

ST CONSTANTINE'S INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 31, March 1, 2021

Karibu! Newsletter 31

An exciting week of online learning is behind us as once again we turned to the wonders of the internet to continue with lessons. Our diligent and enthusiastic teachers worked together to bring exciting and active lessons to their students. In the Early Years, those parents who wanted them, were able to collect hard copies of the lessons, which we hope was positive.

Our students connected with the East Africa Middle School United Nations conference; students continued to communicate with their penpals in Japan and others learned about Ancient Egypt – a worldwide reach from their own homes!

While students and teachers were once again honing their skills at the keyboard, our facilities team were hard at work bringing our trees, kitchen area and monkeys under control. Perhaps their skills will stimulate our students into thinking of new and novel book titles for one of the most popular weeks of the year – BOOK WEEK which starts today!

Look out for students' creativity both on Facebook and in the next newsletter. Today Primary students and teachers come to school in their pyjamas as they talk about books they have read before bed, telling their friends what they liked most about them.

Coming back to school, the strong hygiene protocols remain with extra cleaning of our busiest areas, temperature checks, regular hand-washing and sanitising, our one-way pathways and staggered lunch breaks.

Please help us to emphasise to your children the importance of these measures for their health and safety, and that social distancing is a 'must'! We are doing our part with improved distancing measures, but students must also ensure they do not share school equipment as we welcome everyone back.

Best wishes,
Tony Macfadyen
Head of School

DID YOU WASH THEM?
WASHING YOUR HANDS
STOPS THE SPREAD OF GERMS



SECONDARY PROTOCOLS

Respecting each other and respecting others' decisions is an important part of learning at St Constantine International School.

Given the open nature of our site, e.g., outdoor corridors, the pleasant climate of Arusha (which means doors and windows can be open), our smaller class sizes, and the other procedures we have in place, mask wearing is optional. However, we believe this is for each family to decide what they are comfortable with. Respect for each other is paramount at SCIS so we will continue to cultivate a tolerant attitude where students' feel comfortable in school whether they wear a mask or not.

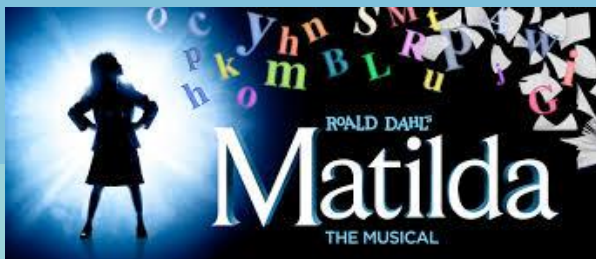
Should you wish your son / daughter to wear a mask, or even 'double mask' this is completely welcome. If they do wear a mask, please make sure they also have a clean container to put it in when it is not worn (e.g., when taking lunch / refreshments).

- ✓ Students will sit at individual desks, 1 m apart, in our well aired classrooms
- ✓ Social distancing will be maintained in all subjects including PE and Drama
- ✓ Break time protocols will be instated to improve social distancing: a one-way system of entry and exit; a second refreshment area to reduce crowding
- ✓ No sharing of school equipment – so please make sure your child has all they require
- ✓ Interschool sport is postponed.

PRIMARY PROTOCOLS

For the first two weeks Primary students will also socially distance like they did in Term 1:

- ✓ Our 'bubbles / pods', which seemed to have worked very well, will continue
- ✓ Improved break time routines as above
- ✓ Continued staggered lunches, segregated break times
- ✓ Interschool sport is postponed.



Our musical Matilda will be delayed - with new dates to follow on a ticket only basis and socially distanced audiences on the night – but in the meantime, rehearsals continue outside so students not only enjoy the fresh air, but get prepared for the added bonus of their performances being broadcast live on social media for those who cannot be in the audience.



If your child feels unwell and has flu-like symptoms – headache, running nose, high temperature, cough, general body weakness, loss of taste or smell – we request that they remain at home for 10 DAYS from when the symptoms cease. Please contact Mr Murray or Mr Nderitu to advise their absence.



Mr and Mrs Tozer get to enjoy their family bubble at morning tea, while Mrs Marandu and Miss Peacock safely distance themselves while they enjoy their break.

While our students are busy rehearsing for the musical, our painter, Dominick (right) has also been busy this week painting the stage ready for the show to be held at the Main Campus when we can resume planning.



OUR FACILITIES TEAM HAS BEEN BUSY DURING THIS LAST WEEK:

Top left: David and Issa straightened the kitchen floor to make the surface better for the staff who are standing there working every day.

Right middle and below: Onesmo and Chilemba have been busy connecting the new water pipes in the bathrooms for the kitchen staff to have access to a hot shower after their daily work in the kitchen.

Above: Some of the old trees which were cut down as they posed a risk to children's safety.

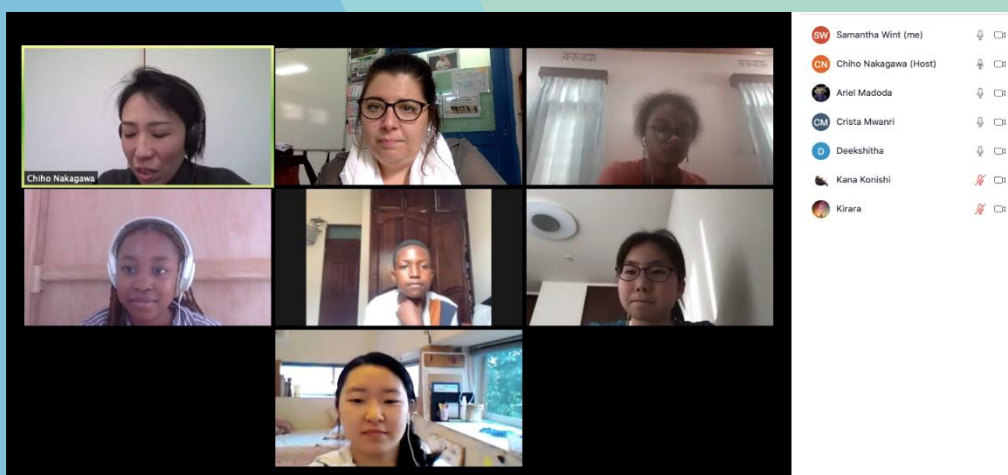




2021 Round Square Virtual Exchange

We have four students taking part in the Round Square Pen Pal Project with a school in Japan. They had their second Virtual meeting last week, as part of Week 4 and will conclude on Week 6, March 16. Students taking part are: Crista - Year 10, Ariel - Year 10, Deekshitha - Year 11 and Ibrahim Year 12. Every week the students have a new task to do with the pals, such as:

introducing their exchange partner to members of their family via live video link; interviewing their exchange partner about their life and writing a short biography about them, creating and swapping a quiz about their country or local area, taking a tour of each other's home or neighborhood via live video chat, teaching one another some useful words or phrases in their language, sharing one or more activities such as reading the same book and discussing it afterwards, or learning and playing/ singing music together, sharing a traditional recipe from their home country and cooking the recipe sent by the exchange partner, and joining a family meal with their exchange partner via live video link



Online for last week's meeting were (top row) Chiho Nakagawa (RS Rep), Mrs Wint, Deekshitha, (second row) Crista, Ariel, Kana, and Kirara is pictured at the bottom.

Students make weekly presentations to their tutor groups during elective time.

"Our elective programme is built around the Round Square IDEALS," said Mrs Wint.

"We offer over 40 different electives that aim to enrich our students' educational experience. Students engage in their selected electives three times a week, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday.



Through these activities, we hope to instill an appreciation for service, skills and an attitude of a global citizen, along with tools that will empower them to be future leaders eager to make their mark on the world," she said.



AROUND THE SCHOOL:

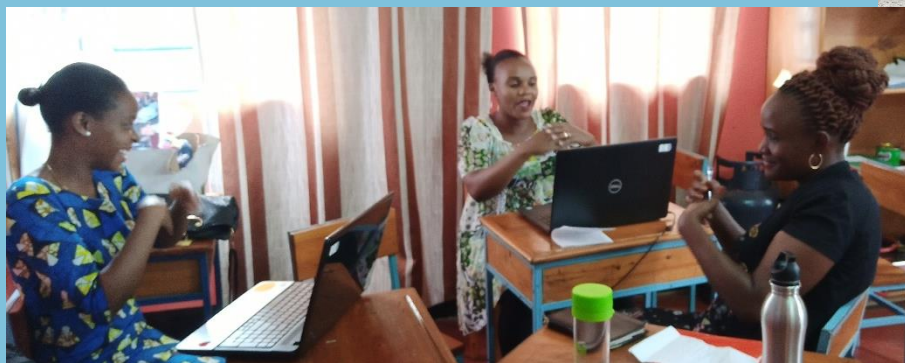
During our online week, some parents preferred hard copies, so all work was printed out and parents came to school to pick them up. Other parents chose to download the tasks at home. The packs contained the same lessons and assignments that were available on the link that all parents had access to. Students were required to answer the questions and bring them back to school this week. During their individual appointments with teachers online, both students and parents had the chance to discuss the questions and get help if needed.



Kelson's and Kelton's mother (top right) was among the parents who came early in the morning to get the packs for her sons.

Connecting every way we can: Ms Mary (right) is pictured on a Whats App video call with a student who was unable to use Zoom or Google to meet. Teachers did their best to connect with all students and parents and found ingenious ways to connect.

Ms Julie (below) is reading a story to the Nursery and Reception classes, with Ms Pauline and Ms Grace support her with suitable voices and sound effects. So many sweet moments this week with teachers supporting each other!

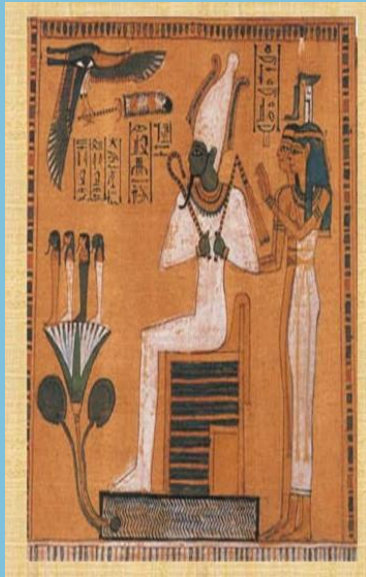


During their music lesson, the Year 4 students discussed how best they could all work together to create a stunning performance for the upcoming **Battle of the Bands**. They had 14 points to talk about and their teacher, Mr kalule, left them with an assignment to select the best four points out of the fourteen ready to submit their work when normal school routine resumed.



You might not think it possible, but Mr Brian (left) found a way to take his Year 6 PE lesson online. Here he is pictured with Ms Pheko as they teach students how to check their training heart rates.





In their English lesson, the Year 3 students were learning how to spell words associated with their Inquiry unit on Ancient Egypt. They read the Egyptian myth of Osiris - who was a Pharaoh of Ancient Egypt - and his brother Seth, who wanted to be Pharaoh. Seth tricked Osiris and killed him and Osiris became the king of the underworld, but Seth never realised his dream of becoming pharaoh.



Year 3 has also been learning about Myths in English. They identified some of the words in the story and then used the words in a sentence to explain their meaning. Some of the students like Gabriella Namulala (below right) shared their sentences out loud and then they completed a Google form which was sent directly to Mrs Marandu and Miss Pauline. Those who wanted to write their answers could do so at home and bring them back to school this week, or read them out to their teacher in their one-on-one conferences.



The use of the Swahili language is paramount – just ask Swahili teacher Mr Kimei. The UN International Mother Language day was discussed at assembly on Friday. A worldwide annual observance, held on February 21, it promotes awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity to promote multilingualism.

Mother Language Day is part of a broader initiative "to promote the preservation and protection of all languages used by peoples of the world" as adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2007. The idea to celebrate International Mother Language Day was the initiative of Bangladesh. In Bangladesh, February 21 is the anniversary of the day when the people of Bangladesh (then East Pakistan) fought for recognition for the Bangla language.



Book week is here !
Be prepared for the
Book buffet, Poetry
slam, and Book drive

- Monday March 1 - Pyjama day and book week projects
- Tuesday March 2 - Peer reading and story web
- Wednesday March 3 - Fun activities (book tasting/musical chairs)
- Thursday March 4 - Class projects, judging door displays, visiting author
- Friday March 5 - Character dress-up day and gallery walk



DON'T FORGET ADVENTURE WEEK:

The following activities are on offer for June 2021 ADVENTURE WEEK:

- Ngorongoro Crater – Year 7
- Fish Eagle Point [Tanga] – Year 8
- Savage Wilderness – Kenya – Year 9 – 13
- Mount Kilimanjaro Climb – Year 9 – 13
- IDEALS – week – Year 7 – 13
- Zanzibar – Year 11 – 13

Each student will be expected to take part in one of the activities on offer. Once they have made their choice for the activity week,

parents are asked to please use the options form in the brochure to inform the school. Some trips have a maximum number of places and so will run on a first come, first served basis. Equally there are some trips that require a minimum number of students to sign up, for the trip to run.

Round Square Global debate

Four of our students took part in a Round Square Global debate, which included 360 students from 44 schools and 11 countries. St. Constantine International was the only participant from Tanzania with our team consisting of Allan Chamanga, Keirav Sapra for (Argumentative debate), Pranay Chandra (Extempore) and Subhan (Turncoat).

Debater extraordinaire Pranay flew the country's flag right through to the final round.

"We are very proud of him," said debate coordinator, Miss Lightness. "All in all, the debate was a worthwhile experience for our students to develop their rhetorical skills. The session was very engaging and competitive." Keep an eye out for the SAI Global International School links to Youtube videos, which we will be posting on Facebook when we receive them.



New Zealand Art & Craft Exhibition elective:

We need volunteers to help us with the up-coming Art and Craft Exhibition to be held in New Zealand in August. We are looking for assistance and/or sponsorship for everything from freighting the artwork, to choreographing the dancing and performing on the video. We are looking for traditional dancing through to HipHop that is performed here in Tanzania; a selection of music, Tanzanian crafts to sell, fabrics and other souvenirs.



Able led by Year 13 student Nefertiti, her elective team have each taken responsibility for one aspect of the exhibition and craft sale for the month-long

extravaganza showcasing Tanzania and St Constantine International School in the city of Tauranga.

Any parents who wish to become involved should contact our Marketing Manager leonietrubshoe@scis.sc.tz





St Constantine International School joins in the United Nations debate –

A WHOLE NEW WORLD Change - Adapt - Thrive

Our talented team of Umekulsum Fazal, Sarah Fazal, Crista Mwanri and Malcolm Kazimil joined an international online conference for all last week, as part of the EAMUN (East Africa Middle School Model United Nations).



Umekulsum, Sarah, Crista and Malcolm were among many participants who researched and debated current global issues as part of the simulated sessions of the General Assembly, Security Council, Ecology and Environment, Economic, Health, Human Rights and Political committees in which students represent a selection of delegates from member countries.

“These conferences provide tremendous learning opportunities to all students taking part in them,” said Mr John Muchela, who organised the students as part of our Round Square activities.

“Model United Nations began around the world as early as 1923, with simulated sessions of what was then called the League of Nations. These sessions are now held in numerous countries at all levels, ranging from high schools to universities and adult MUN sessions,” he said. “This year the event was held online because of the current global pandemic that made it difficult for our students to travel to the UN offices in Nairobi.”

Umekulsum (right) was the Ambassador (the lead delegate) of Uzbekistan in the Ecology Committee. A Year 10 student, she spearheaded the writing of their country's resolution. In her view, her eyes have been opened to the new stages of opportunity and strength.



Crista Mwanri (left) – also a Year 10 student - represented Uzbekistan in the Economic Committee. During the week she trained as a Junior Chair and we hope that she will take up this role in the next academic year.



Sarah Fazal (lower left) another Year 10, also represented Uzbekistan, but in the Political Committee. She too underwent training for a Junior Chair and we hope that she will take up this role in the next academic year.



Malcolm Kazimil (right) was representing Uzbekistan in the Human Rights Committee. He is in Yr 12.



“Because these are simulated sessions of the UN General Assembly, students from different schools represent different countries to broaden their international knowledge,” Mr Muchela said.

WHAT'S ON AT ST CONSTANTINE

Please note: the Swimming Gala has been **postponed** and re- scheduled for March 24.

March

Monday 1 –5	Book Week
Wednesday 3	Primary Parent-Child Learn- Together morning (MC) postponed
Thursday 4	Primary Parent-Child Learn- Together morning (TC) postponed
Friday 5	NTSAA Swimming Gala at Kennedy House U7 - U13 postponed
Friday 5	PSHE day
Friday 5	Book Character Dress-up day
Saturday 6	NTSAA Cricket Festival at Arusha Meru U9 - U11) postponed
Monday 8 – 10	Post Mock Exams Year 6
Wednesday 10	Secondary PSHE day
Monday 8 – 12	Primary School Assessment Week Years 5 and 6

Friday 12 - 13	Secondary School Musical Production MATILDA has been postponed
Friday 19	Year 5 and 6 Swimming Gala (pm)
Friday 19	5:30-8pm Primary Family Social Evening (Town Campus) postponed
Friday 19	Battle of the Bands featuring Years 4-6 from 6-7pm at Main Campus
Saturday 20	NTSAA Hockey Festival at SCIS U9 - U11
Monday 22 – 26	Primary School Assessment Week Nursery – Year 4
Tuesday 23	Year 3 and 4 Swimming Gala (pm)
Wednesday 24	Secondary Fashion Show postponed
Wednesday 24	Lower Primary Swimming Showcase (am)
Wednesday 24	Secondary Swimming Gala (pm)
Thursday 25	Lower Primary Show (Main Campus) postponed to Term 3
Friday 26	1.30pm - School closes for Easter holiday

April

Sunday 11	Boarders return
Monday 12	Term 3 begins for all students.
Monday – Friday 19 -23	Checkpoint exams – Mathematics, English and Science



May

Monday – Friday 17 – 21	Primary Activities week
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June

Monday – Friday 21- 25	Years 7 - 10 Activities week
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