

### Educational Question of the Week

What do I want to learn this year?

**Maria Gebrial**

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

#### Learning

This past week I have visited a number of classrooms as part of a semester goal of seeing each classroom and teacher at KICS. I have been taught, engaged, entertained and challenged by what I have seen and heard. I feel I have seen learning happening for our students too, although quite what is going on in each brain is both individual and difficult to determine from observation alone. We have "proxies" for learning that are indicators that learning is happening: engagement, thinking routines, practice, modelling, products: I saw lots of these this week too. I encourage you to ask your children questions like: what new things did you learn today? What was a tricky idea you came across today? The child answering these questions will strengthen their learning and build a deeper understanding.

I hope to see you tonight at our MTT (Meet The Teacher) evening: it is a great opportunity to put faces to names. Strong home-school links are greatly to the benefit of student learning and this evening is part of creating and developing such

**Mr Peter**

### CALENDAR

#### Week 3

##### Sun Aug 27

14:30-15:30 2 Lanes Community Swimming

##### Mon Aug 28

15:30-16:30 Ladies Only swimming  
 17:30-19:00 Community swimming

##### Tues Aug 29

##### Weds Aug 30

##### Thurs Aug 31

15:30-16:30 Ladies Only swimming  
 17:30-19:00 Community swimming

##### Fri Sept 1

Eid Al Adha

##### Sat Sept 2

Eid Al Adha

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY**

**SCHOOL RESUMES**

**SUNDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 10th**

### College Counselling

Following the release of IB results in July, the Class of 2017 confirmed their college choices and will be starting this Fall at various locations around the world. We are very proud of them and wish them the best as they embark on their new adventure in higher education! Alf Mabrok to all!!!

Ahmad Saaid- Harvard University, USA
Ali Ihab- University of Reading, UK
Ali Nagi-University of Kent, UK
Amel Amin Elfadil-MIT, USA
Aseel Elbagir -City University, UK
Ayat Salih- Ryerson University, Canada
Bilge Genis-ESMOD Paris, France
Bushra Morsi- University of Surrey, UK
Christian George-Western Ontario, Canada
Dalia Mohamed- SOAS, UK
David Bibawi-Will study at a university in Australia
Dinan Alasad- University of Toronto, Canada
Hiba Abbas-University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA
Husam Mogahid- Imperial College, UK
Ilham Tagelsir-Harvard University, USA
Mariss Mokhtar- Penang Medical College RCS, Malaysia
May Elroubi-Maastricht University, The Netherlands
Osama Mahgoub- University of West England, Bristol, UK
Qizheng Zhou-University of British Columbia, Canada
Sadeem Nazar-Cardiff University, UK
Safa Amin- Nottingham Trent University, UK
Samanatha Arnold- Cleveland Institute of Art, USA
Sarah Osama-University of East Anglia, UK
Shahmir Humayun-Monash University, Malaysia
Shaima Abdalla-New York University Abu Dhabi, UAE
Surpad Kaffe St John's University New York, USA
Tala Saeed-SOAS, UK
Yousif Merghani-University of Reading, UK

**College Counsellors, Mrs Samia and Mrs Reem**

**MEET THE TEACHERS**  
 2017-18  
**WELCOME!**

**Thursday August 24th**  
 Primary from 6 - 7pm  
 Seniors from 7 - 8pm

## AROUND THE PRIMARY SECTION

### From Year 1

Our new Year One class is off to a great start! We have been enjoying the settling-in process as we learn new routines and make new friends. "Going upstairs" is a big transition in the Infant Section and our students have successfully met the challenge of having a longer day with more responsibilities and independence.

We have been exploring our classrooms while experiencing a variety of Math and Literacy provocations. The provocations are activities that are used to tune in the children to the new learning as it begins. Our children have enjoyed working in pairs and small groups to complete a range of activities such as sorting, number and letter recognition, and counting. Several of the activities were also a good challenge for their developing motor skills.



We are fortunate at KICS to have a beautiful garden right across the street from our campus. We will use the garden to allow the natural environment to support our learning in the classroom. This week, Year One went to the garden to practice writing the letter "s" while saying the "s" sound. Children wrote with sticks and fingers in the dirt to form the letter and were encouraged to write words beginning with "s" if they were feeling ready. After the literacy experience, the children had the opportunity to explore the garden with their classmates.

We are looking forward to working closely with all parents this year to support their children's learning!

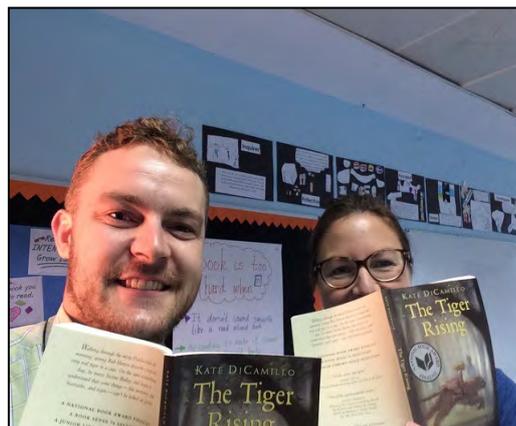
**Ms Lucy and Mrs. Kelly**



### From Year 5

It has been a wonderful first few days in Year 5. Students were excited to be receiving their own iPads for the first time, and to be able to climb the stairs to the second floor. In Language, our focus has been on building a culture of reading and writing, and we've already seen an increase in enthusiasm from our students. In Math, we've started to look at composing and decomposing numbers to the millions using models, digital manipulatives and the standard form. In UOI, we're exploring the impact on technology in our lives, which matches perfectly with the new responsibility of taking an iPad home. The students are looking forward to designing prototype of their own invention for our final project.

Both Mr. Zach and Ms. Erica are excited to see all Year 5 parents at Meet the Teacher night!



**Mrs. Erica and Mr. Zach**

**AROUND THE SENIOR SECTION**

A full two-week cycle completed already, time flies by. STUCO elections took place on Thursday and we will announce the year reps on Sunday. Our president Aya and vice president Milkee will be interviewing for the secretary, treasurer and 'Ents' officers and they will be appointed by the Eid break.

Homework starts next week and students are trialling a new system where we set homework where appropriate in lessons but it will never be due for the next day. All of our students are using ManageBac, which parents will be enrolled in shortly and they have an active assignment calendar. We agreed last year with STUCO that students would have no more than two summative assignments per day.

Our younger students should have no more than an hours' worth of homework each evening but they also need to read for at least thirty minutes and practice language skills for around fifteen min-

utes every day. Language skills are very important and if your child is learning Arabic please make sure that they are reading in standard or classical Arabic wherever possible.

ECA's start next week and so do the late buses. It is still possible for a student to join an ECA, if it isn't full. They will need to go and see Ms Christina in the Music suite. We are trying to ensure that every student has at least one ECA per week in each season this year. I know some students have been waiting to see if they have made the swim or basketball teams and those team lists will be finalised after try-outs next week.

We may have a short third week with a likelihood that Eid will be declared to start on Thursday. However, until we have confirmation from the ministry we will be planning a school day as normal. Please keep an eye on the bulletin for more details.

**Mr. Andrew**

**IMYC News**



I am happy to announce that our new Middle School curriculum, the IMYC, is up and running. As part of a three-year rollout, the Year 7 students are the inaugural class of the program, and will complete the IMYC at the end of Year 9. On the first day of school the students participated in an Entry Point activity, designed to kick off the first academic unit on the theme of *Adaptability*.

The IMYC is a broad curriculum built on a sound research-based philosophy that makes meaning, connects learning and develops minds. It develops minds by providing a comprehensive interna-

tional curriculum, structured around subject disciplines, that prepares students for the next stage of their learning; (also for formal exams offered by organisations like the IGCSE, IB Diploma Program or local exams).

The IMYC helps students to make meaning of their learning by giving students opportunities to develop and present their own ideas

The IMYC connects learning by linking all subjects together through the conceptual idea.

The IMYC aims to bridge the gap between Primary and Secondary education

**Units**

The Year 7 students will cover the following units this year. Each class will base the learning around the Big Idea of the given unit.

I am proud to be the IMYC Coordinator, and look forward to an exciting year working with the Year 7 teachers and students.

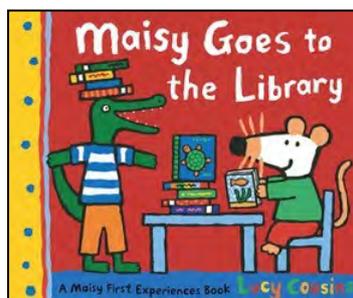
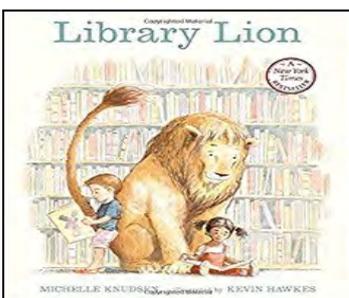


**Mr. James**

**READING CORNER**

The Infant library has had many new titles added to our collection to open the new school year. However we've started the year with the classic "Library Lion" by Michelle Knudsen and "Maisy Goes to the Library" by Lucy Cousins. We are reading these books to introduce and reinforce good behavior in the library.

Amongst many new titles, we have Ella Bella Ballerina by James Mayhew. These delightful stories and illustrations inspire



young minds to the world of Ballet. Discover the magic of famous ballets and classic stories with the charming Ella Bella Ballerina. These titles are available in the New Arrivals shelf now.



Our most popular series from last school year was "Berenstain Bears" series by Stan and Jan Berenstain. This realistic fiction series is about a family of bears, known as the Berenstain Bears, trying to figure out life together. With friendly neighbors and close friends, the journey is never boring. Please nudge your child to grab books from this fun series from our "B" shelves before they are all out!

**Ms Jeanette**

## FROM THE ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

**Vision**

The Tennis Academy's function is to excite the KICS community about the sport and to provide opportunities for motivated KICS students to reach their full potential as players. The Tennis Academy further aims to identify talented children and to develop the

technical, physical & mental attributes required to excel in the game.

**What do we offer?**

The Tennis Academy will run four days per week under the supervision of Coach Antonio Shimelis.

We offer various lessons for different age groups at the beginner, intermediate and advanced levels

**Beginners**

The Tennis Academy provides group or individual coaching for children aged 7 to 18 years as well as adults. The focus is on basic tennis techniques, tennis rules and theory as well as the development of basic physical fitness.

**Intermediate & Advanced**

This group is aimed at children aged 7 to 18 years as well as adults. The focus is on the mastering of tennis techniques in order to participate in tournaments. Participants are divided into

**Students (beginners):**

Sundays and Tuesdays: Age 7-11yrs old from 5pm-6pm.  
Age 12-18yrs old from 6-7pm.

Wednesdays:

Age 7-11yrs old from 5pm-6pm. Saturdays:  
Age 7-11yrs old from 9-10am

**Students (intermediate & advanced)**

Wednesdays:

Age 7-11yrs old from 5pm-6pm.  
Age 12-18 yrs. old from 6pm-7pm.

Saturdays:

Age 7-11yrs old from 9-10am  
Age 12-18 yrs. old from 10-11am.

KICS Staff + Parents

Sundays & Tuesdays from 7:10pm-8:30pm

Advanced Students, Staff & Parents

Sundays from 6pm - 7pm (beginners)  
7:10pm - 8:30pm (all levels)

Wednesdays from 7:10pm -8:30pm (all levels)

**Registration**

[Online registration forms](#) will be made available through senior & primary bulletins.

**Registration Fee:**

200 USD Full Season (Sept '17 - May '18)  
100 USD Half Season (Sept '17 - Jan '18 or Jan '18 -May '18)

**Contact**

For any questions, please contact Mr. Gerben Silvis the KICS Athletic Director: [Gerben.silvis@kics.sd](mailto:Gerben.silvis@kics.sd)  
I look forward to meeting you on the court!

**Coach Antonio**

Coach Antonio played tennis on an international level. He is a two times East African champion and has now over twenty years of coaching experience. He coached a variety of International teams. He is very confident and experienced in coaching different age levels with different abilities. Being with KICS now for six years he looks forward in meeting you on the court.

## FROM THE ARTS DEPARTMENT

**SENIOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION AUDITION ON-GOING**

Dear Lords and Ladies of Pantoland,

Yes it's that time again! (Oh no it isn't etc.) As I invite you all to attend auditions for the November 2017 production of Jack and the Beanstalk - in the theater tradition of British Pantomime.

**AUDITION DATES** Monday 21st to 24th of August, from 11:30AM -12:30 PM and 2:30PM-3:30PM at the DRAMA ROOM.

(Please do let me know at the earliest possible date if you cannot attend and I will arrange another audition with you before this date).

This is a group audition—no advance preparation is necessary, but a smile never hurts. Students should just be ready to come and have a good time!

This story takes you to the once lovely land of Eynsinham (see what I did there). Unfortunately, the land has been over run by the evil Giant Blunderbore who claims taxes and riches off the Eynsigham's residents through his evil henchman Fleshcreep. Surely somebody is brave enough to stop this torment...? Cue Jack Trott, a brave, young, courageous boy who believes he can make a difference.

Of course, Jack is not alone....

Jack and the Beanstalk (J&B), has always been one of my favorite pantomime stories. It's got so much potential for an exciting family story with lots of fun loving characters to be involved.

**Mr Lawrence**

**Artist (Photographer) of the week**

**Y10 Ahmed Khalid Ahmed Mohamed Elhag (IGCSE ART)**

**Ms Paula**