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IN THE LOOP

Updates for the Secondary parents of BMIS



This week in our BMIS community

WHAT.A.WEEK!

After a short three day week last week, we have come back to such a busy and active week at BMIS! Our students have been tearing up the pool and the pitches, bonding as teams, and having fun while competing! It's been so special to witness.

There are lots of sporting updates this week, coupled with inspiring learning updates and exciting Arts events on the horizon. BMIS is back in full swing, and campus life is buzzing!

I'm not sure if any of you have had the opportunity to read "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens yet, but I finally had the chance over the weekend to indulge in this incredible book (if you haven't had a chance to read it yet - do!). There is one quote from the book that has been sticking with me:

"Ya need some girlfriends hon, 'cause they're forever. Without a vow. A clutch of women's the most tender, most tough place on Earth."

And while this quote specifically is addressing the friendships of women (and ever so apt as we celebrate International Women's Day this week), the reason this has continued to sit with me all week is because it's so true for all of us. We need our friends. We need our community. We need those people who are "forever", committing to and showing up for us "without a vow". I can see this commitment, compassion, and camaraderie in our students, teachers, and parents and it's such an honest delight to witness and special thing to be a part of.

So many incredible updates this week, so please settle down and grab a "cuppa" as you stay "In the Loop!"

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Where the Crawdads Sing
by Delia Owens

BMIS represents at Nationals Swimming!



So much time, energy, and passion has gone into the preparation for the Malawi Nationals Swimming competition. A host of parents, teachers, and student have dedicated so many hours in the lead up to this event, and we would like to extend so much appreciation and gratitude for this! Rebecca Kanaan shares:

A huge "Well done!" to the BMIS swimmers who swam in the Malawi National Swim Championship over the half-term break!

After a long break from swim training due to COVID, these students got back in the pool in November (Secondary) and January (Primary), and took it upon themselves to get fit to swim by Nationals. And the results are clear – it was a huge success! Out of 37 kids who entered Nationals, 31 received medals (first, second or third place nationally). Taking home a total of 100 medals, the BMIS swimmers had a great showing in the pool, achieved many personal best times, and had an amazingly fun time while doing it. We are so proud of everyone who participated.

Thank you to Coach Carlos for stepping in mid-season to help get the kids ready for this epic achievement!

Honorable mention goes to the swimmers who had the amazing achievement of earning 10 or more medals:

Stuart Evans: 15 gold, 3 silver

Hisham Kanaan: 3 gold, 6 silver, 4 bronze

Sophie van Oosterhout: 7 gold, 4 silver, 2 bronze

Daniella Lamont: 4 gold, 4 silver, 2 bronze

From our captains of the BMIS Swim Team

Over the past couple months – thanks to Mr. Carlos, and the swim crew of parents – we have had the pleasure of being able to swim five times a week, with the objective of competing in Malawi Swimming Nationals. Over the past four-day-weekend, we did just that.

It was wonderful being able to compete in such a large, communal sporting event in the post-pandemic era. Even more so, it was a joy to finally see all the hard work and training pay off while everyone beat their personal bests, and many of us made the podium. Great job to everyone who came down to swim this weekend, thanks to those who came down to support, and a huge thank you to all the parents and coaches who made this event possible.

Overall, we were able to collect 100 medals for Bishop, ranging from golds to bronze!

Kindest,

Sophie and Hisham,

Captains of the BMIS Swim Team





A message from the Malawi Aquatic Union



THANK YOU

Bishop Mackenzie

On behalf of the the Malawi Aquatic Union, I would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for participating in the 2022 Malawi Nationals Swimming Championships. You made Malawi proud!

Monica Chang'anamuno
President, Malawi Aquatic Union

Football!

More incredible sporting achievements this week! Caitlin Macmillan shares:

The senior girls football team played a friendly against Ascent soccer youth girls team. They lost 9-2 but played very well against the best youth girls team in the country! Edna and Anna scored the goals for BMIS, but it was a team effort! Congratulations!



More football!

PHE teacher, Caitlin Macmillan shares:

On Thursday afternoon we travelled to Ascent Academy and played their U14 Boys team. It was the first time the boys have ever played together as a team and the first time some of the boys had played a full 11 a side game. Although they lost 7-1, they came away very proud and happy with their performance against one of the best youth boys team in the country!

U14 Boys Team: Khush, Leo, Elias, Nicolas, Jayden, Japheth, Mateus, Kai, Yaya, David, Akarsh, Adam, Stuart, Kaishin, Thembiso, Rayyan.



Girls' Rugby

Mr James Brown and Mr Jo McClenahan shares some Girls' Rugby updates below:

On International Women's Day, the girls rugby community came together for our first early morning training session. Developing their skills, the powerful young women of the rugby community dedicated their time to learning from each other and demonstrated their passion for rugby. Morning training sessions will continue on Tuesday and Wednesday next week from 6:10 - 7:00am, so we can ensure our players are ready for safe contact against Kamuzu Academy on the 19th March.

We are also excited to announce our Junior and Senior captains for this year:

Junior captains:

Betty de Borde

Yuri Cho

Senior Captains:

Bodine Bijl

Vicky Nakhumwa



DP French Orals

This week we'd love for you to have a little bit of an insight into DP languages. Our DP French teacher Pascale Pereira De Rezende, has shared an update on the DP language orals!

On March 23rd year 13 Language B students will do their Language B oral. This important exam is the culmination of many years of hard work dedicated to learning French or Spanish. Many students in Y13 already speak multiple languages, so learning these languages is an extra challenge. Nonetheless, Y13 students have demonstrated their dedication to these Languages through their hard work and constant improvements !

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On the 21st of March, I will be doing the French HL Oral which I have been preparing for the last year and a half. For the oral, I will be expected to pick 1 of 2 extracts from two French novels that I have studied in class, and orally analyse and discuss it in French. The first novel is called "Oscar et la Dame Rose", or Oscar and the Pink Lady. This novel is about the relationship between a young boy who suffers from cancer, and a lady who visits him in hospital to keep him company. The second book, "No et Moi " or No and Me, is about the friendship between two teenage girls, one privileged, intelligent but shy girl, Lou, and No, a funny and daring homeless girl as they face the challenges presented by life's inequalities. Afterwards, Mrs. Pereira and I will discuss in French about one of the five themes we have studied, including identity, experience and human ingenuity. Though I am quite nervous, I am very excited to push my language skills, and challenge myself to engage in conversations about real world problems.

Nimaye Nambiar

From the Rumba dance in Congo, to Couscous in Tunisia, to the upcoming French elections -- the French oral assessment has been an eye-opening experience into Francophone culture not just in France, but around the world. The culture, which resides at the heart of the subject, unifies the course's main themes together: Identity, Experiences, Human Ingenuity, Social Organisation, and finally, Sharing of the Planet. In relation to each theme, we choose one of five images provided by Ms. Pereira and begin a descriptive process that brings together our own opinion, culture, and experiences with French speaking communities across the world. After this, we will participate in a sort of Q&A with the teacher to explore relevant themes covering all five units. The assessment is the perfect opportunity to build coherent, reflective, and personal arguments in French as a way of engaging in its culture while thinking critically.

Iqra Tayub

The IB oral, though what seems to be a nerve-racking experience, is an opportunity to demonstrate our ability to speak french after 2 years of dedicated learning. The oral has less constraints than the writing and allows us to speak freely about an interesting topic we learnt in class. First, we get an image related to a topic we've studied. For example, an image about experiences, identity, the planet etc... Then we have 15 minutes to prepare and write down as many bullet points about the image as we can. We describe the image, the theme and analyse a deeper meaning - We also have to link the image to French-speaking culture. Next comes the oral. After the oral we are asked questions on other topics we have learnt in class and assessed on our ability to promptly respond to these questions. French in the IB is about continuous improvement and the oral is an opportunity for us to show just how much we've improved! Even if our French is not 100% correct and fluent, the fact that we can speak French in a real life context to some extent is super cool!



English Department Announcements

Our Head of English, James Brown, shares some English department updates below.

Double Down on Independent Reading

Good news! Next year, the independent reading program is being extended. Each MYP student will have a full lesson timetabled to read whatever they choose. In addition to this, the library is expanding their selection of books which the students will be able to choose from.

After School English Support

Since Tuesday 1st March, the English Department has been offering English support for any and all students. Feel free to drop in and ask your teachers about your assignments or English work in general. Please speak to your English teacher about how this could help you. Place: Year 13 khonde
Time: 2pm



Year 7 Tutor Lesson

The Y7s spent their Tutor time in a guided discussion about the conflict in Ukraine. The students were very knowledgeable and well informed about events happening, with some students being able to share facts and dates of the origin of the conflict. Students shared what they have learnt from the news, discussions with their families and peers. It was very clear to us that the students have been using their growing researching skills to read up on this matter. We were happy to provide a safe space for the students to discuss this topic and were so impressed by their maturity, willingness to share and listen.

Mr Montreuil and Mrs Maguire



**Disney Damsels
in Distress**

A GAL'S NIGHT IN
PRESENTED TO YOU BY THE BISHOP
MACKENZIE THEATRE DEPARTMENT.

★
Friday March 25, 2022 7-8:00pm
Pre Paid Tickets: 4000 (includes drink and snack)
on the door ticket: 2000 (no inclusion but food available to buy)
Location: Canteen
Dress code: comfy sleepwear and blanket

p.s Pre paid tickets collect from Miss Woods.
Food and drinks will be on sale at the event

BMIS presents...

SINGER'S NIGHT - A CALL FOR SINGERS!

Get ready for an amazing night of BMIS TALENT!

14 singers will get the chance to perform their favourite song with a live band!

Performances will be chosen using the following criteria:

- the quality of the vocals.
- if it is possible for a band to play.
- if it adds beauty/excitement/variety to the program.

Email Mr. Montreuil (d.montreuil@bmis.mw) for an audition time.

Open to singers of any style of music.

All decisions will be made before the April break.

(Rappers can apply if the song is clean!)

Singer's Night will be held on Friday, June 10th
BMIS Outdoor Stage - 6:30 pm start (sharp!)

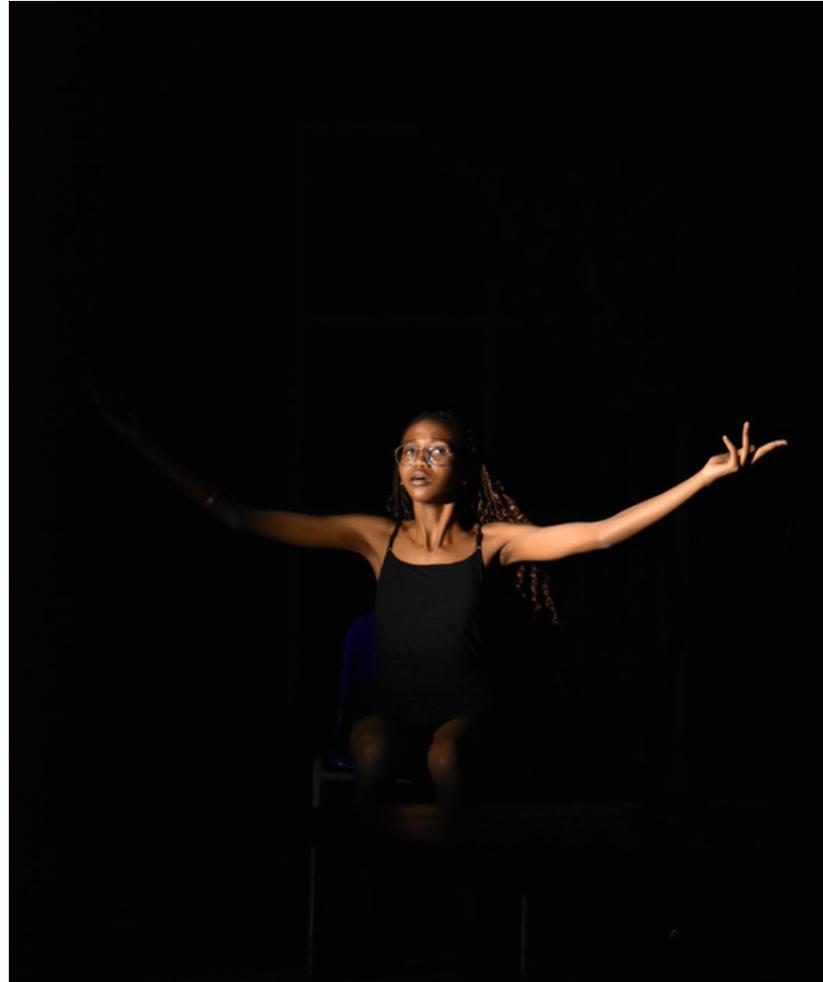
An invitation to the DP Arts Exhibition

Dear **BMIS Community**,

We request the pleasure of your company for the opening of the 2022 DP Arts Exhibition, "Viewpoint", on the 24th of March at 6:30pm in the Lower Hall. The evening is a celebration of two years of hard work from our DP Visual Arts and Theatre Students. They have put together an exhibition that is both challenging and inspiring.

This exhibition is a formal event and open to parents and members of the **community**. Due to some mature content in some of the artworks, the exhibition night is open to Year 10 students and above.

Live music, Kaza Kitchen canapé's will be provided and a cash bar will be available.



Put it in your calendar:

Tuesday 15th March

Secondary Inter-House Swim Gala. Parents welcome.

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Year 13 parents transitions workshop @7.30am in the Secondary Library. Lead by our Secondary Counsellor, Mariella Vittetoe Castillo.

Thursday 17th March

STUCO assembly @1.00pm in the lower hall. Parents welcome. Student performances including the winners of the Talent Show.

Friday 18th March

STUCO presents: Secondary Student Disco @6.30-9.00pm in the Lower Hall. BMIS students only. Tickets MK2000 presale or MK4000 at the door.

Thursday 24th March

DP Arts Exhibition @6.30pm in the lower hall. BMIS community welcome; due to mature content an age restriction of Year 10 students and above please.

Friday 25th March

Damsels in Distress theatre performance @7.00-8.00pm in the Canteen. MWK4000/ticket

Friday 1st April

Year 13 students' last day; last day of Term 2. School closes @12.15pm

Tuesday 19th April

First day of Term 3 - welcome back!

Join BMIS STUCO

on Tuesday 15th March

for some delicious treats

Swimming Gala Food Price List

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| Fizzers | 2 FOR 500 |
| Lollipops | 200 |
| Freezers | 2 FOR 500 |
| Shawarma | 4000 |
| Brownies | 1000 |
| Soft Drinks | 1000 |