

CEDARS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF ANGOLA

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TOP NEWS IN THIS ISSUE

As we moved through the second month of the school year, October brought a wave of excitement and community spirit at CISA. One of the highlights was the much-anticipated Food Festival, where students, staff, and families came together to celebrate diverse cuisines and cultures. Let's take a look back at all that happened!

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CISA is proud to announce our upcoming collaboration with **Renaissance Library**, offering unlimited access to around **8,000 digital books** tailored to each student's reading level. Teachers can utilize it for class activities, homework, or projects. With 90% of books featuring guided audio and tools like a dictionary and text highlighting, this resource ensures all students can engage and excel in reading.



DIRECTOR'S WORD

Dear CISA Families,

As we settle into the academic year, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of our parents for the trust and confidence you place in us as partners in your children's education. Your ongoing support is essential in helping us create an environment where each student can thrive. I would also like to express my deep appreciation to our teachers for their exceptional effort and dedication. Their commitment to fostering growth and excellence is the cornerstone of our school community. I am pleased to inform you that we have successfully concluded the September Assessment Period (SAP). The assessment results have been carefully reviewed, and we have shared the individual outcomes with all parents by uploading them to the school cloud within the "program material folder" of each class. This transparent approach allows you to stay informed about your child's progress as we continue working together toward their academic success. Based on the SAP results, we have already begun implementing tailored solutions to address areas of need, while also continuing to observe student progress closely. This proactive approach ensures that we are meeting the specific learning needs of each student. Starting from the 1st of November, we will be launching Reinforcement Classes Process for students who may benefit from additional support. Parents of these students will be informed directly before the program begins, ensuring a collaborative and structured path forward.

At CISA, we are committed to providing the best possible education and support for our students.

We value the trust you place in us and will continue to work diligently to nurture the potential in every child.

Thank you once again for your partnership. Let's continue to make this year a successful one!

Warm regards,
Imad L. TAHA
Head of school



GRADE 1 ANATOMY & DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

Dr. Nour guided our young learners through the wonders of the body, explaining how cells form tissues, tissues build organs, and organs work together in harmony as part of complex organ systems that keep us alive and thriving. From the tiniest cell to the largest organ, each part was brought to life in an engaging way! In addition, Dr. Nour took the students on a fascinating journey through the digestive tract, exploring its anatomy, function, and how food travels through the body to be processed and used. The students were eager to participate, sharing their own interpretations of how the body works, and had a fantastic time learning about what makes their bodies so incredible.





GRADE 3 HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVITY

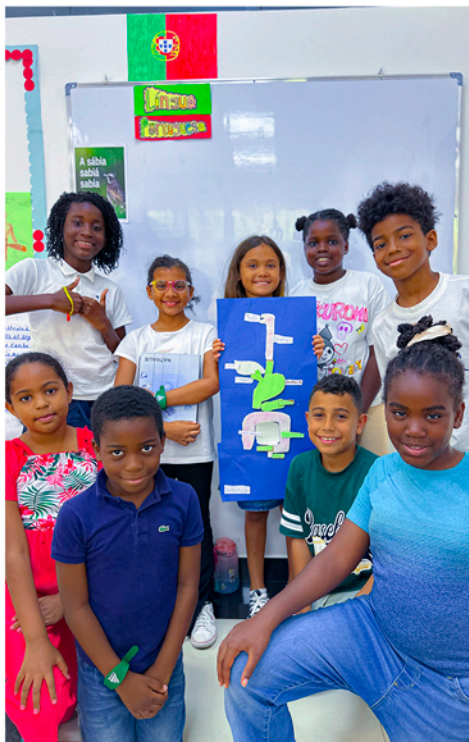
Our Grade 3 students recently engaged in an insightful concept-mapping activity centered on human rights, emphasizing the importance of understanding their rights and responsibilities. They explored the role of the **United Nations (UN)** and **UNICEF** in promoting child rights globally, with a focus on essential rights like education, safety, and equality. Through discussions and visual mapping, students brainstormed ways to help others understand and respect these rights, fostering advocacy and empathy. This hands-on lesson deepened their knowledge of human rights while promoting collaboration and critical thinking, connecting meaningfully to **Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16**, which champions peace, justice, and strong institutions to protect children's rights worldwide.





GRADE 4 DIGESTIVE SYSTEM PRESENTATION

Grade 4 students engaged in a creative and educational project focused on the digestive system. Divided into groups, they prepared their presentations by constructing models of the digestive system using paper, straws, syringes, and other materials. Each group took their turn at the board to present, showcasing their models and explaining the intricate journey of food through the body. This interactive activity allowed students to deepen their understanding of biological processes while developing their teamwork and public speaking skills. The hands-on approach made learning tangible and fun, reinforcing essential science concepts in a memorable way.





GRADE 6: EXPLORING VARIABLES

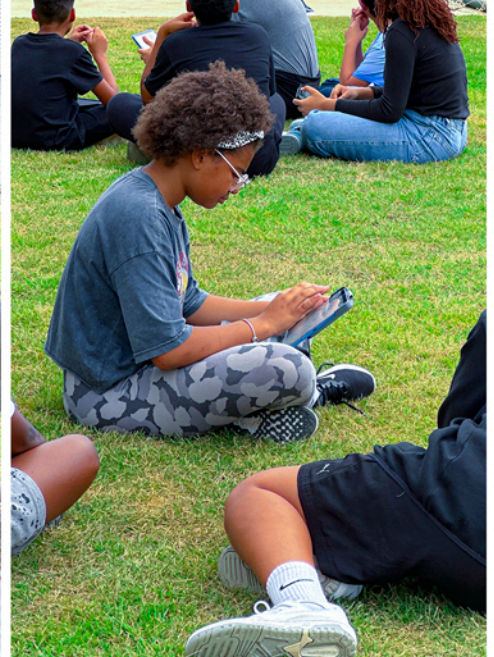
To introduce the concepts of independent, dependent, and controlled variables, our Grade 6 science teacher prepared two experiment scenarios for students. Using laboratory materials, the teacher demonstrated each scenario step-by-step, highlighting which factors changed, which were measured, and what remained constant. Students observed closely, took notes on their iPads, and answered questions in the provided file, linking their observations to the teacher's explanations. This interactive lesson strengthened students' understanding of experimental design and observation, building essential scientific skills.





GRADE 7 EXPLORING SPEED AND MOTION

Grade 7 students took their science learning outside to explore speed, distance, and displacement. The teacher provided seven experiment scenarios, each designed to help students observe, measure, and calculate speed by recording distances and time taken for various moving objects. Working in groups, students documented answers on their iPads and learned to divide responsibilities to capture every detail of the experiments. This hands-on, collaborative approach gave students practical insights into the concepts while strengthening teamwork skills, making scientific principles both accessible and memorable.



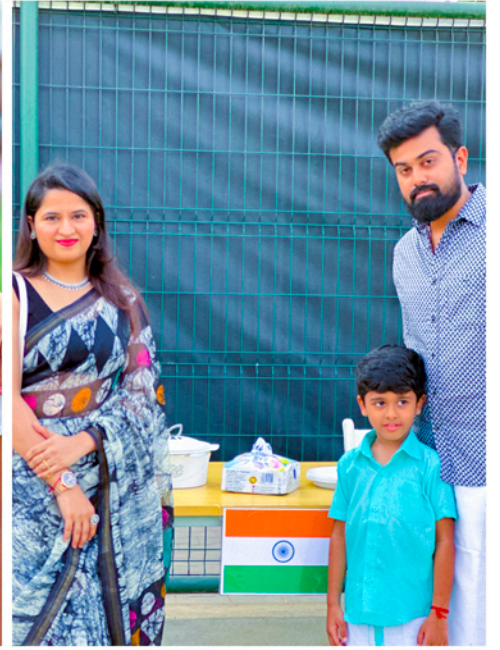


CISA FOOD FESTIVAL 2024-2025

On Saturday, October 26, the CISA Food Festival 2024-2025 brought our community together in a vibrant celebration of culinary diversity, with over 80 families participating and sharing dishes from more than 30 different countries and cultures. The festival featured not only a remarkable variety of flavors but also delightful performances from our talented students, including solo and group singing acts that captivated the audience. Additionally, skilled Angolan dancers showcased amazing choreographies, delighting both parents and students alike. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the parents who contributed their delicious meals and enthusiastic participation, making this event a memorable celebration of culture, connection, and community that will be cherished for years to come.









GRADE 1 EXPLORING DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

Through an engaging and educational activity, our grade one students participated in a hands-on project to learn about their internal body organs with a special focus on the digestive system. Using a variety of materials such as rice, balloons, sand, and paper, students constructed models that represented the internal organs inside our bodies. The goal of this activity was to help them visualize and gain a clearer understanding of how these organs look, where they are located, and how they work together. This creative approach allowed students to explore both internal and external body parts in a memorable way that was aimed at reinforcing their understanding of the digestive system and its role in processing food for energy. By connecting different parts of the body through these models, students developed a deeper understanding of how interconnected and essential each organ is to overall their overall health.





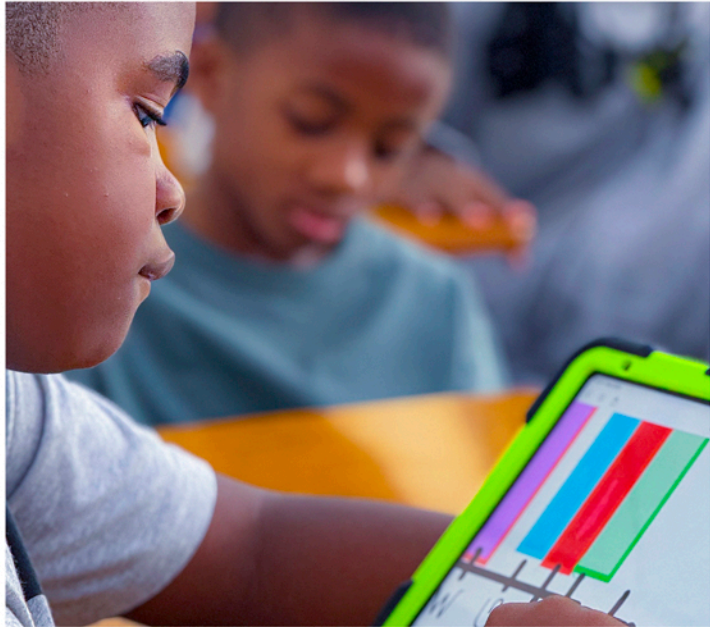
KG2 OUTDOOR ACTIVITY!

KG2 students enjoyed an engaging outdoor activity where they ran, jumped over obstacles, and crawled through colorful tunnels in the kindergarten playground. This activity brought joy and excitement while supporting their motor skill development and coordination. Regular outdoor physical activities enhance physical health and promote social interaction and resilience. These efforts align with the **UN's Sustainable Development Goal 3: Good Health and Well-being**, which focuses on ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all ages. Through these experiences, CISA encourages students to build active habits that contribute to lifelong physical and mental wellness.





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OCTOBER BROADCASTS

Important Reminders for CISA Parents

Dear Parents,

We would like to remind you of the following:

1. CISA Bracelet Activation:
Please ensure that your child's CISA Bracelet is active and with them each morning. The bracelet must be set up using the SPARE app.
For any assistance, please contact us at: shop@cisaedu.com

2. Pick-Up Authorization:
We have noticed that some parents are making last-minute calls to request changes in pick-up arrangements, such as allowing their child to leave with another CISA family or an unauthorized individual. For security reasons, these requests cannot be processed over the phone. Parents are required to come in person ahead of time to fill out a form detailing the necessary authorization.

3. Gaming Cards Policy:
Please note that gaming cards, such as Pokémon, Uno and other cards, are strictly forbidden on campus.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Best regards,

Water Bottle Notice

Dear Parents,

For safety and hygiene reasons, Students are required to bring their own reusable FILLED water bottles, flasks, or thermoses from home each day. If they run out of water, we will provide unlimited refills free of charge throughout the day.

However, if a student does not have their own reusable bottle, they will be required to purchase a regular bottle of water using their CISA Bracelet.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Best regards,

Reinforcement Classes Reminder

Dear Parents of students who are in the after-school reinforcement classes, We have sent an email to your @cisaedu.com addresses regarding the upcoming reinforcement classes. These classes will begin on Monday, November 4th, at 15:00. Please check your inbox for important details.

Best regards,

Assessment Period Concluded

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to inform you that we have successfully concluded our Assessment Period. Based on the results, we have established the students' classifications and finalized the classroom distribution.

If you would like to request any changes to your child's placement, please contact our administration before Thursday, October 10.

Kindly note that while we will do our best to accommodate requests, not all may be possible.

The results of the Assessment Period will be uploaded to the "Program Material" folder on the Cloud in the coming days. Please be on the lookout for it.

Additionally, based on the results, specific parents will be contacted for meetings to discuss any academic concerns regarding their child.

If you are not contacted and would still like to schedule a meeting, please reach out to our administration.

Best regards,

CISA Bracelet & Payment Deadline Reminder

Dear Parents,

This is a reminder that starting Monday, October 14th, students will not be permitted onto our campus without their CISA Bracelet, which must be activated using the SPARE app. Please ensure that your child's bracelet is activated, found, or that a new one is purchased if needed.

For any assistance regarding the CISA Bracelet, please contact us at: shop@cisaedu.com

Additionally, please be reminded that the deadline for academic payments has already passed.

Families who have not yet submitted proof of payment for the first trimester or for the month of September to:

billing@cisaedu.com will be blocked and their children will not be able to attend classes on Monday, October 14th.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Best regards,

Food festival

Dear Parents,

We are excited to announce the upcoming CISA Food Festival on Saturday October 26th, a special event dedicated to celebrating the incredible diversity of our CISA Community!

This day promises to be full of fun and cultural exchange, where every country in our community will have the chance to showcase its unique cuisine and traditions. It's a wonderful opportunity for students, parents, and teachers to come together and enjoy the rich flavors and cultural heritage from around the world.

For parents who wish to participate, for more information and registration, please call us on:

923700900

We look forward to your participation in making this day a memorable celebration of our diversity!

Best regards,

Important: Payment Block Notice

Dear Parents,

This is to inform you that families who have not yet paid the academic fees for the first trimester and the month of September have been automatically blocked by our system.

As a result, students from these families will not be allowed onto our campus starting tomorrow.

Best regards,

Parking Protocol Reminder

Dear Parents,

It has come to our attention that some drivers are not respecting our parking officers and security staff by disregarding instructions and parking in unauthorized areas.

This behavior is causing significant congestion and delays, impacting the smooth flow of traffic on our campus.

We kindly remind all drivers to strictly follow the instructions given by our parking officers and security team to ensure a safe and orderly environment for everyone.

Please be aware that repeated offenders will face permanent bans from entering the school parking area.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and efficient campus.