

December  
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# American School of Yaoundé



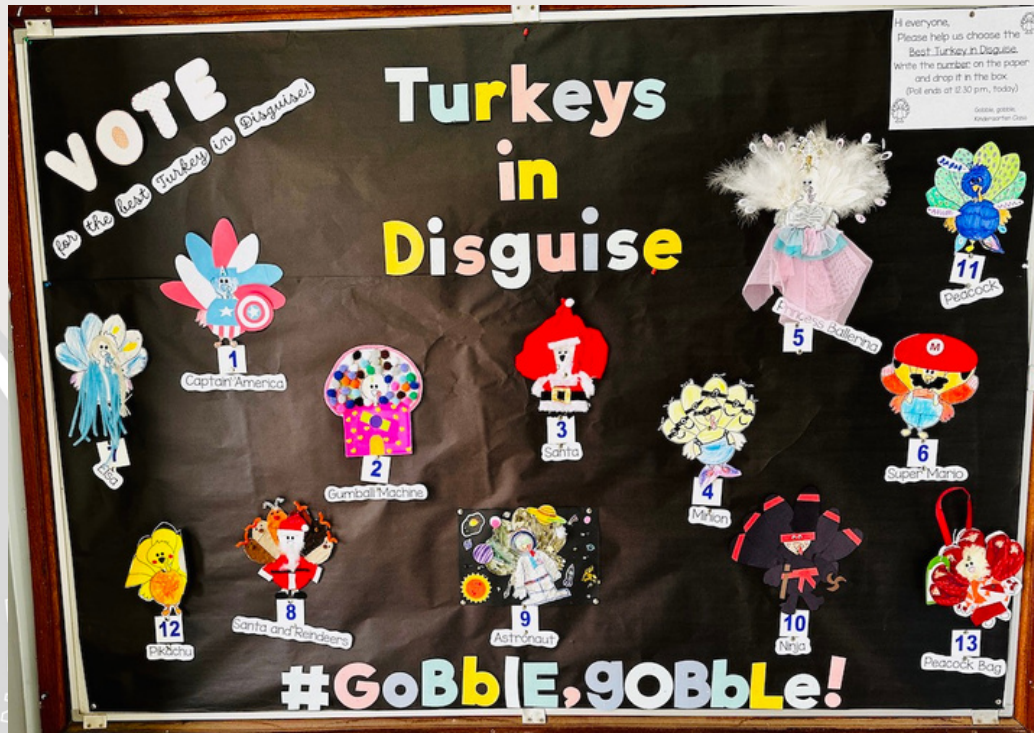
This monthly magazine serves as a platform for the community to share news, events, activities, and sports matches from ASOY.



# Happy Thanksgiving

## "Turkey in Disguise" Contest for Kindergarten Students

In honour of Thanksgiving, students in Kindergarten were given the exciting task of decorating a turkey to prevent it from being consumed! The children put in a lot of effort, and below are some of the best entries, including the winner – an astronaut – and the runner-up, a ballerina. The voting was open to all Elementary students and staff.

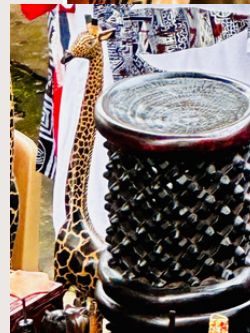




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# ASOY Bazaar

On December 3rd and 4th, ASOY held its annual Christmas Bazaar, inviting members of the community, including non-ASOY parents, to attend. With a wide variety of handmade art, baskets, and African artefacts from local artists, the bazaar offered a perfect opportunity to grab a Christmas gift before the holidays. Once again, we successfully hosted over 60 vendors across the campus, making this year's event another great success.





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# WAISAL Swimming meet

ASOY's First-Ever Swimming Team Competes in WAISAL meet in Ghana



In a historical event, five children and two staff members, Ms Madhu and Ms Amanda, represented ASOY in the WAISAL swimming meet in Ghana from Wednesday, November 29, to Sunday, December 3. This was the first time in ASOY's history that a swimming team was sent to compete against other schools. Students showcased their swimming abilities in various races, such as the front crawl, backstroke, butterfly, and breaststroke.

We sincerely congratulate our students and coaches for their outstanding achievements in this event. A big thank you goes out to all the parents for their unwavering support of their children throughout the event. Well done, everyone!





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PRESENTS

# WINTER HOLIDAY CONCERT 8TH DECEMBER 2023

## Performers' Program

Dance - Santa Shark  
PK3 & PK4

Choral - Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer  
Kindergarten

Choral - Happiest Christmas Tree  
Grade 1

Choral - I Want A Hippopotamus For Christmas  
Grade 2

Choral & Instrumental - Jingle Bells  
Grade 3

Choral - Frosty The Snowman  
Grade 4

Choral & Instrumental - Little Drummer Boy  
Grade 5

Choral - 12 Days Of Christmas  
Grade 6

Choral - Last Christmas  
Grade 7

Choral - Jingle Bell Rock  
Grade 8

Instrumental - Hark The Herald  
Maxwell, Grade 11

Choral - Rocking Around The Christmas Tree  
ASOY Staff Choir

WHEN IS IT ?  
8TH DEC FRIDAY

WHO CAN ATTEND ?  
STUDENTS + PARENTS + STAFF

WHAT TIME ?  
2 PM ONWARDS

PTO Sponsored Bake-Sale takes place from 1:30 PM - 2 PM

Baked Snacks & drinks will be available - **CASH ONLY**

THE CONCERT WILL ALSO BE STREAMED LIVE ON THE SCHOOL'S FACEBOOK PAGE

Happy Holidays & Happy New Year



# ASOY Winter concert

## ASOY's Annual Winter Concert: A Festive Success

Once again, Mr Royston's organised Winter Concert did not disappoint. The event featured choral and instrumental performances, as well as a PTO-run Bake Sale, providing plenty of entertainment for all. Each class had the chance to showcase their skills, and families came out in droves to support the Bake Sale and their children. To add to the festive atmosphere, students and staff were encouraged to dress for the occasion. This wonderful event has become a beloved ASOY tradition, marking the start of the holiday season. The PTO bake sale was a tremendous success, raising 131,000 cfa for various school causes. A big thank you goes out to Mr Royston, the custodial staff for their set-up efforts, and all the students and staff who generously volunteered their time to support this memorable event.





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# Individuals and Societies (MYP)

Grade 6 – For their first unit, students learned some basics of physical geography through the Five Themes of Geography: 1) Location – absolute or relative; 2) Place – distinguishes different cultures and areas; 3) Human Interactions – how humans interact with the environment around them; 4) Movement – goods, ideas and people; 5) Regions – identified by cultures and topography. The students finished the unit by creating their own avatars/Flat Stanleys and then taking pictures of it with some place/something that demonstrates their understanding of the five themes in the world around them.

## Location



This is Mr. Brad's and Mr. Mac's room. I use this as relative location because it compares two places.  
"Mr. Brad's room is next to Mr. Mac's room."

This photo is cut so you can't see the flat Stanley, but it's there! Don't worry!



This is a photo of google earth. It shows the area around Cameroon. This shows absolute location because it shows the longitude and latitude. "This photo shows the longitude and latitude lines of Cameroon and it's borders."

## ✧ Human-Environment Interaction ✧

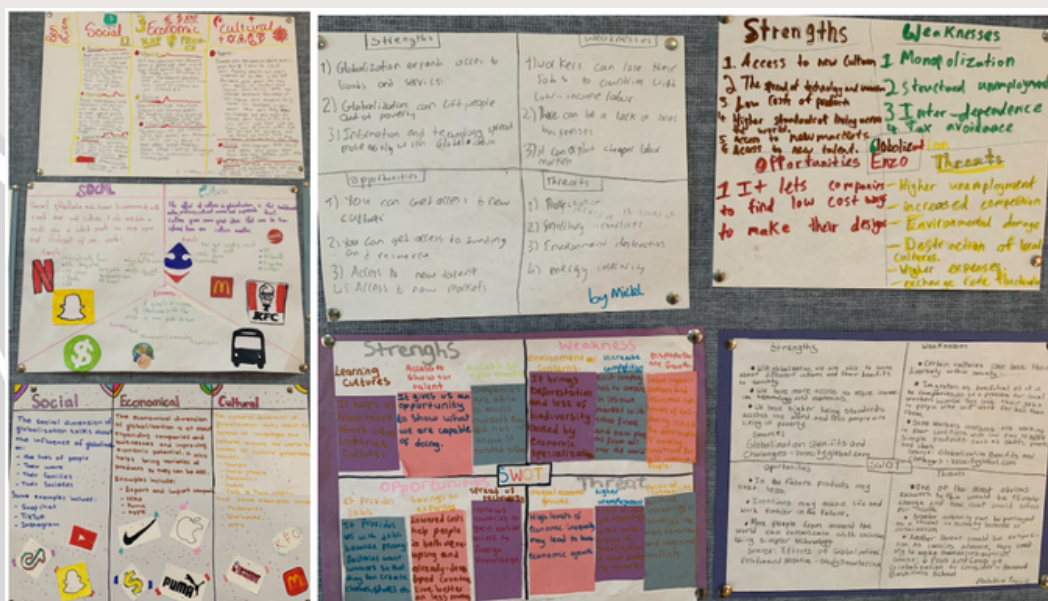
I chose the nature for human-environment interaction because humans interact with nature by watering, giving food to grow, and other good things to take care of the nature. But there is also a bad side which is where you chop the trees, burning, and other also. If you take care of the nature, the nature responds to you by also helping you breath, grow food, and other helpful things. But if you treat nature bad, the nature also responds by making you itchy, the dangerous animals, and other worse things.





# Individuals and Societies (MYP)

Grade 7 - For their second unit students concerned the implications of globalization. They considered the impact on sports, video games and languages. They were asked to consider whether globalization is something that is new or whether it has been around decades/centuries prior to today. The unit culminated with a Summative Assessment where they created their own SWOT analysis and demonstrated positive and negative consequences of globalization based on Social, Cultural and Economical factors.



Grade 8 - During November they finished their Interdisciplinary Unit (IDU) with Language & Literature. They studied the cultural significance of animals from different nations, researched martial arts from those places (an example is pictured) and wrote a screenplay. They then chose one screenplay and expanded and embellished it. The final result was 'The Lion, the Snake and the Bank Heist'. This was performed and filmed. Students who didn't act in the main play acted out scenes from famous movies: these included Tintin, Coco and Ghostbusters.

## Origin

It is believed that ARB originated in 1979 in the USSR in the city of Kaunas, which is now in modern day Lithuania. It is said that the martial art was by martial art experts for the Soviet army. It was also added in the army's training.



Image of Kaunas on map. [Source](#)



Image depicting USSR. [Source](#)

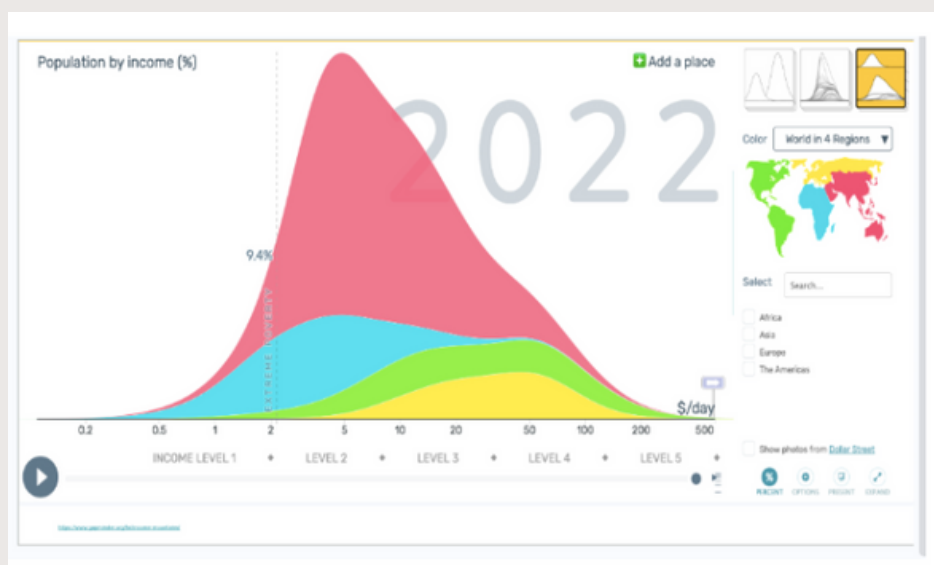


# Individuals and Societies (MYP)

Grade 9 – The Grade 9 students have successfully completed their unit on Personal Finance, where they learned about the importance of managing their money wisely. They explored topics such as budgeting, saving, investing, borrowing, and credit. They also participated in various activities and projects that helped them apply their knowledge and skills to real-life scenarios, including investing a virtual \$10,000. Mr. Brad may still be winning, but what is his secret? S&P 500 index funds.

| LEADERBOARD |               |               |                     |                |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Rank        | User          | Account Value | Today's Change      | Overall Change |
| 1.          | bmcDonaldasoy | \$109,581.69  | \$319.14 (0.29%) ↑  | 9.58% ↑        |
| 2.          | traderjams    | \$104,495.37  | \$375.77 (0.36%) ↑  | 4.50% ↑        |
| 3.          | kkapoor0110   | \$104,148.83  | \$272.93 (0.26%) ↑  | 4.15% ↑        |
| ↓ 4.        | asoy_lizzy    | \$100,480.31  | \$33.11 (0.03%) ↑   | 0.48% ↑        |
| ↑ 5.        | celineee      | \$100,473.96  | -\$20.13 (-0.02%) ↓ | 0.47% ↑        |
| ↓ 6.        | h0dly4        | \$100,235.48  | \$117.86 (0.12%) ↑  | 0.24% ↑        |
| ↑ 7.        | traderjoss    | \$100,139.64  | -\$26.83 (-0.03%) ↓ | 0.14% ↑        |
| 8.          | edy12845      | \$100,070.92  | \$0.06 (0.00%) ↑    | 0.07% ↑        |
| 9.          | ndiayea       | \$100,024.98  | -\$1.55 (0.00%) ↓   | 0.02% ↑        |
| 10.         | h0dly4        | \$100,000.00  | \$0.00 (0.00%) —    | 0.00% —        |

Grade 10 – After finishing their Psychology unit and learning about the reliability of eye-witness testimony, they started an Economics unit. They made presentations about Income and Expenditure (see picture for an example) and learned the 4 Big Lessons. These included learning financial literacy, the four factors of production, scarcity and opportunity costs and productivity and specialization.





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# Events next year!

## Sharing our Culture and 60th Anniversary!



### March 2023 - Come and share your culture at ASOY

#### Events next year

- 100 days of school
- Elementary School Book Week
- GISS Summit in Ghana
- WASIAL MUN Event
- IB Exams
- PYP Grade 5 Exhibition
- MAP testing
- Prom
- Graduation
- Spring Bazaar
- TOK Expo
- Athletics Ceremony
- Friday Night live

and much more, check out our calendar.

