



3rd February 2023

IN THE LOOP

UPDATES FOR BMIS SECONDARY PARENTS

Dear Parents/Guardians

Term 1 reports will be issued this coming Monday at 3 pm. These reports provide a comprehensive picture of your child's progress at this stage of the year. They contain an overall numerical grade based on IB criteria in order to give you an accurate picture of how your child achieved and performed this term. The narrative part of the report is equally important as it provides specific information regarding performance, attitude and goal setting. A grade of '2' or less is considered a failing mark.

Following on from the reports the Parent-Student-Teacher Conference will be held from Thursday 23rd from 8.00 am-4.00 pm. The electronic sign-up form will be available shortly. The conferences provide time for you to discuss further with subject teachers the progress of your child based on the report comments and grades awarded. Although I hope that you can all attend the conference, I highly recommend that you make appointments with teachers if your child is struggling in a particular area to clarify the support required in the school-home partnership.

This is a reminder that the CIS/NEASC Visit is now drawing very near. Our visitors will be meeting with BMIS faculty, students, and members of the community, including observing classes during the week of the 13th of February.

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A welcome addition to Secondary



House Competitions

On Tuesday 31st January, the BMIS students took to the fields and the court to compete in House Touch Rugby and Basketball. This year saw the introduction of a new 3v3 style of Basketball, with players competing in 7 minute games against one another. There were some great performances in both competitions and it was marvellous to see so many students active and having fun together. We conclude the competition next week so you will have to wait a week to see who comes out as champions! Things couldn't be tighter in the overall standings with three houses tied in second place, all chasing down 'House Lion'.

BMIS Sports Coordinator
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U18 Rugby League

This weekend at BMIS, the U18 Rugby league starts which involves a whole host of BMIS students. Come down to the bottom field on Saturday from 1:30pm-4:30pm to see the best young rugby players Lilongwe has to offer. The students who will be playing this week are: Ezmeekie, Ana A, Mwayi, Yuri, Louisa, Kudzai, Pari (vice-captain), Bodine (captain), Kaishin, Khush, Stuart, Seijero, Nisam, Hoaran, Keegan, Hisam (vice-captain), Gareth (captain). We would love to see as many BMIS families as possible cheering on the girls and boys!

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Improvised Theatre

A student-led, semi-improvised, episodic, teenage drama based on relationships when coming of age.

Some theatre students in years 10-13 are busy writing and rehearsing WINK during lunchtimes and afterschool with the aim of performing at lunchtimes in three episodic viewings in the Drama Studio for their peers... all in the name of FUN!

We've been having some great laughs so far and are looking forward to Episode no1.

Highlights of a Design Unit

Year 9 visited the Primary School to observe and ask questions about developing an educational toy for them. We visited reception, Years 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 and the ELL language department to get inspiration and ideas.

The scenario: Not all toys are built with an educational need, or are they? Teachers will say unless learning is happening it is just playing, but what are the key elements of a toy that can teach?

Your Goal: You are tasked to create an educational toy/game (prototype) that not only is robust but considers the design process: ergonomics, safety, stimulation, durability, learning etc.

Your role: As a designer, you must consider the customer first and foremost. Together you will identify a product suitable for learning in a subject such as maths or science (to name a few) – you need to consider Criterion C skills assessment before deciding on your product, so don't take the easy way out.

Wayne Kovacs

Head of Design (MYP & DP) and Personal Project Coordinator



Valentine's Day

BY STUCO

CUPIDS DOWN- DISCO!

This new take on Vday will be celebrated in the Lower Hall on the 10th of February, from 6.30-9 PM. Tickets at door for k4000.

Dress code is casual, black and red. See you there!

VDAY DRESS UP!

On Friday the 10th, we will be kicking off the valentines celebration with a dress up day, where you can wear pink, white or red. Fee is 1000 MWK which you may give to your class rep!

VALENTINES DAY GRAM!

Normal Candy Gram (2000 MWK): two small KitKats and an artificial rose

Deluxe Candy Gram (5000 MWK): Cadbury Chocolate, small soft teddy bear, artificial rose

Place your orders on google form sent by STUCO by Feb 8th

Payments will be collected on Tuesday 14th, and the grams will be delivered later that day. PLEASE PLACE SEPARATE ORDERS IF YOU ARE BUYING MULTIPLE!

VIDEO RECORDING OF THE GREATEST SHOWMAN!

Please add your name and email to the sign up sheet to receive your link to the video

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1GQ2TdrbTkS1eOzABcaF0uPh-7Hfttgr7oxD8RSIZs0Q/edit?usp=sharing>

10,000K to be given to Mr Montreuil in the Music room after signup

Closing date: 17th Feb - You will then receive an email with a link to download the video.

Free access to photos from the show to come soon.

Year 12 Extended Essay Cafe

Year 12 presented their working titles and research to secondary staff this week. Students have worked hard to find a topic which they are truly passionate about and presented proposals that were well thought out and provided clear justification for their question. Their enthusiasm and insight was evident as they defended their essays against the challenging questions posed by teachers.

Students left with new contacts and a clearly defined plan for the development of their question and a renewed vigour for the process. Teachers left impressed. Well done Extended Essay students, we look forward to reading your finished essays!



UP and Coming Events

Monday 6th February-Secondary reports are issued on ManageBac at 4pm

Thursday 9th February-7.30 am-8.30 am Parent Workshop, "Compassionate Discipline' in the Library

Friday 10th February-6.30-9.00 Valentine's Dance in the Lower Hall

Monday 13th -Thursday 16th February-Prep-Evaluation Visit to BMIS by CIS/NEASC

Friday. 17th February -6.00 pm-7.30 pm Dick Whittington Production by Yr 7 students in the Upper Hall

Monday 20th -Saturday 25th February-Model United Nations trip to Nairobi

Thursday 23rd February-Secondary Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences for 8.00 am

Friday 24th February- 6 pm Hamilton movie and sing along in the Theatre room

Monday 27th-Thursday 2nd March DP Mock Examinations