



# IN THE LOOP

## UPDATES FOR BMIS SECONDARY PARENTS

**13th October 2023**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had an extremely productive half term with our students being actively engaged in many aspects of school life. They are occupied in classroom activities and developing important life skills and qualities as global citizens.

Involvement in community projects, participation in leadership seminars, and organizing events like Spirit Week, and Week Without Walls activities are all valuable experiences that can help students develop leadership, teamwork, and social skills. These activities also promote a sense of community and responsibility among our students.

The Duke of Edinburgh trip is another commendable achievement that took place last week. This programme is known for its focus on personal development and outdoor activities, and participating in such trips can help students build resilience, self-confidence, and a sense of adventure.

In keeping you up to date with our Joint Evaluation Visit, (CIS/NEASC, IB), we are now breathing life into our shared definitions for 'High Quality Learning' and 'Intercultural Awareness'. In this journey, we are guided by the Council of International School's Teaching and Learning Continuum. This has been designed to help schools assess their current position and establish clear steps forward. By having subject departments utilize this continuum to set specific goals and focus areas, we are creating a systematic approach to enhancing the quality of education and fostering intercultural awareness within our school.

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### Duke of Edinburgh Hike

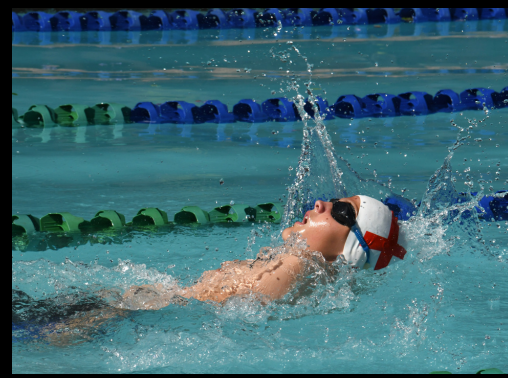


## The First BMIS Swim Meet for the Year

The BMIS swim team held its first Internal swim meet gala on Friday, October 6th, after school. There were over 100 swimmers from the Primary and Secondary school and they all swam exceptionally well. It was happy with their performances, their gutsy races and their great sportsmanship. Well done to all our swimmers and thank you to all of our parents for volunteering their time to make the meet run

George Carpouzis, Aquatics Coordinator

The BMIS swim coaching staff are wearing our new Wild Dogs t-shirts!



## Duke of Edinburgh Hike

During our recent practice hike at Khoma Mountain, we had a group of approximately 13 students. Our adventure began at 7 a.m., and we didn't return until around 1 p.m. The bronze participants gained a real sense of what hiking involves, gaining a deeper understanding of the activity. In contrast, the silver participants found hiking quite manageable and relished the chance to enjoy the fresh breeze at one of Khoma Mountain's peaks.

Congratulations to the following students for successfully qualifying for their Bronze Award (2022/23 Cohort):

1. Barakah Muluzi
2. Darwyn Montreuil
3. Yuri Cho
4. Zoey Montreuil
5. Lucas Almeida
6. Nina Derrick
7. Ana Almeida

Special mention goes to Claire Veen, a former BMIS student, who achieved the distinction of being the first student to qualify for the Gold Award in 2023, marking a significant milestone in BMIS's history since the inception of the Award.

Maya Zainga Duke of Ed. Coordinator

## AISA (Association of Int. Schools in Africa) Conference in Nairobi

Our Sports and Activities Coordinator, Neil Black travelled to Kenya to take part in the AISA conference. Over two days, he managed to connect with other Athletic Directors around the African continent and gain accreditation in the 'National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association' courses 901 and 902. This experience will allow BMIS to raise its sporting profile in line with other flagship schools within southern Africa.

### U 18 Netball Team

The U18 Netball team continues to thrive with 25 High School girls attending squad training to improve their skills. This week, two different teams took on a strong adult team; The Panthers and came out victorious, with the final score of 21-20.

In a second close encounter, the girls were edged out by an athletic 'teachers' team (Netball Ninjas!) in a low scoring game (8-7). One of our main athletic objectives is to give as many opportunities to our students to play competitive sport in a safe environment, something that these games help us achieve.

Well done to all members of the U18 Netball squad!



### U15 Football

The U15 Boys Football team took on Paramount last weekend and came out 3-2 winners in a tight game.



### ECP

There will be no ECP's during the first week back after the holidays. The ECP schedule for quarter two will be sent out today at 4:00 pm for everyone to peruse. This will give students and parents the opportunity to discuss what ECP's they will be participating in. I will also attach the whole school sports timetable so that parents with children in both schools can plan accordingly.

The Google Sign Up form for the ECP Q2 will be sent on Monday 23rd October at 8:00 am.

Neil Black

BMIS Sports Coordinator

### The International Maths Challenge

The Online Simulated Maths Challenge (OSMC)

conducted by the International Maths Challenge (IMC) is

back this year and will be conducted online on November 25-26. Since BMIS is a Selected School, our students can attempt the Challenge without fees. The Maths Challenge provides a couple of value-added services, which attract a fee, but you can opt for the 'Exam only' free version. Any interested students will participate online from home. This is a single-round event

If your child is interested in participating, you must first create a login and enroll [here](#) using the code BMI@IMO in the fees section. This code reduces the fees of any of the 4 Selected School courses by \$27, making the first course ('Exam only') a free version.

The registration process is outlined [here](#) and the code for BMIS is BMI@IMO



Hazel Drummond Leader of Learning Mathematics

## The BMIS 8th Grade Trip to Cape MacClear-student observations

On the first full day of our Week Without Walls trip, we went to a school for little kids to teach them sports, maths, and other activities we do at BMIS. Afterward, the little kids proceeded to teach us games that they would play at their school and then we left the school and walked back to where we were staying. Later that same day we went to a garden for a restaurant and helped rake, watered, weeded, and planted. The next morning, after breakfast, a man came to our lodge and taught the students and teachers how to cut glass bottles with a rope and tire rubber. They would turn the glass bottle into a glass cup and some people got to engrave a message into their cups that they then bought. Finally, in the afternoon, the teachers gathered everyone to walk to a paper recycling place where we would learn how the local recycled paper and made cards to sell. -Caellum and Paul.



The bus ride was one of the best parts of day one because everybody was singing and chilling together. Soon, everybody was jumping into the pool at the lodge and splashing each other with water. The thing we all enjoyed on the next day was when we all went to the school. I think that everyone enjoyed teaching the children at the Cape Maclear school new things. Later on Wednesday, everybody liked helping in the garden because it was very interesting and many of the students loved to carry the water. On the third day, we tried out something new that we didn't think we would ever do in our lives, which was making glass cups out of used bottles. It was also so cheap to buy (1500 MKW). When we had the talent show at the end of the day, that was so fun and everybody laughed. -Ibrahim

During the trip, I made a new best friend within the school where we taught. When we drove to the lake, we sang a lot of songs during the bus ride and had some snacks. On Wednesday night, we did a quiz on general knowledge. It was so hot, so we swam in the pool whenever we could. We did service activities such as gardening, going to a school and teaching kids maths, and glass making. We also enjoyed playing card games with friends and teachers such as UNO, SKYJO, etc.  
By: Ansi, Louise, Ujala, Reese, Jessica

### Up and Coming Events

Monday 16th October-Sunday 22nd October Mid-Term Break

Monday 23rd-Friday 27th- No ECP's (Unless students are involved in supervised coaching activities they are expected to go home straight after school. We do not provide after-school supervision as teachers are involved in meetings and planning).

Thursday 26th October-Coffee and Connect Wellbeing for all parent session 7.30 am-8.30 am, in the library

Tuesday 31st October-Grade 6 Robin Hood Panto., 6.30 pm-7.30 pm Upper Hall

Wednesday 1st November-Diwali

If you feel like being part of the choir, please join Miss Carmen, parents and teachers every Monday morning from 7:10 to 7:50 am in Miss Carmen's music room.