



Our Mission

Providing a balanced and innovative international education that enables students to achieve their individual potential while preparing them to be successful citizens who make positive contributions to society and the world.



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Head of School Notes

Dear ISZ Community

Our community has been abuzz with conversations about corona on the island and the measures the school is taking to respond to this unique challenge. We are very much aware

that within our community we have different opinions on the subject, and as the Head of School I am keenly aware that there is no such thing as a perfect solution that pleases all community members. Please rest assured that whatever precautionary measures we have taken are of a temporary nature. The administration of ISZ and the Board of Trustees thank all of you who have shared your opinions and feelings on this matter. Our pandemic committee will be meeting today at 3pm to discuss the current situation. We have solicited input from our health experts and will be discussing their findings. If any changes are made to the existing protocol, I will inform you immediately after the meeting. Please stand by for more news.

On a more beautiful note, I would like to draw your attention to a wonderful concert that one of our parents is organizing here in Zanzibar. Originally, we had planned on holding this event at school, and we deeply regret that under the current circumstances we cannot offer the school as a venue. Please scroll down to the end of the newsletter to learn more about the Russian balalaika virtuoso Michail Kandaurov.

Thank you all for your understanding and continued support.

Sincerely,

Dr. James W. Pilton

Science with Mrs. M-B

Y7s have started their first physics unit with the study of waves. They have identified that waves are all around them. They are observable in the ocean that surrounds Zanzibar, but they also make up how we experience the world of sight and sound. They are learning how transverse and longitudinal waves transfer energy, not material mediums, perpendicular or parallel to the waves respectively. The Y7s will further gain insight into how factors such as amplitude, wavelength, and frequency can all influence our perception of waves. Overall our virtual classes have been going well, and the Y7s are committed to learning whether it be in person or over Zoom.



Year 8 with Mr. Anthony

Once again Year 8 has really stepped up to working virtually this week. With the exception of those currently off the island, every single student has attended every lesson. I am very proud to be teaching such a committed and awesome group. With their commitment and effective online lesson's, I can honestly say we have covered the same amount of content online this week as we would have in the classroom, which is fantastic. Their self-motivation and drive to do their absolute best, even while online, is a reflection of their growth, maturity and responsibility. The class helps support each other, work together when they are not in an online class and are engaged for the whole school day. During this week they have embodied the ISZ personal goals of Respect, Communication, Empathy, Adaptability and Cooperation. This group continues to go from strength to strength, raise each other up and advance academically as a whole class. You can be very proud of yourself Year 8!

Year 9 English with Ms. Lynda

Our year nine students are currently reading, writing about, and discussing Harper Lee's novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Beginning in the late 1950's, the novel examines racial inequity and human rights violations in the Southern state of Alabama within a socially and politically charged America. In addition to falling in love with the characters of Atticus, Jem, and Scout Finch, their housekeeper (though very much a member of the family), Calpurnia, and the still mysterious Boo Radley, students are also studying historical primary sources. They are considering Robert Kennedy's 1963 Report on Civil Rights to the President of the United States, white supremacists' propaganda materials, Dr. Martin Luther King Junior's speeches and letters, and doing a self-directed mini-research activity about civil rights in the Southern states in the U.S. As we continue to think, read, and write our way over this bridge from year 9 to IGCSE English, students are continuing to explore worlds beyond their own, and learning to apply the skills necessary to succeed in their future English studies. They are an amazing, thoughtful group of young men and women of whom their families can be very proud. I am proud of them too!



Swahili with Mrs. Ashura

In IGCSE Swahili this week, we have been learning about letter writing. We started with writing different types of letters eg: A friendly letter, formal letter, phone letter and an editor's letter. The students have been very excited about learning to write different types of letters as it's something like a forgotten art form because nobody really writes real letters anymore. We will be continuing with writing different types of advertisements.

Dear ISZ Community,

I trust all are well and healthy.

I would like to invite everyone to a very special cultural event, hosted by Zanzi Resort in collaboration with the Russian-Tanzanian Cultural - the Concert of the outstandingly talented musician, composer, virtuoso balalaika performer, Michail Kandaurov. This event has been given a thorough consideration in light of the

current developments on the island, and planned concert at ISZ was cancelled. But despite all the challenges, it's been decided to still hold the performance at Zanzi Resort, with all precautionary measures followed and appropriate procedures in place. Number of seats are VERY limited (due to social distancing regulations), so I would ask you to please reserve your seat by WhatsApping me on +255 773 550 098.

Nominal entrance fees of \$15 are aiming to support the Dhow Countries Music Academy, as proceeds will be donated to DCMA.

Save the date.

When – 9th of March, 18h00.

Where – ZanziResort, Kama, Mangapwani.

Tickets reservation – WhatsApp +255 773 550 098.

Don't miss the unique opportunity to admire classical music performed by an exceptionally talented musician.

<https://youtu.be/IJc934zXBrc>

With best wishes,

Katya Kalashnikova

*Concert of
Classical Music*

\$15 per person

Michail Kandarov
Balalaika virtuoso, awardee
of national and international
music competitions

Zanzi Resort
Kama

9TH
MARCH

6pm

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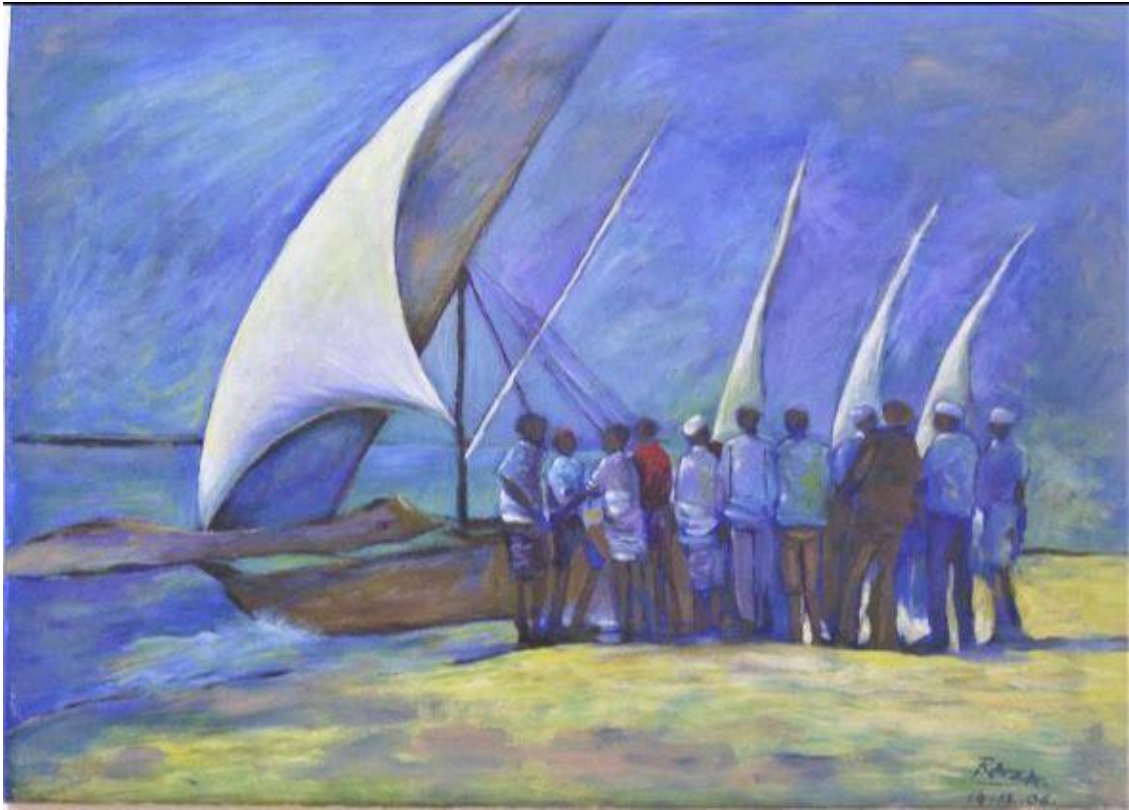
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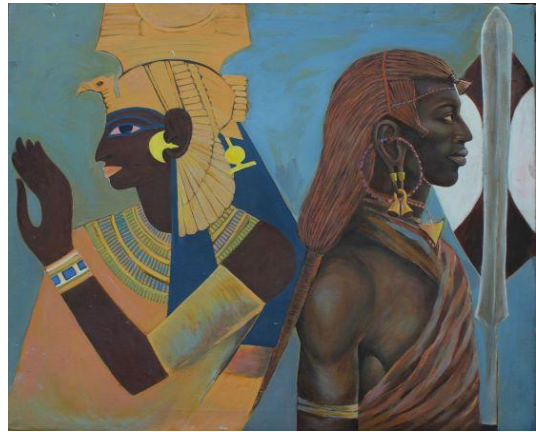
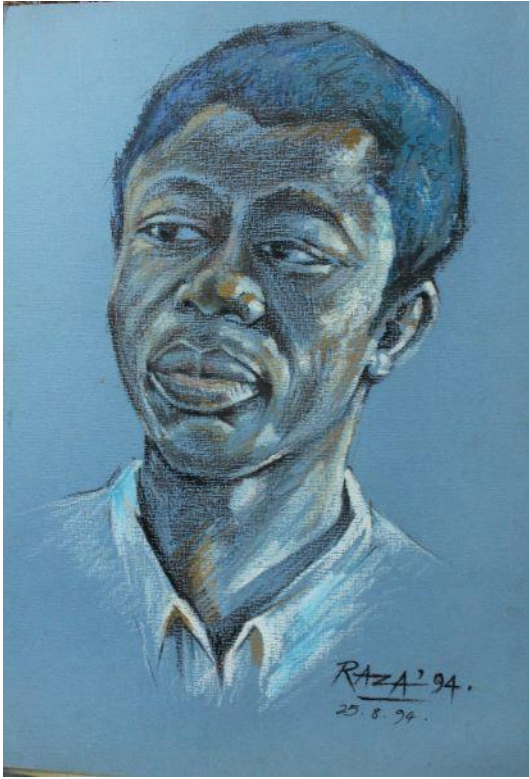
*...from Russia
with love!*

Social distancing and other preventive measures will be followed

The Art of Raza Mohammed

Mrs. Wild has obtained special permission from the artist to publish a few pictures of his art work right here in the ISZ newsletter. Thank you very much, indeed. We hope you will enjoy this wonderful artist's work!





Talking to Your Child About Covid-19

Here is a wonderful resource shared by one of our parents about how to talk to your child about the current pandemic and what children can do to stay safe and help stop the spread of the disease. It even has the PDF file for download.

Thank you Maha for passing this on.

Have a great day.

<https://interagencystandingcommittee.org/iasc-reference-group-mental-health-and-psychosocial-support-emergency-settings/actions-heroes-guide-heart-heart-chats-children-accompany-reading-my-hero-you-how-kids-can-fight>



UPCOMING EVENTS

- OFFICE HOURS FROM 8AM TO 3:30PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
- End of term 2 on March 17
- March 18/19 Parent Teacher Conferences
- Pink Shirt Day - postponed

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