

ST. CONSTANTINE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 33, March 29, 2021

Karibu! Newsletter 33

Already term two is over yet so many things still to do! Due to the sad demise of our President, some school events were once again postponed, but please check our What's On page and see the new dates, such as for Matilda. Our students have worked hard to present these exciting performances and we want as many parents who can, to attend. Remember, we need to social distance, so first in - first served!

The next weeks will be most important for our Secondary students who are sitting their external exams -we wish them the best of luck and hope their hard work pays off. This is the pinnacle of their schooling and success will determine whether they can carry on into our 6th Form (Year 11) or which university they can advance to (yr.13). Many of our past students are studying in prestigious universities around the world: UK, Holland, USA, Russia, Australia, Mauritius, Malaysia, South Africa, Rwanda and more.

As you have seen over the last few newsletters - and again today - our students are broadening their minds and their contacts through their Round Square participation in the virtual conferences and postcards around the world. This will stand them in good stead for their future aspirations and is a distinct advantage of being a Round Square school. It is with sadness that the Round Square community has lost its Chairman, Rod Fraser, who passed away recently. However, his legacy lives on in the many students he inspired.

It is my hope and wish that you all enjoy the Easter break and would ask that when the students return, you will please note that the END OF THE SCHOOL DAY is 3.30pm (3.00 on Fridays). All students should not linger at school after this time, instead they should go home. We cannot be responsible for student behaviour, social distancing and safety after school (unless it's an organised activity) and ask that students sit outside Reception to wait for their lift if it is late. There can be no exceptions.

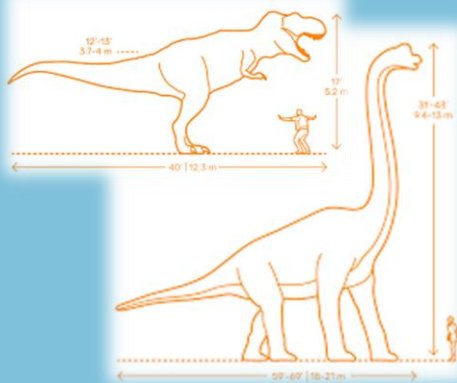
Best wishes,
Tony Macfadyen

Matilda



Battle of the Bands is rescheduled to Tuesday April 13, at 4.30pm, while MATILDA is rescheduled for Friday and Saturday April 16 & 17. Tickets remain valid if already purchased, for the same seat number on the new day. You may obtain a full refund by returning the ticket to Ms Sarry Julius in the Main Campus if you are unable to make the new date and those who still wish to purchase tickets may buy from her also.

MEASUREMENT



was the word of the week in Primary with classes exploring the many ways of measuring things.

CAPACITY POTIONS AND DINOSAURS!

Year 3's were using metre rulers to measure the height of dinosaurs. Children were given a card with the height and width of a different dinosaur and they had to measure it so they could see what size it might have been.

Down at the basketball courts, they used giant chalk to draw the outlines. Some children were so surprised at the sizes they drew. Miss Zawadi from Bandari school joined us for the session. She has been visiting our classes each Friday for Maths training as part of our commitment to ongoing training of local teachers.

The Bandari Project is also supported by *Gecko on the Move* together with St Constantine International to help provide good modelling of Maths lessons which can then be duplicated in the local schools in Mto wa Mbu.

In 4W maths class, they practised measuring in metre and centimetres using measuring tapes. Students had to do a standing jump while their podmates measured their jump. Some students managed to jump over 1 metre!

#teamwork #problem solving #communication

As Measurement week progressed, students moved on to Capacity. They used four liquids - "bubbly bog, snail slime, yellow poison and rose water" to make up different potions.

The children worked in pods accurately measuring each liquid to make a potion. At the end they added up the amounts to find if they had the right amount in their potion. Some found it challenging to read the different sized measuring jugs and then pouring the correct liquid in.



Pictured are classes trying all sorts of measuring including Mrs Marandu's and Ms Peacock's students. Pictured are Inaya, Renita, Elvin, Eliot (bottom left), Kenneth jumping to great heights with Jorden & Trevor (above left) and Vraj, Marilyn, Pendo measuring up for repairs top right.



La FRANCOPHONIE

The Year 6 French class had an advance celebration of 'La Francophonie,' which is a day when we celebrate French language and culture in different countries around the world. The activities usually evolve around cultural aspects like clothing, food, music, architecture, poems, stories and is celebrated on 20th of March every year. However, we celebrated it on the 15th and 16th of March. The students engaged in various games to appreciate all things French. They had an intense 2 hours of interaction with the staff of Alliance Francaise, asking questions, playing games, learning French tongue twisters among other activities. They also had the chance to visit the newly renovated library where they mostly enjoyed engaging in tablet games.



Thank you to Round Square Zoom Postcard Hosts - Renaissance International School Saigon

To date, only our secondary students have participated in the hour-long "Postcards" where other Round Square schools host students from the network to share a topic about their country or their school.

Last week our Primary Student Council Representatives from Year 4, 5 and 6 - Arthur Madoda 6E, Kayla Mangeni 6W, Owen Marandu 5E, Elijah Marandu 5W, Claire Mwanri 4E, Elvin Kihwele 4W - participated in a virtual Postcard hosted by the Renaissance International School, from Saigon, Vietnam. Their topic was "Life in Vietnam". Our student hosts shared a glimpse of daily life in Vietnam, exploring language, the natural environment, local Vietnamese food, local culture and led us in playing a fun game on Kahoot!



Our students then shared some things about Tanzania and our school. The Zoom Postcard included more than 90 participants from 17 schools in Australia, Germany, India, Canada, UAE, Armenia, Tanzania, South Africa, USA, Tanzania and the UK. After the quiz, participants were invited to share a bit about their own part of the world, and we learned some interesting facts about India, Armenia, the UK and Australia.

Some reflections from our students:

Kaylah - I learned that Vietnam is an exciting place to visit and what I loved about it is that it has the biggest cave in the world

Owen - I learned how to say Hello - xin chào Goodbye - tạm biệt and Thank you - cảm ơn

Elvin - I liked the video they showed about Vietnam and I know how to say hello, goodbye and thank you in Vietnamese. I really enjoyed the game Kahoot.

The next Zoom Postcard is on 31st March when Chittagong Grammar School will host.



Elijah (above) and Arthur (far left) were enthralled learning about Vietnam

-CONGRATULATIONS OLYMPIA – Swimming Gala winners

Thank you everyone for a successful Swimming Gala – Mr David and the PE Team, all Heads of Houses and their House Captains, all swimmers, Chris, Maisum, Life Guards, all officials and Mr Macfadyen for the announcements; as well as all the staff who supervised the non-swimmers.

For the first time, St Constantine International featured the swim events online through a Zoom link, so even parents who were normally unable to attend in person were able to see their children compete. The swimmers fully represented their houses in a number of closely fought races.



UPPER PRIMARY :

This year, the Upper Swimming Gala was divided in two parts.

With many swimming events on both days; the students had a lot of fun and many swimming records were broken and new records set.

Some of the outstanding performances in the Year 5/6 gala were:

- Leon Van Bracht who had a record time of 16.73 in the 25 M free style.

- Elijah Marandu who had a record time of 18.33 in the 25 M butterfly.
 - Johnson Uher who had a record time of 25.43 in the 25 M back stroke.
 - Neema Silanga who had a record time of 24.12 in the 25 M breast stroke.
 - Some of the outstanding performances in the Year 3/4 gala were;
 - David Ngarhasta who had a record time of 21.52 in the 25 M free style.
 - Kaan Van Bracht who had a record time of 48.12 in the 50 M free style.
 - Pendo Silanga who had a record time of 28.38 in the 25 M butterfly
- Sparta won the sportsmanship award and the overall house winners in the Upper Primary were Olympia.



Some of our winning performances:

Georgia does backstroke (top) Pendo breaks the butterfly record (second top) Neketaria Yr 8 sneaks in to win (above) Priya and Daneen are close in their freestyle race (top left) while Daniel and Emma fight it out in the breaststroke (bottom left) and Vanessa brings it home for Olympia (middle left) just ahead of Hannah, Athens; and front page with the winning house trophy.



Years 5 and 6 compete in butterfly (left) and backstroke (below). Victor and Pendo hold the Sportsmanship Award high for Sparta House.

BUT THE LITTLE ONES WERE NOT TO BE OUTDONE ON THEIR SWIMMING DAY:

After a successful term of swimming where students have been participating actively and enjoying the lessons. It was time for the Lower Primary students to show case the different skills and techniques they learned during the term.



The Nursery and Reception class were able to sit on the deck, show kicking techniques and how to enter the pool safely with assistance. All students were able to swim two widths of the small pool with a shark fin, a noodle or a kicking board for assistance.



The Year 1 and 2 students were able to show their kicking technique with their face in the water, as well as swim a length of the small pool without stopping while using a kick board.

Some were also able to swim the length of the big pool without any assistance. Well done to all the students who took part in the swimming show case.



Pictured clockwise from top right: Year 5 & 6 doing backstroke, Mr Brian the swimming assistant helping Jamila – Reception – with swimming using a shark fin, both Mr Brians watching Birva, Madeline and Kendrick using a kickboard, our little team of nursery sharks showing off their kicking techniques, while above are Baraka, Prita, Mody and Asher-Clara – using a kickboard. Pictured with Assistant Mr Brian is Ciara using a noodle for support.



STUDENT COUNCIL ANNUAL DINNER

The 23 representatives of the Student Council 2020/2021, honoured their Patron – Mrs Anne Mbugua – at their annual dinner, this year held at Sakina. (Pictured left Mrs Mbugua with Karishma and Zainab.)

The Student Council allows students to learn different skills from leadership to team work and the dinner was an amazing opportunity for them to talk and share their stories and lessons

they've learnt this year and to reflect on the activities and events they've done together, plus those of the upcoming year. They played games and held discussions along the theme of an African Safari.

This year's representatives are:

Student Council Patron: Mrs Anne Mbugua

Chairperson – Zainab Suleman

Vice Chairpersons – Karen Olotu, Dorcas Ngarhastha, Kushaan Raja

Secretaries – Karishma Patalia, Layan Dakik

Vice Secretary – Vedanshi Joshi

Treasurer – James Okeyo

Vice Treasurer – Mahir Virjee

Members - Nahlah Faisal, Hamza Jamalee, Anjuman Shivji, Padeep

Dhariwal, Eileen Mwyenye, Crista Mwanri, Hussein Karim, Alana

Narane, Daniel Tindamanyire, Laurie Msemo, Don Ndimuriwo

Malcolm Kazimil, Doreen Metili, Jimmy Makyao.



Look out for our exciting Round Square conference reports: We are registering for 2 virtual Round Square conferences in April, on **April 8 and April 21**.



Conference 1: Virtual Conference - Leadership

Hosted by: Chadwick Korea

Student Leaders: Faraja

Students Attending: Neysha, Karen (year 11), Nailois, Renalda, Nahlah



Conference 2: Virtual Conference – Leading for our Time

Hosted by: Thomas More College in Durban

Student Leaders: Crista,

Students Attending: Nabeel, Aidan Tariq, Neema, Atupelye Nyika, Eileen



How many of our students went dark for Earth Hour on Saturday

– if students took part at home, switched off their lights for an hour at 8.30pm and took a selfie of themselves and their family, send your pictures to me for the next newsletter.



Let's show how much we care for our planet!



Happy Easter!



Here is the colouring page we painted.



Learning about other student’s beliefs is an essential part of Internatinalism within the school. Having celebrated the Hindu Festival of Diwali in November, and with the Muslim EID celebration coming up in May, now it is the Christian observance and holiday of Easter.

“With the little ones, we talk about how nice and fun it is to celebrate each other's holidays,” says Miss Christina. “The children shared what they know about Easter - at this age most of them know it as a holiday for the Easter bunny, chocolate eggs and presents. With the colouring page we talked about new life (growing flowers, baby animals who hatch from eggs) and being healthy and active (eggs are healthy food and bunnies love to hop). They loved our Easter egg hunt. Once they found the animals I had hidden, they took turns being the Easter bunny, hiding the animals for each other,” she said.

“We didn't have any Easter eggs, so we hunted for our coloured animals!” Pictured left are Reyah and Cedrina on our animal hunt Easter egg hunt, while right Lathiksha is painting her Happy Easter picture. Front page are Ruby and Ailine Painting the Easter bunny - all at Town Campus.

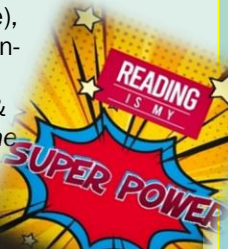


BOOK WEEK PIZZA BOX PROJECT

Miss Ojoo’s Year 6W pizza box project was based on different books. Pictured is each pod showing their book cover.

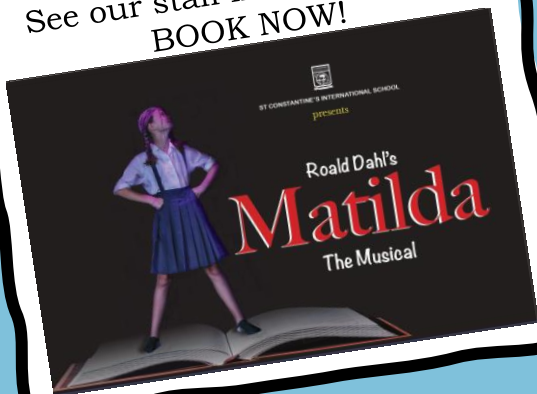


Sandra, Glorious & Aryan - *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* (centre), Mahdi, Camilia & Elisha - *Billionaire Boy* (far left), Karim, Oliti & Nicole - *Mr. Stink* (bottom left), Ethan, Taizya & Mirabelle - *Matilda* (bottom centre), Serian, Alexia & Benson- *I even Funnier* (below). Kaylah, Gillian, Owen & Colette - *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* (next page).



HAVE YOU BOOKED FOR MATILDA?

Our musical Matilda is on a ticket only basis and socially distanced audiences on the night – so don't miss out. See our staff in cameo roles! **BOOK NOW!**



Children need their own seat at all shows and must remain seated throughout the performance in the interest of social distancing.

WHAT'S ON AT ST CONSTANTINE

April

Thursday 8	<i>Sharing a Vision of Leadership</i> Round Square virtual conference, Korea
Sunday 11	Boarders return
Monday 12	Term 3 begins for all students at 7.50 am
Tuesday 13	Ramadan begins
Tuesday 13	Battle of the Bands featuring Years 4-6 from 4.30pm at Main Campus
Wednesday & Thursday 14-15	IGCSE and AS A levels begin with Art
Friday & Saturday 16-17	Secondary School Musical Production MATILDA
Wednesday 14	Primary IDEALS topics presented to students
Monday – Friday 19 -23	Checkpoint exams Year 6 and Year 9 – Mathematics, English and Science
Wednesday 21	<i>Leading for Our Time</i> Round Square virtual conference, South Africa

May

Wednesday –Thursday 12-13	EID
	AS and A level exams continue
Monday – Friday 17 – 21	Primary activities week
Monday – Friday 24 – 28	School closed for half term

June

Saturday 12	Year 13 Graduation
Thursday-Friday 17-18	6 th Form Taster days
Friday 18	Town Campus Show
Monday 21	Primary Peripatetic Music concert
Monday – Friday 21- 25	Years 7 - 10 Activities week
Wednesday 30	IDEALS Fair from 1- 3pm

July

Thursday 1	Primary & Secondary Prizegiving ceremonies
Thursday 1	Last day of school

A Round Square elective - Zealand Art & Craft Exhibition & sale – a month-long extravaganza showcasing Tanzania and St Constantine International School - in the city of Tauranga, New Zealand. Any parents who wish to become involved with helping us gather crafts to ship to New Zealand, should urgently contact our Marketing Manager leonietrubshoe@scis.sc.tz

