

OCTOBER 31 2025

NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents & Carers,
Welcome to this week's Newsletter!

We've had a wonderfully productive week, and I would like to congratulate Year 5K for their fantastic, impactful and captivating assembly about children's right. Congratulations also to our certificate winners, and happy birthday to all our students and staff celebrating this week!

We can't wait for our exciting annual Go-Kart Race-a historic event that has long been a source of pride for SAIPS and a highlight for our community. I would like to invite parents and community members to support us through Go-Kart Race sponsorships and help promote your businesses. This is a fantastic opportunity for you or anyone you know to showcase what you do during this fun-filled day on Saturday, 8th November. I've heard that some parents and community members may have a limousine, monster truck or a power bike- you are most welcome to bring them along and make the day even more thrilling!

As part of our continued curriculum enhancement, we are designing a unique SAIPS Curriculum Map based on the best practices from the UK, set within an international and Malawian context. This will ensure our students receive a truly British educational experience with a global outlook.



Teachers are currently analysing assessment data to provide targeted support and continuous improvement through both formative and summative assessment. You may also know that we have recently split Year 3 to maintain small class sizes and provide more personalised attention- one of the hallmarks of SAIPS.

In other exciting developments, we have partnered with Dolphins Swimming Club to enhance our swimming lessons and ensure every child gains these essential life skills. The lessons have already begun, and together with our dedicated PE team, the Dolphins coaches are doing a fantastic job!

We are also working on revenue generation to increase enrolment and invest further in our school-bringing in more resources and opportunities to enrich our students' learning experiences. We kindly ask parents to share the savings admissions flyer and recommend SAIPS to friends and family, both in Malawi and abroad.

This is truly an exciting time for SAIPS. The Board has a clear and visionary plan to take SAIPS to the next level, and I want to sincerely thank the SLT and teaching and operational team for their commitment, hard work and open-hearted support. Even in my short time here, I continue to discover the incredible talents within our team and the unique spirit that makes SAIPS stand out among international schools I've worked in or visited.

And not a day goes by without our students dazzling me with something remarkable they have achieved! Please do visit the reception area-they are now filled with the amazing work our children have proudly produced.

This is what primary education is all about: joy, creativity and growth.

Warm regards for the weekend and happy Jumma to our Muslim families,

Mr Akif Naqvi

BA, TEFL, IT Dip., PGCE, MA (Econ.), MBA (E), FCCT
UK DfE / BSO (British Schools Overseas) Inspection Certificate

Headteacher

Workshop- Home Support & Safeguarding: We have noticed that many of our children spend time with nannies, house helpers, and drivers outside their school day or during the weekend. Some may also have lesson tutors to support them. We are excited to announce that we will be offering a workshop for house helpers, nannies, drivers, and lesson tutors on Home Support and Safeguarding. Parents are also welcome to join if they wish.


 **Date:** Tuesday, 18th November 2025

 **Time:** 7:00 a.m.



IMPORTANT DATES



- Mon 3 Nov 2025 : **Poppy Appeal Begin** 
- Fri 7 Nov 2025 : **1k Class Assembly**
- Fri 7 Nov 2025 : **KS2 Inter house Football**
- Sat 8 Nov 2025 : **Go Kart Race** 
- Mon 10 Nov 2025 : **Anti – Bullying week**
- Tue 11 Nov 2025 : **Rememberence day (11-11-11)**
- Tue 18 Nov 2025 : **Workshop** (Home Support & Safeguarding)

HOUSE POINTS

HOUSE POINTS TOTAL OF THE WEEK



• Impala
3746



• Kudu
3700



• Sable
2996

Keep Up
The
Good
Work



HOUSE MASCOT



LEADER IN ME

Interview with **Sofia Ndindi** and **Chayne Katuya (Reception)**

This week, we had the pleasure of interviewing two of our bright Reception pupils, Sofia Ndindi and Chayne Katuya. Their thoughtful and heart-warming answers remind us how wonderfully imaginative and caring our youngest learners can be!



Sofia & Chayne

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Sofia: I want to follow my mum's footsteps and become a teacher because I will enjoy teaching other students.

Chayne: I went to South Africa on an aeroplane, and since then, I've wanted to become a pilot because I love to fly.



If two people are fighting, how would you help them?

Sofia :

I would stop the fight and teach them to be kind to each other because fighting can hurt people.

Chayne: I would tell them to stop fighting because fighting is bad. You might hurt each other, and then you wouldn't like it.

What are your favourite subjects?

Sofia: My favourite subjects are Music and Dance. I enjoy dancing to the sound of music. Dancing makes me feel better-if I'm angry, I dance to calm down.

Chayne: I like Maths and want to solve many maths problems. I love counting numbers. If I'm given some money, I can count it and give the correct change back.

What is a good leader?

Sofia: A good leader is someone who is kind to others. It's someone who leads the line, the class, or like a Headteacher.

Chayne: A good leader is someone who is strong and can take care of others.

If you became the Headteacher of the school, what would you do?

Sofia: If I became the Headteacher, I would have meetings with my team and listen to their problems.

Chayne: As a Headteacher, I would talk to the teachers and check how the students are doing.

What thoughtful and inspiring answers from our young learners! It's always a joy to see how much imagination, kindness, and ambition our children have at such an early age.

NURSERY G

Nursery G has had a fantastic start to the term exploring Traditional Tales! The children have enjoyed writing letters and posters, counting mysterious footprints, and building story settings. Their creativity shines in the cooking area too, where they've followed story-themed recipes. It's been a joyful and imaginative start to the term!



- Watch what excites them most.
- Ask questions and listen.
- Add activities that link to their passions.
- Celebrate their curiosity every day! ☀



TERRIFIC TODDLERS

This week in Terrific Toddlers, the children enjoyed exploring the rhyme Baa Baa Black Sheep through singing, clapping, and actions, building their confidence and listening skills. They loved giving the sheep a fluffy cotton-wool coat in art and had fun discovering how magnets can "collect" sheep during play. The week ended with an exciting milestone - their very first swimming lesson, full of splashes, smiles, and courage!

SPARKLING PRE-NURSERY

Exploring the Colour Green

The children had a fun week exploring the colour green! 🌿 They enjoyed Elmer the Elephant, shared green toys, painted swirls, and went on a "green hunt." They made lovely leaf prints, counted green Lego blocks, and ended the week singing "Five Green Bottles." A joyful week of colour, creativity and laughter!



BUMBLE-BEE NURSERY

We made clay pots with Mr. Jackson after reading and role playing our story of the week The Magic Porridge Pot.

The class were super stars, engaged, focused, having fun and learning new skills



RECEPTION

We introduced our exciting new topic: 'A Land Far Away.'

The children were full of enthusiasm as they began exploring this magical theme. They especially enjoyed dressing up in the role play area, where their imaginations ran wild! It was wonderful to see them take on different characters and create their own faraway lands through play. This led to rich conversations, creative storytelling and lots of collaborative adventures.

YEAR 1

Year 1 have had an exciting few weeks! In English, the children wrote all about the Beast, using wonderful adjectives to describe how it looks, moves, and what it eats. They finished by creating amazing wanted posters, each one bursting with creativity!

In Topic, they explored toys from the past and present, comparing old favourites to today's modern gadgets. There was plenty of laughter as they imagined playing without batteries or screens! It's been a fun and fascinating journey through time and imagination.



YEAR 2

In English, they've been exploring conjunctions and adjectives to make their writing more detailed. In Maths, they've been practising number bonds and spotting patterns, and in Science, they've been planting cress seeds and learning how plants grow. Two weeks full of learning, laughter and curiosity!



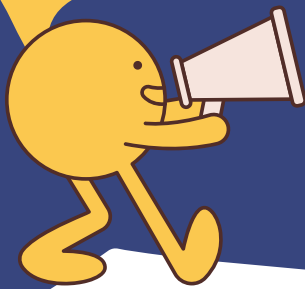
YEAR 3

This term, we introduced Morning Challenge activities, and the children absolutely love them! Each day begins with a question on the main board, and everyone writes their answers on personal whiteboards.

In Science, the children learned about Humans and Animals, focusing on vertebrates and invertebrates. They even visited the school farm to identify real examples!

In Maths, they continued practising how to subtract a two-digit number from a three-digit number.





SCHOOL NEWS

OCTOBER
EDITION

YOUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ABOUT OUR SCHOOL!

SAIPS BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT

Following the recent Board nominations and voting, a tied vote was resolved by the Board, resulting in Mr Jamal Kamoto being successfully nominated to the Board.

Additionally, the Board has reviewed the application of Mr Chilipo Gunda and, in recognition of his strong academic background, has appointed him to the Board.

We warmly welcome Mr Jamoto and Mr Gunda and look forward to their contributions to the Board and the continued growth of our school.

BOARDERS SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES WITH MR NAQVI



Our boarders met with Mr Naqvi and discussed boarding life and ways to make their experience even more successful. We also welcomed our new boarder, Emuna, in Year 5N, who recently joined the school.



Friday Treat:
Ice cream



HEARTS OF SAIPS AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES CLUB

This week, the Hearts of SAIPS Club had special visitors from the Butterfly Foundation for Peace. Together, we went on an exciting trip to the farm, where the children learned how to feed the animals and care for them. We also enjoyed a peaceful nature walk through the forest. It was an amazing and enriching experience for everyone, filled with learning and laughter, and we look forward to working together with the foundation in the future.



YEAR 4

Creative Spellers at Work!

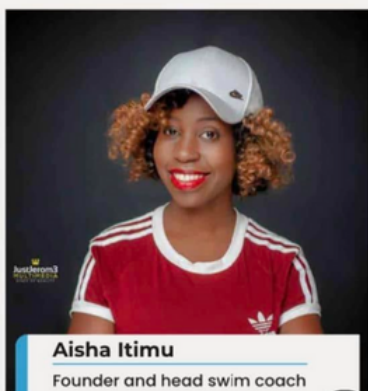
Year 4 have been busy with lots of fantastic learning this week! The highlight has been their amazing spelling creations. The children explored their spelling words in a variety of fun and imaginative ways, from designing colourful word posters and building word art, to creating mini spelling games and word collages.

This creative approach not only helped them understand spelling patterns and meanings but also allowed them to express their ideas artistically. Well done, Year 4, for showing such enthusiasm and creativity in your learning!

Coach Aisha Itimu (famously known as ms Aisha) is a qualified Starfish Aquatic Institute/PADI Level 2 swim instructor and has First Aid level 1 and 2 with infant CPR by Pulse Point South Africa. The Coach also has LTS certification with Deanes Swim School (SA) and a member of Malawi Aquatic Union.

Coach Aisha has over 6 years of swim coaching, teaching, and program management experience. She has taught and coached all ages and levels of swimmers from infants to national qualifiers, and believes in every individual's fair opportunity to make competitive swimming part of their overall lifestyle

"I love swimming, cycling....o well....my other name is adventure!"

**Exciting Swimming News**

We're thrilled to announce that our swimming lessons are now being offered by the incredible *Dolphins Swimming Club! Under the expert guidance of Coach Aisha Itimu, a dedicated parent at SAIPS, your child will

experience swimming like never before. With the support of our enthusiastic PE staff and skilled pool personnel, we're set to elevate our swimming programme to new heights.

***SPOTLIGHT ON MRS MATARE***

Congratulations, Mrs Matare!

We're delighted to announce that Mrs Matare has taken on the role of Year 3 teacher. Her dedication, warmth, and passion for inspiring young learners continue to shine through in all she does. Well done, Mrs Matare!

ALUMNI ACHIEVERS

TUTO KALITERA

ATTENDED SAIPS: (1996 – 2003)



My name is **Tuto Kalitera**. I was at SAIPS for 7 years from **Reception to Year 6** (1996 – 2003).

I have many fond memories of my time there: from the passionate teachers I had, the life-long friends I made, and all the extra-curricular activities I took part in (**assemblies and film nights were personal favourites!**). Though I absolutely dreaded running cross country back then, running is my favourite hobby today, I give my time at SAIPS credit for this!

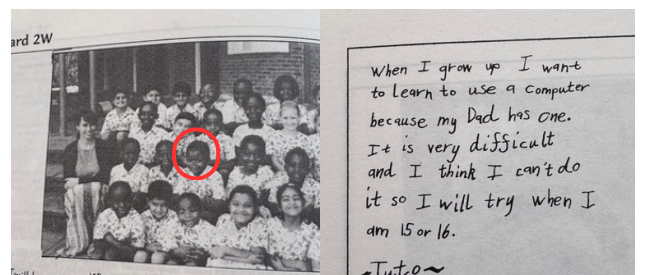
As a student I loved every bit of my time at SAIPS (I even recall being emotional when leaving Year 6!). However, my appreciation for SAIPS has only grown with time. As an adult I realise how much of a blessing and a privilege it was to school at SAIPS and for this I am tremendously grateful.

SPOTLIGHT

Today I am a pastor and entrepreneur. As an entrepreneur I run a software development company called Tuto Computer Systems (which was founded by my father) which specializes in payroll and HR software; as well as an outdoor advertising agency called Tuto Media which specializes in billboard and bus shelter advertising.



I therefore look fondly back at my time at SAIPS as a special time in my life that laid a foundation for the person that I am today. This is why SAIPS will always hold a special place in my heart.



STARS & CELEBRATIONS

ACHIEVEMENTS, FUN & EVERYTHING INBETWEEN

STAR OF WEEK

"Celebrating our Stars of the Week 🌟 Over the past two weeks, these amazing children have shone bright through their hard work, creativity, and positive attitude. Well done to all our shining stars!"



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

"Our Athlete of the Week 🏆 Over the past two weeks, this amazing young sportsperson has shown outstanding effort, skill, and determination in all their activities. Congratulations on your fantastic achievements!"



BIRTHDAYS

🎂 Celebrating our friends' birthdays over the past two weeks! Wishing them a year full of fun and happiness!"

ASSEMBLIES

"Year 6F and 5K have wowed us in their assemblies over the past two weeks! 🌟 Great performances, confidence, and creativity all around — well done to everyone involved!"



THE ECO WARRIORS GARDENING CLUB

Our Eco Warriors Gardening Club, led by Ms Kalitera and Mrs Luka, are on a mission to make a difference —starting right here at school! Our mission this term is to revive our greenhouse with the help of Mr Isaiah and Mr Sangala. The children have been actively involved in every step of the process, learning valuable skills in gardening and sustainability.

So far, we have planted a variety of vegetables, including carrots and tomatoes, and have been carefully tending to them each week. This week, the children took part in making compost, an important step in understanding how to nourish our plants naturally

Everyone is excited to watch our plants grow and see the results of their hard work!



WORLD PORRIDGE DAY DONATION

In celebration of World Porridge Day, our SAIPS learners took part in a meaningful act of kindness by collecting packets of porridge within their respective classes. The initiative aimed to teach our children the importance of compassion, generosity, and community spirit.

All the porridge collected was donated to the Joshua Foundation, an organization dedicated to supporting vulnerable children and families. It was truly heartwarming to see our students participate so enthusiastically, understanding that even the smallest contributions can make a big difference in someone's life.

At SAIPS, we believe that giving is an essential part of learning — and our children demonstrated just that through their wonderful efforts. Together, we shared not just porridge, but love and hope for a brighter tomorrow. 🌟





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