

March 2020



Dear Parents and Friends of Musikili

I trust that you all enjoyed a wonderful half term with your families.

We are excited to be back at school and look forward to enjoying the second part of our term with you. The 1st XI cricketers enjoyed a wonderful tour to Whitestone and they can be exceptionally proud of their efforts. The time given by Mr. Weinrich and Mr. Hayes is greatly appreciated and their efforts had an enormously positive effect on our boys. The boys proved to be competitive throughout the festival and great 'cricketing' lessons were learnt. The Independent Schools' Cricket Festival was a well hosted event and much credit needs to be given to Whitestone school and staff, for a job well done!

The past week has seen our children getting back into the classrooms with much vigour and they have taken to the new sporting disciplines on offer with much zeal. Our swimmers have been hard at work preparing for the upcoming Gala on the 20th, where all our A-Team swimmers will be provided with the occasion to represent their school. Our Team swimmers who miss out at the A division gala will be given an opportunity the following week, when we host our 2nd gala of the season.

I enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Satellite school this week and it was fantastic to spend time with the parents who have invested with our school. It was a true delight to catch up with the Lusaka based children, whom I last had the chance to spend some time with during their stay at our main campus, for JEFA. The feedback from the parents with regards to their child's schooling experience was exceptional. Our Satellite school children are happy and because of this, they love going to school. Well done to both Mrs. Clarkson and Mrs. Snart who do an exceptional job in providing the boys and girls with such a stimulating experience. I do hope that many of these children and families will choose to extend their journeys with us, so that we can marry the potential that these children and our Musikili Campus offer.



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Our Grade 4 class enjoyed a wonderful outing to Choma, where they visited the Choma museum and also met with a friend of Mrs. Lechner's, who has the biggest Chitenge stamp collection in Zambia. It was great to see the children dabbling in some art, as they painted and decorated flower pots. We look forward to reading the write up from their trip. Thanks to Mrs. Lechner and Mrs. Hamutete for organising and facilitating the outing.

Next week again sees much activity at school. We host Kingswood College on Friday for their annual marketing trip and Hugh Fynn from ISASA also joins us, to assess our progress as an affiliated ISASA school. I meet with the senior and junior phase teachers next week for HAM (Headmaster's Academic Meetings) to discuss the progress of each child within our school, as staff prepare 1st term reports.

Our annual Triathlon and Trail Series is again upon us and our PTA and Core Triathlon group have been working tirelessly to get things prepared for another onslaught of keen participants. Our entries, after a slow start, have again spiked and we look forward to another fun filled day, where many people will achieve personal victories as they test themselves in one of the many disciplines on offer. Well done to all who have entered and good luck!



Amidst all of these happenings we continue to make progress on our Astroturf development. Our next steps are drainage, crushed stone fill and compaction, before the actual turf arrives in April. Wizz Bignell has been instrumental in this development and we are truly indebted to his tireless efforts. We have erected our final water tank and can just about sign off our 'water project' that will ensure all vital areas have access to water during periods of load shedding.

The furniture for our Learning Centre has been released and will leave South Africa next Tuesday. The arrival of the classroom furnishings, will soon allow us to put the final finishes to this wonderful addition to our Academic programme. Bar a few aesthetic finishes, we have also completed our domestic staff ablutions, which was long overdue.

It would be amiss of me not to mention the world wide concerns of the Coronavirus. Please refer to the communiqué on D6, which was also emailed to parents. We continue to remind our children of the importance of hygiene and washing their hands, which is also applicable to preventing the spread of all notifiable / infectious / communicable diseases / illnesses. Please take time to discuss these Facts with your children. Good open discussions need to take place to prevent any hype and unnecessary anxiety. We will continue to monitor the situation as concerns develop.

Finally, congratulations need to be extended to 2019 Musikilian, Warrick Kyriazis, who achieved a 2nd Place finish in the U14 pairs event, at the South African Rowing Championships this past weekend. Warrick rowing for the first time this year can be extremely proud of his efforts and we are absolutely delighted for him. To top it off, Warrick is still U13, allowing him a further year to compete in this age group. Well done, Warrick.

I wish you all a fantastic week ahead and the best of luck to those who will be attempting some last-minute training for their chosen events on Saturday! "If you don't Tri, you will never know". -Rich Jackson





The focus in Design & Technology (D & T) this term has been on the 3 R's, namely '**Reduce, Reuse & Recycle**'.

The Grade 2 – 7s were introduced to the world of recycling through various media platforms before branching out and physically handling and collecting recyclable items on campus. For the past few weeks, the children have been involved in packing non-recyclable plastics into various size bottles, which are been converted into eco-bricks. These eco-bricks, once complete, will be used to construct set structures in each grade. The biggest obstacle in a venture of this nature is a change in mind-set, and this is quite visible with a very limited response from families in sending non-recyclable plastics to school in order to pack enough eco-bricks for their projects. At this stage we have sufficient bottles to really get stuck in and make a big difference, however, the 'stuffing' supplied each week by less than 30% of the pupils is just not enough to stretch across the grades and the accumulated bottles that need to be filled. In an attempt to pick up the pace with the eco-bricks, each child will be sent home with a bottle on Friday and is encouraged to return to school with it packed as full as possible on Monday – they have had plenty of practice and should be experts by now. The children are also expected to continue bringing non-recyclable plastics to school on Monday. These items include plastics such as:

Chip packets, fruit packaging, sweet and biscuit packets / wrappers, chocolate wrappers, biltong packets, water palette packaging, toilet roll packaging, beer bottle packaging and so on...

I am hoping that we will have a few items on display by the end of the term.

- Gareth Weinrich



Grade 2's



The 10th of March is a special day in the Hindu community. It marks the festival of "Holi" which is also called the festival of love, colour and spring. Holi commemorates the beginning of spring. We were very fortunate to have Mrs Sharma visit the Grade 2 class to talk about Holi. No matter what

our religious

differences are, we can all learn from other religions. Holi teaches us that good can overcome evil and

the bonfire at the beginning of the Holi festival represents burning all that is evil, whether it is anger in our hearts, jealousy, hatred and anything that might hurt someone else. We then replace the evil with love, joy, peace, hope and kindness. The Grade 2 class had great fun with their own little "colour" run and water fight.

Religious tolerance is something we strive to instill in all the children at Musikili and this is achieved by shining a light on different religious holidays. Thank you, Mrs Sharma, for teaching us about Holi and for spoiling the Grade 2s with sweet treats.

- **Sam Hein**



Grade 4's



Grade 4 Outing Trip to Choma Museum

Recognising the value added to children's educational experience and the need for our Musikili learners to acquire increased knowledge, cultural values and hands-on experience, the Grade 4 class headed to Choma for an exciting Art and crafts adventure. They learnt about the Choma Declaration between the first political parties which were led by Harry Mwaanga Nkumbula and Kenneth Kaunda. The pupils had a feel of what life was like in the past when they viewed the artifacts about the life styles of men and women who lived in the past. To appreciate the art of the traditional Chitenge materials used by most women in Zambia, the class has a chance to see the printing artwork of the tie and dye, including his art pieces in the well- displayed gallery of Mr. Bert Witkamp, one of the founder member of the Choma Museum. Our trip to Choma Museum has certainly laid the foundation on which the learning of the history of Zambia later is going to be built on.



Independent Schools Cricket Festival 2020

The 10 th edition of the ISCF was hosted by Whitestone in Bulawayo and history was made with Musikili being the first Zambian school to be invited to the prestigious event. The event includes 8 traditional SA (Woodridge, St Charles, Waterkloof House Prep, Beaulieu, Clifton Nottingham Road and Zim schools (St John's Harare & Whitestone) plus a few additional schools on invitation basis. Musikili will hopefully play an extended role in the festival in moving forward and they certainly helped their case for inclusion, with some wonderful performances over the course of the weekend.

Highlights of the weekend included the following

- Team hat-trick against Woodridge, which included 2 run-outs from Tristan van der Merwe. In the same game, Benjamin Coventry took 3 stumpings and a run-out.
- Massive determination in batting out the overs in a T20, T30 and impressively – the 50 over game.
- Holding on for a 'draw' in the 2 nd innings against Whitestone and avoiding an outright loss. This match included a superb 92 and 30* by Captain, Benjy Coventry. Benjy was praised for his fine batting performance by a number of coaches, witnessing his double innings.
- An excellent 62 off only 43 balls by Rashaan Vlahakis against Beaulieu, which not only earned him the man of the match ball, but helped his team to a defendable total on the day.
- Every single player in the 12 man squad contributed to the success of the tour, as will be evident in the results below.

T20 vs Woodridge (PE) – Lost by 14 Runs

Woodridge 114/9 (20) – Ryan Jellis 2/22 (3); Aidan Clubb 2/2 (2); Alpheas Liselo 1/17 (3)

Musikili 100/9 (20) – Benjy Coventry 30 (32); Jamie Dunn 15 (20); Morgan Cantlay 11 (23)

Declaration Match vs Whitestone (BUL) – Match Drawn (Whitestone won on 1 st innings)

Musikili 1 st Innings 167 all out (41.4) – Benjy Coventry 92; Aidan Clubb 20; Morgan Cantlay 17

Whitestone 242/6 declared

Calum Mulder 2/31 (7); Caleb Coventry 1/21 (7); Leo Clarkson 1/29 (8); Tristan vd Merwe 1/31 (7)

Musikili 2nd Innings 54/1 (19) – Benjy Coventry 31*; Rashaan Vlahakis 20*

50 Over vs Clifton, Nottingham Road (KZN) – Lost by 203 Runs

Clifton 365/7 (50) - Morgan Cantlay 3/39 (6); Caleb Coventry 2/39 (7); Ryan Jellis 2/44 (6)

Musikili 162/8 (50) - Emmanuel Chama 32 (49); Benjy Coventry 23 (46); Ryan Jellis 22 (33);

Aidan Clubb 15 (92); Tristan vd Merwe 15* (27)

30 Over vs Beaulieu (JHB) – Won by 27 Runs

Musikili 181/7 (30)

Rashaan Vlahakis 62 (43); Jamie Dunn 27 (32); Emmanuel Chama 23 (34); Benjamin Coventry 22 (32)

Beaulieu 154 all out (27.3)

Benjy Coventry 4/19 (4.3); Caleb Coventry 2/23 (4); Leo Clarkson 1/18 (4); Morgan Cantlay 1/15 (3)

Tour Stats:

Top 5 Batters

1. Benjy Coventry 200 (5 x innings; 1 x not out) – 50 average
2. Rashaan Vlahakis 92 (5; 1) – 23 avg
3. Emmanuel Chama 64 (4; 0) – 16 avg
4. Jamie Dunn 42 (3; 0) – 13 avg
5. Aidan Clubb 41 (4; 0) – 10 avg

Top 5 Wicket-takers

1. Caleb Coventry 5 wickets for 92 runs in 22 overs, economy rate 4.18 runs per over
2. Ryan Jellis 5/117 (22) – 5.3
3. Benjy Coventry 4/89 (18.3) – 4.86
4. Morgan Cantlay 4/70 (11) – 6.36
5. Alpheas Liselo 2/71 (21) – 3.38

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well done boys!



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