

From Elizabeth’s Desk

We had a spectacular launch into **Black History Month** on Monday this week, with amazing interactive workshops and a whole school assembly led by **Alim Kamara** a visiting ‘storyteller’! Thank you to Ms Joy Kamara for introducing such a talented young performer to our community! Students learnt about a different kind of **A B C**! They listened to, acted in and interacted as Alim told stories, gave them puzzles to work out and did some amazing dancing! Everyone joined in, including our fantastic nurse, Mis Mariama, who showed us some very cool dance moves!



We had a beautiful surprise on Wednesday this week when a group of staff and students came for a visit from our sister school in Guinea, **The American International School of Conakry**! It was such a special occasion for them too, because they have been coming to Freetown on an annual trip for 4 years but never visited AISF! We have made some lovely connections, staff and students, had a basketball match and lunch!



Other special moments for me this week

Michael with his beautiful, framed painting, Ms Michelle’s fabulous shop, and a confident leader showing the way!



Our quote of the week comes from Kenzie

ECC

Our week started with a wonderful visit from Alim Kamara - a great storyteller and performer.

He taught us about the importance of Black History Month and engaged us in some interactive songs and stories.

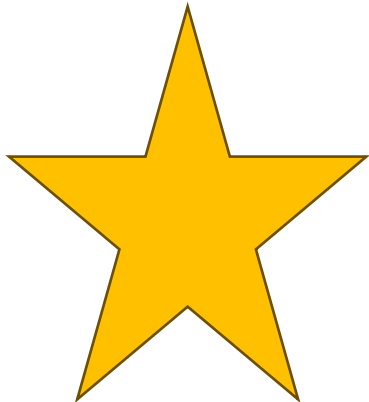
In Science we learnt about animal diets, carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

In ELA we learnt about nouns and adjectives. We learnt about the story of a brave little girl called Ruby Bridges. Who despite all odds, was the first African American to integrate an all-white school. We came up with lots of adjectives to describe this brave little girl.



Grade 1-2

This week has been an exhilarating ride of new experiences, learning, and growth! We dove headfirst into our new IPC topic, 'How Humans Work,' uncovering the fascinating intricacies of the human body. Meanwhile, we honed our fine motor skills through handwriting practice and sharpened our comprehension abilities through engaging reading activities. It's been a week filled with discovery, creativity, and progress - and we're eager to see what's next!

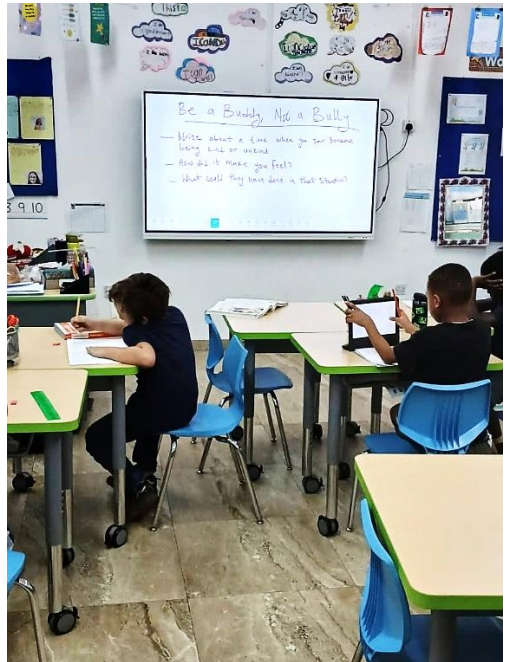
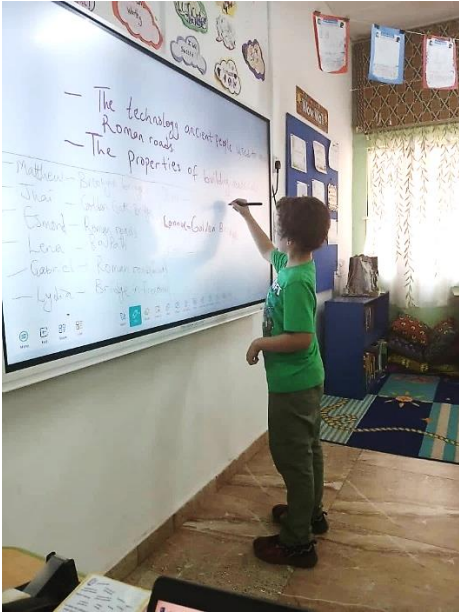


Grade 3-4

We kicked off Black History Month with a session led by Alim Kamara, who welcomed us with songs and storytelling. In class, we've been learning about brave African Americans who fought for freedom and remained positive in the face of challenges. This month will be full of new learning experiences as we explore Black History.

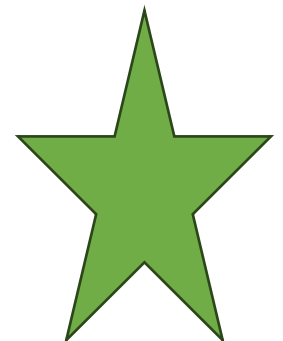
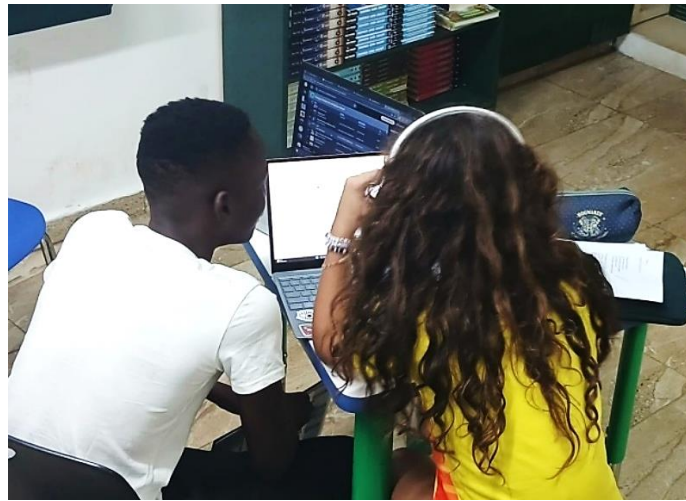
We've also started a bullying awareness program in our class. We've been learning about bullying and how to be a buddy, not a bully.

In Agricultural Science, we're learning about animals and have started rearing chickens in our garden. We researched online how to care for them and learned some interesting facts. We also planted watermelon and cucumber seeds."



Grade 5-8 (English and Social Studies)

This week in ELA the grade 5/6 class read the *Land of Stories* and practised reading with emphasis on italicized words. Students also worked on their personalized iReady lessons. In social studies we started building models of the Mayan pyramids. While in 7/8 we continued reading the *Coddling of the American Mind*, in addition to working through some personalized iReady lessons. In social studies, after some research, students presented on various conflicts currently taking place around the globe.



Grade 5-8 (Math and Science)

This week in middle school Math, grade 5 completed their lesson on adding fractions with unlike denominators. Grade 6 completed their lesson on dividing fractions. Grade 7 completed their lesson on dividing rational numbers and grade 8 continued learning about slope intercept form.

Grades 5 and 6 wrapped up their lesson on waves with a trip to Tokeh Sands where they measured wave frequency, amplitude and wavelength. Grades 7 and 8 took a test on the skeletal and muscular systems.



High School

Several visits this week. On Monday, to mark the start of Black History Month, Mr. Alim Kamara, from London, visited us. On Tuesday, the grade 12 students came to greet the students of our school and played a game of basketball. Victory for AISF.



French (Middle School)

Grade 5 created their own house to learn all the words they need to describe it. Another vocabulary theme was clothing. In grammar we studied the difference between masculine and feminine nouns and how the adjective must agree in gender (later follows number) with its noun. We revised the colors and learned the conjugation of the verbs ending on -er. And when the students are asked *Quelle heure est-il?*, they know how to answer.

Grade 6 read a text about crossing the street and learned vocabulary that has to do with food. In grammar we worked on the plural of nouns and some of its exceptions and on the conjugation of the new verb, *voir*. The last grammar lesson in the book Grade 6 started last school year, *Français Plus 2*, was all about the *passé composé* with *avoir*. The students can now talk about present, future and past! And they are completely ready to start a new challenge.

In our word-of-the-day section the question was asked: *Est-ce que vous parlez ...?* Answers only in French!



AISF FILM NIGHT

Friday February 14th
5:30-7:30pm



Tickets at the door
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includes a drink and
popcorn





Friday 14 February	STUCCO- led assembly for students. PTO Movie Night 5:30 - 7:30
Tuesday 18 February	Sierra Leone Armed Forces Day: School Closed
Wednesday 19th February	BOARD MEETING 5pm
Wednesday 19 -Friday 21 February	PTC Meetings
Tuesday 25 February	MSA Planning Team Meeting 3pm
Wednesday 28 February	Black History Month Assembly for students
Monday 3rd March- Friday 7th March	Students visiting from the American International School Monrovia AISF Community ART Event
Monday March 10	International Women's Day School Closed
Thursday March 13	End of Trimester 2 Final Fee Payments Due
Friday March 14	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <p>PI Day</p> </div> <div style="flex: 1;"> </div> </div>