



WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to the second half of term one. As we recommence our academic year, we would like to thank you for your ongoing partnership with us.

It was pleasing to see the students' progress, which was very evident in the recent exam period. Sometimes, as we are teaching and learning online, we wonder if the children are gaining as much knowledge and skills as we would wish, so it is good for all of us to see clear evidence of their progress.

We look forward to sharing with you some of the highlights of your child's academic progress in the Student Led Conferences, commencing this week.

Important Dates

Date (s)	Programme
21 - 28 October 2021	Primary - Student Led Conferences
25 - 29 October 2021	Secondary - Student Led Conferences (SLC)
03 November 2021	Staff INSET (No School)
09 December 2021	End of Term I
10 December	Parent Teacher Conferences

Student Led Conferences

Primary Student-Led Conferences (SLCs)

Student-Led Conferences began this Thursday 21 October, and run until Thursday 28 October. These conferences provide a great opportunity for your children to share with you both their progress in the last half-term, and their goals for the half-term ahead.

Your child's teacher will have shared a google sign-up sheet with you via email so that you can select a suitable time to meet with your child and the teacher (on zoom).

If you haven't received the email and want to sign up, please contact the Teaching Assistants via the What's App groups and suggest a time. Time slots are 8.30am, 2.50pm, 3.15pm and 3.40pm. The teaching assistant can then select a time for you and confirm it via WhatsApp. You can join the SLC meetings by clicking on the English, Maths or Science lesson zoom links on the firefly timetables.

Alternatively, please contact the Primary Coordinator on WhatsApp or call: +256 774 382 575.



Secondary Student Led Conference SLC

Our student-led conferences, SLC's start next week on Monday 25th October all through to Friday 29th October 2021.

We expect that by now you have made an appointment with your child's homeroom teacher but if not we request that you and your child make an appointment to meet the homeroom teacher within the set days for the conference.

Parents of candidate students (Yr.9, 11, 12 and 13) will be expected to physically turn up in school. The other non-candidate classes (Yr. 7, 8 and 10) should make an appointment with the homeroom teacher to have a ZOOM session within the set dates.

For those that will be coming into school physically, do not forget to follow the standing SOP's.

Reviewing Guiding Statements



Galaxy International School Uganda guiding statements(GS) include our school motto, mission and vision statements, values, objectives, goals and our definition for high-quality learning and teaching, global citizenship and intercultural learning. The guiding statements, collectively, are a living document. These continue to guide our decision making and ensure that we remain true to the guiding principles of our school community and the needs of the families we serve.

For that reason, our guiding statements are subject to review and affirmation at the board level, and input into the statements is sought and welcomed throughout the year.

This last relating to mission and vision statements review occurred in 2019 before our journey to becoming a Council of International School(CIS) Accredited school.

Through the steering committee represented by all stakeholders, including students, staff, board of governors, parents, and alumni, the school will engage in a broader community-wide review of the motto, mission and vision statements, and values in the upcoming weeks.

We are encouraged to participate in the survey, offer our opinions, and contribute to the school's purpose and direction in alignment with the values inherent in the CIS Code of Ethics and the UN Convention on the Child's Rights.



UK Universities Symposium

On Tuesday 19 October 2021, our Year 13 students attended a Symposium by [insert name] of Cognita Consultancy UK. During the online event, he outlined the process of application to UK universities and mentioned 18 partner universities that our students can apply to easily.

Year 6 Swimming Gala on Friday 8 October

Year 6 were very excited to be able to participate in an inter-house swimming gala (and football competition) on the last day before mid-term break. Congratulations to all of the Year 6 students, who participated so enthusiastically, and took home a number of medals.



University and Career Counselling Webinar

GISU is committed to making sure that all our learners are appropriately guided in a timely manner. As such, we plan to conduct a webinar about the available services that the university and career counselling department has to offer to the students.

We would like to reiterate that, at GISU, we offer career guidance, career consultation, university program selection and university application to the students at no extra cost. We therefore encourage parents to use this service when the need for it arises.



Parents Workshop

Saturday, 30 October - Secondary Parents' Workshop - Preparing Children Sexually & Online Child Protection

We would like to invite you to the forthcoming virtual online parents workshop on 30 October 2021, under the topics "Preparing children sexually and Online Child Protection."

The workshop will run from 10:00am to 12:00pm and will provide you with information to help to guide your children during their critical years of teenage and adolescence. On top of that you will get more insight on Sexuality, how it can be communicated and the impact of online exposure to our children. Also expect to get more insight on protecting children online and our renewed strategies concerning this topic.

Saturday November 6 - Early Years and Primary Parents' Workshop - Creating a Reading Culture.

Our literacy teacher, librarian and coordinators will provide some inspiration and practical guidance to parents, to support you as 'first teachers' of reading for your children.

Please join on Saturday, November 6 at 10am on Zoom. The link is <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82957786923>



COVID Message

Dear Parents!

The school is working very hard to prevent the spread of Covid-19! We want to say a big THANK YOU to all parents and students who wear their mask when coming to school.

Unfortunately, not everyone is doing so. We kindly request, that all parents and students wear a mask when visiting the school premises.

Parents and students without masks will not be permitted inside the school.

#LetsStaySafeAndHealthyTogether



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Staff INSET

To improve standards, upskill staff and ensure individuals have the most up-to-date knowledge and expertise in their field, we shall have 3 INSET(In-Service Training) days, one in each term for all GISU staff. The upcoming INSET is due on Wednesday, 03 November 2021. There will be no school for all students on that day.

United Nations Day

The United Nations was founded on October 24, 1945. It was begun as an international peacekeeping organization. Its first meetings were in San Francisco and delegates came there from all over the world at the end of World War II to begin this exciting new project. Its headquarters are now in New York City, and almost every nation in the world sends its representatives there to meet and discuss world developments.

The United Nations also reminds us of the rights of the oppressed, the rights of women, and the rights of children. It is an organization that makes it possible for us to get into countries to feed the hungry and help the sick.



World Cities Day

World Cities Day was established in 2013 by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution A/RES/68/239. The first World Cities Day was held in October 2014.

World Cities Day aims to promote the international community's interest in global urbanization, push forward cooperation among countries in meeting opportunities and addressing challenges of urbanization, and contributing to sustainable urban development around the world. The observance day ties in with Sustainable Development Goal 11, to make cities "inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable".

The theme for World Cities Day 2021 is Adapting Cities for Climate Resilience reflecting the fact that climate change will have a huge impact on city residents with hundreds of millions of them experiencing floods, rising sea levels, storms and increasing periods of extreme temperatures.



Independence Days; Zambia and Iran

Galaxy International School Uganda would like to congratulate and wish families and friends from Zambia and Iran a Happy Independence Day.



Zambia 24 October



Iran 26 October



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Early Years Project work

My Name is Aiden Amutuhaire. My favourite animal is a Cow. It has 4 legs, 2 eyes, 2 ears, 2 horns, 1 tail, 1 mouth, 1 nose and 4 breasts(teats). I chose the cow because it gives us Milk where we get ghee and cheese. It also gives us meat. We get hides from it, which can be used to make bags, shoes, belts and carpets.

It also gives us horns, which we use to make buttons, cups, and other ornaments. The cow eats grass, drinks Water and eats salt for its well being. The cows are found all over the world on farms or in people's homes. It is a domestic animal. When it reproduces, the baby cow is called a calf.

My cow at the farm stays in an open night paddock.

End of my presentation.

Special Education Needs Awareness

Executive functions are a set of processes that all have to do with managing oneself and one's resources in order to achieve any goal or we can say it is the skill set we use to get things done. Executive functions gradually develop and change across the lifespan of an individual and can be improved at any time over the course of a person's life.

As with most learned responses, the earlier you start developing this skill set, the better off you'll be.

Some of the executive function is responsible for many skills, including:

- Paying attention,
- Organizing, planning, and prioritizing.
- Starting tasks and staying focused on them to completion.
- Understanding different points of view.
- Regulating emotions.
- Self-monitoring (keeping track of what you're doing)

Some of the workable strategies for success for children could be to create routines/procedures, set reminders (timers/alerts), utilize visual supports, organize the environment, reduce clutter in the environment of the children. While at school the teacher will teach explicitly use visual reminders, vary task and set workable deadlines with consultation of the learner.

While at home and in the wider community, you can encourage the children to clean their bedroom and around the house, let them pick after themselves, While in the supermarket or any public space encourage them to start simple chat while in line waiting to be attended to , patiently wait for their turn if there is a need to line up. Let the children go out and guide them on what to respond when someone cuts the line ,finding an item in the store eating in a restaurant or going to a movie.

For any further inquiries, please visit the learning support department.



Next week's Snack and Lunch Menu

WEEK 2 25.10.2021 MONDAY

SNACK	LUNCH	SALAD BAR	DESSERT
Buttery rolls (Veg, Beef)	Lunch { GISU Fried Chicken Vegetable Pasta, Plain Rice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roasted Tomato & Mixed Bean Salad • Steamed french beans • Pickle • Sliced onion 	Passion Juice
Black Tea	Vegeterians { Green cowpeas stew Cabbage Manchurian Recipe		
African Tea	Soup { N/A		

26.10.2021 TUESDAY

SNACK	LUNCH	SALAD BAR	DESSERT
Carrot Cake Slices	Lunch { Beef Steak Brown Rice, Steamed Pumpkin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bombay Carrot Salads • Lettuce • Avocado • Sliced Onion 	Watermelon
Black Tea	Vegeterians { Mixed vegetable source Chilli Paneer		
	Soup { N/A		

27.10.2021 WEDNESDAY

SNACK	LUNCH	SALAD BAR	DESSERT
Chocolate Doughnuts	Lunch { Fish Nuggets Spaghetti Bolognaise, plain pasta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mixed Bean Salads • Pickle • Sliced Tomatoes • Red cabbage 	Hibiscus and Lemon Juice
Black Tea	Vegeterians { Cream Tomato Soup Mixed Vegetable Curry		
	Soup { N/A		

28.10.2021 THURSDAY

SNACK	LUNCH	SALAD BAR	DESSERT
Mandazi	Lunch { White Beans Stew Chicken Pilau, Plain Rice, Yams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tomato Avocado and Tuna Salad • Sliced Onion • Grated Carrot • White Cabbage 	Ice Cream
Milk Tea	Vegeterians { N/A Tawa Mushroom		
Black Tea	Soup { N/A		

29.10.2021 FRIDAY

SNACK	LUNCH	SALAD BAR	DESSERT
Carrot Muffins Cake	Lunch { Beef and Vegetable Lasagne Brown and plain Rice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fresh mixed Salad • Lettuce • Red Cabbage • Sliced Cucumber 	Sweet Banana
Black Tea	Vegeterians { Cauliflower Stew Aloo Palak		
	Soup { N/A		