

From Brian's Desk

PTO Movie Night

Last Friday our Parent-Teacher Organization held a movie night at AISF (the first in my memory at least). It was a great community event and was very well attended. Congratulations and thanks to our PTO and their teacher supporters!



Irish Music Concert

Last Monday, as part of their St. Patrick's Day celebrations, the Irish Embassy brought a traditional music troupe called Airneán to AISF. The students (and an ageing Director) had a great time clapping away and attempting to dance a jig! Thanks so much to the Irish Embassy and Airneán.





School Photographs

We plan to take school photographs next Friday. As usual, we will have an Africana theme so please sent your children in their best Africana!

Bits and Pieces

I continue to receive questions about security during the upcoming election campaign and AISF's position. To that end, I met with the Regional Security Officer from the US Embassy this past week to discuss the Embassy posture and the school's plans. For the moment, we remain watchful and attentive; the Embassy plans to remain open throughout. Fortunately, our school year ends over a week before the voting and some two weeks before the results are likely to be released. We are ready to go live with AISF Home Learning for at home learning on any days when it might not be safe to bring students and staff to school.

The Spring break is coming up soon. Our last school day will be Thursday 6th April as Good Friday falls on the 7th. AISF will reopen on Monday the 17th. The following week is a bit messy—Eid al-Fitr may begin on the evening of Friday 21st April means Saturday the 22nd would be a public holiday so it is likely that Monday the 24 would be a holiday. Thursday of the same week is Sierra Leone Independence Day, another public holiday, so we will be closed again then. And then we come to May 1 which appears as a public holiday on some sites but not others. Once we get through that period, I don't anticipate any more holidays before we close on 16th June!!

Important Upcoming Dates

Friday 31st March	School Photographs: Africana Theme
Monday 20th March	Traditional Irish Music presentation 11:30—12:00 / Parents welcome
Friday 31st March	Trimester 2 Reports go home
7th—16th April	Spring Break / AISF Closed
Monday 17th April	AISF Reopens
Monday 24th April	Eid al-Fitr (Tentative). Eid is likely to begin on the evening of Friday the 21st with the public holiday on Saturday. Monday the 24th is likely to be a public holiday.
Thursday 27th April	Sierra Leone Independence Day: School Closed
Monday 1st May	Another possible public holiday

Quote of the Week: "I raise up my voice—not so I can shout but so that those without a voice can be heard... We cannot succeed when half of us are held back." Malala Yousafzai

ECC

This week ECC students learned about the different parts and functions of the eye and nose. In math, Pre-K students focused on the capacity of containers using the correct vocabulary to describe how much they can hold. On the other hand, kindergarteners are learning to solve addition problems and represent equations with number bonds. Our tomato and sunflower plants are flourishing, we can hardly wait for their flowers to say hello to us.



Grade 1-2

This week the Pangolins have been busy learning, playing, and being creative. Grade 1 are working on Math word problems and the Grade 2s are learning all about coins. In IPC we are learning all about the eye and how it interprets messages from the brain. We played 'The Brain Game', acting about the roles of the senses, brain, and memory to work out what the things around us are.



Grade 3-4

Another week of learning, exploring, and discovering. Enjoy the pics!

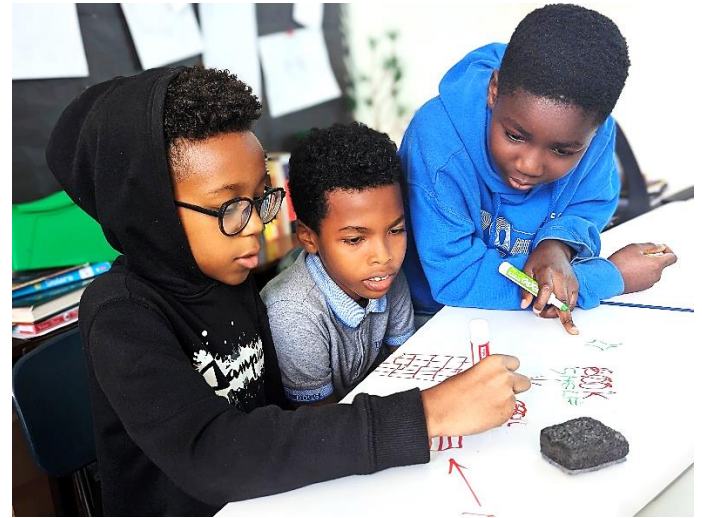


Grade 5-8 (English and Social Studies)

In Language Arts, 7/8 finished typing the final drafts of their letter to the United Nations, in which they were asked to nominate one member of the LGBTQIA+ community for the UN High Note Global Prize. 5/6 got off to an exciting start for trimester 3, as we began reading Lois Lowry's *The Giver*.

In Social Studies, 7/8 presented their projects, which explored the question *Can disease change the world?* and its connections with bubonic plague pandemic in the 14th century. 5/6 began learning about Mount Everest; in this unit, we will explore its geography as well as the economic & environmental implications of its popularity.

This past Wednesday, students from across the elementary and middle school participated in an Introduction to Screenwriting class. We learned the basic format of a screenplay, watched relevant videos, and began writing brief scenes in groups!



Grade 5-8 (Math and Science)

This week in Science, grades 5 and 6 began their trimester 3 module of Waves. We spent the week looking at optical illusions and trying to determine why we saw different things. The students then attempted making their own optical illusions. Check them out and see what you see!

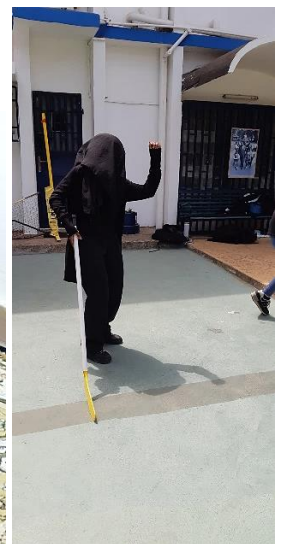
Grades 7 and 8 are wrapping up cells and genetics with one last project on animal and plant cells.

In Math, grade 5 completed their unit on division and are preparing for an end of module assessment. Grade 6 is preparing for an assessment on simplifying expressions and solving equations. Grades 7 and 8 began their unit on statistics and took an assessment on measures of central tendency.



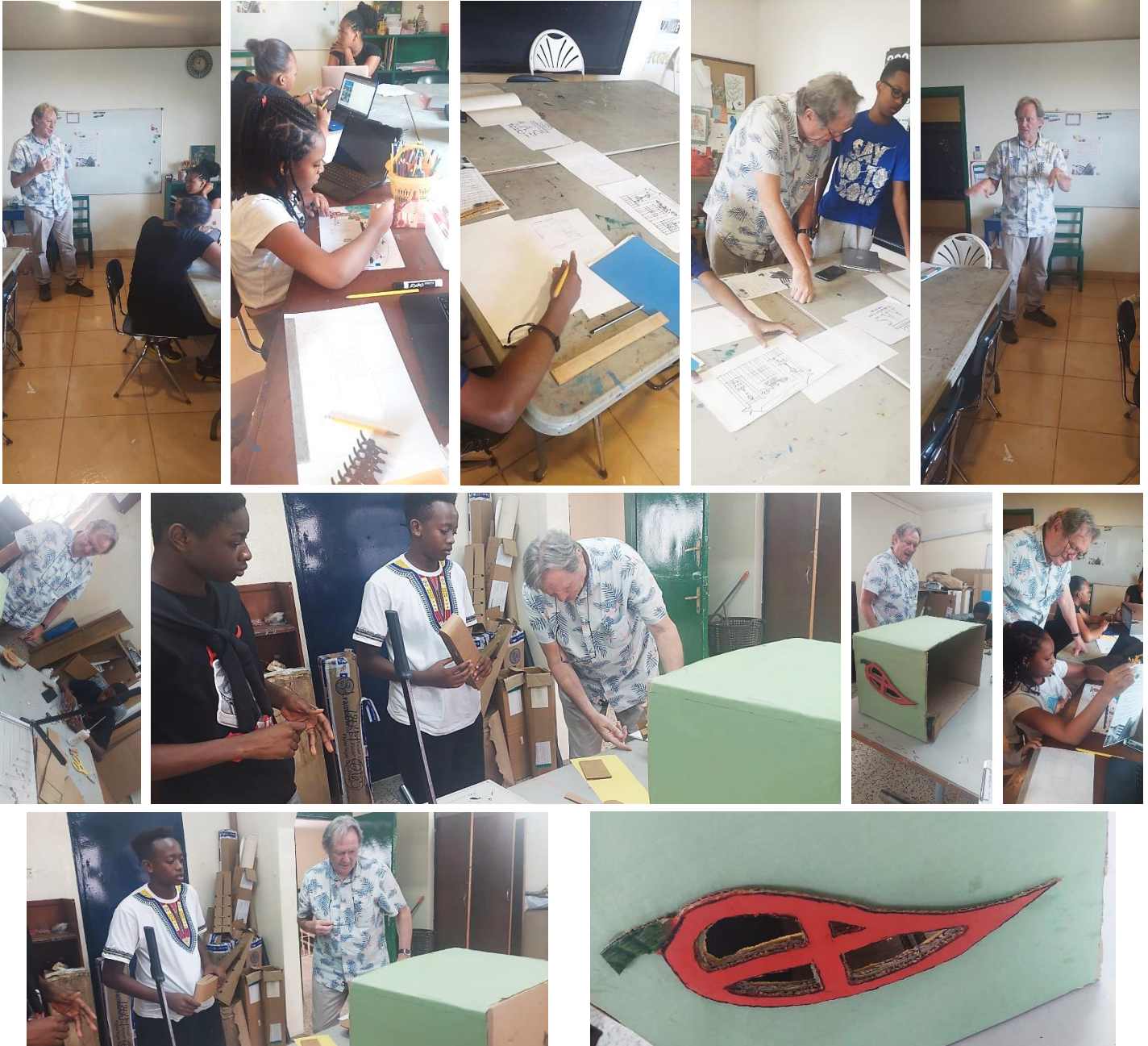
High School

This week has been another busy week for High School. On Tuesday, they finished the VHS Term 3 and now they are working on Term 4 (the final) assignments. Term 4 started on March 22nd and it will finish on May 9th. There will be lots of final projects to make, quizzes to take, and unit tests to pass honorably. Ms. Nachelle has started to guide the students on their orientation with college applications and community service ideas. Good luck, High School!



Art

The visiting architect Mr. Jim McComish came to see the architecture projects being made by the HS art class. They are designing their own restaurants. He was most impressed by their work and gave them a lot of tips as to how they could improve their designs. Looking forward to seeing the finished work at the art exhibition in May.



In Art, ECC made the longest centipede in the world! Made out of painted egg holders. Feet will be added next week!

