

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2024

Congratulations

BEST ACROSS 8 SUBJECTS JUNE 2024 CAMBRIDGE EXAMINATIONS

WORLD RANKING



LUNA ARUNDAY KIRANA
2ND PLACE IN AS LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY



MOHAMED JAMAL SHARIFF
3RD PLACE IN A LEVEL BUSINESS
3RD PLACE IN A LEVEL IT



MUNEEB MUKHTAAR ABDULKARIM
10TH PLACE IN AS LEVEL IT

TOP IN KENYA



LUNA ARUNDAY KIRANA
TOP STUDENT IN
AS LEVEL ENGLISH LANGUAGE
AS LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY



SYLVIA EGWA ONUNGA
TOP STUDENT IN
IGCSE GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES



MOHAMED JAMAL SHARIFF
TOP STUDENT IN A LEVEL
MATHEMATICS, BUSINESS AND IT



MUNEEB MUKHTAAR ABDULKARIM
TOP STUDENT IN AS LEVEL IT



ÖMER KAAN ÖNER
HIGH ACHIEVEMENT IN IGCSE
FIRST LANGUAGE TURKISH

HIGH ACHIEVER

YOUR FUTURE BEGINS WITH **LIGHT**!



Principal's Message

Dear Light International School Mombasa Family,

As we conclude an eventful and productive Term 1, I am delighted to reflect on the many accomplishments that have brought our school community together.

This term has been a testament to our shared commitment to excellence, growth, and values-driven education.



From the inspiring academic achievements of our students to the vibrant extracurricular activities that nurtured their creativity, sportsmanship, and teamwork, every moment has underscored the strength of our school's ethos. Our emphasis on holistic development was further enhanced through meaningful community service projects, innovative learning experiences, and the unwavering support of our parents and staff.

This newsletter captures the spirit of Term 1 - a time of collaboration, discovery, and joy. I invite you to take a moment to celebrate this term's highlights and join us as we continue to build a nurturing, inclusive, and dynamic environment for our students in the terms ahead.

Thank you for being an integral part of our journey. Wishing you a restful holiday season and a prosperous New Year!

Warm regards,

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

Ildar Iliazov

Principal, Light International School Mombasa

Important Dates For Term II

DESCRIPTION	DATES
TERM II COMMENCES	7TH JANUARY, 2025
MID TERM BREAK TERM II	17TH TO 21ST FEBRUARY, 2025
CLOSING DATE TERM II	28TH MARCH, 2025

Early Years



Community Helpers Visit

EY3 students had an exciting educational trip to the local police station. They learned about the vital role that community helpers, such as the police, play in maintaining safety and order. The children interacted with officers, gaining insight into their daily responsibilities and how they assist and protect the community. This visit was part of our ongoing efforts to foster civic awareness and appreciation for those who serve.



Pajama Party

Our students had a delightful time at the Pajama Party! They came to school in their cozy pajamas, carrying their favorite toys and books. Together with their teachers, they enjoyed an engaging storytelling session and discussed bedtime routines, emphasizing the steps they follow before going to sleep. This fun-filled event provided an excellent opportunity to enhance literacy and communication skills in a relaxed and playful atmosphere.



International Day of Peace

Dressed in white to symbolize peace, our Early Years students marked the International Day of Peace with meaningful activities. They participated in engaging discussions and creative tasks centered around the values of harmony, cooperation, and peace. These activities helped the children understand the importance of peace both globally and in their personal lives, promoting a sense of unity and empathy.



World Animal Welfare Day

To celebrate World Animal Welfare Day, our students visited Haller Park, where they explored the wonders of nature and learned about animal conservation. The children had the chance to see various animals up close and even fed giraffes! This trip was an engaging way to teach empathy for animals and foster an appreciation for wildlife and environmental protection.



Book Week

Book Week was a highlight of the term, brimming with activities to promote a love for reading. Students dressed as their favorite book characters and participated in storytime sessions with their parents. The week included a book fair, drama presentations, and other reading-related activities. Each class performed dramatizations of storybooks, showcasing creativity and enhancing communication skills. This immersive experience deepened the students' appreciation for literature and boosted their language development.



Bug Costume Fashion Show

As part of their environment studies, Early Years students created bug-themed costumes with their families and showcased them in a fashion show. Each child presented their costume to the audience, explaining the bug they represented. This activity reinforced their learning while improving their public speaking skills and confidence.

Happy Children's Day

On International Children's Day, we celebrated the uniqueness and joy of childhood with a day full of exciting activities. Students participated in games, dances, and fun group activities, followed by a festive lunch. Each child received a small gift as a token of appreciation. The event was a reminder of the importance of fun and exploration during this special phase of life.



Happy Grandparents Day

We celebrated the special bond between generations with our Happy Grandparents Day event. Grandparents joined their grandchildren in creative activities like modeling, painting, and crafting. The event concluded with an action song performed by the grandparents, followed by cake cutting and brunch. This heartwarming celebration created cherished memories and reinforced the importance of family values.



Mini Chefs Party

The Mini Chefs Party was a wonderful blend of fun and learning! The students worked in groups to prepare simple meals, fostering teamwork and cooperation. The activity included discussions on healthy eating habits, highlighting the importance of nutrition and balanced diets. This hands-on experience not only enhanced their understanding of food but also encouraged collaboration in a lively and educational setting.



Green Garden Project

As part of their environmental awareness studies, our EY3 students embarked on an exciting Green Garden Project. Together with their teachers, they planted a variety of vegetables, flowers, and herbs in our school garden. Each child took responsibility for a specific plant, learning about its growth process and how to care for it.

This hands-on activity not only deepened their understanding of nature but also fostered a sense of responsibility and teamwork. The students' enthusiasm and hard work transformed the garden into a vibrant, green space, making the experience both educational and rewarding for everyone involved.



Family Fun Sports Day

Our Family Fun Sports Day was an unforgettable experience! Parents joined their children in games and competitions, creating joyful memories together. In addition to promoting physical fitness, the event encouraged teamwork, communication, and family bonding, making it a day to remember for everyone involved.



Primary



Book Week

We are thrilled to share that our recently concluded Book Week, themed "No Rules, Just Read," was an incredible success! This year's celebration was all about embracing the joy of reading without boundaries or restrictions—encouraging everyone to explore stories in any format, genre, or style that speaks to them.

From lively book discussions and author events to spontaneous reading sessions,

Reading

Leisure reading is a great way to relax and escape into new worlds. It improves vocabulary, sparks creativity, and enhances mental well-being. "DEAR TIME" (Drop Everything and Read) encourages making time for reading by setting aside at least 30 minutes in the morning to enjoy Book-Time. Whether it's a novel, magazine, or poem, DEAR TIME promotes the habit of enjoying books daily, making reading a priority. It's a simple yet powerful way to foster a love of reading while relaxing your mind. By the number of leaves per each house as garnered by the house members you can tell the house with the most readers!

it was heartwarming to see our community come together during buddy reading, character dress up, spelling bee, word attack and celebrate the power of books. Whether it was diving into a classic, discovering a new author, or exploring a genre outside students' comfort zone, this week was a reminder that the best kind of reading is the one that brings us joy.





Container Gardening

Container gardening is a fun and easy way for primary school students to grow vegetables for both humans and animals at home or school! By reusing plastic water bottles or containers plus manure from animals in the school farm, students have planted kale, pepper, spinach, okra, black nightshade, and capsicum. This method saves space and lets kids learn about nature, how plants grow, and the importance of fresh food. They can watch their plants flourish, water them, and even harvest the veggies for cooking or snacks. Container gardening is a great way to teach responsibility and the joys of gardening!

Educational Trips



This term, our students enjoyed a variety of educational trips that enhanced their learning experiences. Year 5 visited the Mombasa Governor's office and Fort Jesus, exploring the rich history and governance of the region.



Year 4 students toured the Indomie factory and Jumba la Mtwana, gaining insight into food production and historical sites. Year 3 visited Wild Waters and Mamba Village, learning about wildlife and land rehabilitation. Year 2 explored Hauller Park, engaging with nature and outdoor activities.



Meanwhile, Year 1 enjoyed a trip to Nguuni Sanctuary, discovering local wildlife and environmental conservation. These excursions provided hands-on learning and helped broaden students' understanding of both local culture and the natural world.

LIS Got Talent

In each and every one of us lies a unique talent—a gift that defines who we are. Sometimes, this talent is hidden, undiscovered, or even forgotten over the course of life’s journey. At LIS, we believe in the transformative power of uncovering and nurturing the individual gifts of every student. Our mission is to help students explore their abilities, embrace their passions, and develop the skills that make them shine.

LIS GOT TALENT 2024 provided an incredible platform for our students to step into the spotlight and showcase their unique talents. From breathtaking performances in singing and dance to awe-inspiring displays of art, modeling, beatboxing, instrumental music, and comedy, our students embraced the stage with creativity and confidence. It was more than just a competition—it was a celebration of self-expression, determination, and the limitless potential within each student.

Art, in all its forms, has the power to shape minds and inspire greatness. It fosters creativity, sharpens ingenuity, and builds confidence—qualities that extend beyond the stage and into all aspects of life. At LIS, we stand by the belief that if we can conceive it in our minds, we can bring it to life on stage. Together, we are more than a school; we are a community of dreamers, creators, and achievers.

This year’s event was a testament to the extraordinary talents of our students and their ability to transform ideas into unforgettable moments. We are LIS, and we are proud to celebrate the gifts that make us unique!



Sports News

We had our sports day this term for all the three sections, Early years, Primary and secondary.

We started with the Primary school which was on 18th October,2024. All houses took part and the competition was very high. Kifaru was the winner for the third time in a row followed by Chui, then Nyati and Simba.

Secondary sports day was on 15th November,2024. They had fun in both Athletic and Football. Nyati won both Boys and Girls football followed by Kifaru. The overall winner for the day was Nyati carrying the 1st position for two years consecutive after taking it over from Simba. 2nd Position was Kifaru with a small margin between them.

Early years had their Family sports day on 22nd November,2024..Children performed several individual events, group events and other events with their parents together. It.was fun seeing parents and their children bonding together during the activities.



Secondary

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GOLD
AWARDS

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award – Presidents Award

The journey of our students from the Bronze Award to the Silver and finally the prestigious Gold Award was transformative. These expeditions were more than physical challenges—they shaped character, fostered leadership, encouraged collaboration, and instilled patience, confidence, and problem-solving skills. Each experience prepared them not only for the awards but also for life's challenges, equipping them with tools to thrive in the future.

The Gold Awardees were honored at the Statehouse by the President of the Republic of Kenya during the President's Award ceremony. A proud moment came when our own Emmanuel Miambo delivered an inspiring speech that earned a standing ovation and personal recognition from the President. This remarkable achievement is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and excellence of our students, and it inspires others to aim higher and dream bigger. We are immensely proud of all our students and their outstanding accomplishments on this journey.



New Students & Parents Orientation

Just like every other new academic year, we welcomed the new families in style during the orientation forum where information about the various departments of the school was mentioned and the daily school routine highlighted.

Academic Reflection Meetings, Brunch Meetings & Academic Open Day

These forums have provided ample opportunities for both parents and school representatives to come together and engage in meaningful discussions about a wide range of issues that significantly impact students' academic performance, active participation in core curricular activities, and overall well-being. By fostering open communication and collaboration, these platforms have enabled stakeholders to address challenges, exchange ideas, and implement solutions that contribute to the success of the students.

PAB Meeting

By actively engaging parents and fostering a deeper understanding of the school's strategic plans. This collaborative effort strengthens the partnership between the school and its community, ensuring alignment and shared commitment to our goals. The termly Parent Advisory Board (PAB) meeting, held on 2 November 2024, provided a productive platform for open dialogue and exchange of ideas. We sincerely thank the parents for their unwavering support, active participation, and valuable contributions.



MUN Conference

Intelligence, Brains, and Brilliance

The next generation of diplomats is being groomed by the Model United Nations (MUN).

These smart students stepped up, dressed up like diplomats and addressed global issues at an MUN Conference. In the MSMUN Conference, these young ambassadors and delegates showed that age is just a number, and young people know and understand their world.

The future is bright with these brilliant young minds. At Light, we shape and mold future leaders.



African Debate Championship

Speaking confidently, arguing logically and thinking rationally are skills so cherished in the world. That's why students from Light International School, Mombasa, participated in the African Debate Academy. We strive to be the best. Our will never wavers. Our old tradition of excellence never changes. Our students returned with medals and trophies and most importantly, our pride in our school buoyed to new heights. Holistic development of students is our mantra.



Student Council Elections

For the second year in a row, students successfully voted for their student council representatives electronically. This was after a heated campaign. Below are the elected student council representatives for the academic year 2024 / 2025. We wish them well.



Educational Tours

Mingling with Medical Masters.

Our inquisitive learners visited the Radiology Department in Al Farooq Hospital. It was an exciting Educational Tour to understand the application of chemistry concepts in real life. Specialists explained the operation of X-rays, CT Scan & UltraSound machines. Learning is fun. Chemistry is Real.

STEAME Week

In readiness for the Upper Secondary Science Competition, the International Greenwich Olympiad and the Vilnius International Project Olympiads we hosted the Annual STEAME week an abbreviation for SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING ART MATHEMATICS and Engineering Fair. Students showcased their innovative ideas and we are hopeful in improving some ideas to register them in International Olympiads. It was a show of brilliance, innovation and acumen, a launch-pad of future titans of industry.

SAT

The Scholastic Aptitude Test is a standardized test majorly considered by universities in the United States of America. Two of our students, Muneeb and Maqdam, were in top positions globally. Their exceptional performance highlights the dedication and academic excellence fostered within our institution. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and wish them continued success in their future endeavors.





Makanzani Library & Tree Planting

Our Society, Our Responsibility, Our Passion.

Learning ingrained with ethics and values is a key element in Light International School, Mombasa.

The values of generosity, concern and love came into play when our students visited Makanzani Primary School in Kilifi County. The charitable students demonstrated their love for fellow students. They built a library and stocked it with books. They also donated microscopes and planted fruit trees in the school. The size of the pocket does not matter. It is the size of the heart that does. Our students have a big heart. We care for our neighbours.

Funzi Solar Lamps Donations

Standing Strong with our Community

At Light International School, Mombasa, we believe in sharing with our community.

Here, our A-Level students visited Funzi Island at the Coast of Kenya . The students shared moments, firming up bonds of friendship.

In supporting Funzi Primary, we donated microscopes, mathematical sets and books.

Members of the community were also invited and supported with Solar Lamps to brighten their nights.

We are Caring and Compassionate neighbours.



Sanitary Pads Donation

Our Community Service and Service Learning team gladly supported girls from Wana Wa Mola Children’s Home with this essential commodity. This was an initiative from one of our students who has a heart of giving. She mobilized her friends, contributed and with the support of the school, the event was a success, this is for sure an aspect of social responsibility.



National Chess Competition

Checkmate!

The Mombasa Open National Chess Championship was hosted in Light International School, Mombasa. The Kings and Queens of this game of strategy gathered in large numbers to try, test, and challenge each other. And the hosts put their best team forward. We are Light International School. We make moves that win. Every match is a lesson, and every move a step toward greatness. With every opening, strategy, and endgame, we sharpen our minds and push the boundaries of what is possible. Our team's spirit, determination, and focus lead us to checkmate – not just on the board, but in all our pursuits. Together, we checkmate limits and prove that victory is a product of hard work, discipline, and passion.



Kenya International Sports Film Festival

Light International School Mombasa appreciates the partnership with Alliance française de Mombasa. Through it, our A level students were able to interact with Key Role Models in the field of athletics. Mr. Ferdinand Omanyala (African record holder 100 metres) and coaches from different sport federations encouraged the students to pursue the passion for sports through films and connect filmmakers with sport stakeholders. Other sponsors included the French Embassy in Kenya, Safinaz Foundation and Kenya International Sports Film Festival.



Light International School Mombasa: A Flourishing Term 1 of Growth and Connection

This term at Light International School Mombasa has been a remarkable journey of growth, bonding, and values-driven education. With the implementation of the Cambridge Wellbeing Syllabus across all levels, we have seamlessly integrated it with our ICARE Values. This synergy has elevated our approach to nurturing a global and professional ethos within our school community.

Embodying Values Through Action

To bring these values to life, we engaged in several impactful social projects, such as the Honesty Bazaar and charitable donations. These initiatives allowed students to experience the transformative power of honesty, generosity, and teamwork firsthand. Additionally, student-led presentations during assemblies became platforms for showcasing creativity, responsibility, and leadership.

Mentoring From The Heart

Recognizing the importance of early intervention, we have extended our mentoring program to Year 5 students. Weekly small-group discussions focused on topics that promote healthy behaviour and harmonious relationships within the school environment. This initiative has been warmly embraced by parents, who have even invited students and class mentors into their homes, fostering deeper community connections and reinforcing the school's values in real-world settings.

Strengthening Bonds Through Shared Experiences

Nearly every class participated in sleepovers and weekend activities that brought students and mentors closer together. Activities ranged from thrilling adventures at Wild Waters, movie outings, dining experiences, and engaging sports events. These shared moments not only strengthened bonds but also created lasting memories of joy and camaraderie.

Personalized Guidance Through One-on-One Meetings

One of the most impactful elements of this term was the individual meetings between class mentors and students. These personalized sessions provided a safe space for students to share their challenges, aspirations, and needs. Mentors offered tailored advice and support, ensuring each student felt valued and understood.

Showing Gratitude to Teachers

Our students took the lead in expressing heartfelt thanks to their teachers through thoughtful and creative gestures. They decorated teachers' desks and classrooms with uplifting words of appreciation, heartfelt notes, and colorful designs. These acts of kindness were a beautiful reminder of the deep respect and admiration our students have for their mentors, who tirelessly dedicate themselves to guiding and inspiring their growth.

Building Bridges with Parents: Brunch Meetings

Light International School Mombasa introduced a series of Parents' Brunch Meetings, creating a warm and informal platform for open dialogue between parents and the school. These gatherings were designed to foster a deeper connection between families and the school community, providing an opportunity for parents to share their ideas and perspectives in a relaxed atmosphere.



Parents enjoyed a variety of delicious snacks while engaging in meaningful conversations with school leaders and mentors. These discussions allowed parents to voice their thoughts on ways to enhance the school's growth and success, as well as seek answers to their inquiries. The informal setting encouraged collaboration and strengthened the partnership between home and school, ensuring that we continue to work together to create the best possible environment for our students.



A Special Lunch Gathering for Families

To further strengthen the bonds between school and home, we hosted a delightful Lunch Gathering for parents and students. Families were invited to enjoy a variety of delicious meals in the school's welcoming environment. This event allowed parents to share a joyful dining experience with their children while connecting with other families and the school team in a relaxed and friendly setting.

