

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

Have It All!

Dear Students and Parents,

On our WIS Child Protection/ Health and Safety front, on Thursday morning this week our entire Secondary School was privileged to view “Have It All”, a United States of America Embassy Production, in coordination with the Botswana Ministry of Health and Wellness.

Westwood happily welcomed Ms. Sarah Sullivan, US AID Communications Advisor, and producer of “Have It All”, with her colleague, Ms. Mackenzie Borash, Peace Corps Volunteer with PEPFAR: “The President’s Emergency Relief Plan for Aids Relief”, together with the five stars of the documentary, ranging in age from 20 to 71 years old:

Maria and Edwin Motse, Stanley Monagang, Mecedee Kewamodimo, and Pontso Sekisang, all Botswana citizens living productive lives while at the same time receiving HIV treatment.

The US Embassy launched ‘Have It all’ on May 22 this year, with President Masisi in attendance, and the documentary premiered in cinemas in Botswana on May 30.

The documentary itself, revolving around the successes and challenges of the five stars’ day to day lives, was clearly deeply engaging for our Secondary students, and I was profoundly proud of our students, from throughout Year 7 – 13, as they asked thoughtful and insightful questions, listening intently, during the question and answer period which followed. It was also most inspiringly moving to see, and listen to, the courage and forthrightness of the five stars.

WIS made the decision to have the Secondary only see the documentary as, in the Primary, during the past Unit of Inquiry: Adolescence, Year 6 had meaningful discussions about body changes, responsibilities, and managing social changes. A qualified doctor was invited to address biological changes in separate gender groups. The focus was to make our Year 6 students aware of this stage of growth. Because “Have It All” focusses more on living with HIV, early testing and appropriate medication, it was felt that the Year 6 students are not yet in this phase of the education cycle. It was therefore decided by Ms. De Jager and the Primary Team to address the content of the documentary

during Primary Social and Emotional: SEL, lessons, as the Year 6 students progress through the remainder of the school year.

As an IB World School, WIS recognizes that the action taken by Botswana in response to HIV/AIDS is inspirational. The documentary, and the stars, also eloquently made it clear that, with 14,000 new infections occurring each year, that there continues to be much work to be done by all Batswana, as well as well as by all of us who live, study and work in Botswana.

Again, with Child Protection/ Health and Safety forefront, with my great thanks to all parents for working so productively throughout this past week with our parking situation which, one step at a time, is becoming much safer. The entire Secondary area between the new, and older, portables, is now a pedestrian only area, and it has been happily noted that parents are dropping off their child(ren) in the front parking lot with even more efficiency than previously, as well as using the north gate, where we now have two of our Work Team, with the same increased efficiency!

Much more will be accomplished in the coming weeks.

On the financial front, to those families who have not yet completed their outstanding tuition fee payment, an ongoing 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.

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Coffee Chat

When: Wednesday, June 13, 2018

4:30 – 6 p.m.

Where: School Foyer

Topic: Security

I wish you all a happily gentle week-end!

Warmly yours,

Mr. Matthew

Matthew Kirby

Head of School

FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Year 2 Unit of Inquiry is Botswana - A Sense of Place.

We are currently learning about: The unique physical features and symbols of Botswana.



Rafiwa Baitsole and Anele Dipatane are holding the Coat of Arms and Oosi Ditshane from Year 2 C is showing us sorghum that is a part of the Coat of Arms.

The Coat of Arms of Botswana was adopted on January 25, 1966. The center shield is supported by two zebras. The shape of the shield is that of traditional shields found in Southern Africa. On the top portion of the shield are three cogwheels that represent industry.

The three waves symbolize water, and reminds the viewer of the motto of the nation: pula, which mean "rain", but also good luck, and is the name of the nation's currency. This motto also highlights the import water to Botswana. The motto is found at the bottom of the coat of arms on a blue ribbon.

At the bottom of the shield is the head of a bull, which symbolizes the importance of cattle-herding in Botswana. The two zebras also symbolize the importance of wildlife, through tourism, in the national economy. Also, zebras have black and white stripes which represent equality of people of all colors in Botswana. The zebra on the right holds an ear of sorghum, an important crop in the nation. The zebra on the left holds a tusk of ivory, which reminds us of the former ivory trade in Botswana and the need for wildlife preservation. Now, Botswana has one of the highest elephant populations in Africa.

FROM THE SECONDARY SCHOOL

The Language Acquisition Phase 1 groups are currently learning about schools. This includes subjects, facilities and timetables. With their knowledge, the Year 10 students wrote a description of our school:

« L'école internationale Westwood est mixte. C'est une école pour les garçons et les filles. Elle comporte une école primaire, une école secondaire et un lycée. Au total, il y a six cents élèves. L'école Internationale Westwood a une petite bibliothèque, un théâtre et deux salles d'informatique. Il y a une piscine, deux grands terrains de sport, un terrain de basket, un terrain de volley et deux terrains de tennis.

Les élèves de l'école primaire ont entre cinq et onze ans. L'école primaire dure sept ans. Il y a trois cent quarante-neuf élèves. L'école secondaire dure cinq ans. Les élèves ont entre douze et seize ans. L'école comprend cent quatre-vingt-dix-huit élèves. Le lycée est assez petit avec cinquante-trois élèves. Ils ont entre dix-sept et dix-neuf ans. Le lycée dure deux ans.

À Westwood, les matières scolaires sont les maths, les sciences, la technologie, l'anglais, le français, le théâtre, la musique, l'informatique, l'histoire, l'éducation physique... »

écrit par *Andy, Biweji, Leane, Leero, Lerako, Mo Han et Zhiwei.*



FROM THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT

Soccer: Westwood vs Phakalane U/15 Soccer Match

On the 6, June 2018 Westwood U/15 soccer team played Phakalane at Westwood. This match was hard and tough, the final score being 4-0 to Westwood. Tiisetso, Okedi scored one goal each and Lagago scored two goals. Westwood's defence and midfield were good, and the goal keeper, Lorako, saved a brilliant penalty. As a coach I am happy with the overall team performance. This was Westwood's third game. Westwood are now unbeaten for three games. The whole team performance was good, but there is still room for improvement.

Players: *Victor, Okedi, Phahza @, Abo, Lagago, Talome, Gottlieb, Jeremy, Sean Mushisha, Sean, Lorako, J.J, Tiisetso, Letlotlo and Pansche.*

Netball:

The Secondary Netball season is in full swing with the girl's playing their third game against Phakalane School yesterday. The girls have really been training hard and the commitment among the members is commendable. The girls played their first game against TLC with the Under 19 team winning by 16 goals to 8 and the Under 15 girls narrowly losing the game with 5 goals to 8 goals. The second game took place at Rainbow School, and despite the tough competition and a very physical game, both teams won. Yesterday, the girls faced Phakalane and both the Under 15 team and the Under 19 team won their games very convincingly with 20 goals to 3 and 19 goals to 4.

Our greatest thanks to Chedza, our coach, and for all the support from the parents.

On an exciting note, the teams will be travelling to Francistown to compete in the Annual ISSSA Soccer and Netball competition which will take place 22 – 24 June.

On another note, Mr. Maphosa will continue to coach the U9 Soccer team on Friday afternoons from 12:30 until 13:30pm.

Dates for your Diary

<u>Dates to Remember</u>	<u>Event</u>
Wednesday, 13 June	Y6 Exhibition Information session
Wednesday, 13 June	Coffee Chat, 4:30 – 6 p.m., School Foyer
Friday, 15 June	Reception Information Session
Tuesday, 19 June	Lower Primary Assembly at 12:25, Theatre
Wednesday, 20 June	Upper Primary Assembly at 12:25, Theatre
Friday, 22 June	PYP Information Session
Thursday, 28 June	Climate March
Friday, 29 June	Mid-Term Break
Monday, 2 July	Public holiday