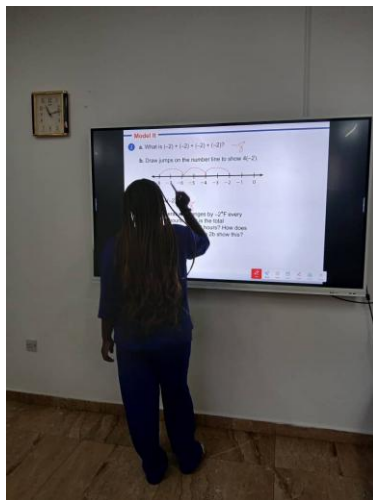
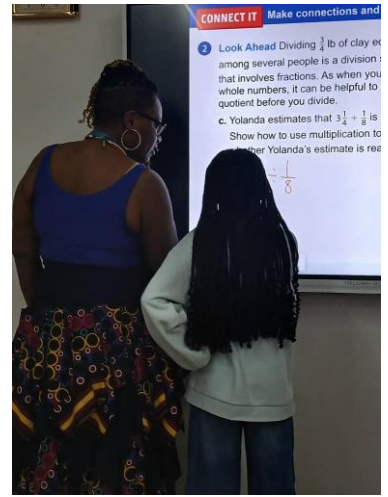
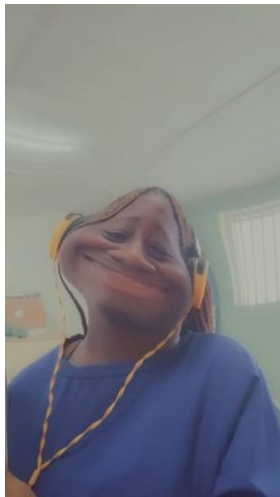
We were happy to welcome Noah into our Science class. We are learning about weather systems and earth's atmosphere. On Thursday we made a barometer to measure atmospheric pressure.

Grades 7 & 8 are starting their chemistry unit with a laboratory experiment about the physical properties of solids. We are enjoying reviewing our knowledge of the periodic table.





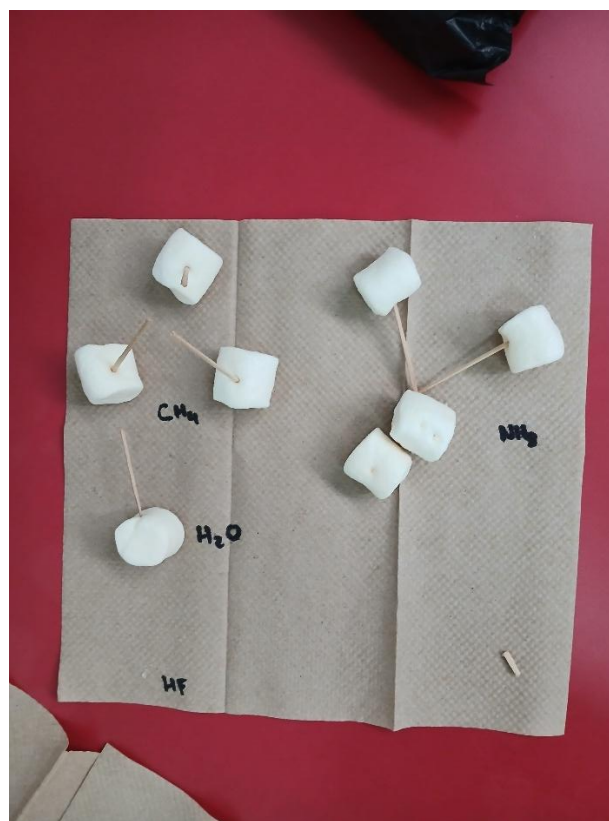
This week in middle school math, all of the students completed their second diagnostic test of the year. Once completed, grade 6 began dividing fractions. Grade 7 began and completed their lesson on multiplying integers. Grade 8 began a lesson on solving linear equations in one variable.





# High School

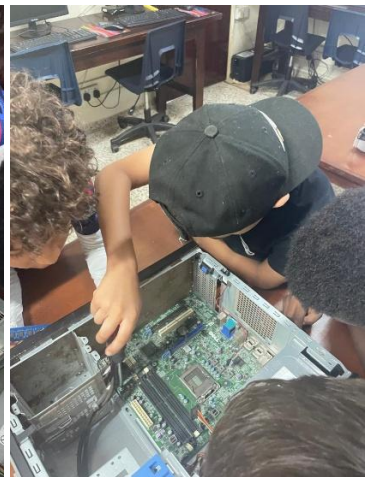
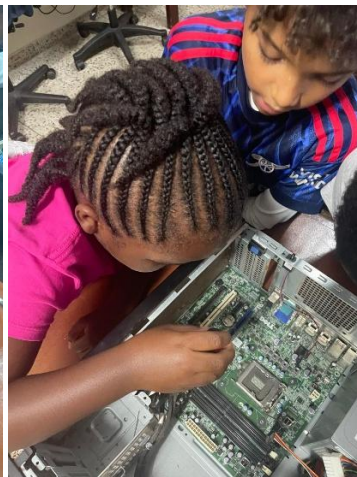
This week, science projects for HS students with the recycling of unhealthy sweets into educational tools.





# ICT

Students in Grades 3–4 have been learning about computer parts and their functions. This week, they took their learning a step further by dissecting a real computer. They were excited to see and touch the actual components they had been studying. It was a fun and engaging hands-on experience for everyone.





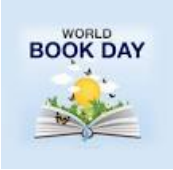
## PLANNING AHEAD



Monday Jan 19	After School Activities Start
Monday Jan 19- Friday Jan 23	i-Ready Diagnostic testing
Wednesday 21	ECC Field trip to the Bakery!
Monday Feb 2	The Launch of Black History Month Theme <b>AFRICAN ROYALTY</b>
Tuesday Feb 3	Safer Internet Day [Details tbc]
Friday Feb 6	School Photo Day
Saturday Feb 7	Entrepreneurship Fair 11- 1pm! Make a date in your diary!
Friday Feb 13	Reminder to Parents: No ASAs on PTC days
Monday Feb 16, Tuesday Feb 17, Thursday Feb 19	Parent Teacher Conferences : PTCs
Wednesday Feb 18 SCHOOL CLOSED	Sierra Leone ARMED FORCES DAY
Friday Feb 20	ASAs resume
Sunday March 1	CESS-MSA Visiting Team arrives
Monday March 2- Wednesday March 4	CESS- MSA Visiting Team in School African History Performance. Parents in school details [tbc]
Monday March 9 SCHOOL CLOSED	INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY
Friday March 13	End of Trimester 2/Final Fee payments due
Wednesday March 18	Science Fair G3-12 STEAM
Thursday March 19	Last day of ASAs before Spring Break
Friday March 20 SCHOOL CLOSED	Eid al-Fitr
Thursday April 2 SCHOOL CLOSES	NOON DISMISSAL SPRING BREAK: Please collect your children promptly
Monday April 13	School re-opens after Spring Break
Monday April 20	Readathon: STUCCO Decorated Doors to represent a Book Competition
Wednesday April 22	Earth Day Whole school project





Thursday April 23		Students and staff Dress up as a book character Guest Readers! [tbc]
Friday April 24	Celebrating Sierra Leone- Colors-Costumes-Activities	
Monday April 27 SCHOOL CLOSED	Sierra Leone Independence Day	
Friday May 1 SCHOOL CLOSED	LABOR DAY	
Monday May 4- Friday May 8	TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK	
Monday May 11-Friday May 15	MAP TESTING	
Monday May 18-Friday May 22	MAP TESTING	
Thursday May 28	Last Day ASA's for this Academic Year	
Friday May 29	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!	
Thursday June 18	STUDENTS HELP TO TIDY CAMPUS Afternoon: WATER FIGHT	
Friday June 19	Final Assembly for students and Talent show REPORTS GO HOME NOON DISMISSAL CLOSE OF ACADEMIC YEAR FOR STUDENTS	
Tuesday September 1 2026	School re-opens for Learners	