



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 Message

Dear Parents and Students

It is easy to be lulled into a false sense of security that we may feel in our little ISZ bubble. The reality is that the Covid pandemic is active in our Zanzibar community. We all need to remain vigilant around our basic routines; regular hand washing, social-distancing, wearing masks, and staying at home when we are not well.

Rich learning opportunities were created for our students again this week; we had a small group of Year 11 French students who went on an outing to Stone Town and practised their French in a number of ways in different settings. The Primary students enjoyed a literacy feast as they celebrated World Literacy Day (with hundreds of schools world -wide) and at our Friday Jamii our Secondary students got to listen to the speeches of two potential candidates vying for the role of Vice President of the Student Council as well as a message from the

These are just a few examples of the rich and varied opportunities created by our teachers for our students.

Friday, 17th September is an in-service day for our teachers. There will be no school for our students.

A school environment where we support each other reflects a culture of caring and understanding. This is important not just for the leaders of our school but for all of us in our community. Part of what underpins support and care for each other is that we are good listeners and we value 'open' conversations where we can talk through our concerns. So, what does this look like in school? If there is a problem or you have a concern please make the time to meet with the teacher to share your concern and find solutions together.

Our thoughts are with Mr Salum our Campus Supervisor, he was recently involved in a road accident and is recovering at home. We wish Mr Salum a speedy recovery.

"Education is the most powerful weapon that you can use to change the world."

Nelson Mandela

Enjoy a relaxing time together this weekend.

Kind regards

Mr Mark McCarthy



After School Activities have started!

Oh the joy of no cooking, cooking lessons! And the fun of getting dirty digging around in the soil, creating a garden. The satisfaction of scoring a goal and the excitement of learning to swim with friends!

Our ASA programme has begun for the term. Some of the activities on offer are

students in the more popular activities and will also be removing some of the activities with small numbers or single students in the group so that we can re-allocate our teacher resources to the bigger groups or other tasks.

We look forward to your feedback at the end of the term when we will share an ASA survey for parents and students to complete.



Fit For Life! Year 5/6 IPC Unit

Year 5/6 spent the past two Fridays running fun games and obstacle courses for the Year 2, 3 and 4 classes. We had loads of fun planning and preparing these games and obstacles for the classes.

It ran very smoothly and was enjoyed by all who participated. Well done Year 5/6!



World Literacy Day

8 September 2021

I wonder how many of us have ever stopped to consider what life would be like not being able to read?

World Literacy Day is a reminder that literacy is a right. The day raises the awareness about the importance of literacy as a matter of human rights and dignity across the world. Our Primary students had a fun day sharing stories, reading and taking part in a book swap as part of our recognition of World Literacy Day.



Meet our new teacher!

I am delighted to be the Year 2 teacher at ISZ this year. I have qualifications in early years education as well as a degree in Social and Public Policy (with a focus on quantitative methods) from Glasgow University and an iPGCE from the University of Strathclyde, UK.

I have lived in several African countries since 1999, however, this is my first time living in Zanzibar. I enjoy teaching immensely, especially in the lower primary where everything can be wondrous! I am looking forward to an enjoyable and productive year ahead at ISZ.

Today's Secondary Friday Jamii (weekly community meeting) was a special one. Homeroom representatives who were democratically selected earlier in the week were announced, and candidates for vice-president and president read their campaign speeches. Secondary students will vote over the weekend to elect their student council president and vice-president for SC 2021-22. Years 5 and 6 were invited as special guests with the idea of exposing them to the democratic process and to the idea of student representation!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The next **Board of Trustees Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, 12 October 2021** at **15:30** in the Conference room in the Main office.
- **PTA Beach Clean Up - Saturday 18th September - details to be shared soon**
- **PTA Forest Walk - Saturday 25 September - details to be shared soon**
- Office hours are from 07:30-15:30 Monday to Friday

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