

# NEWSLETTER APRIL 2024



# Principal's Message

Dear friends,

As we end term two of the academic year 2023/2024, I would like to bring to your memory a few historic events that we have taken part hitherto. We are all in the esprit de corps feeling for either having directly or indirectly made the successes possible.



## **Access Road**

Finally, the tireless effort has borne fruits and we can all celebrate the historic opening of the access road that was last used over 40 years ago! We are excited that all of us have appreciated the progress and are using the road in its incomplete state. We are optimistic that soon it shall be fully upgraded. We vehemently thank all those who made this a success.

## **Sunshine Rally**

This term has also witnessed another historic moment in Mombasa! We hosted the Sunshine rally in Mombasa for the first time in Mombasa! We played the host to over 500 learners from special schools in Mombasa who are abled differently. It was such a moment. In collaboration with our partners, Alliance Francaise, Red Cross, UNYA, etc, special needs students had a memorable and fun-filled day. Memories are made of such.

## **CIS**

We have talked about the Council of International Schools accreditation for about five years now, counting from 2019. We finally managed to host the team evaluators who camped at the school for seven days assessing our progress in four areas: guiding statements, teaching and learning, students' wellbeing, and global citizenship. We are now awaiting the release of the report in a couple of months. It was such a historic moment and one that is eye and mind-opening about contemporary pedagogical approaches. We have Access to Success and leading from the front!

## Social Media Handles

Technologically, the speed at which things are changing is supersonic. To be abreast with the changes, we are active on these handles. Ensure that you subscribe, like, and share. We are in the era that defines our net worth with our network. Like, share, and stay informed.

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Website <https://lis.sc.ke/lis-mombasa/>

Telegram <http://t.me/Lisnyali>

School Information System <https://lgs.sis.cool/UI/>. Every parent needs login credentials given by the school to access this platform. If you do not have your kindly liaise with the school admin.

## Year 6,9,11,12, and 13 Candidates

We all join hands to wish our candidates the very best in their Cambridge Summative exams that are happening soon. Let's all support them in all possible ways for them to have a conducive time to write the exams.

More details are available on the next level-specific pages.

Yours Faithfully,



Ildar Iliazov  
PRINCIPAL

# IMPORTANT DATES

**Report Collection Day (Secondary):** From Monday, 8 April 2024

**Term 3 Opening Day:** 23 April 2024

**Mid-Term Break:** 30 May 2024

**Year 13 Graduation & YEAR 11 Certification:** 15 June 2024

**Year 11 Life skills & Entrepreneurship Training:** 17 June - 21 June 2024

**Year 12 & 13 Internship Program:** 17 June - 28 June 2024



# GLOBAL UNIVERSITIES

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# SECONDARY NEWS

## REPORT COLLECTION

The secondary school report forms can be collected from school anytime from Monday, 8 April, 24. The report forms will capture the students progress from Term 1 till the end of Term 2.

A risk of academic failure will also be issued for students who score less than 40 % on average per subject.

The weighting for the various assignments is as follows;

### YEAR 7, 8 and 9

Projects - 10%, Mid term examinations - 15%, Homeworks - 10%, Continuous Assessment Tests - 15% and the End term examination - 50%

### YEAR 10, 11, 12 & 13

Mid term examinations - 20%, Homeworks - 10%, Continuous Assessment Tests - 20% and the End term examination - 50%

## CROSSOVER MEETING

After the Primary Checkpoint examinations at year 6, the students transition to Secondary school where the routine and the programs are different.

The Crossover meeting offered the year 6 students with their parents an opportunity to understand the nitty gritty of being in Secondary School.

The Secondary school coordinator and the Head of departments hosted the meeting where all the parents' concerns were discussed and questions regarding the next steps were answered satisfactorily.

We wish all the year 6 students success in their Primary Checkpoint exams and we can't wait to see them crossover.

## EXTRA LESSONS

The school is fully committed to having a 100% transition of their students to the University after completion of their studies in secondary school.

This term we organized extra lessons on selected Saturdays and also an extension of Term 2 that targeted the year 9, 11, 12 & 13 students who are the 2024 Candidates (APRIL, MAY & JUNE) examination series.

Students are always encouraged to join these lessons as they are tailor made for their educational needs.

## JOINT MOCK EXAMINATIONS

This is a critical examination for our students as it gives the learners an overview of how the Cambridge examination is likely to be conducted. The candidates (Year 9, 11, 12 & 13) were subjected to a full paper examination, it was an externally set examination that students in all Light groups of schools also had an experience of. From the performance of the students, there is a high possibility that the students will perform well in the Cambridge examinations if they keep the same momentum to the end.

## PIE DAY

On March 14th, students and staff came together to celebrate the magic of mathematics on Pi Day! It was a day filled with excitement, creativity, and plenty of delicious pie.

The festivities kicked off at the assembly point, where students gathered to form an iconic Pi symbol. With colorful shirts and plenty of enthusiasm, our school proudly showcased its love for math to the world. It was a sight to behold as the symbol came together, uniting our community in celebration of this mathematical constant.



But the fun didn't stop there! After forming the Pi symbol, students made their way back to the auditorium for an epic Pi number recitation. From memory, students confidently recited digits of Pi, showcasing their mathematical prowess and dedication to the art of memorization. It was truly impressive to see our students demonstrate their love for math in such a memorable way.

We want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who participated in Pi Day festivities. Your enthusiasm and passion for math are truly inspiring, and we can't wait to see what other mathematical wonders await us in the future.

Here's to a future filled with endless possibilities and infinite equations. Happy Pi Day, everyone!

## STUDENT FEEDBACK

In an effort to improve the quality of the services provided by the school, the secondary school students were requested to provide feedback for every teacher on a voluntary basis by filling the student feedback form. The teachers were able to get feedback on the learners' experience during lessons. Areas of improvement were identified.



## EDUCATIONAL TRIP

Our educational tour to the Shimoni Slave Caves offered a profound opportunity for learning and reflection. By exploring these historical sites, students gain firsthand insight into the realities of slavery, fostering empathy and understanding. This experience encourages critical thinking about social justice issues and inspires a commitment to promoting equality and human rights.



## PARENT - TEACHER - STUDENT CONSULTATION

Light International School Mombasa is grateful to all the parents and guardians for the opportunity to help the children grow, thrive and succeed in their academics.

The Parent – Teacher – Student Consultation meeting that happened on 24 February 2024 was a success.

We truly understand the importance of teacher and parents collaboration and cooperation in the educational journey of a child and we will always work to deepen the relationship.





# YEAR 11 GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES PROJECTS

a) **With the high rate of poverty in our community, it is quite evident that only a fraction can afford one meal a day. (Which may not be of balanced diet)**

Year 11 students took an initiative to educate and spread awareness on Dietary diversity. They got to share, and present views on why lack of dietary diversity may have adverse effects on children's growth and development.



b) **Learning made fun at Light International School Mombasa**

As part of exploring perspectives ranging from local, national to global, our year 11 students made 9th March, Saturday, a fun day yet one full of learning. The activities ranged from tournaments, food bazaars to ICT training sessions. It was wonderful learning how to tackle issues around us.

All these activities were instrumental to social interactions, sharing perspectives to the ultimate goals, raising funds to help the poor children in the community and providing ICT sessions to the students of Pentrose Academy who have no access to ICT facilities in their school.

**FUN FACT: It was a Day full of Joy.**

## UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCE

ABE Delivers KidsMBA to Students in Mombasa. The official launch of KidsMBA brought together over 200 students at Light International School Mombasa.

The following top officials attended;

1. Kereesa Carrington Nunez, Africa Director
2. Bonface Kamau, Country Director
3. Samwel, Coast Director

Looking forward to a growth in Entrepreneurial skills within the region.

## FOOD DRIVE

The month of Ramadan was celebrated with generous giving by the LIS fraternity, from the parents, staff and students, we came together and together donated food items to children's homes and special schools. This is a true sign of Love for humankind.

Thank you to everyone who took part.

# MATHEMATICS WEEK

Celebrating Math Week at Light International School.

Throughout the week, our students dove into the world of numbers, shapes, and equations like never before. From fun classroom activities to engaging discussions, Math Week was a whirlwind of excitement and learning.

One of the highlights of Math Week was our creative chart drawing activity. Students showcased their artistic talents while representing mathematical concepts in visually stunning ways. From colorful graphs to intricate diagrams, it was incredible to see math come to life on paper!

But the fun didn't stop there! Our classrooms were buzzing with energy as students participated in a variety of hands-on math activities. Whether it was solving puzzles, exploring geometric shapes, or working together on problem-solving challenges, there was never a dull moment during Math Week.

And of course, we couldn't forget the main event—the Mathematics Contest! As the pinnacle of Math Week activities, students put their math skills to the test in a friendly yet competitive environment. From mental math challenges to problem-solving rounds, our students showcased their mathematical prowess with confidence and determination.

We really wish to extend a huge thanks to all the students, teachers, and staff who made the week such a success. Your enthusiasm and passion for math are truly inspiring, and we can't wait to see where your mathematical journey takes you next!

# FRENCH

Capturing the determination and enthusiasm of our learners as they tackle the DELF Prim exams level A1.1! 🇫🇷 These moments of preparation are filled with anticipation and excitement for what lies ahead. We applaud your dedication and effort.

Their journey towards French language proficiency is truly inspiring! 🌟 #DELFPRIM



# MUN

Model UN, often known as Model United Nations, is a simulation of the UN General Assembly that exposes learners to the realm of decision-making, diplomacy, and negotiation. Students had the chance to participate in a wide array of positions in Model UN, including delegates, ambassadors, and security officers, all of which involved ensuring that a nation's viewpoint was appropriately represented regardless of the students' personal opinions. The skills they possess have since been enhanced as a result of this opportunity, particularly in the areas of writing, research, public speaking, debate, and diplomatic problem-solving.

Students succeeded in taking part in a maximum of two MSMUN and EAMUN conferences this academic year. The most recent ones were the 30th Annual MSMUN Conference, which took place in the UN Office in Nairobi from January 30 to February 2, 2024, and the 42nd Annual EAMUN Conference, which took place there from February 13 to February 16, 2024.



Writing speeches, resolutions, and position statements for the nation that they represented was a requirement for students.

The thought-provoking discussions and perceptive remarks made during the conference demonstrated the ability of each and every participant delegate. Moreover our own Prime minister, Emmanuel Miambo was amongst the Best Speakers in the Political Committee.

No matter what topics the delegates debated-security, humanitarianism, social, political, and economic aspects-there was a thoughtful exchange that promoted an awareness of how to approach global issues and work productively with those who hold different opinions.





# PRIMARY NEWS

## MATHS WEEK

Maths Week is an annual event that celebrates mathematics and encourages students to engage with the subject in a fun and exciting way. It typically involves a series of activities, challenges, and competitions designed to promote numeracy skills and problem-solving abilities. This year's theme 'playing with math' set the pace as students unleashed their prowess to sharpen their skills while earning valuable points for their houses. The goal of Maths Week is to foster a positive attitude towards math and encourage lifelong learning in the subject.



## EDUCATIONAL TRIP

Out of class engagement provides an avenue for practical learning hence fosters creativity and retention of the subject matter. A break from the normal class learning lesson saw our students from wildlife, Art and Filming clubs interact with the real world of their area of interest. Butterfly Farm and Akamba handicraft played host to our young yet inquisitive minds.





# CLUBS



Second term has not been an exception with the school buzzing with a myriad of indoor and outdoors clubactivities on Mondays and Wednesdays 2:30 to 3:30 PM. From culinary skills acquisition to butterfly style perfection in the pool. With a total of 20 clubs, no student was without a choice.



# STAR OF THE WEEK

Motivation works better than Sanction! This has come out clearly through the awarding of the star of the week every Monday.





# NURSERY NEWS



## A DAY FILLED WITH CULTURAL RICHNESS: CULTURAL FESTIVAL

This period was a special time where our children encountered a colorful cultural experience. Spanning from India to Japan, Turkey to Kenya, this festival was remembered as a day dominated by traditional costumes, magnificent flavors, and vibrant rituals. With the participation of our parents, the joy of this cultural festival reached its peak.



## SPORTS DAY: PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

LIS Mombasa Early Years students had the opportunity to celebrate Sports Day this period. While experiencing the excitement of the Olympic games and engaging in physical activities, they rejuvenated their spirits and bodies.





# MATHEMATICS WEEK: A JOURNEY INTO THE MYSTERY OF NUMBERS



Throughout Mathematics Week, we embarked on a journey into the magical world of numbers and geometry. Through puzzles, games, and group activities, we forged a friendship with mathematics and took a step closer to unraveling the mystery of numbers.

## WELLNESS PROGRAM

Through sensory games, nature activities, and breathing exercises, we embarked on a journey towards inner peace.

These activities not only strengthened our emotional skills but also enhanced our inner peace, providing us with a spiritual renewal.

## ART AND HANDICRAFTS

In our art workshops, we pushed the boundaries of our creativity with brush strokes, collage, and sculpting. Each piece of artwork became a reflection of our children's inner worlds as we embarked on a journey into the enchanting realm of art.

## DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP AND ICT

Our EY2 and EY3 students forged friendships with technology by exploring the secrets of the digital world. With the new skills they learned in ICT classes, they increased their mastery of technology and began to look towards the future with more hope.



# GREAT LEAP: SPARKLE OF TALENTS



Our clubs provided a colorful and impressive platform where our students showcased and polished their talents. Each student experienced a journey of self-discovery, realizing and shining in their own talents.



## ACTIVE EXPLORATIONS: ENGAGING LEARNING METHOD

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# MENTORSHIP



LIS Mombasa School is recognized as an educational institution that values not only the academic achievements of its students but also their social and emotional development. In this context, mentorship programs hold a significant place in the lives of our students. Mentorship activities are organized to facilitate students' participation in various activities both indoors and outdoors and to contribute to their personal growth.

Outdoor activities with our students enable them to enhance their social skills and express themselves comfortably in different environments. Cafe visits, motivational discussions, and cinema outings help strengthen students' friendships and foster a positive atmosphere for spending time together.

Similarly, indoor activities provide opportunities for our students to express themselves and discover their talents. Art activities and similar endeavors conducted under the guidance of class teachers contribute to students' teamwork and collaboration skills.

Weekly "Tea Time" programs allow students to discuss character values and apply them in their daily lives. Additionally, special events help students increase their social awareness and develop empathy.







Mentorship programs support students' development not only academically but also socially and emotionally, enabling them to look confidently towards the future. As Lis Mombasa School, we will continue to provide all necessary support to ensure that our students grow into successful individuals in every aspect of their lives.

Sharing meals during the month of Ramadhan holds profound significance beyond mere sustenance. It embodies the essence of community, compassion, and empathy. During this holy month of Ramadhan Lis Mombasa students had get together iftar programs at different places with class mentors. Amidst the lively hum of conversation and clinking of cutlery, one moment stood frozen in time during the iftar program, encapsulating the essence of brotherhood and mentorship. Faces of our beloved students illuminated by warm glow of friendship, gathered around their esteemed teacher sharing moments of laughter. This captivating scene encapsulates not just a moment but a journey of growth, learning, brotherhood and shared experiences.



# LEARNING SUPPORT & COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT

The second term is a very engaging term with various activities. The team at the learning support has been working with various students and teachers with a lot of class observations and engagements following up on differentiated learning that should cater for individual student's needs. We have been able to assist in areas that have proven to block learning such as Emotional wellbeing that has blocked learning.

We progressed with individual IEPs, 504 plans and strategies with the goal of ensuring that every child feels supported, valued, and inspired to reach their full potential. The department often provides tutoring services to help students who may be struggling with specific subjects or concepts. This could include one-on-one sessions or in class during the lessons.



This is done to help the learning support teachers be on the same level with the subject teacher on the topics being taught in class. It also assists in assessing the student's ability to be involved in the learning process in the classroom setup.

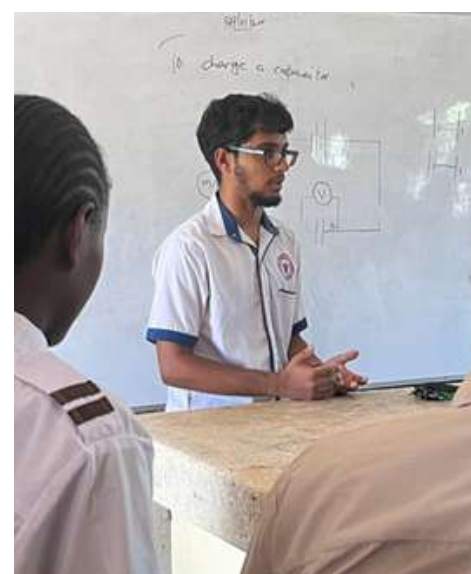
**Exam modification.** We do this by breaking the exam content to simpler and more direct context so they can do it independently or with little support from the teachers.



The counselling department has been a beehive of activity. Individual sessions and group sessions have been more frequent and have involved students from not only among the senior school but also junior school. The department has collaborated with teachers from junior school to have sessions with the students during their life skills sessions and during relevant classes such as global perspectives when the students learnt about friendships and how to deal with examination anxiety. Moreover the department has also collaborated with the mentorship programs in senior school to facilitate together with the mentors the life skills lessons with conversations on Anti-bullying taking centre stage during the assembly Life Skills lesson.

Apart from mentorship and counselling the department has worked with the senior school students for their global perspectives project which entailed mental health awareness to schools and ways in which to address poverty in our various environments. This has seen us visit schools and children homes such as Pwani School For The Mentally Challenged and Mombasa Children's Home. The counselling department has also collaborated with the student council in some of the service learning program projects such as donating books to students at Maweni Secondary School and donating food and stationery materials in this season of Ramadan, collected on service learning Thursday, to an Orphanage at Swabur with a group of Year 7 students and some Year 11 students who were were the main organisers as they were undertaking their Global Perspectives project.

The counselling department has also recruited 15 students to be part of the Peer Support Group. This has seen the school through the counselling department, form an alliance with Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), a non-profit organisation which seeks to help teens and youth develop a sense of self-awareness and discovery among other objectives by providing experiential learning through Debates, Open Forums, Life Skills Training, Service Learning opportunities, Trainings and Trips.



# SPORTS NEWS

The U9 boys football team had a friendly match against Oshwal Academy at school on Thursday 8th February, 2024. Our team was ready and energetic, where they won 5-1 congrats to the boys.

This term our early years had their sports day on 2nd of February 2024 where the kids showcase their skills and fun activities. Fathers and mothers were not left behind. It was a colorful and wonderful event where all the kids and parents enjoyed.

Our Primary sections had an inter house swimming gala on 9th February where all four houses were competing with each other. The defending Champions for the last two years maintained their win for the three consecutive years. They were followed by Simba house, Chui and last but not least Nyati.



Under 19 basketball team went to Aga Khan for a tournament on 10th February 2024, played well however they did not qualify for finals. The U19 football team went for a tournament at Jaffery and played well.

The Secondary school had their sports days this term and Nyati emerged the winners turning the tables upside down. It seems that they worked extra hard to defeat the defending champions. They were followed by Chui, Kifaru and last but not least Simba.





# PRESIDENT AWARD PROGRAMME

The Presidents Award unity went to finalize their Gold medal by doing their last section of the programme which is a residential project at Tumaini Timbwani School and Children home. The 20 participants from LIS Mombasa are Gold medalists awaiting to meet the president in the course of the year. The residential project started from 28th March to 1st April, 2024. This is a commendable job because they are giving back to the community. The Tumaini Timbwani School has appreciated the participants for the work . The students painted the school building inside and outside. It has left a mark in the hearts of the students and the management.



The Team

