

The Weekly

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The American International School
Lagos, Nigeria

Curriculum Corner



Iowa Test of Basic Skills: ITBS

In approximately 10 days, your daughter or son will be taking the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills. These are standardized achievement tests that are taken by children in many International Schools as well as Public and Private Schools in the United States. The main purposes of the ITBS are to provide the school with information that can be used to improve instruction and to help teachers make sound educational decisions about each student's learning. The scores allow teachers to check student's year-to-year growth and to identify each student's strongest and weakest areas of achievements.

The ITBS covers many of the fundamental skills your child is learning in school: vocabulary, reading comprehension, language, and mathematics. In addition, students are tested in Social Studies, Science and Source of Information.

The results from ITBS will not be used to grade students. However, teachers, counselor, principals and curriculum coordinator will use the results to monitor student's learning of many of important skills taught in school. Scores from ITBS are useful to parents too. Scores from ITBS cannot replace the teachers' observations and judgment, but they can provide useful supplementary information for the teacher, the parent, and the student. When test results are used in conjunction with other information from the classroom and the home, teachers and parents can work together to identify and address the educational needs of each student.

Students should be encouraged to do their best on the ITBS, as they should do for all school activities. But it would be harmful to place too much emphasis on the importance of the tests, to make students feel anxious or stressful about the outcomes. By maintaining a typical schedule and atmosphere at home during the week of testing, you can help your child have a positive testing experience.

Sincerely

*Carla Massoud
Curriculum Coordinator*

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Saturday Baseball Update



There have been many changes in the team selection over the past couple of days. For example, we had to add another T-Ball team, so ALL of those teams are different now. The changes are throughout the leagues, so please look at the following pages to see the revised Baseball teams.

The final teams are also posted at the school on the bulletin board.

If you have any questions, contact one of the Commissioners.

Commissioners: David Blackall – 0802-983-7885
Kevin Huehlefeld – 0803-407-0055
Danny Bosman – 0803-525-1033

2007 AIS Baseball Practice Schedule - beginning January 22nd

Day	Time	Field 2	Field 4
Monday	4:30 - 5:30	Little - Mariners	Pony - Rangers
	5:30 - 6:30	Mustang -Phillies	
Tuesday	4:30 - 5:30	Bantam - Twins	Bantam - Indians
	5:30 - 6:30	Minor - Nationals	Minor - Red Sox
Wednesday	4:30 - 5:30		
	5:30 - 6:30	Minor - Reds	Bantam White Sox
Thursday	4:30 - 5:30	Bantam - Marlins	Minors - Rockies
	5:30 - 6:30	Mustang - Diamond Backs	Mustangs - Cubs
Friday	4:30 - 5:30		



Mardi Gras 2007

Tickets on sale AISL courtyard

Monday 1:30pm to 3:15pm January 22nd

And

Wednesday 1:30pm to 3:15pm January 24th

Tickets N5000

Drink tickets/book N1000

Parade Free

Names required for each ticket and parade pass issued.

Inquiries?

Beverly Rushing 366-7635 or 0803 436-3998

Or

Tara Faseler 366-7652 or 0803 447 2915

Venue: Chevron Estates and Gym

Parade 6pm

Party (adults only) 7pm

T-BALL

Tigers

Cardinals

Royals

Brewers

Coach	Paul Johnston	Craig Winton	David Blackall	Arlen Schmalz
Assist. Coach	Larry Fizer	Andrew Mathers	Miguel Sanchez	Andrew Mathers
Team Mom	Kimberly Fizer	Bridget Enright	Megan Ambler-Smith	Debbie Harrison

1	Adefioye Aderemi .5	Barton Richard .5	Blackall Sean .5	Daswani Aryana .5
2	Hathiramani Arhea .5	Enright Christian .5	MacNaughton Scott .5	Mathers Rebecca .5
3	Head Rachel .5	Gunther Justin .5	Oyebode Invmidw .5	Mohinani Shivaan .5
4	Rushing Claire .5	Ronkin Ben .5	Sela Shahar .5	Smith Rebecca .5
5	Saleeby Melissa .5	Johnson Isayas .5	Ambler-Smith Steven .25	Audifferon Ayo .25
6	Fizer Katie .25	Chomse Brynne .25	Ibru Romarho .25	Pelossof Oreyo .25
7	Head Brian .25	Lever Daniel .25	Nelken Yaron .25	Harrison Conner .25
8	Johnston Clare .25	Zimburg Axel .25	Nelken Yanny .25	Mabray Dami .25
9	Riksen Jasmin .25	Winton Zachary .25	Sanchez Ariana .25	Schmalz Jacob .5
10				Fasler Brandon .5

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BANTAM

	Indians	White Sox	Marlins	Twins
Coach	Mark Riksen	Mike Bowen	Michael Agidee	Charlie Fazzino
Assist. Coach	Dan Smith	Todd Creeger	David Rainbolt	Mark Hakala
2nd Assist. Coach				Morten Lund
Team Mom		Olayinka Odumakinde		Shelly Fazzino

1	Ambler-Smith Michael 1	Bosman Brandon 1	Agidee Rachel 1	Ahmed Zak 2
2	Chukwumah Cece 2	Bowen Sam 2	Alemao Nicholas 2	Ayoh Christine 2
3	Edevbie David 2	Creeger Lyndsey 2	Barton Matthew 2	Chomse Kelsi 2
4	George Sotonye 2	Hussain Yousha 1	Davies Sophie 2	Fazzino Tony 2
5	Marks Jesse 1	Johnson Malachi 1	Faseler Anthony 2	Grooteelaar Sam 2
6	Njamfa Tiara- Marie 2	Lever Erik 2	Jarmakani Nassar 1	Hakala Houston 1
7	Rees Shane 2	Mavzuki Ismail 2	Johnston Haise 1	Head James 2
8	Riksen Sean 1	Nava Victoria 2	Letsch Adam 1	Lund Fredrick 1
9	Rong imri 2	Odumakinde Tiwalola 2	Oyebode Moyo 1	May Claire 2
10	Smith Nathan 1	Randle Isabella 1	Pelossof Orel 2	Reynard Ayan 2
11	Thadani Zane 2	Odumakinde Tolaoluwa 2	Rainbolt Jacob 2	Wedderburn Nicholas 2
12	Tiffin Catherine 2	Taylor Justin 2	Wu Mathew 2	Winton Mackenzie 2
13	Tiffin Christian 1	Zimburg Ulrich 2	Mabray T.T. 2	Sadaranuani Kushul 1

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MINOR

	Red Sox	Reds	Nationals	Rockies
Coach	Mecca	David Blackall	Marc Hakala	Tom Edwards
Assist. Coach	Gary Fannin		Charlie Fazzino	Jim Ricotta
Team Mom	Kay Fannin	Orietta Skarstein	Kerry Hakala	Georgeann Taylor

1	Adelodun Tobi 3	Ayoh Timilehin 3	Akingbe Semilore 4	Arbeli Amit 3
2	Atias Shir 4	Balogun Michael 4	Audifferon Zoe 3	Daswani Akshay 3
3	Camp Zach 4	Balogun Michele 4	Chomse Tegan 3	Davies Ben 3
4	Creeger Kaily 4	Bejer Oliver 3	Fazzino Drew 4	Edwards Emily 4
5	Fannin Gene 3	Blackall Nathan 3	Hakala Hunter 4	George Roma 3
6	Grisdale Suzanna 4	Bosman Cassidy 4	He Frank 3	Glover Shona 4
7	Hutchings George 3	Halliday Colleen 4	Marks Duncan 4	Gunther Katie 3
8	Jethvani Samir 4	Jarmakani Firas 3	Rainbolt Emily 4	Jackson Christopher 3
9	Onadeko Dami 4	Rodriquez Samantha 3	Jardin Arthur 4	Ricotta Dominic 4
10	Uribe Cheyenne 4	Skarstein Alexander 3	Rushing Conner 4	Onadeko Temi 3
11	Jarmakani Keenan 3	Zhu Denial 4	Savalani Manoj 3	Taylor Jackosn 3

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LITTLE

	Mariners	Blue Jays
Coach	Kevin Huehlefeld	
Assist. Coach	Valter Etgeton	Samuel Miranda
Team Mom	Charmain Wedderburn	Patricia Glover

1	Axelson William 6	Fazzino Nick 6
2	Davis Max 6	Lory Shane 6
3	Etgeton Pedro 5	Chandnani Dheeraj 6
4	Fannin Garrett 6	Glover Calum 6
5	Fuchs Adam 5	Mapondera Tanatswa 5
6	Goel Rokun 6	Miranda Gabriel 6
7	Holvik Nicolas 5	Pelossof Maor 5
8	Huehlefeld Brandon 4	Rong Yoau 5
9	Taylor Cameron 6	Sela Yaron 5
10	Wedderburn Christopher 6	Trokis Tyron 5

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MUSTANG

	Cubs	Diamond Backs	Phillies
Coach	Don Trawick		Miro Blackall
Assist. Coach	Tom Reese	Jeff Ekert	Mike Steelman
Team Mom	Funmi Onadeko	Kathy Eckert	Nancy Massey

1	Akingbe Demilode 6	Afolabi Yemi 8	Ahmed Shahmad 7
2	Audifferon Hannah 5	Ahmed Amina 5	Axelson Trinity 9
3	Audifferon Toyin 7	Aladetimi Bola 7	Chukwumah Alexa 5
4	Bowen Rachel 6	Barenberg Brianna 5	Halliday Victoria 5
5	Camp Katie 5	Cooper Dominique 5	He Jenny 9
6	Halliday Nicola 7	Carmon Alexandra 5	Kloss Naomi Sophia 7
7	Mathers Jessica 6	Eckert AnnaGrace 5	Massey Elizabeth 5
8	Mathers Rhiannon 8	Goonewardena Manisha 5	Phillips Charlotte 5
9	Mavzuki Noor Amalina 6	Johnson Imani 6	Saleeby Ning 6
10	Meighan Mhari 7	O'Neal Elisa 7	Steelman Amanda 9
11	Onadeko Tomi 7	Santiago Karina 6	Swee Karina 5
12	Reese Rhiannon 6	Taylor Amy 5	Taylor Kate 8
13	Vickrey Jovi 6	Valdivia Veronica 6	

PONY

	Astros	Rangers
Coach	Roger Head	Betsy Miller/ Tranquada
Assist. Coach	Jon Cain	Clearance Powell
Team Mom	Katrina Head	Rodriguez Suzanne

1	Ambler-Smith Nicholas 7	Goonewardena Shane 9	
2	Anderson Nick 8	Jarmakani Bilal 7	
3	Baek Seong-Hyeon 8	Mapondera Tanaka 7	
4	Camp Joshua 9	Powell David 8	
5	Eckert Ryan 8	Rodriguez Reynaldo	
6	Fannin Rich 8	Saleeby Men 7	
7	Fizer Michael 7	Santiago Alex 7	
8	Huehlefeld Becca 8	Simens Grant 7	
9	Nava Ignacio 8	Tranquada Nick 8	
10	Lory Jake 8	Uribe Cedric 7	
11	Head Michael 9	Yao Jay	Has not registered - just tried out
12	Camp Jacob 7	Goonewardena Malan 7	

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Important Dates!

- ◆ TBA Mar. 6:00PM
Meeting to discuss
travel logistics,
luggage, shopping,
etc.
- ◆ TBA Mar. 6:00PM
Luggage pre-check

Chaperones:

Jason Westerbur
Terry Burns
Ebele Mbanugo
Jimmy Mecca
Marne Burns
Anne Mathers
Kathryn Fannin
Nancy Massey
Nteke Inoyo

Thank you!



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US Visa Meeting

Hanna Cheves, from the US Consulate will explain the process of getting a US Visa for those who need it. We ask that you have a valid passport and all documentation is up to date.

When: January 24

Time: 6:30 PM

Where: AISL Pool Conference Room

Travel through Amsterdam Airport will require an **Airport Transit Visa** for some students. I am waiting for KLM to notify us of who will need one. Students who need the Airport Transit Visa will need to submit 2 passport pictures (face-forward against a white background) and N8,500 to Mr. Westerbur.

Balance and Paperwork

Thank you to the families who paid the balance for Washington DC. Your prompt payments help the planning and organization of our journey.

Final preparations for our educational field trip in the US are being solidified.

Individual students will receive notices by Friday, 19 Jan. 2006, of any outstanding paperwork still required for Washington DC.

Travel and Medical Consent Forms

The yellow student travel and medical consent forms both need to be filled out and signed. To administer any treatment/medication we must have both parents' authorization.

Documents Required for Safety

As the regulations for air travel become tighter around the world, it is important for our students to travel with correct documentation. **Therefore, parents please provide photocopies of Cerpac (Resident) Cards, shot records, and health insurance cards to Mr. Westerbur before March 1, 2007.**

You may ask why this is necessary? The regulations for entering and exiting the USA via air travel have changed in recent months. Travelers may be asked to show proof of residency along with re-entry visas for travel to countries of which they are not citizens when exiting the USA.

For this reason, **copies of parents' Cerpac (Resident) Cards** are necessary.

Health concerns are more prevalent these days. **Copies of shot records** prove your children have immunizations and vaccinations for various illnesses. **Copies of health insurance cards** are beneficial in the event of an illness that requires care to be provided at a hospital/clinic. Your insurance company is notified and paperwork is started before arriving at the hospital/clinic.

Thank you for your help!

Parent Teacher Organization



PTO Evening Event Parent Forum
February 25th 6:30 pm

Technology from the elementary perspective. Come see how our kids use the laptops in their classrooms; go through the new advanced website and more. Don't forget there will be savories and wine to enjoy.

BINGO IS COMING MARCH 10th 2007

PLANNING MEETING BEING HELD:

Wednesday January 24th
11:00am

Pool Conference Room
Plan on attending!!!
Join in the fun!

Help plan bingo and enjoy a
great school event

Call:

Toney Carmon @ 261-0460
0802 966 3763

or

Tricia Glover @ 276-4223
0803 244 2146

PTO board elections will be coming in a few months. The PTO is looking to find a nominating committee to help in the process of elections. If you are interested please call Katrina Head 0803 568 9707 or 262-1878

A **HUGE** thank you to:

Sabina Asnani
Nirit Marom
Limor Rubin

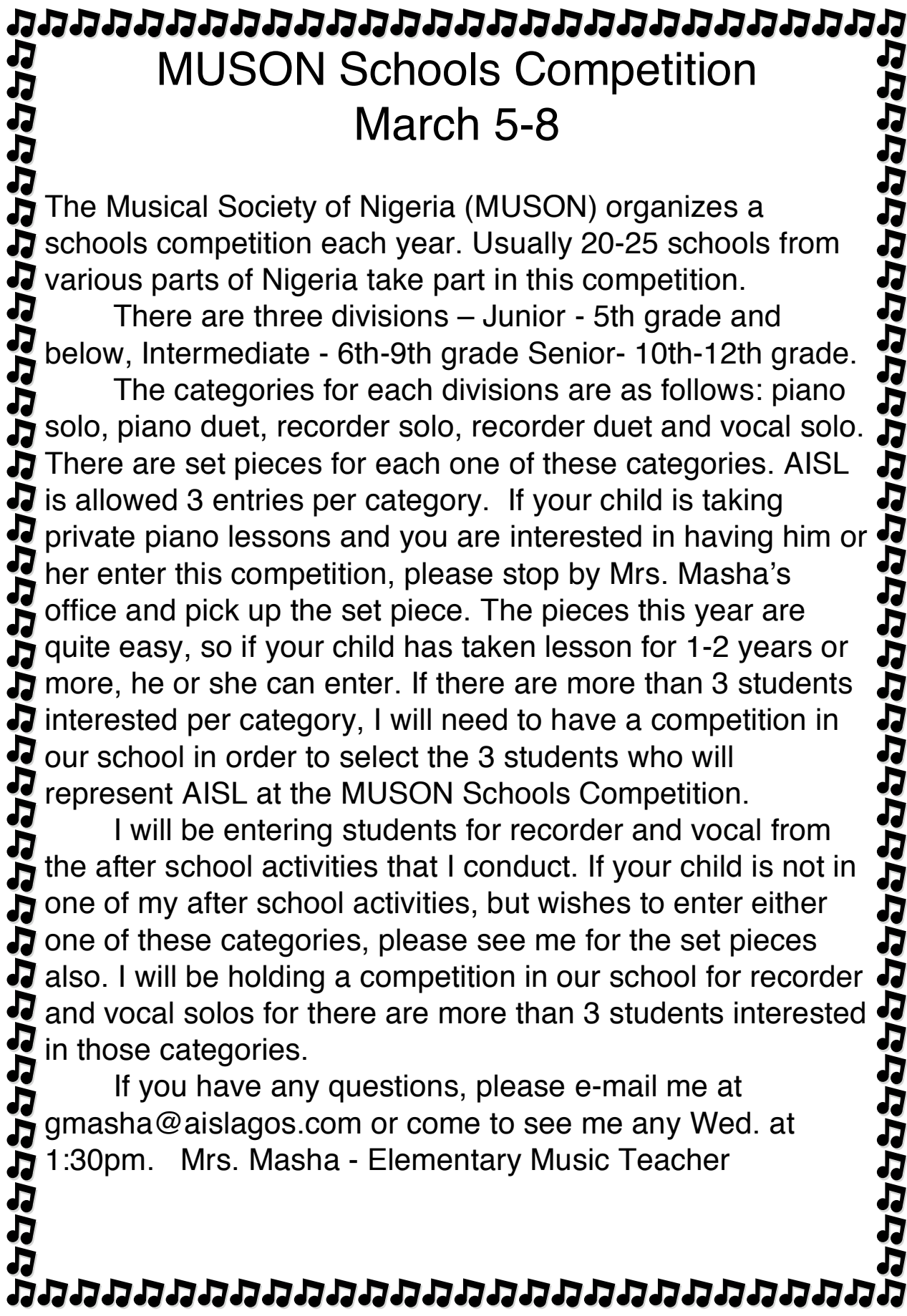
for their tremendous work on the AISL 1 World International Day. With this being our first try at this event, it was very much a success! Without coordinators like these wonderful moms, events like these cannot be had. So thank you for everything!

BY the way: The PTO profited nearly \$10,000 from this event. Thank you to everyone who came out to join in this new fundraising event.

Time again to clean out the closets and sort through those uniforms that have been out grown! The PTO is accepting used/new uniform clothing for sale in February. Anything donated is sold by the PTO as a fundraiser. Any money made from the sale of the used items will benefit the PTO. BUT, if you have new items you would like us to sell for you please mark them with your name and price.

DONATE your ITEMS in a BOX located in the OFFICE. Deadline: February 9th. The sale date will be announced later.

We're on the Web!
See us at: www.aislagos.com

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MUSON Schools Competition

March 5-8

The Musical Society of Nigeria (MUSON) organizes a schools competition each year. Usually 20-25 schools from various parts of Nigeria take part in this competition.

There are three divisions – Junior - 5th grade and below, Intermediate - 6th-9th grade Senior- 10th-12th grade.

The categories for each divisions are as follows: piano solo, piano duet, recorder solo, recorder duet and vocal solo.

There are set pieces for each one of these categories. AISL is allowed 3 entries per category. If your child is taking private piano lessons and you are interested in having him or her enter this competition, please stop by Mrs. Masha's office and pick up the set piece. The pieces this year are quite easy, so if your child has taken lesson for 1-2 years or more, he or she can enter. If there are more than 3 students interested per category, I will need to have a competition in our school in order to select the 3 students who will represent AISL at the MUSON Schools Competition.

I will be entering students for recorder and vocal from the after school activities that I conduct. If your child is not in one of my after school activities, but wishes to enter either one of these categories, please see me for the set pieces also. I will be holding a competition in our school for recorder and vocal solos for there are more than 3 students interested in those categories.

If you have any questions, please e-mail me at gmasha@aislagos.com or come to see me any Wed. at 1:30pm. Mrs. Masha - Elementary Music Teacher