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## Another great Bagamoyo weekend

In Friday's primary school assembly, Miss Talley requested all children to get involved in the array of activities offered at MIS including after school clubs and other events and activities. The next major event taking place at the school is:

**This Saturday afternoon, 16th September:** The team triathlon (waterpolo, volleyball and basketball.)

### Primary School Awards

Congratulations to the following children who won awards at the end of last term:

**Achievement:** Shiv Patel (Reception), Mbarak Faraj (Year 1), Reuben Shallom (Year 3), Eunike Mathayo (Year 5).

**Effort:** Khadija Jaffer (Year 2), Sahir Khakoo (Year 4), Alfred Mapunda (Year 6).

**Star Champions:** Otavina Hamisi (Nursery), Jocelyn Maeda (Reception), Zack Beda (Year 2), Lance Jenson (Year 3), Tasneem Vejlani (Year 4), Rahma Kassim (Year 5), Salman Rashid (Year 6).

### Secondary School Assembly

In Thursday's Secondary School Assembly, Mr Street talked about the new behaviour contract that has been introduced this year and showed some clips from one of his favourite films, *Coach Carter* to show where his inspiration came from for this idea. Mr Germain also talked about how well the current Key Stage 3 tracking system is working with Ethan in Year 7 the current highest performer with 29 level 1s. In this week's assembly, Year 11 will be talking about their work experience and the new House Captains will be presented with their badges.

### Notice of AGM

This Saturday, 16th September at 5.00 p.m. in the school hall we will be holding the MIS Annual General Meeting. The agenda was sent out to all parents on Friday. If you did not receive it, please contact Dianarose in the school reception.

Straight after lunch on Friday our ever-reliable driver, Abdallah drove the big yellow bus with 20 boarders and Miss Williams and Mr Otswisa to Bagamoyo for the first major trip of this school year. This is the way our new Year 11 student, Aisha describes a fantastic two days:

*Our school was privileged to be able to go and stay in a luxury lodge in Bagamoyo from where we also went to visit a horrifyingly exciting snake park on Saturday. As well as having lots of fun, we also had chance to learn a lot about our African heritage and all the wonderful species. On the last day, Miss Williams and Mr Otswisa treated us to a beautiful day on the beach where we got to relax. The food that we ate was terrific and many of us were pleased to see pizza*

*at the end of the day. Singing around the bonfire and a beach barbecue were also part of the treat. A big thank you to Judy's parents who provided such great hospitality and a fantastic free buffet.*



### More MIS swimming success.

Two of our star swimmers, Vanessa Dickson and Dennis Mhini arrived back late for the start of the new school year as they were returning from the 6th FINA World Championships in Indianapolis that took place be-

tween 23rd and 28th August. It's a competition held every two years and over 1000 swimmers from 100 different countries attended this year. Vanessa and Dennis both achieved personal bests in most of their events. Meanwhile another of the MIS outstanding swimmers,

Natalie Sanford said goodbye on Thursday after two years with us as she headed to St Felix school in the UK on a swimming scholarship. Many of her friends and teachers celebrated her very successful time in Tanzania with a girls V ladies football match after school on Wednesday followed by a visit to Dragonaire. Natalie is the third

MIS swimmer to be awarded such a scholarship. Tomorrow a letter will be going to all the MIS Piranhas giving details of the forthcoming gala at Isamilo in two weeks' time. To avoid the very long bus journey to Mwanza and the consequent loss of school days, the plan is to fly there this time.

## Some primary school children really excel in the Checkpoints

Last year MIS registered for the Cambridge Primary Curriculum for the first time. Although the content and methodology will not be significantly different to what has been taught before, by having constant support, guidance and schemes of work provided by Cambridge as well as having the Year 6 exams marked externally, we can provide a more consistent level of teaching throughout the Primary School which is not always easy to achieve in an international school where there is a relatively high turn-over of teachers. So Miss Beer's Year 6 class of 2016/17 was the first to sit the Cambridge Checkpoint examinations last April. The results came back from Cambridge during the holiday and here is a summary of the results:

Marks are given on a scale from 0 to 6. The results were above average for **English**. Writing was our strongest area with an average of 3.5. In reading the average was 3.3 with Judy achieving a perfect score and Zan 5.0. In grammar the average was 3.0 with Lydia our best performer with 5.4. In **Maths** the averages were 2.3 for Geometry, 2.4 for number and 1.9 for handling data. Nick was the outstanding performer with 5.4 in Geometry, 6.0 in Number and 3.4 in handling data. In **Science** the averages were: Biology 2.9, Chemistry 2.4, Physics 2.6, Enquiry 2.5. Nick achieved a perfect score in Biology, Ethan achieved a perfect score in Chemistry and Salman achieved a perfect score in Physics. Our new

Head of Primary, Miss Talley said that, given that preparations were hampered by our late registration with CIE, this was a pleasing first attempt especially in English. As future pupils and teachers become more familiar with the expectations of the Checkpoints, the results will improve. Well done to all the children for trying their best in these exams.

....**And finally...** well done to one of those Year 6 students for excelling in a different field. Silas Frey came second out of 42 at the Shaqiri soccer camp in Switzerland. The participants were judged on attitude and behaviour as well as football ability. We will present his certificate in this week's Secondary School assembly.