Preschool Celebration of Learning







The American School of Kinshasa TASOK TALK – APRIL 2024

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Message from the Director: April Enthusiasm!

As we step into April, I extend a warm and enthusiastic welcome to each and every one of you to another exciting month at TASOK. It's hard to believe how quickly this academic year is progressing, and yet, here we are, ready to embrace the opportunities and adventures that April has in store for us.

April marks a time of growth and renewal, much like the budding flowers and blossoming trees that surround us. It's a time when we encourage our students to cultivate their curiosity, nurture their talents, and continue their journey of learning and self-discovery.



In the coming weeks, we have an array of engaging activities, events, and educational initiatives planned, designed to enrich the academic experience of our students and foster a sense of community within our school.

I invite you all to actively participate, whether it's through attending school events, joining extracurricular activities, or simply engaging in classroom discussions with enthusiasm and eagerness to learn.

As always, the dedication and support of our parents, the hard work and commitment of our faculty, and the curiosity and enthusiasm of our students are the cornerstones of our success as a school community.

Let's make April a month filled with achievements, growth, and memorable moments that will inspire us all.

Here's to a month filled with opportunities for growth, learning, celebration, and memorable experiences.

Yours in Education, Dan Mullen - TASOK Director



Our Mission for Excellence: The American School of Kinshasa provides dynamic and individualized educational challenges and opportunities that promote diversity and empower each of its students to develop into independent global community leaders.

Celebrating our Divisional Leaders

Sarah Clover - Secondary School Principal

Mike Bailey - Elementary School Principal

While it's true that the time will eventually come when we bid farewell officially to Mike Bailey and Sarah Clover as they embark on new adventures, it's important that we take this opportunity to express our heartfelt appreciation for their exceptional leadership and the remarkable impact they've made on each and every one of us.

Sarah Clover joined TASOK 2 years ago and brought a wealth of experience and knowledge to our secondary IB Programmes (MYP & DP). Sarah has been instrumental in TASOK's successful re-accreditation of the IB Diploma Programme, along with our MSA re-accreditation. Sarah is passionate about creating balanced opportunities for students to be successful in both MYP & DP, along with ensuring the arts and athletics are celebrated in our community.



Sarah Clover and her family will be moving to Laos in July where she will be the new Secondary Principal of Vientiane International School, an IB

World School.



Mike Bailey joined TASOK 3 years ago and has been instrumental in building the successful PYP Programme seen today at TASOK. Not only did he play a strategic role in TASOK's PYP Accreditation and MSA Accreditation, but also brought extensive experience in inquiry and PYP as a whole to ensure our students in elementary have the skills and knowledge to be successful in an ever changing world. Mike is passionate about celebrating learning in the PYP with the entire community, allowing students to explain their thinking while also allowing families to share in the learning journey.



Mike Bailey and his family will be moving to China in July where he will be the new Head of School at Utahloy International School in Zengcheng, an IB World School.



Mike and Sarah are not just administrators; they are mentors, friends, and advocates for our students' success. Their dedication to TASOK's students and International Baccalaureate (IB) programs has been nothing short of inspiring, infusing it with their passion, creativity, and unwavering commitment to excellence. During their time at TASOK, they have successfully created safe spaces where students can thrive, ensuring our students and programs at TASOK are on a trajectory of continued academic excellence!

What truly sets Mike and Sarah apart is their genuine care and concern for every student who walks through our doors. Whether it's offering words of encouragement, lending a listening ear, or cheering on our students during their achievements, they embody the spirit of compassion and support that ensures student success.

From organizing engaging activities to fostering a culture of inclusivity and belonging, Mike and Sarah leave no stone unturned in ensuring that our students feel valued, empowered, and inspired to reach for the stars. Their dedication to nurturing the potential within each student is a testament to their profound impact on our school community, extending far beyond the walls of TASOK.

As we cherish the time we have left with Mike and Sarah, let us take every opportunity to celebrate their tireless efforts, wisdom, and the countless lives they've touched during their time with us.

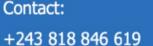
Mike and Sarah, while we'll miss you dearly, we're excited for the wonderful new opportunities that await you. We are immensely grateful for your leadership, your kindness, and the countless ways

you've made a difference in the lives of our students and staff.

With deepest appreciation and warmest regards,

Dr. Dan Mullen TASOK Director











Tasok's contribution to a "Cooler Environment"

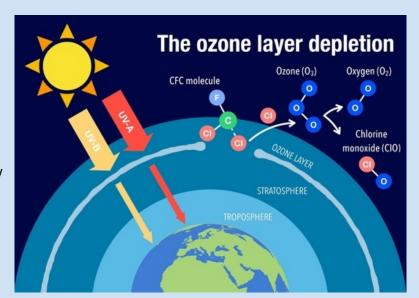
Robbie Van der Merwe

Over the 2024 March break we did a retrofit of 8 AC units in the CAC.

The new AC units don't just look cool but have some COOL facts..

COOL FACT #1: The refrigerant gas.

- The R410-a refrigerant does not deplete the Ozone layer as it is a Non-CFC.
- It allows the Compressor to run COOLER by absorbing and releasing heat more efficiently.
- There is up to 5 % Energy saving (kw/Ton).
- The compressor is a bit quieter.



COOL FACT #2: The Dual Inverter System

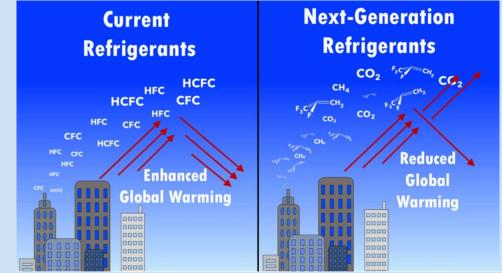
- Current (amps) about 30 % less.
- The Dual Inverter is more durable than the Single Inverter.
- The Dual Inverters are a bit quieter than the Single Inverter.
- This will help our generators work less and save on diesel..

COOL FACT #1 + COOL FACT #2 = Cooler students and Cooler Environment

What is the Montreal Protocol?

In September 1987, the Montreal Protocol was introduced to phase-out ozone-depleting refrigerants. This treaty defined the timeline for introducing alternatives that would not affect the ozone layer. A total of 197 states signed it, making it the most successful international treaty to date.

Since the treaty was introduced, refrigerants that contain



ozone-depleting substances and, more recently, refrigerants that contribute to global warming are much less popular.

Malembe Malembe, one AC at a time, TASOK has been and is changing AC units in the Classrooms and teacher housing.

The 2024 TASOK Gala is Coming! - "We BEE-Long" - April 27, 2024

Ticket sales start next week at the TASOK Cashier: \$100/person

Online payment link: https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/kinshasa/gala2024



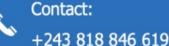
COLLEGE CORNER – Julie Mullen – College Counselor

Congratulations to our Seniors as they continue to receive college and university acceptances!

Check out all the opportunities our grade 12's have so far! Here are the list of college/university offers received as of March (more to come!):













Website:

United States

Howard University

University of Delaware

University of North Carolina Greensboro

University of North Carolina Wilmingham

North Carolina State University

East Carolina University

High Point University

Chapman University

University of San Francisco

University of Denver

Arizona State University

Lewis & Clark College

Carleton College

Pacific Lutheran University

Manhattanville College

Virginia Commonwealth University

University of North Carolina Asheville

University of Minnesota

William Peace University

Baylor University

University of North Texas

University of San Diego

Whitman College

University of Puget Sound

United Kingdom

Regent's University London

SOAS University of London

Anglia Ruskin University

Middlesex University

University of Westminster

University of Birmingham

Goldsmiths University of London

Canada

McGill

University of Alberta

Wilfrid Laurier University

York University

Concordia University

Toronto Met. University

University of British Columbia

Carleton University

Australia

Western Sydney University

Queensland University of Technology

University of Canberra

Europe

University of Groningen

Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences

Erasmus

Maastricht University

UPCOMING SAT TEST DATES:

For up to date information about online registration, please click on the: **COLLEGE BOARD WEBSITE LINK**

SAT TEST DATE**	Deadline for Registration Registration Changes, and Regular Cancellation	
May 4, 2024	April 19, 2024	
June 1, 2024	May 17, 2024	



XTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES 2023-2024

Gilbert Kaburu & Timon Kitakani – Athletic Director & ASA Coordinators

TASOK Varsity Basketball Tournament









ASA Key Dates

ASA Trimester 3: March 11th - May 16 (8 weeks)

Elementary ASAs

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday	
Dodgeball K-1 Ms. Aimee ES Gym	Swimming 2-5 Mr. Kaburu, Ms. Rachel (Ms. Abigail, Ms. Kezia, and Mme Suda- Volunteers) Swimming Pool	Soccer K-1 Ms Jocelyn ES soccer field	Exploratory Art 2-7 Ms. Abigail Art room	
Bike Club 4 - 12 Mr. Eells	Build-it Club K-2 Ms. Nancy Preschool classroom	Create and draw Club 1-3 Ms. Jessica ES 14-G2 Classroom	Play Club K-3 Ms. Jocelyn Preschool classroom	
Exploring Google Apps 2-4 Mr. Trentino Grade 3 Classroom	Basketball 2-3 Mr. Oscar ES Bask. court or GYM	Advanced Swimming 3-12 Mr. Kaburu & Mrs. Mullen Pool	Crochet and craft 1-2 Ms. Mimie G1 Classroom	
Taekwondo 3-5 Mr. Serge ES GYM	Soccer 2-3 Mr. Fabrice ES Soccer Field	Game Ranger ASA 4 - 12 Mr. Ngwesi & Mr. Marchant HS 12	Friday Fun Club 3-5 Ms. Fanny Grade 3 Classroom	
Crafting Club K-3 Ms. Nancy Preschool Classroom		Soccer 4-5 Mr. Luiz ES soccer field	Basketball 4-5 Mr. Oscar ES Bask. Court or GYM	
Soccer 4-5 Mr. Luiz ES soccer field			Games in the Library 4-12 Mr. Iyer Secondary Library	

<u>Legend Purple: Name of the activity - Red: Grades group - Blue: ASA provider - Black: Venue(where the ASA is taking place)</u>

Secondary ASAs

Monday Tuesday		Thursday	Friday	
Water Aerobics Pool 9-12 Mrs. Marchant	MUN Club HS11 6-8 Ms. Massicot	Guitar ASA HS7 6 - 12 Sigrid & Jessica Supervised by Mr. Henderson	Swimming, Aerobics and Water Basketball Pool 6-12 Mr. Honnorat & Ms. Bouillot	
Just Dance HS 3 6-12 Esanga Supervised by Mrs. Mullen	Ceramics HS12 6-12 Mr. Ken	Game Ranger ASA HS 12 4 - 7 Mr. Ngwesi & Mr. Marchant	Boys Basketball Covered Ct 6-12 Mr. Guttridge	
Girls Basketball Covered Ct 6-12 Coach Nicole	Green Team HS14 6-12 Mr. Marchant	Advanced Swimming Pool 3-12 Mr. Kaburu & Mrs. Mullen	Ceramics HS12 6-12 Mr. Ken	

Bike Club Grade 4 - 12	Mr. Eells	Badminton & Ping Pong Covered Ct 6-12 Ms. Ortiz & Ms. Luna	Python Programming (Coding) for Beginners SS2 6-10 Yoni & Gyan Supervised by Mr. Mills	Games in the L Library 4-12	ibrary Mr. Iyer
Art Studio 7-12	HS12 Ms. Trego			Baking Club Kitchen 6-12	School Ms. Leanne
Video Game Club 6-12 Joel, Brya Supervised by Mr.				Exploratory Art 2-7	t ES Art Room Ms. Abigail
Math Tutoring 8-12 Ms. D Drop-in	HS5 eHolton	Get It Done (Homework) Library Drop-in or Appointment	Get It Done (Homework) Library Drop-in or Appointment		

TASOK Season 3 Training Schedule (Secondary School Field)

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MS Boys Football	Varsity Girls Football	MS Boys Football	Varsity Girls Football	Varsity Girls Football (8-10am) Varsity Boys Football (8-10am)
MS Girls Football	Varsity Boys Football	MS Girls Football	Varsity Boys Football	MS Boys Football (10am-12pm) MS Girls Football (10am-12pm)

Upcoming Athletics Events

- Tuesday, April 2: Varsity Boys and Girls Friendly v Ascitech
- Friday April 5- Varsity Football Tournament 2 5:30pm (Day 1)
- Saturday April 6th- Varsity Football Tournament 8am 5:30pm (Day 2)

Thank you for supporting the ASA and Sports programs. For inquiries, please contact Timon Kitakani (tkitakani@tasok.net) for Elementary School or Gilbert Kaburu (gkaburu@tasok.net) for Secondary School.

KG Celebration of Learning - How the World Works

Caroline Vandermerwe & Brigitte Suda

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Email:



In this unit, the students learned about tools used for different purposes. In class, they explored tools using many different resources and through hands-on learning. Together with Ms Kay and Ms Abigail, the students extended their inquiry in art, creating their own tools out of ceramics. They also made one collaborative tool for each class. On completion of our unit, KG presented their learning to their parents. Our Celebration of Learning started with a fantastic music performance, led by Ms Hall. This was followed with a gallery walk, inviting parents to come look at the beautiful ceramic tools they had created, and the process involved. The students were proud of their music performance, and the work they had accomplished in the ceramic studio. Thank you to all the moms and dads who joined us for our Celebration of Learning.























Gr. 1 Celebration of Learning - How We Express Ourselves

Sofia Muñetón - Grade 1 teacher

We are thrilled to share with you the incredible journey our Grade 1 students embarked on during their Unit of inquiry "How We Express Ourselves". Throughout this unit, our learners walked into the fascinating world of how communities share their values through stories, focusing on the concepts of form, function, and perspective. The learning process was truly a collaborative effort, as we invited staff and family members to share their own unique stories and storytelling techniques at the beginning of the unit. This helped the

children learn how stories can teach valuable lessons and connect us to our own experiences. With this newfound knowledge, the students, having agency in their learning process, chose the best storytelling styles that suited them best.

With creativity and diligence, our students carefully drafted their stories, putting together different components to create engaging narratives that spoke to their hearts. They showed good self-management skills, as they were organized with their time ensuring that each moment spent on their final presentations was purposeful and productive. To close our unit, we had a wonderful Celebration of Learning where they shared all their hard work and dedication with their parents, other students, and staff of our community. Through the heartfelt tales shared by our young storytellers, we were reminded of the profound impact stories have in expressing ourselves and imparting meaningful lessons to others.

As we reflect on this enriching experience, we are filled with gratitude for the opportunity to witness the growth and creativity of our Grade 1 students. We extend our warmest congratulations to them for embracing the power of storytelling and sharing their voices with their community.













ES Francophonie Week

Website:

Meritaton Kirigha, Maxime Libya & Jacqueline Mapessa - ES

On the week of **11th to 15th March 2024,** we celebrated Francophonie week at the Elementary School. There were various activities that students engaged in to celebrate the French language and linguistic diversity. Some of these activities included; students listening to stories read in French by both parents and staff members, an artifact exhibition where students learnt the use of various items used in different Francophone countries, watching French films and cartoons to learn new vocabulary and immerse themselves in the culture of various French speaking countries. There were also French language activities and quizzes in class. Additionally, there were also other fun activities such as taking pictures at the Francophonie photo booth, French language games organized by ES Stuco in the library and two spirit days where students dressed up as their favorite Francophone athlete and in the colors of their favorite Francophone country. The week culminated with Music Friday that had a French focus and a Francophonie assembly later that afternoon to celebrate the talents of our students. Below are some of the pictures of the events of that week.

Parent, staff and HS students reading a French book and telling a story in French

























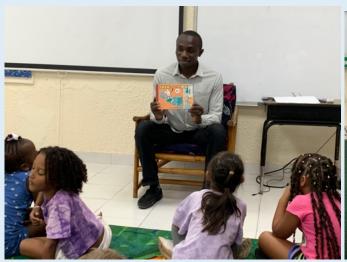














Photo Booth Experience





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Watching French Movies









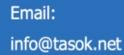
French Language Games





Artifact Exhibition



















Music Friday with a French Focus













Francophonie Assembly

Contact:









ES Family Wellness Night

Davon Campbell - ES Counselor

We are thrilled to announce the resounding success of the TASOK Elementary Wellness Night, where students and parents came together for an evening dedicated to Wellness. With many activities to choose from, the event truly catered to everyone's interests and preferences.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to all the participants, volunteers, and organizers who contributed to making this event such a memorable experience. Your enthusiasm and support truly made a difference in creating a nurturing environment for our school community.

As we continue to prioritize the well-being of our students and families, we look forward to organizing more events like these in the future. Together, we can cultivate a culture of wellness that empowers individuals to thrive both inside and outside the classroom.

Picture Gallery



DP CORNER

Chris Clover - DP Coordinator

Grade 11 TOK Exhibition - The TOK exhibition will be on Thursday, April 4th. The students will have a chance to discuss the process and explain their commentary writing to their peers. Some fresh perspectives from their peers will help them polish their work.



Grade 12 Mock Exams - Our Grade 12s completed the mock exam session just before Spring break, most completing nearly 20 hours of exams in seven days under exam conditions almost identical to what will happen in the May IB DP exam session. The students handled the pressure very well and the experience should enhance their confidence, performance, and overall readiness for the actual IB DP exams. Thanks to everyone who made the session smooth and successful.

Grade 12 Exams - Coming up soon! The IB DP Exams begin on Wednesday, April 24th and continue until Friday, May 17th.

Mock exam study break.

Business Office Info

Kareen Laplanche - Finance & Operations Manager

Attention parents and parents,

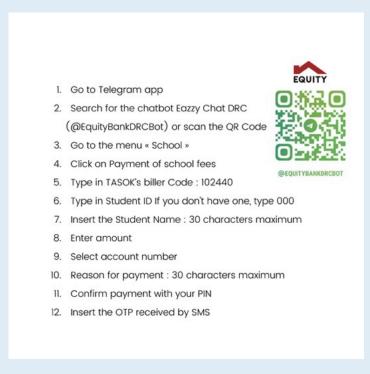
As we enter the last quarter of the school year, we want to end well and prepare for next year already. All accounts must be cleared of any balance to either exit this year or re-enroll for next.. As a courtesy, reminder emails were sent out during the break. Delinquent accounts are under sanctions as of April 1st. We urge parents to remit dues as soon as possible to reset accounts to zero and have access to all privileges.

The admissions department will confirm re-enrollment plans with families in April and the business office will issue invoices in the month of May for 2024-2025. The Financial Aid application window will open on May 1 to close on June 1.

All payment options remain the same. We continue to promote the new Equity/BCDC feature available to Equity users. The bank made it available for TASOK families. Please take advantage of this easy and secure way to pay from a local bank.

NEW MOBILE OPTION (for EQUITY BANK users only)

You can now make payments to TASOK with a click via the Equity mobile application. Follow the instructions below. See your Equity rep for more details.





For questions/comments, contact us at business@tasok.net | +(243) 81-880-1330 |



Nurse's Station Cell +243 817 252 011

Nathalie Katalayi – TASOK Nurse: <u>nurse@tasok.net</u>

At TASOK, we continue to reinforce healthy practices.

Fever: Your child needs to be fever/fever relief medicine free for at least 24 hours before coming back to school.

Make sure to let the nurse know as your child has an allergy or a chronic medical condition that is required to take medicine daily at school or if your child has a temporary prescription to take during the school hours. Send your child to the Nurse first thing is the morning after 2 days of sickness absence.

Birthdays: Please send the list of ingredients to the nurse at least 24 hours before the class celebration.

Should you child be sick or absent for any reason, please share the information via: attendance@tasok.net

The 2024/25 Academic Calendar is Here!

Also found on our TASOK website LINK!

TASOK CALENDAR OF EVENTS ALSO FOUND AT:

https://tasok.net/events-calendar/



Upcoming Events:

April 2024

4 TOK Exhibition

5-6 U18 Soccer Tournament

11 - IBDP Solo Theatre Performances

12 SS Semester 2 Progress Reports published

15-19 ES Art Week

16 G10 Parent Intro to the DP 5:30-7:00 pm

19 SS Senior Report Cards published

19 Student-Led (ES)/3-Way (SS) conferences (No School)

24 IBDP Exams Begin

25 PYP G5 Exhibition

27 TASOK Gala

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Nelson Mandela