



ST CONSTANTINE'S INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 14, APRIL 2020

*Hello everyone! Karibu Edition 14 !
The major focus of this newsletter is the creative work our students are doing online; for example you'll see some lovely illustrated work from the Egyptian project headed by Mrs Marandu and Ms Fisher.*

As we enter week 3 of our school lockdown, due to coronavirus, I am sure you are getting the idea of how online learning differs - it can be a challenge - but it is still incredibly helpful to pupils' education. Online learning looks and feels somewhat different, but it is still teaching and learning!

All parents are requested, wherever possible, please to ensure their child is engaging in their work and communicating with their teacher(s). We know it is not easy for parents so we really appreciate your support.

In these testing times we are thinking of you.

*Best wishes,
Tony Macfadyen
Headmaster*



Please note - the Tanzanian Government has instructed that all schools will remain closed 'indefinitely' or until such time as the spread of Covid 19 has been contained.

Year 3 Ancient Egypt Inquiry Unit

In Year 3 students had a fascinating time learning about life in Ancient Egypt from 3000 years ago.

"They learned some important skills in our inquiry process and started wondering and asking many questions so we could delve deep into understanding more about life in the past" Ms Fisher said.

They learned how to draw timelines and how to use different sources and artefacts to teach themselves about the ancient Egyptians. They also learned note-taking skills and how to draw mind maps.

Students investigated how the pyramids were built, why the Nile River was so important; then also made a comparison of Ancient Egypt and modern Egypt and noted the differences and similarities.

By far Year 3's favourite activity was designing an Egyptian mask and headdress, but unfortunately they remained unfinished when school was put under lockdown. "We hope to one day put the designs together, but in the meantime the students dressed up at home as a person from Ancient Egypt," Mrs Marandu said.

Pictured are: Andre 3 E - front of this newsletter along with a collage of drawings of ancient pharaohs; Victor (top left), Clare 3 W (top right), and Awaiwing (right). Below is a selection of drawings the students did as well.





March 22 was World Water Day

and despite no students being in attendance, St Constantine's advanced with the completion of its five new drinking points throughout the campus including in the swimming pool area and the PE building. The move was part of a response to the school survey and means the additional drinking fountains will be ready and waiting for when students' return.

Picture are Rose and Wilson checking out the new facilities.

April 22 is EARTH DAY

This year, we celebrate the 50th anniversary of this day. Think about how to serve the planet this week—cleaning up some litter on your walk or around your house, planting a tree, or simply enjoying companionship with nature! Go outside (safely), no matter the weather! Of course, social distancing doesn't mean that you can't go outside and enjoy nature, as long as you do so responsibly!

St Constantine's will be planting a tree in commemoration of the day and we encourage all students to take part in finding ways to save our precious planet.

Send us in your photos and videos so we can feature them on FaceBook and in the next newsletter.

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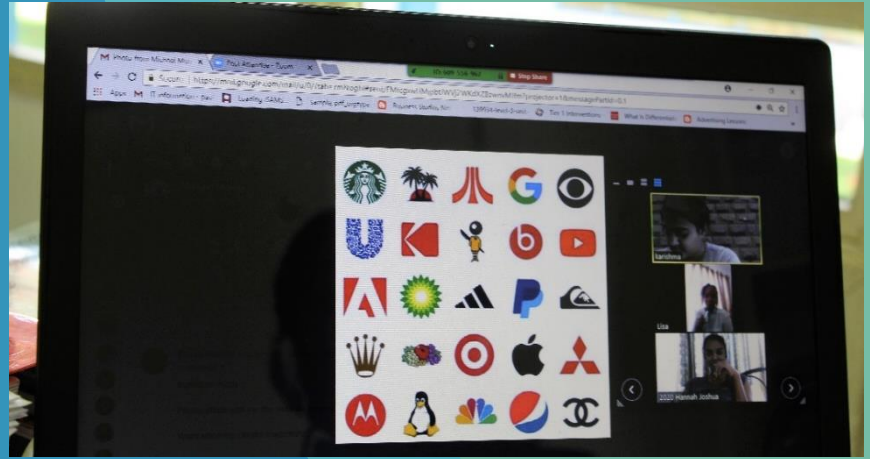
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have inherited this
Earth from your ancestors to
pass it on to your children....
The onus of taking good care
of it lies on your shoulders.....

Happy Earth Day



YEAR 3 ENGLISH
Another project for the busy Year 3 classes this week was in English, where they had been learning about poetry. First of all they listened to some different poems performed by Michael Rosen to help them see how poetry is performed. They then had to write their own poem about a celebration and then perform it to their teacher via video. Inayah from 3E wrote and performed her poem about EID.

Secondary students were also busy in Mrs Murray's class with a fun quiz identifying brands and their impact on their marketing recognition.



WELCOME VICTORIA THOMAS –
our new Director of Administration.

A registered professional accountant endorsed by the National Board of Accountants and Auditors since 2013 with CPA (T); Victoria also has a Master's of Science in Finance & Investment (MSc FI) from Coventry University, UK that magnified the accountancy skills of her Advanced Diploma in Accountancy (ADA) and certificate of Computer Science from Strathmore University, Nairobi.

Previously Finance Manager at the School of St Jude, her duties included developing and managing all finance policies and guiding the day to day operations of the finance team & stakeholders.

We are fortunate to have Victoria on board and look forward to a long and fruitful relationship.

REMINDER:

We are trying to get in contact with all our former students, teachers, interns and staff.

If you know any, please either get them to forward their names, emails and phone numbers to us, or please send them yourselves and we will follow up.

Email: lucybayo@scis.sc.tz



BBC RADIO COLLECTION

A.A. MILNE
THE HOUSE AT POOH CORNER



READ BY ALAN BENNETT



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THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS

Read by Alan Bennett



YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8 RADIO PLAYS

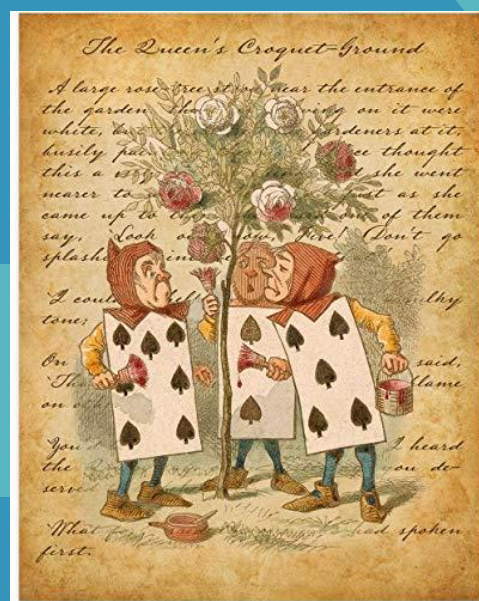
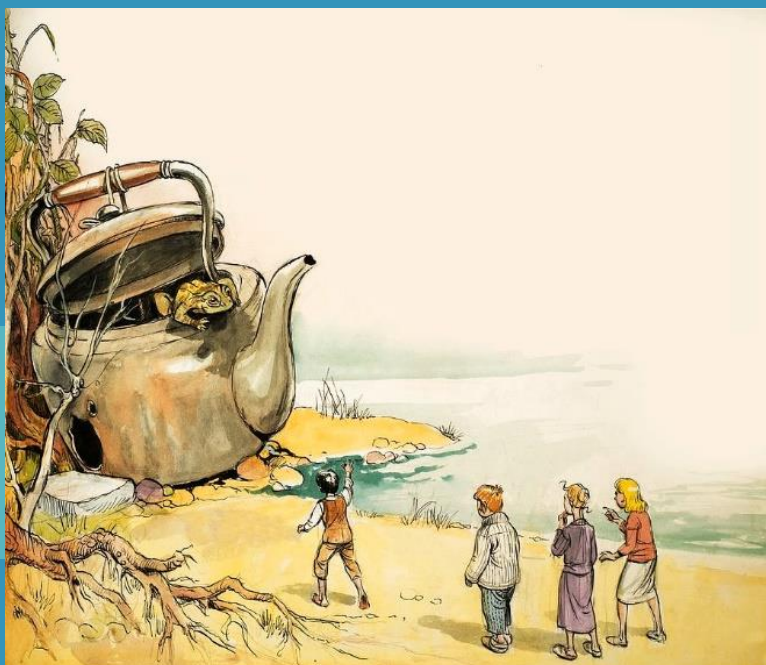
Ms Revest has some BBC radio plays of children's books on Google Drive to share with year 7s and 8s. If others would like to share, please ask your teacher, or email Ms Revest for access either at school or home.

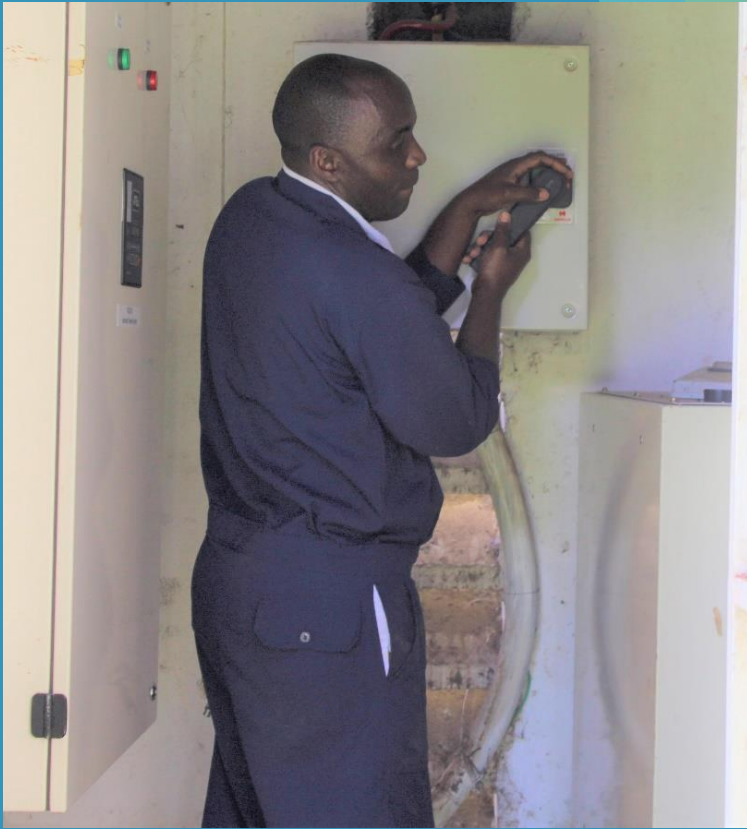
For those who are feeling creative, we would love to see some photos of you in costume dressed as your favourite character; or please send us in a personal painting, drawing, or picture that you have created.

Chosen photographs and videos will not only feature on Facebook, but once school returns, the winning costumes and pictures will be awarded prizes for their diligence, creativity and enthusiasm during the lockdown.



**Please forward all entries by email to
leonietrubshoe@scis.sc.tz**





For our hardworking support staff, work never stops as they keep all facilities running for teachers working on campus and students connecting online from home.

Facilities manager Frank is pictured (left) cleaning the aluminum electricity wires as they had formed some sort of carbon due to the rain. Here Frank turns the power back on after the cleaning so internet loss was kept to a minimum. Thanks Frank!



Nurse Lina checks that Esther is not suffering stress in these difficult times, and she keeps a watchful eye on all staff working through the lockdown. Always available in case of accident and illness, Nurse Lina is one of the crucial support staff working at St Constantine's International School both when students are in attendance and when they are not.



Vital to the ongoing online teaching, is our IT department.

Not only do they need to ensure that all teachers, staff and students have access to programs and lessons, but they need to keep all equipment running efficiently and effectively so there are no delays in delivery.

Pictured (left) is Chris, our Computer System Administrator, doing general cleaning and maintenance of the laptops.