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High School

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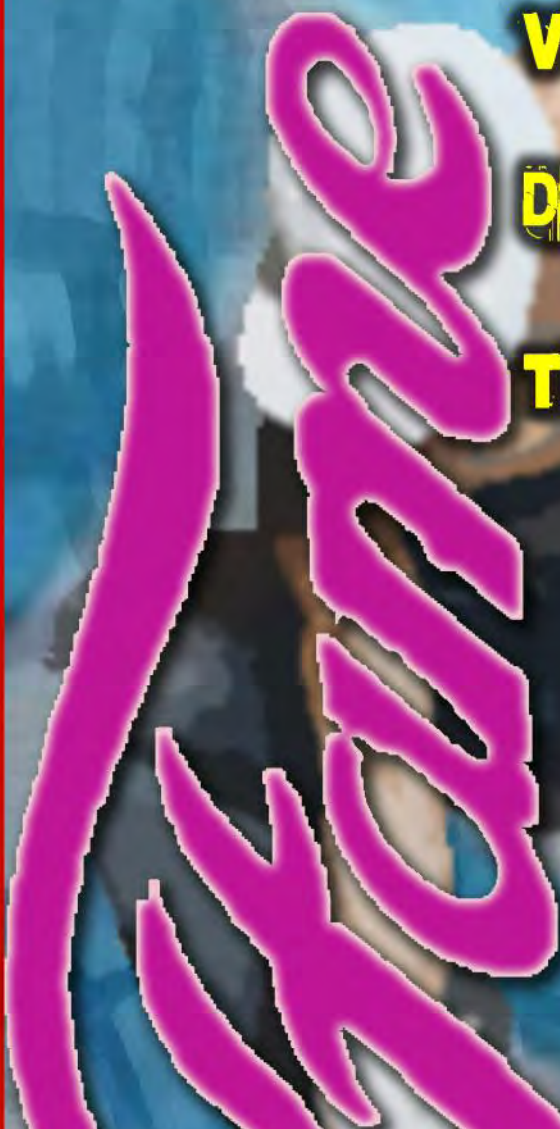
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TIME : 7:00 pm

(Tickets sold at reception:

MK 500.00 Students

MK 1000.00 Adults)



Saint Andrew's International High School

School Newsletter (Term 2, volume 2)

March 2011

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**SAINTS
Malawi**

Dear parents and teachers,

I am delighted that we have been accepted as an affiliate school member of COBIS.

COBIS is a Membership Association of British Schools of quality and is a member of the Independent Schools Council (ISC) of the United Kingdom. By virtue of this and its agreement with the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI), it is able to accredit British Schools abroad, anywhere in the world.

The current mission statement of COBIS includes quality assurance in member schools as one of its main objectives. This is the prime reason why I chose to apply to COBIS. We are preparing the school to be inspected from top to bottom in everything that it does. This will take place in the school year 2011-12 after careful preparation. The successful outcome would be **accreditation** of SAIntS as an externally recognised great school.

I know St. Andrew's is a wonderful school but I want this verified by an outside body. In order to succeed in this venture we will need the viewpoints of parents and students in all that we do. Prepare yourself for questionnaires in the forthcoming months ahead.

Many thanks go to Mr. Scutt for yet another super newsletter with details

of all the exciting things happening at SAIntS. What will have to wait until the next issue is the SAIntS Squash Tour to Zimbabwe which happened over the recent half term. Fame is on this week. Get your tickets now!

As always I would like to thank my incredible hardworking teachers and staff for their input into what makes SAIntS such a special school.

Mr G. N. Benbow (Headteacher)

Key Dates This Term

16th March	Year 11 Options Talk (Starts 6pm)
17th March —	Fame—The Musical
19th March	17th, 18th & 19th March (Starts 7pm) (See advert for details)
24th March	Year 11 Options Evening (Starts 6pm)

Fame – Have you got your ticket?

This week we will see the dazzling production of *Fame* filling the SAIntS hall. The talented performers have been rehearsing long hours and final touches have just been made to the set and costumes.

The popular musical, set at the best New York Performing Arts School for aspiring stars, promises to provide audiences with a vibrant and compelling show including drama, music and dance.

The production which will run from Thursday 17th until Saturday 19th March 2011; performances start at 7pm each night. Tickets are now on sale priced MK 1000 for adults and MK 500 for children/students and are available from the school reception OR the tuck shop.

We look forward to welcoming you to the show.

The *Fame* team.



“Chitenje Day!”

SAIntS have been supporting Joshua Orphan and Community Care for almost a year, with regular visits by students to their projects across Blantyre, particularly the Namisimba feeding centre, off the Chickwawa Road, where the ‘Child’s play’ Club spends 2 hours every week playing with children between the ages 3-5.

Joshua is a community support scheme, responding to and supporting community initiatives to improve the lives of those within the area. In an area close by Namisimba, another feeding centre and pre-school is being constructed – and SAIntS students are going to raise funds to help Joshua support this development.

On March 19th, there will be a Chitenje Day – when students are encouraged, for a fee of MK100, to wear either a full chitenje or an ‘accessory’ into school. There will also be a cake sale. We are aiming to raise around MK100,000 for the charity – a sum that will make a huge difference to their project.

Another date for the diary is Sunday 8th May, when Joshua are organising a sponsored walk around Michiru, followed by a Braai and the picnic site. It would be great to see as many students and their families there as possible.

Fahima (Year 12)



NAIS Challenge 20/20 Programme

(The National Association of Independent Schools)



The Year 9 Geography NAIS Challenge 20/20 Programme in conjunction with partner schools in Mississippi, Atlanta and Romania is continuing to pick up speed. Students are blogging with partner schools to identify the main global, national and local issues that are associated with Climate Change.

Each of the students has been assigned a specific area of Climate Change to investigate. Between them, they have also compiled a website which is being continually updated as their research continues. This website will be attached to the Geography page on the school's website next term as the challenge comes to a close in May. Video footage of their drama piece "The Awful Eight" may also be up-

loaded. This play demonstrates the horror of eight of the world's most dastardly pollutants when they realise that people around the world are trying to eradicate them.

Recently, the students promoted a Power Down Day initiative where their families, teachers and peers were asked to pledge not to use energy unnecessarily for at least 24 hours. Some of the "power down" suggestions were;

- Do not use your electrical equipment unless this is ABSOLUTELY necessary!
- Car pool to school! Don't arrive in separate cars – give someone a lift!
- Reduce! Re-use! Recycle! At home and at school.
- Turn off the tap when you are brushing your teeth!

Students also reminded everyone about World Earth Hour that is taking place on 26th March at 8.30pm (GMT). This event will help us to celebrate a worldwide commitment to ongoing change for the betterment of the one thing that unites us all.....our planet! It will only take up ONE hour of your time so click on the website and click the light bulb to show your support - <http://www.earthhour.org> .

SAINTS proudly presents the
Power Down For Earth Day!
Friday 25th February 2011

What's it all about?

- ✓ It is part of the NAIS's Challenge 2020 on-line project on Climate Change that we are completing with schools in the USA and Romania.
- ✓ We have pledged to spend at least 24 hours "powering down".
- ✓ This means that we will not be using energy unnecessarily!

We need your help to make it a success! What simple things can you do over those 24 hours to HELP US HELP OUR PLANET?

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A decorative border of small green trees surrounds the text. At the bottom, there is a collage of images including a globe, a light bulb, and a cityscape at night.

REMEMBER, WASTED LIGHT = WASTED ENERGY!

Ms E Daly (Head of Geography)



WORLD MATHS DAY 1 March 2011



Uniting the World in Numbers!!

World Maths Day

World Maths Day was on the 1st March and we were pleased to see pupils coming into school to take part, even though it was half term. Many pupils also took part in the competition from home and we hope a new world record has been achieved.

The results are being validated and Mrs Vescovi will be awarding certificates and prizes to our students as soon as the results are received. These will be published in the next edition of the school newsletter.

Thank you to all who took part and to Mrs Vescovi for arranging this opportunity.

Year 10 Monologue Evening (Ms E. Bates—Head of Drama)

On Thursday 10th February, eighteen Year 10 students showcased their recent monologue work in front of a large audience of students and parents in the studio. Each student performed alone on stage (a very scary prospect) and the group delivered their pieces with outstanding confidence, commitment and energy. The content ranged from a teenage boy who believed animals could talk, to a young woman jilted at the altar - but the key themes of the evening seemed to be death, murder and a bit more death! Huge congratulations go to all the students who performed with such focus and conviction and a big thank you to the supportive and responsive audience.



SAIntS at the French Cultural Centre (Abi & Janneke—Year 10)

On Wednesday 16th February, a mixture of the yr10 French students hopped onto the school bus getting ready to go to the French Cultural Centre.

During the bus ride, there was a lot of excited chatter and laughter. When we got there we were told in French to go to the auditorium where we played some fun games that tested our French skill and knowledge of celebrities. After the games, we got into our groups and did some role-play where we were all entertained by Mwai and Raeesa's acting skills, Thaminah's professionalism in French and Jemimah's good complaining skills.

Once we had finished the role-plays, we all went back inside for some drinks and snacks where we were entertained by Nyax' and Peter's infectious laughter. Sadly at the end of it all, we had to return to SAIntS. However, all in all the trip was a lot of French fun and we would like to thank everyone who organized and made it so brilliant.

Internship at Grill 21 (Alia—Year 12)

The internship at Ryalls Protea Hotel was an experience we will never forget. From day one, we were welcomed warmly by the head chef Mr. Bevan. He was polite, friendly and outlined all the safety and hygiene rules and regulations of the kitchen. He also showed us around the kitchen explaining what we were going to do. We were served drinks and sandwiches of our choice before the guests started arriving.

On the first day, we were handed aprons and funny looking caps and were split into small groups. We had to learn new dishes and techniques with the rest of the talented chefs who were on the staff. They were a jolly bunch and keen to teach us all they knew! That first Friday night was crazy, as the restaurant was full and orders were being shouted to and fro. Salads were diced, steaks were thrown on grills, a variety of fish from chambo to hake presented on different plates. We stood in awe as we were watching the professionals do their jobs. The following week we learnt just as much about desserts and pastries.

On behalf of my classmates and I, we had a great experience and forward to more training in the future. We would like to thank Mr. Bevan for being so patient with our noisy group and all the other chefs with whom we made good friends. Lastly, we would like to thank our lovely food technology teacher, Mrs. Daniels, without whom none of this would have been possible. Thank you for giving us your free time, for being dedicated and being with us throughout .

Coursework Deadlines

We would like to remind students and parents that the coursework deadlines for many subjects have now passed. If you a student owes outstanding coursework, they must take it to their teacher immediately. Parents will be contacted where students have outstanding work. Missing coursework can seriously reduce a student's grade so we appreciate your support to prevent unnecessary marks being lost.

Mobile Digital Device Policy

Revised: 24th February 2011

We would like to inform parents and students that our mobile phone policy has been updated. Students have been informed both in assemblies and via their tutor groups that phones are not to be used in school as a general rule. This rule is in place to protect other students in the school from the possibility of cyber-bullying, to reduce the risk of phone loss or theft, to focus students in class without distraction and to comply with examination requirements.

The summary of the policy is as follows:

- Mobile phones or other digital devices are not to be used on the school site by students between the hours of 7am and 3:30pm;
- Digital devices must be switched off and out of sight during this time;
- Students must use the school reception to contact parents in the event of an emergency;
- Parents should contact students via the school office, not via their mobile phone during the school day;
- **On an examination day, phones must be left at home. If a student accidentally brings a phone into school during an examination, they must hand their phone into the mobile device collection point prior to the exam and collect it after the school day is finished;**
- Practical subjects such as Drama or PE may allow students to hand their phone in for safe keeping during the lesson. Staff will not be held responsible for the security of these phones and therefore we recommend that the phone be left at home.

The only exceptions to this policy are:

- Students may text or call their parents at lunch-time under the car park shelters to arrange lifts;
- Students may use their phone in a lesson if a teacher has specifically asked them to for an educational purpose. This will be agreed in advance by the teacher.

If a student does not follow the guidelines above, the phone will be confiscated, locked in the school safe and returned after two weeks in the first instance. If a student is caught breaking the guidelines again during the school year, the phone will then be confiscated for ten weeks.

We encourage all students to leave their phones at home.

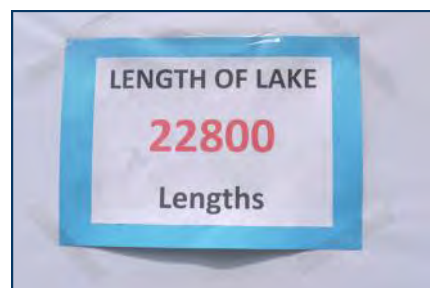
Full details of the policy can be found on the documents page at <http://www.saints.mw>

Swim Against Malaria 2011

When pencilling in dates for the calendar, I discovered that this year, the international “swim against malaria” is scheduled for the 31st July; not a suitable date for us here in Malawi as it is not only during our holiday but it is also freezing!

So, I found a free weekend; the 11th February and spread the word around the other international schools that the 11th was the day to 'combat against the mosquitoes!' I was very keen to try and repeat the highly successful 24 hour swim which took place over 6 years ago knowing that we had the right calibre of staying power amongst our school swimmers to make the event a success.

The organisation began at the beginning of the term with lists being ticked (Who was inviting the media? Who was organising the food? Who was checking that the floodlights worked? Who was fumigating the gym? Who was going to count lanes and do Life guard duties? Who was going to make the staff sign-up sheet? Who was going to make a big map of Malawi? Who was going to organise





the drinks? etc...) jobs being delegated, and enthusiasm being rallied amongst the swimmers. We sent out the advert through Carole Varndell and hey presto, Blantyre was ready! An email from Code Sangala (Big Brother Africa representative) helped to fuel our progress as he was prepared to support our event; his plight in the Big Brother House was to "Make Malawi a Malaria Free Zone."

I was highly relieved that Yona Walesi had returned from Germany, just in time to help with the event. Two years ago, he had run the afternoon swim single-handedly as ironically, I was in bed with malaria!

As the day drew closer, it rained and I wondered if we were going to have to postpone the event. If there was a big storm we would have no choice but we waited patiently and battled on. Curtains were put up in the changing rooms and the gym was made ready for the overnight teams.

At 12 o'clock, we had four swimmers lined up to start the event; Yona himself, Moffat Champiti (had taken on a challenge from Mrs. Greaney to swim 20 lengths!), Stella Tselingas and Annika Strohbahn. We had our beautifully made Map of Malawi (kindly made by our Year 12 students), with a scale of 1cm = 240lengths (yikes!). The media arrived en masse; TV, newspapers and the radio, all wanting to find out why we were taking to the pool for 24 hours and how swimming would help to combat malaria.

The good news was that we had already raised MK117,000 from our Mufti Day which took place that morning. Hillview and Phoenix had also raised a considerable amount and both schools were joining in the swim to help us swim 'up the lake.' Sir Harry Johnston School in Zomba agreed to be involved with the swim the next day.

As the afternoon progressed, we began accumulating the lengths and our 'mosquito' moved off the Mangochi starting block. Numerous students came to swim, count lengths, life save, help sell food, or DJ with lots of motivating music. One of the overnight teams had decided to swim the full 24 hours in shifts; what a huge task! The weather wasn't great; overcast and cool but it did not deter us. What helped to brighten our spirits was the arrival of two people; firstly, Fabien Alvares, an ex-student who on behalf of the Round Table, donated a cheque valued at MK54,000.00. This was very much appreciated by us and we would like to say a big 'thank you' to the people involved. The second person to arrive was Code Sangala who donated 50 wristbands which we sold during the event (the proceeds of which went into our 'donation' box).

At 9pm, the overnight swim teams began their shifts (although

some had been too impatient and had already started!). Numerous tents dotted the hockey field and the gymnasium had been turned into a dormitory. We provided the swimmers with tea, coffee, cup-a-soups and hot chocolate to try and keep them warm! The atmosphere around the pool was fantastic. Parents and staff turned up to support the swimmers and we were all very proud of their efforts.

Throughout the night, these swimmers climbed out of nice warm tents, put their wet costumes on and got into a cold pool for half an hour; not an envious task. Mr Benbow and Mrs Greaney stayed on to help keep them motivated....or perhaps doing the conga?

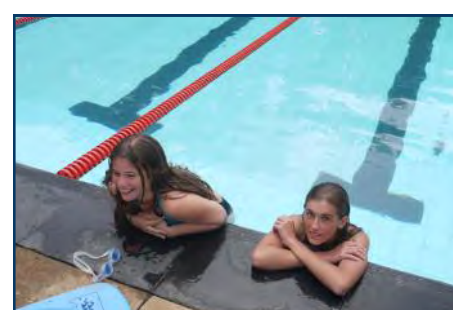
There was a quiet spell in the early hours of Saturday morning but it soon began to 'be the place to be' and by 9am, there was a lot of lane counting going on again. I think it was the appetising smell of the bacon and egg rolls that attracted many!

At 11.55am, I was rather anxious as I realised that we had not reached our swimming target....this was confirmed at midday when after many calculations, we were only 720 lengths short....we had swum 22080! In trepidation, we phoned Sir Harry Johnston to see what they had managed to achieve and with much joy and happy screaming, we announced that they had done over 800!! We had done it!

More importantly, we raised approximately MK440,000.00 and had received 100 nets. An order has been made for 600 nets from a company in Lilongwe so once these arrive in Blantyre, we will hand them all over to the Malaria unit at Queens.

Many people have to be thanked for helping out with this event; it was only the success it was because of all of the help within the school and community. A huge thank you to Hillview, Phoenix and Sir Harry Johnston for joining in with, and supporting our crazy idea! Thanks to our SMT and staff for giving up their time. Thank you to the parents who came and supported the event, even through to the early hours of the morning. Thank you to Yona, Lyton and Ben who watched over us all as we swum. Thank you to the Round Table, Code Sangala and the various members of the general public who came and joined in our swim. Most importantly, thank you to all of our fantastic students who swum, raised funds, donated a net or helped out; SAIntS is very, very proud of you and you should all be proud of yourselves. You're the best!

Mrs A. Gaunt (Head of Year 12)





14th February 2011

Mr Heath would like to congratulate our poetry competition entrants for their fantastic poems on the theme of love! Over 60 entries were received from students across the school with the winners receiving, and I quote Mr Heath, "...hard cash to spend on books"!

The standard of the competition was extremely high and it was hard to decide the final three entries. To prove that romance isn't dead, all three finalists were male! Congratulations goes to Ben for his first place entry, 'Sonnet JI', Parth for his second place 'When I Fall in Love' and Kai Wei for third place entry 'I'm Invisible'.

The poems are published here for you to enjoy. Well done to everyone who got involved and thank you to Mr Heath and the other staff who were involved in judging the competition. We look forward to future creativity from all our students in the next competition.

**'Sonnet JI'****By Ben**

*Shall I compare $TH\S\S$ to mathematics?
Thou art more complex than quadratic graphs;
Let's fall in love, let's make schematics,
We're meant 2 be whole, but we're split in halves,
We can make, our own trigonometry,
Cos for your Tan'ed body I would Sin,
If I were to make algebra easy,
Would A plus B equal A loving grin.
I'm in love just look at the statistics,
Because like a cute square, you have many
Mathematical characteristics,
Though loving me may take some persuasion,
Will you be my valentine equation?*

'When I fall in Love'**Parth**

When I fall in love,
I want to be
with her
always;

In happiness;
to smile with her,
and be the one
to hug her near.

In sadness,
to cry with her,
and be the one
to dry her tears.

When I fall in love,
I will spend my
every waking
and sleeping
moments
with her

and catch each
moment in its
eternally
lovely
form.

When I fall in love,
I will miss her
the very moment
I say 'goodbye'

And my heart
will yearn for
the very moment
I say 'hello'.

When I fall in love,
all my old hurts
and pains
will seem
lost and
faded
away

And I will be
strong and
brave
once
again.

When I fall in love,
I want you
to be happy
always, ever

And feel like
the happiest
person
of them
all...

Because that's
what I will feel,
when I fall in love,
with you.

'I'm Invisible'**By Kai Wei**

I see you at school,
Glancing my way;
Giving me a smile,
Making my day.

But who am I to judge,
If your eyes met mine;
Just a coincidence I say,
But I do feel fine.

Oh, what am I thinking?
I'm nothing to you;
You look but don't see,
You don't have a clue.

My heart is racing,
I'm collapsing inside;
So much love for you,
I'm struggling to hide.

You smile at others,
And pass me by;
I'm invisible,
I just can't deny.

