

## ACADEMIC INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



### NEWSLETTER:

#### JULY – DECEMBER 2024

Greetings from Academic International School! It is with a sense of gratification that this august platform is availed to present a full-length formal account of July – December 2024 span of the academic year which has been rich in curricular and extracurricular activities. First term of 2024 – 2025 Grade VII & A level ran from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 9<sup>th</sup> August 2024 and school reopened for the second term of Grade VII & A level and first term of KG to Grade VI & O level on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024. The successful SUMMER SCHOOL 2024 [1<sup>st</sup> July - 9<sup>th</sup> August 2024] provided the academically challenged pupils a unique opportunity to achieve learning progression through retests while secondary school received majority of AIPS Grade VII graduates in Form II for the compulsory six weeks bridging program. It was indeed rewarding to witness the increased trust of the parent community established through elevated student enrollment.

#### 2023 – 2024 EXAMINATIONS

##### RESULTS

#### **RESULTS OF CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS**

##### **MAY – JUNE 2024**

GCE AS & A Level and IGCSE results of Cambridge International Examinations held in May – June 2024 were released on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2024. Meritorious performance of O level students who sat for May – June 2024 IGCSE examinations was indeed inspiring. 10 students were placed under distinction, 41 under merit and 17 pass. In Arts stream, Gabriella Laura Katunzi (82%) Trisha Richard Ngallo (80.2%) and Jerion Jeromin Kimario (77%) took the first, second

and third positions respectively. In Science stream, Abhinav Koppalle (89.5%), Abigail Byera Mngodo (88.9%) and Regina Katafora Shumbusho (85.5%) bagged the first, second & third positions respectively.

Students who sat for Advanced Level Examinations also fared well. Jin Hyang Kim [91.3%], Nesiriti Charles Adolph (90% average) and Cwen Nasienza Mugaragu (83% average) bagged the first, second and third positions respectively.

In Arts Stream, Shreya Santhosh Sivan Pillai (74.3%), Precious Margreth Raymond (71.3%) and Sasha Muraguri Muthoni (68.3%) took the first, second & third positions respectively. In Science Stream, Samuel Harris Mapande (69.5%) Esther Project Shumbusho (66.3%) and Joshua Heriamini Kiwoli (62.8%) topped the stream.

AS results of May – June 2024 was indeed commendable. In Science stream, Benjamini Issa Ngwegwe (88%), Ayman Arif Haji (87%) and Shreya Petwal (77.3%) became the toppers. In Commerce stream, Nakiete Frank Mlaki (85%), Laksh Snehal Bakrania (71%) and Aaron Jerome Ng'itu (64%) took the first, second and third positions respectively. In Arts Stream, Janice Habel Lisasi (79.5%) and Myra Eisher Chande (67.3%) became the toppers.

#### **RESULTS OF GRADE VII COMMON ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS**

##### **JUNE 2024**

Out of the 86 Grade VII students who were registered for ISEB Common Entrance Examinations June 2024, 53 students were selected to join Form II at Academic International Secondary School on the condition of mandatory attendance of the six-week bridging summer school program while the remaining 33 students secured admission to Form I.

Jayden Joseph Rino (82.6%), Esther Muleba Kamando (80.3%) and Elma Natalie Lema (76.4%) took the first,

second and third positions respectively.

It is a matter of great pride and joy for the school to witness the hard work of the students together with the commitment of teachers and parents culminating into the educational progression of our children.

#### EXPANSION PROJECT AT AISS

AISS has embarked on an expansion project of a new three storey building at Secondary School housing three new science labs, library, offices, male and female toilets, school canteen, food serving area etc.

#### POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT

Annual Scholarship of 50%, 40% and 30% respectively were awarded to students who took first three positions in the Grade VII exams at AIPS in June 2024 and joined Form II in our secondary school and to students who took first three positions at AISS in both Science and Arts streams IGCSE mock examinations and internal examinations conducted throughout the academic year.

Teachers whose subjects took the first three positions in IGCSE and GCE Cambridge International Examinations 2023 were given cash awards and mementos.

#### PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

##### **TANZANIA MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD**

Out of the ten students from AISS who participated in Tanzania Mathematics Olympiad, 3 students namely Ayman Arif Haji, Benjamin Issa Ngwegwe and Renee Franklin Lauwo who came out victorious were awarded commendation certificates while all participants received participation certificates.

#### PRESTIGIOUS ACHIEVEMENT OF LAKSH SNEHAL BAKRANIA

Laksh Snehal Bakrania, our Form VI student got chosen in ICC Men's



Under 19 Cricket World Cup Africa Qualifier as the Captain of the Tanzanian team. He led the team throughout the tournament winning all the games and into the finals where he played a pivotal role in Tanzania emerging as the Champions of the Tournament while Laksh was awarded Best Bowler of the Tournament. He also got selected in the T20 World Cup Sub Regional Africa Qualifier taking 10 wickets in 5 games winning him the title Best Bowler of Tanzanian Squad.

#### **UHURU WALK**

AISS staff and students participated in the 8<sup>th</sup> Uhuru Walk organized by Meadow's Academy on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and won the award for the best participating institution for the second consecutive time by registering 162 students.

#### **PEACE POSTER DRAWING CONTEST**

Out of ten students from AIPS & four students from AISS who participated in the Peace Poster Drawing Competition organized by Lions Club on 14<sup>th</sup> September, Neev Bakrania from AISS took the first prize and Shasmeen Mnuna from AIPS bagged the third prize.

#### **OASIS SWIMMING GALA**

Gian Panya of Grade III - AIPS won the 1<sup>st</sup> place in three out of five events conducted on 28<sup>th</sup> September for the children of under 10 years category.

#### **TOYOTA DREAM CAR ART CONTEST**

On 5<sup>th</sup> October, Neev Pritesh Chohan from Grade VI- AIPS was announced the proud winner of the 17th edition of the Toyota Dream Car Art Contest from Africa, with his inspiring artwork, "Dad's Magic Hug Car"

#### **YOUNG PEOPLE AND ART EXHIBITION ORGANIZED BY DAR ART YOUTHS**

Out of ten students from AIPS and one student from AISS who participated in the 17th art exhibition called 'Young People and Art' organized by Dar Art Youths held at the Russian Cultural Center on 5<sup>th</sup> October, Camilla Shuma - Grade VI won the first prize.

#### **PAINT FOR PAWS**

Out of three students from AISS who participated in Paint for Paws Painting Competition organized by 4Paws Tanzania, Paolina Albertini from Form IV took the first position in the 10 – 16 years category and won the title CHAMPION OF CONSERVATION at the award ceremony conducted on 30<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **CANA ZONE 3 SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP**

Five students from AISS - Crissa Dennis Dilip, Romeo Mihaly, Bridget Heep, Myra Makwaiya and Prince Ethan Alimanya participated in the CANA Zone 3 Swimming Championship held in Burundi from 20<sup>th</sup> November to 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Crissa won 13 gold medals and the Overall Championship in the 13 - 14 years category, Romeo won 5 Gold and 3 silver medals being the 1<sup>st</sup> Runner up in the 17+ category, Bridget won 4 gold, 1 silver, and 1 bronze, Myra won 1 gold and 1 silver and Prince won a bronze medal.

#### **JUST FIT INTERSCHOOL SPORTS COMPETITIONS**

Abbas Salim Abdulali from AISS participated in the swimming gala for 15 -19 boys category on 30<sup>th</sup> November & 1<sup>st</sup> December and won one gold, two silver and two bronze medals becoming the second runner up in 15 –19 years boys category. AISS under 15 boys team participated in the soccer tournament and out of 51 participating teams, they managed to reach the quarterfinals.

#### **STUDENT LEADERS AT AIPS & AISS**

**At AIPS**, Samwel Gibson Mliga and Shasmeen Tharai Mnuna were elected as the Head Boy and Head Girl by the students of Grades IV to VII with other selected students appointed as Student Council members & Class Representatives.

**At AISS**, Vivan Hitesh Hirji, Nakiete Frank Mlaki, Janice Habel Lisasi and Maureen Mark Benjamin were elected as Student Government President, Vice President, Prime Minister and General Secretary respectively while other selected

students were appointed Ministers, Deputy Ministers and Class Representatives.

#### **EXTRA CURRICULAR EVENTS**

The following is the list of the extra-curricular events held at school this term:

1. **Class Presentations at AIPS** on Mondays and Fridays during homeroom activity time 2.
2. **Weekly Club Activities at AISS** on Wednesdays from 13:15 – 14:15hrs.
3. **Teacher's Day Celebration at AISS** organized by Student Government on 10<sup>th</sup> October as 5<sup>th</sup> October was a holiday.
4. **Movie Show at AISS** organized by Student Government on 11<sup>th</sup> October.
5. **AISS Students' Interactive Session at the High Commission of India** with His Excellency, the High Commissioner of India on 25<sup>th</sup> October.
6. **Children's Day Celebration at AINS** on 20<sup>th</sup> November involving kindergarteners and their parents
7. **Children's Day Celebration organized by AISS Student Government for Grade I & II students** on 20<sup>th</sup> November
8. **Art & Craft Club Exhibition at AISS** on 20<sup>th</sup> November
9. **Science Fair at AIPS:** Two day Science Fair at AIPS organized by Science and Geography Departments on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The main objective of the event was to enable our students experience alternate paths of learning which extend beyond classrooms.
10. **World Computer Literacy Day at AISS** organized by Student Government on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024.
11. **World Soil Day at AISS** organized by Student Government on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024

#### **FIELD TRIPS**

1. **Grade VII Geography field trip** to Coco Beach and Kigogo area on 15<sup>th</sup> November



2. **Grade IV field trip** to National Museum & House of Culture on 25<sup>th</sup> November
3. **Grade III field trip** to Village Museum on 26<sup>th</sup> November
4. **Form IV Geography field trip** to Bamba Beach on 29<sup>th</sup> November

#### EDUCATIVE PRESENTATIONS

1. **Presentation on Dental Hygiene at AISS** by Smiles Dental Clinic on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024
2. **Fire Rescue Training Session at AINS, AIPS & AISS** on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> October for all staff members
3. **Workshop on Preparation of Personal Statement at AISS** by Global Education Placement on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024
4. **Presentation on Wildlife Conservation at AISS** by 4 Paws Tanzania on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024
5. **Workshop on Teaching & Learning of French as Foreign Language** in connection with French Teachers' Day celebration at Alliance Française on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024 attended by **four French teachers from AIPS & AISS**

#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS AT AISS

##### **SOCIAL COMMITMENT DESPITE ADOLESCENT CHALLENGES**

The entire school community was touched by the social commitment demonstrated by AISS students when one of our security guards lost his wife and child in October 2024. Students voluntarily raised TZS: 443,000/- as condolence contribution to the bereft family. This genuine act of empathy confirmed the strong social commitment of our children amidst the adolescent challenges.

##### **PIGGY BANK CAMPAIGN**

Academic International Secondary School is participating in the December 2024 Piggy Bank Campaign organized by Tumaini La Maisha, an organization which works hand in hand with Muhimbili National Hospital. The campaign is aimed at supporting the organization with financial assistance in diagnosis, treatment and cure of children

suffering from paediatric cancer. We will wind up the collection as soon as we reopen on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and will hand over the funds to Tumaini La Maisha in the presence of Muhimbili National Hospital authorities.

We are truly inspired by the unwavering social commitment demonstrated by parents and students, reflecting a deep sense of responsibility and dedication to the welfare of fellow human beings. As second parents, we feel a sense of gratification as we continue to guide our children to be responsible citizens of tomorrow.

#### CAREER GUIDANCE SESSIONS AT AISS

This year we had the following events held in collaboration with various partners:

1. Career guidance session organized by Emerson Education Limited on **18<sup>th</sup> September 2024**
2. International University Fair on **27<sup>th</sup> September 2024** organized by S3 Education
3. International Colleges and Universities Information Session on **2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024** organized by North & Beyond
4. International University Fair organized by Edu Hub on **22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024**
5. Interactive session conducted by Memorial University, Canada on **23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024**
6. Educative session by Mr. Jimmy Samwel from Constructor University, Germany on **11<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

#### PARENT TEACHER MEETING

The first Parent Teacher Meeting of 2024-2025 was conducted on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024. The day was indeed successful with the commendable turn up of parents fostering a healthy partnership between parents and the school in the effort to support the learners.

#### SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

The first School Committee Meeting of the academic year 2024 – 2025 was held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024 during which many important matters

concerning school programs and developments were discussed. We thank the School Committee for the constructive deliberations and continued collaboration.

#### COMMON TESTS & TERM EXAMINATIONS

Common tests of the current term were conducted in October for all levels from Grade I to Form VI. End of the term exams have come to a positive conclusion and marked answer scripts and report cards for all levels from Kindergarten to Form VI will be distributed to students as soon as we reopen after Christmas holidays. School will close for Christmas holidays on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and will reopen on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 for the next term.

#### SCHOOL TIMING REMINDER

We take this opportunity to remind the esteemed parent community of the following school timing:

**Kinder Garten: 7:45–11:30hrs**

**Grade I to Form VI: 07:45 – 14:15hrs**

Parents of all students using private transport are urged to maintain punctuality and make arrangements for your child to **reach school before 7:40 hrs and to be picked from school not later than 14:45 hrs.**

Fostering our learners' holistic personal growth combining academic, social and emotional development has been a fulfilling experience. While we rejoice in the successful culmination of the dynamic term, we also look forward to addressing areas of growth and embracing new opportunities. We solicit parents' active participation in our children's education as it not only strengthens the parent – child bond but also fosters a supportive environment where children feel encouraged to excel and explore their potential. We express our sincere gratitude to the ever supportive parent community for the continued trust and collaboration.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR WISHES**