



At AIS, Our mission is to...

- **Care** for ourselves, each other and the **world** around us
- Be confident, reflective, **global** citizens
- Think **curiously, creatively, and critically**
- Challenge ourselves to be our **best**
- **Enjoy** lifelong learning

Steps to success

In order to achieve our mission we:

- **focus on learning.**
- are **safe and healthy.**
- are **internationally minded.**
- **develop the AIS personal goals.**

To become **A Passionate Learning Community**

Newsletter 16/23

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Dear AIS family

Welcome to the newsletter, sharing information, events and updates from last week, and exciting news of things to come in a very busy term.

Happy Reading!

Graham

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AIS Definition of Learning

Learning is a lifelong adventure by which our brains make connections between the knowledge we gain, the skills we develop and the understanding that deepens over time.

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1. In the News:



In the news today we feature Kenyan poet and activist Mumbi Macharia.

Her poetry performance for the 1.8 Billion Young People for Change campaign opened the 76th World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland, this week.

The performance was held as a call for governments to invest in, and support, young people.

The poem, called We Are the 1.8 Billion, was performed by Kenyan poet Mumbi Macharia, who stood alongside WHO Director General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus and former New Zealand prime minister Jacinda Ardern.

The Health Assembly is the annual gathering of countries who are part of the World Health Organization.

You can watch Mumbi reciting her inspiring poem [here](#).

Please share it.....

2. CIS Evaluation Visit to Cambodia

I had the opportunity to join the Council for International Schools' evaluation team at a school in Phnom Penh last week.

As a CIS evaluator, it is a real privilege for me to support school development in this way. It is also a very good opportunity for me to see the initiatives in place in other top schools around the world and to bring some of those ideas back to AIS.

AIS is going through its own evaluation process this year, with our final evaluation team visit scheduled to take place in April 2024.

It was very good for me to have seen the final evaluation process first hand last week and I am sure it will support me in leading our school through to a successful conclusion of our CIS evaluation.

I am very grateful to the AIS Board and Mr. Kim for allowing me to take part in this visit. Thanks also to the AIS senior leadership, faculty and support staff for managing so well in my absence.

Thank you all for your understanding, it is nice to be back!



3. Draft Class Structure for Next Academic Year

I shared a very initial draft class structure with parents who were able to attend our coffee morning last week and I feel it is appropriate to share it more widely here.

I explained to parents that this is just a first consideration of classes for next year and that this may change.

This is one reason why it is so important for you to confirm with us if you are planning to return to AIS next year. Thank you to those parents who have confirmed their child's place. However, we have still not heard from over half of our families.

Some of our year groups are getting full and it would help me a lot if you can confirm this week if you would like us to reserve a place for your child next year. Please email admissions to confirm your child's place: admissions@atherton.sc.kr

We are very excited to have also received applications from more than ten new families whose children will join AIS in August.

Year	Number Now	Number for August 2023	New Students 2023-24 Signed so far	Totals		Proposed Class Split	Curriculum
NUR	4	0	0	0			
FD	2	4	1	5	8	Snails (FD/REC)	IEYC
REC	4	2	1	3			
Y1	8	4	0	4	13	Rabbits (1/2)	IPC Milepost 1
Y2	5	8	1	9			
Y3	12	5	1	6	13	Lions (3/4)	IPC Milepost 2
Y4	5	12	3	7(Younger)	8(Older)		
Y5	17	5	1	6	14	Tigers (4/5)	IPC Milepost 3
Y6	10	17	0	17		Sharks (6)	IPC Milepost 3
Y7	5	10	2	12	18	Kraken (7/8)	IMYC
Y8	9	5	1	6			
Y9	4	9	2	11		Unicorn (9)	IMYC
Y10	5	4	2	6		Hydra (10/11)	iGCSE
Y11	1	5	2	7			
Y12	6	1	1	2		Anubis (12/13)	AS Level
Y13	0	6	1	7			A Level

With these current numbers, we plan to open one Early Years class, one Year 1/2 class, one class with Year 3 and younger Year 4 students, one class with older Year 4 and Year 5 students and one class with Year 6 students.

In Middle school we will open a Middle School class with Year 7 and Year 8 students who will have a classteacher and also specialist input as a transition from Primary to Secondary divisions of the school. Year 9 will be taught as a separate Middle School class.

iGCSE, AS and A Level students will be taught in individual year groups for all subjects apart from art, music and p.e. where they will join together as an iGCSE group and a High School group.

4. Staffing Update

This is just an advanced note that there will be some limited changes to staffing for next year.

As often happens in international schools, some staff have completed their contracts and are seeking new adventures. However, I am also really pleased to tell you that we will be adding an extra teacher to our Secondary School faculty. This new teacher will be able to take some of the load from our existing science and maths teachers and also add economics and business studies to our options for secondary students.

I will confirm the staff changes in the newsletter of Sunday 11th June.

5. Friday Footy & Saturday Sports

I am very pleased that these additional two sports activities are proving so popular. Thank you very much to the parents who support these initiatives. Just a reminder that the gym will **not be available** next Saturday morning as we are hosting a volleyball tournament. The big field will be available for football and basketball from 09.00 – 11.00.

6. Personal Goal of the Week



This week's personal goal is the Empathy goal. This is one of the trickiest of our Personal Goals, I think. Empathy is being able to share someone's emotion or to see something from another person's point of view.

There have been opportunities for members of the AIS community to show empathy throughout the year. One of the most impressive of those opportunities has been the High School weekly community service with Aikwangwon Foundation. I am super proud of our High School students who visit the residents at Aikwangwon and help them to access activities and games. Last week the students helped the residents play the sport of curling and this week they accompanied the residents on a walk and helped them with craft activities. The kindness and care shown by our students as they worked with the residents, showed real empathy. Great work High School!

7. Dates for Your Diary

1 st -2 nd June	HFS School overnight at AIS - sports activities together on Friday 2 nd
3 rd June	Chevron Volleyball Tournament - AIS Gym 09.00-16.00
5 th June	Summer Art Exhibition 16.10-18.30
7 th June	Summer Concert - details to be confirmed
9 th June	AIS Summer Party - EY-Primary 16.00-18.00, Secondary 19.00-21.00
14 th -16 th June	Y5-Y12 Residential Trip
15 th -16 th June	Y3-Y4 Overnight in school
21 st June	Family Pizza, Popcorn and Movie - EY-Y4 15.00-16.30 - Y5-Y12 17.30-19.30
22 nd June	End of Term 3 – School finishes at 12.00 (No lunch) - Happy Holidays!
21 st August	Term 1 Academic Year 2023/24 – Welcome back!

8. The Last Word

