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Marina Weekly Newsletter



Our Mission: Provide a holistic, student-centred education that enables students to reach their full potential and contribute to the progress of The Gambia and the world.

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to welcome our students back to another week of learning, growing and sharing remarkable achievements and participating in exciting upcoming events at Marina International School. From our students' outstanding performances in sports to the launch of new educational initiatives, our community continues to exemplify the values of **Respect, Achievement, Integrity, Service, and Empathy (R.A.I.S.E.)**. Our H.S. students went to **Kiang** to donate our old furniture, a laudable initiative. Last week, we came from the midterm break and had a great **Black History Day Celebration** and we look forward to the **Mock Exams** next week.

Our Vision: An internationally acclaimed and diverse community of students and staff committed to academic excellence and character development in a safe and caring environment.

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Marina Magic - High School

Marina donates furniture to Omar Bin Abdul Aziz Islamic School

-by Adam Chingling F6

Our recent visit to Omar Bin Abdul Aziz Islamic School, Katong Kunda Village, Kiang West District, Lower River Region was deeply moving. We were warmly welcomed by the teachers, students and a few community members. Upon arrival, we connected with the students, made the donation and our student council and prefect members played a lively football match with them. Seeing their classrooms and the challenges they face firsthand brought a deeper sense of empathy and strengthened our resolve to continue supporting them.

During the long yet exciting and fulfilling journey with 47 students, we donated a total of 179 pieces of furniture. Marina has been supporting the school for several years, providing furniture and other essentials, which has only strengthened our bond. It was humbling to see their genuine need for help and heartwarming to know that our school considers them part of our extended family.

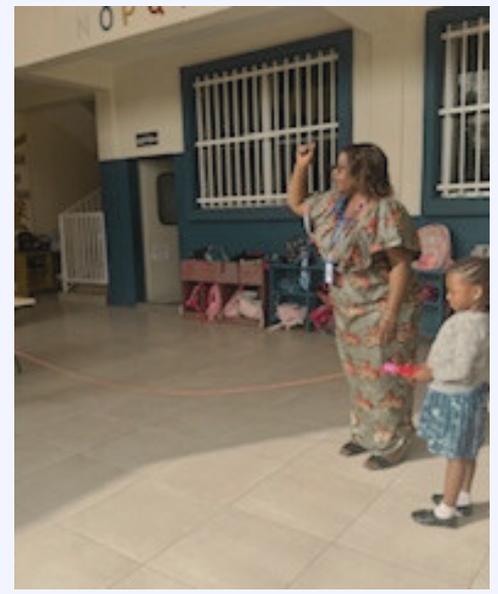
The trip was led by the Acting Head, Mr. Emmanuel Ngeno, Pastoral Head, Mrs. Sombo-Mattu Kowah, Marina Student Council and Trips Coordinator, Mr. Zepharniah Oni, along with Mr. Alagie Sonko, Mr. Foday Sowe, Mr. Lamin Ceesay, Madame Binta Dieng, and Mr. Abdoulie Drammeh.



Marina Magic- Foundation

EYFS Peek of the Week

Exploration and play are the heart of effective learning in the Early Years Foundation Stages (EYFS). Research shows that children thrive when they engage with their surroundings, transforming the world into their classroom. This week, our little adventurers embarked on an exciting journey, diving into hand-on experience that spark curiosity and imagination.



Submitted by: Ms. Monica Ndambuki

Marina Celebrates Black History Month

Last Thursday, students celebrated Black History Month with great enthusiasm. Themed "Africa and Re-globalization: Strategies for Stronger Roles in Global Affairs," the event kicked off with a brief introduction to Black History Month.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Felix Omotosho from the Faculty of Humanities at UTG, spoke about the importance of Africans taking on leadership roles and occupying spaces to drive a progressive continent. He expressed hope for a future where Africa leads in global affairs, redefining globalization and ensuring active participation on the world stage.

Students showcased their talents through spoken word performances, cultural displays, and a fashion show themed "Evolution of Black Fashion Through History."

The event was an educational experience, allowing students to broaden their horizons, learn about influential Black men and women in history, and imagine how they too could contribute to shaping the future of Africa.



Marina attends Black History Month Photo Exhibition at the American Corner

Last week, History students had the privilege of attending the Black History Month Photo Exhibition, thanks to an invitation from The American Corner. Black History Month, celebrated each February in the United States and Canada, began as "Negro History Week" in 1926, established by historian Carter G. Woodson. It was later expanded to a month in 1976 to recognize and honor the significant contributions of Black men and women throughout history. Our History students participated in an insightful session that highlighted the achievements of influential Black individuals who fought for equality and paved the way for many others to have the opportunities they do today. It was an inspiring experience that deepened their understanding of the profound impact of these trailblazers.



Marina Magic - JS

Wednesday is for Clubs!

Wednesdays are reserved for club activities. Whether it's swimming, hairdressing, media, board games, football, or painting, there's a club for everyone. All students across both campuses are encouraged to join, discover something new, and have fun!



Marina Magic - JS

P.E. with Mr. Chune!

Physical education is crucial for children as it promotes overall health, builds strength, and improves coordination. It helps develop important life skills like teamwork, discipline, and perseverance while fostering mental well-being. Regular physical activity enhances cognitive function, supports healthy growth, and encourages positive habits that can last a lifetime. By engaging in PE, children not only stay active but also learn to appreciate the value of a healthy lifestyle.





IMPORTANT NEWS- HS

MOCK and MID YEAR EXAMS

Key Updates & Focus Areas:

- Form 3 will sit for their Mocks on March 10th, 11th, and 12th, 2025.
- Form 5, 6 & 7 will begin their Mocks on March 13th, 2025.
- Form 1 & 2 will start their Mid-Year Exams on March 20, 2025.
- Form 3 will finish their Mid-Year Exams on the morning of March 20, 2025.
- P3-6 will continue with lessons as scheduled, ensuring a smooth transition post-exams.

As exams approach, we encourage all students to stay focused, study hard, and strive for excellence.

Good luck!

2nd Term Calendar

SCHOOL FEES PAYMENTS DUE -Jan 6th 2025
CHECKPOINT FEES DEADLINE - FEB 10TH 2025

Monday, 10th March – Friday, 14th March - Mid-year Assessments

Week of Monday, March 17th - COBIS Compliance Visit Day

Tuesday, April 15th - Open Day



Wishing the Muslim Ummah in the Marina community a blessed and peaceful holy month of Ramadan.

“O believers! Fasting is prescribed for you—as it was for those before you¹—so perhaps you will become mindful of Allah (SWT)”
-Surah Al-Baqarah 2:183



Important Date or Events

- **Mock Exams & Mid-year Exams - starts March 10**