

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

Child Protection/ Health and Safety

Dear Students and Parents,

With regard to Child Protection/ Health and Safety of each and every one of our WIS students forefront, the IB/CIS/NEASC Visiting Team(VT) who were with us last week recommended that the school strengthen the safety and security of our campus in a number of important areas - our Lockdown Procedure, our entrance and exits into, and from , our school campus, adults, both parents and visitors, on campus, securing the Secondary area between the new, and older, portables as a pedestrian only area, and signage for our evacuation routes, and for our toilet areas, were all important areas that our VT recommended we work on as efficaciously as possible.

Please stay tuned for changes in the above areas which will serve to make our lovely school as safe as possible!

Welcome home to all the Year 6 students from their six day Spirit of Adventure outdoor camp – from building rafts, and go – carts, and racing them, to rock climbing, abseiling, obstacle courses, and capturing lanterns, the week was a huge success! Certainly our Year 6 students learned much about team work, combined with independence.

A final reminder on the financial front, with my great thanks to all parents who have paid their Term 1 and Term 2 tuitions fees for their child(ren). Your commitment to your child(ren)'s education is, of course, vital.

To those families who have not yet completed their outstanding tuition fee payment, a reminder that proof of payment reserves an ongoing place for your child(ren) in Term 2.

If payment is not made for Term's 1 and 2, your child(ren) will no longer be able to attend our lovely school, until such payment is made. If any family has any questions concerning any and/or all financial matters pertaining to tuition fees, please call Mr. Nyasha Majoni, our Business Manager, at: 7134 5404.

Again, proof of payment reserves an ongoing place for your child(ren) in Term 2.

Coffee Chat

When: Wednesday, June 13, 2018

4:30 – 6 p.m.

Where: School Foyer

Topic: Open to Parents!

I wish you all a most productive and peaceful week-end.

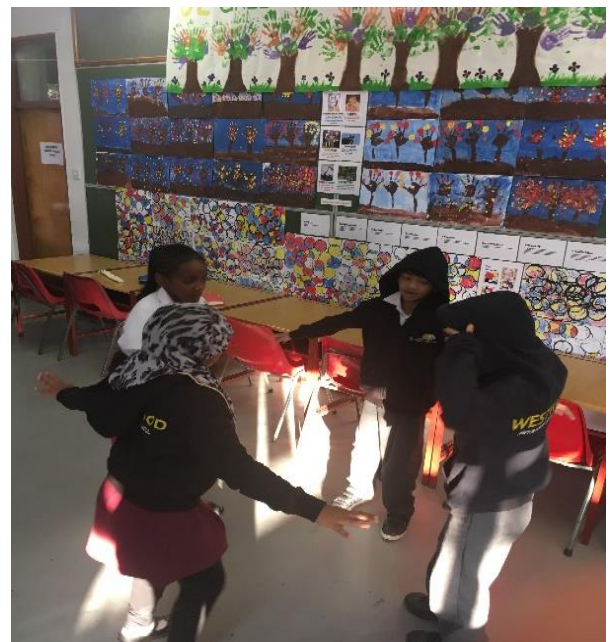
Warmly yours,
Mr. Matthew
Matthew Kirby
Head of School

WIS PTA Meetings

PTA meetings are held on the last Thursday of every month. **BOTH PARENTS AND TEACHERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SEND ISSUES THEY WISH TO DISCUSS DURING THE MEETING TO ptaexecutive@westwood.ac.bw.** The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday the 28th of June 2018 at 17:30hrs** in the School Library.

FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Year 5 Arts students have been learning about: *How we organize ourselves in Dance*. We are investigating questions such as: What is choreography? Can you connect movement to music, word and sound? How do you plan a dance using dance notation? Here are some photos of 5B choreographing to connect movement to music, word and sound.



During Integrated Arts Year 6 have been given the task to choose either Dance, Drama or Visual Art to express real world conflicts and possible resolutions. Here are some photos of year 6 discussing and drawing up plans in teams.



FROM THE SECONDARY SCHOOL

Poetry Writing

Year 9 and 10 students were asked to write a few poems in their English class this week. The study and writing of poetry is important in their preparation for their exams in IB2. The students came up with incredibly **thought-provoking** poetry that dealt with themes of isolation, fear and inequality.

Well done year students!



Salman, Cami, Leane, Wazha, Tavonga, Zahra, Sibongile
(Missing): Kaone, Biwei, Zhiwei, Shaun



Lagago, Mohamed, Amira, Victor, JJ, Danai, Lloyd, Mustafa, Sindy, Amantle, Matthew, Iris (Mengyue),
Mythreyan,Letso, Rethabile (Missing: Kajal)

FROM THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT

Westwood vs Rainbow U/15 Soccer Match

On 30 May 2018 Westwood U/15 soccer team played Rainbow at Westwood. This match was very hard and tough, the final score being 3-1 to Westwood. Tiisetso, Phazha and lagago scored one goal each. Westwood's defence in the second half was fantastic and Rainbow had no chance to score a goal. As a coach I am happy with our overall team performance. This was Westwood's second game. Westwood are now unbeaten for two games. Many thanks to our coach Mr Taraz. The team is working on their fitness level.

Players: Victor, Okedi, Phahza ©, Abo, Lagago, Talome, Gottlieb, Muhammed, Jeremy, Sean, Sean, Lorako and Tiisetso

- Salman 10A

Re: Sponsorship of the 'Westwood International School' Yearbook 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

Westwood International School (WIS) is a not for profit co-educational English-language day school enrolling students from Pre-School through Year 13. WIS serves the local and international community of Gaborone. Students enrolled in the school come from 39 different countries, including Botswana (55%), South Africa (8%), United Kingdom (3%), India (8%), USA (5%), Germany (1%) and more. Our teaching staff comes from 17 different nationalities. The school is accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS) and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and the International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO).

Today we are approaching you to offer a unique opportunity to reach a very selective clientele by advertising in our 2018 Yearbook which will be published in early February, 2019. As in previous years, the WIS Yearbook will feature photographs and memories of the present academic year. Yearbooks have a long tradition in WIS and it is given free of charge to all our students and families. This Yearbook, which has a distribution of 650 copies, is also given to all our prospective parents who visit the school, as well as being sent to companies, corporates and associations in the city.

WIS is inviting potential advertisers for placing an advertisement in the publication and thus contributing to the cost of the production of this 100-page full colour publication.

The rate for the advertisement is as follows:

| Option | Size | Position (Full Colour) | Cost |
|---------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| A | Full Page | Inside front cover | P5,500.00 |
| B | Full Page | Inside back cover | P5,000.00 |
| E | Full Page | Inside pages (A4 size) | P3,500.00 |
| F | Half Page | Inside pages (A5 size) | P2,000.00 |

If you would like to place an advertisement in our Yearbook please contact Nidhi at nibhatnagar@westwood.ac.bw.

To meet printing deadlines advertising material will need to be submitted by 26th October 2018.

We hope for your support and shall look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Nidhi Bhatnagar
Yearbook Editor

Mr. Matthew Kirby
Head of School

Dates for your Diary

| <u>Dates to Remember</u> | <u>Event</u> |
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| Tuesday, 5 June | Lower Primary Assembly at 12:25, Theatre |
| Wednesday, 6 June | Upper Primary Assembly at 12:25, Theatre |
| Wednesday, 13 June | Y6 Exhibition Information session |
| Wednesday, 30 May | Coffee Chat, 4:30 – 6 p.m., School Foyer |
| Friday, 15 June | Reception Information Session |
| Friday, 22 June | PYP Information Session |
| Thursday, 28 June | Climate March |
| Friday, 29 June | Mid-Term Break |
| Monday, 2 July | Public holiday |