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BAIS BUZZ

Message from the Director

Dear BAIS Families,

It's hard to believe that February is already ending! Like all of you, I appreciate the wonderful weather we enjoy here, especially when my friends share photos of snow and ice back in the U.S.! We are also now well into Ramadan. While we continue with our regular programming, in activities like physical education, for example, we try to have less strenuous activities and allow students who may be fasting to take longer breaks as needed. Our ASAs are also mostly indoors. Mr. Michael's gaming club has been a huge hit!

Please also note that we have moved the Art Exhibition to Thursday, March 26, after Ramadan. This will be a come-and-go as you please event in the evening. You will be able to see works created by all our students and even bid on them in the silent auction!

We continue to publish the 2026-27 calendar in the Buzz so families can begin to plan ahead for summer and holiday travels. The re-enrollment survey is also included, and paper copies went home this week. It is very important for us to have a good idea of what our enrollment will be at each grade level. To help us plan, please fill out the form included and return it to the office as soon as possible. **Please remember that this only needs to be your best estimate at this time.** But it important that we get an update from each family.

Please notice the flyer about Saturday's **Waste Fair 2026**, to help promote recycling here in The Gambia. Thank you **Sarah Pearson-Davis** for promoting this important event! This is worthwhile event that deserves your support.

Also, please remember that this **Wednesday, March 4**, is a professional development day with a 12:00 noon dismissal.

Finally, please check out the Gambia Day video on YouTube. Link inside the Buzz.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Robert Harper, Director

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Upcoming Events

Wed., Mar. 4

Professional Development Day
12:00 Dismissal

Fri. Mar. 13

Pi Day

Th-Fri., March 19-20

Koriteh Holiday
No School

Thurs. Mar. 26

Art Show, 6:00-8:00 PM

Sat., Mar. 28

Fun Run

Fri., Apr. 3

Good Friday...No School

M-F, Apr. 6-10

Spring Break...No School



Staff Spotlight

Ms. Sainab Njie



I have several years of experience working in a primary school in England, starting as a Learning Support Assistant and later transitioning to a teaching assistant. Supporting children in reaching their potential has always been incredibly rewarding for me, and I'm passionate about being part of their learning journey.

I'm excited to be working in the library, where I hope to inspire a love of reading in the children. It's a privilege to help them discover the joy and wonder of books, and I look forward to encouraging them in this new role. I also serve as Mr. Michael's teaching assistant in Grade 4/5

Outside of work, I'm a mother of four, and I enjoy reading, colouring, playing board games, cooking, dancing, and taking leisurely walks. At home, I love doing creative hairstyles for my daughters, which has become a fun, bonding activity for us.

Waste Fair 2026!

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WASTE FAIR 2026

PROMOTING A CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN THE GAMBIA
TRANSFORMING WASTE INTO OPPORTUNITY

SATURDAY 28th March 2026
10AM - 5PM

Contact for more info: 3136358 / 2764896

WHAT TO EXPECT?

- Local Vendor Exhibitions
- Live Recycling Demonstrations
- Practical Training Sessions
- Business & Networking Opportunities
- Panel Discussions
- Waste to Wealth Marketplace

WHY ATTEND?

- Learn how waste can generate income
- Support local green businesses
- Discover practical recycling solutions
- Build partnerships
- Be part of building a circular economy in The Gambia

Re-enrollment Form 2026-27

Please complete the re-enrollment form on the next page and return to the office as soon as possible. It is important that we get this information as soon as possible so that we can more accurately plan for next year. Hard copies of the form will also go home next week.



Enrollment Intentions Form 2026-2027

To: **BAIS Parents**

From: Robert Harper, Director

In order to plan with accuracy for class combinations, staffing and tuition for the 2026-2027 academic year, please note your intentions below, sign and return the form to the BAIS Office as soon as possible.

Due Date: March 13, 2026.

Enrollment Plans:

Parent name: _____

Child(ren) at BAIS: _____

Tick all that apply.

_____ We will continue residence in Banjul and **all our child(ren) will continue at BAIS in 2026-27.**

_____ We will continue residence in Banjul but one or more one child(ren) will **not** continue at BAIS in **2026-27** because _____

_____ An additional child / children will join BAIS from our family in **2026-27** in grade _____.

_____ Our family/child will leave Banjul/BAIS at the end of **2025-26.**

_____ I have a replacement at my organization. S/he is bringing _____ children to Banjul.

_____ We are currently unsure about whether we will be in Banjul next year. We should know our definite plan by this date: _____

_____ Other situation:

Comment: _____

Your Signature: _____

Date:

-- Return this form to the BAIS Office – Thank you –

Art Exhibition Update.

The date of our Art Exhibition has been moved to after Ramadan. The exhibition will be **Thursday evening, March 26, from 6:00 to 8:00 in the evening.** Our students so far are super excited and looking forward to this event, with several preparations. with parents and friends being able to stop by at their leisure. The artworks will be ranging from traditional to modern art, crafting etc. It's going to be a moment of celebrating BAIS creativity! Also, we will have a silent auction for the students' artwork, with all of the proceeds going directly to the student artist! Please make plans to join us!

Mr. Zoker

Saturday Basketball Continues

Saturday Basketball is back in action and will continue for the next few weeks. Younger players will be at 9:00 AM and older players at 11:00 AM. As always, you may bring a friend from another school. Parents are also encouraged to participate!

Pi Day is Coming!

Pi Day is celebrated on March 14th (3/14) around the world. Pi (Greek letter "π") is the symbol used in mathematics to represent a constant — the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter — which is approximately 3.14159. Pi Day is an annual opportunity for math enthusiasts to recite the infinite digits of Pi, talk to their friends about math, and eat pie!

Pi has been calculated to over 50 trillion digits beyond its decimal point. As an irrational and transcendental number, it will continue infinitely without repetition or pattern. While only a handful of digits are needed for typical calculations, pi's infinite nature makes it a fun challenge to [memorize](#), and to computationally calculate more and more digits.

Here at BAIS we will plan some fun activities on Pi Day. You can learn more about pi and Pi Day here: <https://www.piday.org/>



BAIS 2026-2027 School Calendar

Approved December 8, 2025

August 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

17 TAs & New Teachers report to work
24 All Teachers report to work
25 TBC - Prophet's Birthday

February 2027

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

19 class days
3 Faculty PD (12pm dismissal)
18 Gambian Independence Holiday

September 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

22 class days
1 - School Opens
9 Faculty PD (12pm dismissal)

March 2027

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

18 class days
3 Faculty PD (12pm dismissal)
TBC 10 Koriteh/ Eid Ul Fitr
Holiday, Approximate date - BAIS will observe the date confirmed by Govt of Gambia
26 Good Friday
26- 2 Spring Break

October 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Book Month!
20 class days
1- Book Month begins
7 Faculty PD (12pm dismissal)
22-23 BAIS Holiday
31 End of Quarter 1 (42 days)

April 2027

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

20 class days
8 End of Quarter 3 (46 days)
1-2 Spring Break

November 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

21 class days
4 Faculty PD (12pm dismissal)
26 Thanksgiving Holiday-noon dismissal

May 2027

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

18 class days
3 Labor Day
17 Eid ul Adha/ Tobaski
Holiday, Approximate date - BAIS will observe the date confirmed by Govt of Gambia
25 Africa Day
26 Faculty PD (12pm dismissal)

December 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

9 class days
11 Dismiss for break
Dec 11-Jan 4 - Winter Break

June 2027

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	31			

14 class days
17 End of Year Ceremony & Graduation
17 Semester 2 Ends (45/91 days)
18 Last Day (12pm dismissal)
21 Teacher Work Day

January 2027

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

20 class days
4 Classes resume
22 Semester 1 Ends (45/87 days)

July 2027

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

180 PK - Grade 8 Learning Days

Quarter 1 = 45 days
Quarter 2 = 46 days
Semester 1 = 91 days

180 High School Learning Days

Quarter 1 = 44 days
Quarter 2 = 45 days
Semester 1 = 89 days

PD Half Days = 6 days

Sep 10; Oct 8; Nov 5
Feb 4; Mar 4; May 27

Quarter 3 = 43 days
Quarter 4 = 46 days
Semester 2 = 89 days

Quarter 3 = 46 days
Quarter 4 = 45 days
Semester 2 = 91 days

Yoga!
Please note the change in times!

YOGA KIDS

Ages 5-8
Saturday 12-1pm

Ages 9-12
Saturday 1-2pm

Drop-in 600d or
1 month 1.800d



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To Book: +44 7739 754673
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Social Media Update
Follow BAIS on Facebook AND Instagram!

<https://www.facebook.com/BAISGAMBIA>

<https://www.instagram.com/baisgambia/>

The school Instagram page should be updated this weekend with new photos.

Thank you to **Ms. Fatou, India Pearson-Davis,** and **Sara El Mrabet** have taken on this project. As previously mentioned, we will have important safeguards in place (public comments will not be allowed, there will be no direct messaging to the account, no students will be identified, etc.). When we are ready to launch, we will send out the link. This can be a wonderful way (with appropriate supervision) for our student leaders to help promote the school. **Thank you, Ms. Fatou, Sara, and India!**

Please continue to follow BAIS on Facebook. I want to thank **Mr. Michael** for all of his efforts in keeping our Facebook page updated with photos, videos, and stories. We are getting more and more followers. If you haven't started following us, please do. This will increasingly be the source for photos and videos, along with our class WhatsApp groups.

Gambia Day Video

[Click this link to watch the Gambia Day video on You Tube!](#)



March 2026

STUDENT NAME _____ Class _____

PARENT CONTACT Name: _____ Phone _____

ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Choose Portion Size:

 Small - 200 Dalasi

 Large - 250 Dalasi

2. Choose how you will order:

 Tick here to order all the lunches for this month.

 Full Period : **14 lunches** (Total cost: **Small = D2,800 OR Large = D3,500**)

 Tick here to order lunches by the day.

By the day:

1. Tick the days desired in the chart below

2. Multiply x D 200 (small) or D250 (large).

 3. Write in here: **Total # lunches:** _____ **x Cost per portion** _____ **= D**

3. Get money and form to BAIS OFFICE

March 2026	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Mar 2 - 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick to order Grilled Chicken W/ Coconut Curry Rice & Cake	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick to order Spaghetti with Tomato Sauce & Fruit Salad	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ Faculty PD Noon Dismissal ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick to order Fish in Batter With Roasted Potatoes & Veggies & Fruit
Mar 9 - 12	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick to order Meatballs With Creamy Tomato Sauce W/ Pasta & Fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick to order Crispy Chicken W/ Baked Vegetable Salad & Fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick to order Fish Fingers With Roasted Potatoes & Veggies & Fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick to order Spaghetti Bolognese & Fruit Salad
Mar 16 - 19	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick to order Fish Brochette with Potato Salad & Fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick to order Glazed Chicken W/ Rice & Vegetables & Cake	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick to order Beef Stir Fried Noodles W/ Vegetables & Fruit Salad	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ NO SCHOOL ☺ Eid UI Fitr ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆
Mar 23 - 26	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick to order Fish Benachin Vegetables with Bissap Sauce & Cake	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick to order Beef Ragu W/ Tagliatelle Pasta & Fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick to order Grilled Chicken With Roasted Potatoes & Veggies & Fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick to order Margarita Pizza Mixed Salad & Ice Cream

Grades 7/8 Host CoL This week's i-Ready All Stars!



