

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2023



Principal's Message

Dear School Community,

As we approach the end of another remarkable year, it is both a privilege and a pleasure to stand before you to reflect on our journey together. The culmination of this year not only marks the conclusion of the calendar but also signifies the closing of our first academic term.



This year has been a testament to the resilience, dedication, and collaborative spirit that defines our school community. Despite the challenges we faced, we navigated them with unwavering determination, and I commend each and every one of you for your contribution to our collective success.

As we bid farewell to the current year, let us carry forward the lessons learned, the friendships forged, and the knowledge gained. The end of a term is not just a conclusion; it's a stepping stone towards greater accomplishments and new beginnings.

Looking ahead, the New Year promises fresh opportunities, renewed enthusiasm, and a chance for us to set new goals and aspirations.

Let's embrace the upcoming challenges with optimism, knowing that together, as a school community, we can overcome anything.

I would like to express my gratitude to our dedicated faculty for their tireless efforts in shaping the minds of our students. To the students, your hard work and commitment not gone unnoticed, and I encourage you to continue striving for excellence in all that you do.

Wishing everyone a joyful holiday season, a well-deserved break, and a Happy New Year filled with success, prosperity, and continued growth. May we return for the next term with refreshed energy, eager to embark on new academic adventures.

Thank you, and enjoy the festivities!

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'I. Iliazov', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Principal LIS Mombasa

SECONDARY NEWS

TREE PLANTING

In order to sensitize the other students on the importance of environmental conservation and in particular the significance of trees, the Governor of Environment (Salwa Mohamed) led her classmates in a tree planting campaign that saw several trees planted in the school. The Governor of Discipline (Lindsey Nduta, of year 11 also joined) Congratulations to the entire team.



A LEVEL ART & DESIGN

Our Art & Design candidates have taken their creativity a notch higher, their magical imagination has been witnessed in their drawings and paintings. The art room is surely a hub of innovation.



PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

Presidential award's team went for a joint expedition for all levels Bronze, Silver and Gold for 6 days from 14th to 20th October at Aberdares ridge in Nyeri County. The participants managed to complete the kilometer as programmed according to levels.



MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Team went represent the school at Oshwal Academy for 3 days conference, as most of the delegates were first timers and they did a good job ,they debated for or against the resolutions that were put on the table by securitaries, Emmanuel was awarded as the best delegate and Elizabeth Oram the best security.



CHACHO KIDS NATION FESTIVAL

For the first time Light International School Mombasa opened its doors by hosting a national festival where a Kenyan celebrity Daniel Ndambuki popularly known as Churchill climaxed the festival with memorable performances. The masses were entertained with dances, art exhibition, skating, bouncing castles, robotics, cycling, songs from several artists and aromatic dishes were served including pizzas from Pizza In, Turkish Shawarma, sugarcane juice, sweet candies etc.



JOURNALISM CLUB

Our Journalism team has started a round of interviews targeting leaders, professionals and newsmakers in the Mombasa region. Such programs will give the team a field experience as the majority of the Journalism students are interested in a media related or public speaking related career.



TWIN THURSDAY

Community service and service learning activities have been taken seriously by the students and staff of Light International School Mombasa. It is now a culture that every first Thursday of a new month the students and staff take part in the exercise by donating towards a community project. This year we are coming up with a Library at Mwakirunge Secondary school, from painting their library walls, to putting up shelves and eventually stocking sufficient books which the students can use for research.

The Thursday of December 7, 2023 saw our students mark the service learning day by picking a partner and dressing in the same outfits.



SCIENCE PRACTICALS



Being the cream of the society, science subjects are loved by a good number of our students. In year 11 and year 12, Biology, Chemistry and Physics have a practical component where the students develop scientific notations and create models to test hypotheses. “Laboratory activities appeal as a way of allowing students to learn with understanding and, at the same time, engage in a process of constructing knowledge by doing science” (Tobin, 1990).



LEARNING SUPPORT AND COUNSELLING

The term started well. The team at the learning support has been working with various students. We assist in areas that prove difficult for students and assist them to overcome blocks to learning and emotional wellbeing.

Kindergarten



We conducted meetings with parents to discuss their child's progress, IEPs, and strategies with the goal of ensuring that every child feels supported, valued, and inspired to reach their full potential. We normally assist learners in class during the lessons. We also withdraw them from class for one on one sessions.

Primary

Classroom Observation: This is done everyday according to our time table. We give support to the students in class during the Maths and English lessons, experiencing learning blocks, delayed milestones and assess for possible learning difficulties.

One on One sessions: We cater for the learning needs during these sessions. We work on speech and language development activities, fine motor skills, social skills and age-appropriate academic support. The learning support teachers assist these learners during exams. Learning support teachers use the afternoon sessions on every Thursday for life skill lessons.

Secondary

Classroom Observations: Learning Support is all about enhancing learning and ensuring Learners are experiencing high quality teaching and learning. We therefore conduct classroom observations weekly that assist in understanding a child's strengths and weaknesses.



MENTORSHIP

Light International School hosted career development discussions with students and their families. Especially for senior students preparing for university applications, this program provided an opportunity to determine career-related goals.

One-on-one meetings were filled with meaningful conversations that increased students' motivation and provided guidance.

Sleepover programs offered students a unique opportunity for not only academic but also personal development. These programs provided a chance for teamwork, group activities, and enjoyable moments shared together. Additionally, activities such as watching films, reading books, or engaging in other interest-based activities were organized to support students in strengthening their social bonds.



Events starting with coffee and tea conversations contributed to improving students' communication and social skills. These discussions went beyond academic topics, encompassing current events, culture, and art. As a result, students gained a broad perspective, enhancing their abilities to express themselves and understand others.



Fun activities conducted together offered students both entertainment and learning opportunities. These programs played a role in shaping students into individuals equipped not only with a high school education but also with life skills.

SPORTS

This being a long term, we started well with so many activities. We had inter house sports day, training, and friendlies.

Sports Day - Primary

We successfully held our annual sports day for primary school in the month of 10th November, 2023 the students got the opportunity to show their talents, leadership and teamwork through their respective houses: Nyati, Chui, Simba and Kifaru. The Kifaru emerged the winners, followed by Chui being 2nd, then Nyati house.

Winners were awarded a shield.

Tournaments

Our Boys Basketball team of U16 and U11 went to Aga Khan for the basketball tournament. The teams played well and emerged 2nd position for the U16 team and U11 1st position.

Friendly

We had two friendly matches in total this term, one was for the basketball team and one for football. The basketball team played well and lost against Tudor day boys 45- 42 a difference of 1 basket. The football team won their match against Green Groove school and the score was 9-1.

Clubs / programmes

Club activities went smoothly throughout the term. Students were able to acquire knowledge and skills, e.g commitment leadership, effective communication and being able to work effectively in a group.



PRIMARY NEWS

BOOK WEEK

Book Week is a beloved annual event that students eagerly look forward to every year. During Book Week, students are encouraged to dress up as their favorite book characters and engage in various fun activities centered around literature. The school library transforms into a magical realm of imagination with creative book displays and interactive storytelling sessions. The highlight of Book Week is Spelling Bee which is done house wise with all students taking part. This event not only fosters a love for reading but also encourages creativity, imagination, and an appreciation for the literary world. It's a time when everyone comes together to celebrate the power of books in an informal and enjoyable atmosphere.



STAR OF THE WEEK

Hey there! So, let's talk about this cool thing called "Star of the Week." Basically, it's a fun concept where a student is recognized for their outstanding contribution throughout the week. The idea behind it is to boost morale, celebrate accomplishments, and make students feel special. Typically, the chosen person gets highlighted publicly with their photo on the school notice board and given a star of the week badge. It's just a simple way to show appreciation and give credit where it's due. Plus, it can encourage others to strive for greatness too.



TRIPS

NURSERY

LIS Mombasa Early Years students, during the Kidzania school trip, not only explore various professions but also gain effective communication and collaboration skills within the group. Such activities present beautiful opportunities to contribute to the social and emotional development of students.



PRIMARY

Mother nature is quite a force to be reckoned with, The wild life members appreciate her beauty and power by paying a visit to MAMBA VILLAGE and later treated themselves to a range of fun and exhilarating activities at Wild Waters. Appreciating mother nature is essential for maintaining our mental and emotional well-being.



NURSERY NEWS

HEALTHY GENERATIONS

Our preschool students not only decorate their own pizzas but also gain awareness of healthy eating. In addition to enhancing their creativity, they improve their nutrition skills by making their own fruit salads and creating unique milkshake recipes. These activities contribute to the establishment of healthy habits at an early age.



GREEN WORLD

Our students not only develop environmental awareness but also take steps towards having a true environmentally friendly identity by interacting with nature. Environmental activities like garden watering instill consciousness about preserving natural resources while actively participating in these activities makes them more environmentally conscious individuals.



TINY HANDS, BIG ACHIEVEMENTS

Early Years students add another achievement to their success in developing hand skills and expressing creativity. Through art activities, they not only enhance their ability to express emotions but also develop collaboration and sharing skills by participating in these activities.



LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

Our game-based education system ensures that students learn subjects like numeracy, literacy, and science in a fun way. This system not only helps students acquire knowledge but also increases their participation in the learning process, fueling their curiosity.



LITTLE STARS IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

EY2 and EY3 students not only enhance their digital skills through computer lessons and online applications but also acquire effective communication and collaboration skills in the digital world.



FAIRY TALE WORLD, BOOK WEEK EXCITEMENT:

While emphasizing the value of reading, book week activities also contribute to the development of students' drama skills and emotional intelligence. As students' thinking enriches, the path to exploring different subjects opens up, and their vocabulary expands. Reading plays a significant role in building self-confidence. Through story time, book fairs, and library visits, students not only have fun but also learn.



ENCHANTED WITH MUSIC AND RHYTHM

Preschool students, through participation in the music club and music lessons, not only improve their rhythm skills but also have the opportunity to develop a deep connection with music by getting acquainted with different instruments. Music contributes to students' language development, social development, personality development, cognitive development, and emotional development.



IMPORTANT DATES

Term II (School opening):	09th January, 2024
World Scholars Cup (WSC): <i>Mombasa Regional Round 2024</i>	10th & 11th February, 2024
Mid-Term Break:	12th - 16th February, 2024
Council of International Schools (CIS)	
Accreditation Visit:	2nd - 8th March, 2024
End Term II (Closing Day):	28th March, 2024

