

Westwood News



Westwood International School

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Our Mission Statement

Westwood International School provides a quality international education that enables students to meet future challenges as confident, socially responsible, life-long learners.

Our Vision

Inspiring Excellence – Instilling Wisdom.

FROM THE SCHOOL HEAD

Green Fields and Gardens!

Dear Student and Parents,

Welcome back from our Term 1 Mid – Term Break - how lovely to have a week just passed of rain and cloud, allowing for our beautiful fields to turn an even deeper shade of green, as well as helping our newly developing gardens!

A reminder that the annual AISA – African International Schools Association – Conference revolving around Leadership, and Child Protection, is now taking place in Nairobi, Kenya, from today – Sunday, March 1- March 5. Our SLT will be in attendance, with the exception of Mr Archie, who is currently Acting Head of School in my absence until Monday, March 5.

Last Reminder!!

Boys and Fathers / Male Guardians Night Out! Friday, 9 March 2018

Girls and Mothers / Female Guardian's Night Out! Friday, 23 March 2018

Coffee Chat

When: Wednesday, 7 March

4:30 – 6 p.m.

Where: School Foyer

Topic: Open to Parents!

I wish you all a gentle and joyful week-end.

Warmly yours,
Mr. Matthew
Matthew Kirby
Head of School

FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

A Visit to Reception A and Reception B by Tanya Fern, Physiotherapist

On Wednesday 21 February 2018 Reception A and Reception B hosted a very special visitor, Tanya Fern. Tanya is a physiotherapist based in Gaborone.

Our Unit of Inquiry is “Look at me”, and we have been inquiring into our physical characteristics and abilities. Some of our students had asked questions that prompted the visit by Tanya, among these were:

- What makes me move?
- What bones are in my arms and legs?
- What makes my arms and legs bend?
- What is inside of me?
- Why do we have bones and muscles?
- What is under my skin?

Tanya brought a life-size model of a person, and showed the students the muscles, bones and veins inside our bodies.



The students discovered that there are joints all over our bodies, and that muscles are attached to our bones. The muscles help us stretch, run and jump. Our bodies are amazing!



Tanya also told the students about how they grow. The students discovered that we grow from growth plates at the ends of the bones, and not from the middle of the bones.



The students also had the opportunity to see how x-rays can show where bones are broken.

The visit ended with the students being allowed to look at an x-ray of a broken arm, which was fascinating for them to see. Some students commented on having had broken bones before and how they were treated. What a worthwhile visit it was!

Reception A and Reception B would like to extend our heartfelt thank you to Tanya for being so willing to visit us and answer all our big questions. We would also like to extend our gratitude to Mrs De Jager for supporting our inquiry by allowing such pivotal visitors into our classrooms.

Year 2 B Summative Assessment celebration on “A Healthy Me is a Happy Me”





FROM THE SECONDARY SCHOOL

Group 4 project: Sciences

On the 7th of February 2018, we began working on the Group 4 project. We kick-started our journey by first separating into our groups assigned to us by the *Science Department*. We worked together as a team and came up with ideas for the project. Once each group had come to a decision for their topic, as a class we had to collectively think of the general theme that all our ideas could fall under. After a quick voting session, we came to the decision that the theme for this year should be “The Effect of Diverse Technologies in the Learning Environment”.



For the next two weeks, several groups got together in their own time, to prepare for “Action”. During this session, we had to carry out our investigations. Some groups chose to simultaneously write-up the remaining bits and pieces of the report, to ensure full productivity of the time given to us.



Our Group 4 projects were quite different from each other, which made them even more interesting!

Team	Group 4 Project	Group Members
1	The Relationship between the Power Consumption and Water Production by Air conditioners around the School	Mieke Chad Ashleigh Chen Yan Aman
2	Quality of Health Facilities at Westwood	Cyril Samuel Kai Michelle Danita
3	Effect of Sound on Learning	Kui Dimitrije Natasha Thabang Setso
4	The Impact of Technology on the Amount of Radiation Emitted	Nili Baisana Asad Motse Zoya
5	Impact of Different Music Genres on Problem-solving	Kirsten Nilaye Tirivashe Dolly Nafia

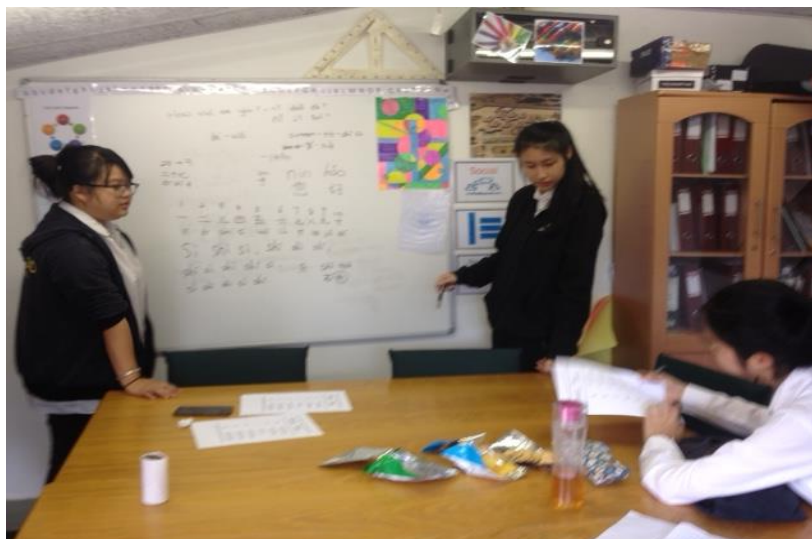
-By NILI (Year 13).

Cindy Year 12 and Ya Xuan Year 11, as well as Julie Year 11 offer Mandarin and Korean lesson to interested students. The language under study rotates on a fortnightly basis. We have had good attendance in the Korean lessons with 9 people attending to learn the basics. This week the language was Mandarin and the students learnt how to greet different people, to ask their age and the numbers from 1-10.

This is a perfect example of International Mindedness in action giving opportunity for people to learn how to communicate with each other in a common tongue.

Well done to our Mandarin and Korean teachers for sharing their knowledge and culture and also to all students who attend in the name of building communities.

-Nicola Lebanna



Dates for your Diary

<u>Dates to Remember</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday, 5 March	Secondary 3-Way Conferences Year 10-Year 13 only. NO school for Y7, 8, 9 and 12. Year 11 and 13 will have scheduled supervised work time.
Tuesday, 6 March	Lower Primary Assembly at 12:25, Theatre
Wednesday, 7 March	Upper Primary Assembly at 12:25, Theatre
Monday, 12 March	Secondary 3-Way Conferences Year 7-Year 9 only. NO school for Y7, 8, 9 and 12. Year 11 and 13 will have scheduled supervised work time.
Tuesday, 13 March	Secondary ManageBac Information Session 1 (BYOD) between 12:15 - 13:10
Tuesday, 20 March	Lower Primary Assembly at 12:25, Theatre
Wednesday, 21 March	Upper Primary Assembly at 12:25, Theatre
Tuesday, 21 March	MYP Year 11 Parent Information Session
Friday, 6 April	CAS Celebration. All IBDP parents invited
Tuesday, 10 April	Secondary ManageBac Information Session 2 (BYOD), 12:15 -13:00
Wednesday, 11 April	PYP 3-Way Conference, 7:00 to 15:00, Homerooms
Thursday, 12 April	PYP 3-Way Conference, 7:00 to 15:00, Homerooms