



MILESTONE COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER



Welcome to our End-of-Term Edition

As we close the first term of 2026, we give thanks. Thanks for the growth we have witnessed, for the friendships that have deepened, and for the grace that has carried us through.



From eager first steps to confident strides, this term has been a journey of discovery, perseverance, and joy. We celebrate the consistency, character, and community that have sustained us.

Our students have grown academically, socially, and spiritually.

We are deeply grateful for your continued trust and partnership. It is a privilege to nurture your children's minds and hearts, shaping young people of integrity, compassion, and purpose.

In the pages that follow, enjoy highlights of a term well spent.

We pray you have a blessed and restful break, and we look forward to the term ahead



Academic Highlights

There is something special about seeing hard work pay off. This term, we have watched our students tackle new concepts, ask thoughtful questions, and grow in confidence. Every learner has made progress in their own way, and we want to take a moment to celebrate those who topped their streams this term. To all our students, keep striving, every step forward matters. Well done to everyone for a term of growth and effort.

TOP PERFORMERS, TERM 1



**Amara
Mushiwokufa**
9As
Form 1



**Denzel
Makoni**
10As
Form 2



**Tatenda
Chakanyuka**
9A*s, 2A
Form 3



**Tafara
Chivinge**
3A*s, 7As, 6B
Form 4



**Natalie
Mapotaringa**
14 points
Form 5



**Rukudzo
Mangoma**
15 points
Form 6

DEL F EXAMS

We're excited to share that our learners had the opportunity to sit for the DELF exams on March 26-27, and we're hoping for great results! The School is proud to offer this prestigious International Diploma in French in collaboration with the French Alliance and we thank you for your continued support.

Vacation School

Milestone College is pleased to announce the April Vacation School for Form 4, 5, and 6 candidates.

Programme Highlights:

- Check-in: 20 April 2026
- Lessons: 21 April- 5 May 2026
- Check-out: 6 May 2026



A Word on Discipline

A safe and respectful school environment is something we work hard to maintain, and we could not do it without your support. This term, we noticed a number of bullying incidents that concerned us deeply, ranging from physical to verbal bullying among learners.

The issue grew to a point where we felt it necessary to invite the police to speak to our students, educating them on the serious effects of bullying and the consequences that come with it.

We kindly urge you to have conversations with your children at home about kindness, respect, and standing up for others. Please also take time to monitor their online activity and talk to them about the harm that cyberbullying can cause, both to others and to themselves.

We believe that when school and home work together, we can shape young people who choose compassion over cruelty.

Uniform Reminder

A friendly reminder to parents & guardians:

1. Please ensure your child's uniform is clearly marked with embroidered name tags. We have accumulated many lost and found items this term, and unfortunately, most have no names to return them to. Your help with this will go a long way in helping us reunite lost items with their owners.
2. Please ensure that students' clothing is in good condition and appropriately sized. Girls' uniforms should be **10cm below the knee in length.**



Hairstyle Reminder

Hairstyles must also follow school guidelines:

- Girls – plait free-hand only (no braids)
- Boys – avoid fancy haircuts

LEO CLUB



As the Leo Club, we are pleased to share some of the exciting activities and achievements from this past term. Our members actively participated in meaningful initiatives, including successful donations to Mukuvapasi children's center where we were able to give back to the community and support those in need.

One of the highlights of the term was our vibrant Color Run event. It was a fun-filled day that brought together students, parents, and staff, promoting unity, fitness, and school spirit.



We appreciate your continued support in helping us shape responsible, compassionate, and proactive young leaders.

Looking ahead to next term, we are excited to continue growing and making an impact. We have several key events planned:

- A Leo Club Induction Ceremony to officially welcome new members
- A Leo Camp, which will focus on leadership, teamwork, and personal development
- More donation initiatives as we continue our commitment to community service

Milestone News Network



The Media Club is dedicated to nurturing students' skills in journalism, photography, videography, and media production. Our objectives include:

- Encouraging creativity and critical thinking through media projects.
- Developing strong communication and reporting skills.

This term, we have successfully introduced a school newspaper and are currently working on a school yearbook.

Next term, the club will be attending a Media Tour at Zimbabwe Newspapers Ltd, giving members the opportunity to explore professional newsrooms, meet experienced journalists, and gain insight into the production of newspapers and digital content.

We look forward to an engaging and educational term for all our media enthusiasts!



"To be persuasive, we must be believable; to be believable, we must be credible; to be credible, we must be truthful." Edward R. Murrow

Debate Club

On Friday, 6 March 2026, our Debate Club hosted Princeton in an exciting fixture that showcased the talent and confidence of our learners. Both junior and senior teams rose to the occasion, delivering thoughtful arguments and securing victories in their respective categories.



Junior Debate

Motion: Mixed schools are better than single-sex schools
Our **Opening Opposition team** emerged victorious, with Nokutenda Chirova named Best Speaker.



Senior Debate

Motion: Replace textbooks with AI tutors

Our **Closing Government team** took the win, and Kudakwashe Paunganwa was awarded Best Speaker.

Congratulations to all participants for their hard work and eloquence.

Public Speaking



The Milestone Public Speakers really outshined this term as they showed comradeship and excellent team work in the coordination and rolling of events at campus. The Public speakers had auditions for new club members and we are glad to announce the names of new members who managed to obtain a seat in the house of speakers.



We would like to acknowledge new Public speakers who include Mukudzei Mharadzano, Takudzwa Mangoma, Caitlyn Mukoyi and Ayanda Dumbura who joined the club this term. They had an outstanding presentation when club hosted Princeton College.

Senior Public speakers all seasoned and skilled demonstrated their prowess scoping position 2 in the relay speeches. We encourage other learners to join the club for the skills imparted boost confidence and articulate.



"It is not enough to know what to say—one must also know how to say it." Aristotle



The Spelling Bee Club got off to a great start this year with an infusion of new talent. We welcomed aboard form 1 members Crislynn Mazicho, Amara Mushiwokufa, Mark Chinamasa and in form 2, Fortunate Renzva and Rudawiro Makunike.

On the Friday 6 March, the Milestone Spelling Bee Club hosted their biggest rivals, Princeton College from Mutare.

The hosts emerged as overall winners with a medal haul of 2 gold, four silver and 1 bronze against Princeton's 1 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze medal.

The club is currently preparing to participate in the **ORATES National Competition** that is to be held in August later this year. We would like to thank the parents and guardians for their unwavering support of our club as we strive for excellence in the spelling arena.



Club co presidents Ryan Simende and Tamika Mavugara in action during the Senior Level phase of the competition.

DD4P

Quiz Club

Our Quiz Club started on a very high note this year and we anticipate great performance in the tournaments scheduled for 2026. On Friday the 6th of March Milestone Quiz Club hosted Princeton Academy and our team mainly comprising Form 2 learners impressively emerged the winner.

The club is busy preparing for Old Mutual Provincial Quiz competitions and the Orate National Tournament to be held in June and August respectively.

We would like to thank the school authorities, parents and guardians of Milestone College for their continued support towards fostering research and critical thinking skills in our learners.



France Trip

We're also thrilled to announce our upcoming French trip, open to all learners! This is a fantastic chance for them to immerse themselves in the language and culture. We'd love your support in making this trip possible for our learners.

Your encouragement and contribution can make a huge difference. Let's work together to create unforgettable experiences for our learners!



Theme:
"My Future - what now?"

CALLING TEEN WRITERS:
to participate in the 11th Annual DD4P Poetry Competition

All poems MUST clearly link to gender-based violence (GBV)
Entries without a meaningful GBV link will be disqualified

Prizes:
Fantastic prizes including tablets, smartphones, headphones, books and stationery

A total of 12 winners will be selected (6 per category)

Who Can Enter:

- Girls and boys aged 13-19
- Two age categories: 13-15 and 16-19
- Zimbabwean residents
- Entry fee: USD \$5 per poem

Submission Deadline:
19 June (23:59)

Key Dates:
Winners Announced **12 Nov**
Awards Ceremony: **28 Nov**

How to Submit:

- Online: www.dd4p.com
- Email address: dd4pzim@gmail.com
- Drop off address: Harare City Library, Chr Pennefather Ave & Rotten Row Road, Harare
- Collection: Contact +263 771 876 326 (WhatsApp available)



The club participated in an invitational against Lomagundi College at Chinhoyi Country Club and performed exceptionally well.

Club members are again reminded to avoid participating in too many extracurricular activities as this makes it difficult to allocate sufficient time for training. Golf requires consistent attendance at practice sessions to develop the level of competency necessary to fully benefit from the sport.

Construction of the practice facility is still ongoing. The continuous rains disturbed progress as the grader could not manouvre in the water soaked ground.

CHESS

On Friday, 7 March 2026, our Chess Club put their strategic skills to the test in a friendly but competitive match against Princeton. Despite Princeton being short-handed due to other commitments, our players remained focused and delivered an impressive performance.



The senior team, Rukudzo Mangoma, Vusumuzi Gwenzi, Sydney Kambalata, and Liezelle Mlandu, secured a commanding victory with a score of 4.5 – 0.5. The junior team; Cheril Mangwiro, Nelly Chari, Ivan Museka, and Ryan Gambiza, with Nyasha Marimirofa stepping in as a substitute, dominated their rounds, finishing 6.5 – 1.5.

Overall, Milestone claimed a decisive win with a final score of 11 – 2. Well done to all our players for their focus, strategy, and sportsmanship!

AGRICULTURE FIELD TRIP

On the 27th of February 2026, our form 4 Agriculture class visited Marondera Soil Productivity Centre for soil sampling practical test, Analysis of soil for pH and nutrient status and a practical lesson on Biological Nitrogen Fixation (B.N.F) by the N- fixer rhizobium.

We also looked at pasture management systems, animal handling facilities and animal nutrition, a valuable practical session to complement classroom learning.



CHOIR CLUB



The College Senior Choir proudly represented our school at the National Institute of Allied Arts Music Competition at Gateway in Harare.

Their dedication and talent were rewarded with an Honours Outstanding award having scored 94%. We celebrate their success and look forward to more programmes next term. Parents' continued support is greatly appreciated.

PATHFINDER CLUB

The Chaplaincy Department's Pathfinder Club, comprising Forms 1, 2, and 3, continues to grow steadily. Parents whose children are members are kindly asked to provide **USD\$3** to facilitate the purchase of activity booklets. Additionally, students with Pathfinder uniforms are encouraged to bring them next term.

Chaplaincy

Chaplaincy Thanksgiving Offerings remain an important part of our community life. An average of **USD\$5** would go a long way in ensuring the success of our planned programs. We encourage all Members of our Milestone community to participate generously as we give thanks together.



This picture is only to show the Pathfinder uniform

Geography Club



The Geography Club has organized a trip to Victoria Falls, which has been set for 2nd Term of 2026. The trip details are as follows:

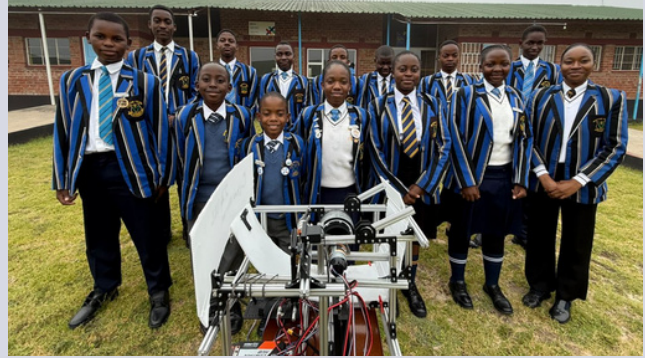
- Students will depart for the trip on 11 June, and will return back to Milestone College on 14 June
- The trip is meant to provide students with first hand education on certain geographical concepts, and of course, make students enjoy the benefits of studying geography.

Further details about the trip will be communicated to parents through the school, ensuring students come prepared for the trip that is a week before mid- term break.

ROBOTICS CLUB



We are thrilled to share with you the comprehensive update on our Robotics Club's 2026 season, which has already been filled with remarkable achievements and promises even greater opportunities ahead.



Achievements So Far:

- **January:** At the Taiwan International Science Fair, our students Tavonga Musariri and Nokutenda Ndemera proudly won a Silver Medal, showcasing Zimbabwean talent on the **global stage**.
- **February:** At the Zimbabwe Science Fair, our teams achieved an outstanding 5 Gold Medals and 1 Silver Medal, a testament to their innovation and dedication.
- **March:** A team of 15 students traveled to Italy for the FIRST Tech Challenge and returned home with the prestigious Compass Award, recognizing their teamwork and perseverance.
- **26 March:** Milestone College hosted the Genius Olympiad Robotics competition. Our Robotics Club emerged victorious, securing 1st place. The winning students earned themselves a \$12,000 scholarship to study at Rochester Institute of Technology, USA.

Upcoming Activities (2nd and 3rd Term 2026):

Annual Robotics Trip – Japan (29 July 2026)

- Estimated cost: \$3,700
- Limited to 15 spots (registration now open)
- Non-refundable deposit of \$500 due by 3 August 2026
- Highlights include:
 - * Miraikan (Tokyo): Humanoid robots like ASIMO, AI exhibits, and space exploration displays.
 - * Tsukuba Science City: Japan's largest science hub with over 300 research institutes.
 - * Kawasaki Robot Museum: Industrial and service robots in manufacturing and healthcare.
 - * Haneda Innovation City: Cutting-edge robotics and AI demonstrations.
 - * JAXA (Tsukuba): Space robotics, satellites, and exploration missions.
 - * Yamanashi Maglev Exhibition Center: High-speed superconducting magnetic trains.
 - * Odaiba (Tokyo): TeamLab Borderless digital art museum, Gundam statue, Panasonic Center.

Africa Science Buskers (29 July 2026)

- Registration closes 30 May 2026
- Students will present innovative solutions to societal problems.

Cars4Mars African Rover Challenge (20 September 2026)

- Registration due date: 30 April 2026
- Approximate cost: \$1,200 (including kit, flights, and meals)
- Deposit of \$300 required by 30 April 2026
- Competition involves designing and building a Mars rover prototype.
- Our teams have proudly won this challenge for the past 3 years.

We are immensely proud of our students' accomplishments and look forward to their continued success in these upcoming events. Your support is invaluable in making these opportunities possible and ensuring our students gain exposure to global STEM platforms.



As the school term comes to a close, it's time to look back on a season filled with determination, growth, and unforgettable moments on the field. This term, our teams showed what it truly means to represent the school. From early morning training sessions to intense afternoon fixtures, commitment and discipline were on full display. Wins were celebrated, losses were lessons, and through it all, team spirit never wavered.

What stands out most, however, is not just the results, but the character shown by our student-athletes. Respect for opponents, teamwork, and perseverance have defined this term's sporting journey. These are values that go far beyond the field.

Regional Athletics at St. Ignatius

On Saturday, 7 March, St. Ignatius hosted a regional athletics competition that brought together several schools, including Milestone College, Wise Owl Marondera, Wise Owl Westgate, Nattie College, Bradford, and Mother Touch. The event was well-organized and provided an excellent opportunity for our athletes to compete, gain exposure, and demonstrate their abilities across multiple age groups.



ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE ATHLETICS INVITATIONAL 2026

1ST PLACES AND FINAL POSITIONS

U14	1500m	Boy	D MAKONI	MILESTONE
U16	Discus	G	T CHIDAWANYIKA	MILESTONE
U14	Shot Put	B	JACK ZONA	MILESTONE
U15	1500m	G	T HARUPINDI	MILESTONE
U15	1500m	B	M TOKISI	MILESTONE
U15	Long Jump	B	A TSIKADA	MILESTONE
U17	1500m	G	M RUZANI	MILESTONE
U20	1500m	G	P MUTASA	MILESTONE
U14	Triple Jump	G	P JAKA	MILESTONE

ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE ATHLETICS INVITATIONAL 2026 1ST PLACES AND FINAL POSITIONS

U15	400m	B	F MUSIYA	MILESTONE
U16	400m	B	T JONGA	MILESTONE
U16	Javelin	B	B NCUBE	MILESTONE
U14	200m	G	T MUSHANGAZHIKE	MILESTONE
U16	200m	B	T PARADZA	MILESTONE
U17	Long Jump	G	M RUZANI	MILESTONE
U14	800m	B	M MHARADZANO	MILESTONE
U17	4 x 100m Relay	G	MILESTONE	

Interhouse Athletics Competitions



On 25 March 2026, our school came alive with energy, cheers, and friendly rivalry as we hosted our Interhouse Athletics competitions. It was a day filled with spirited races, enthusiastic support, and moments of pure determination. When the dust settled, **Leopard House** emerged as the overall winner.

While the victory was well earned, the day truly belonged to the athletes who gave their all, with **Tatenda Paradza, Mufaro Mutigwa, Shalom Muraza, and Ayden Tsikada** standing out as the talk of the event. Their performances left us inspired and reminded us of the power of hard work and heart. Well done to all participants for making it a memorable day!

Sports Requirements for Next Term

To ensure a strong start and continued success, all students participating in sports next term are expected to come prepared with the following:

Hockey boys and girls:

- Hockey stick size 36 and above (make carbon fiber)
- Mouth guard
- Shin guards
- Long socks White
- Water bottle transparent.
- Hockey shoes.
- Hockey bag.

Soccer boys and girls (Football):

- Soccer boots (studs)
- Shin guards.
- Water bottle transparent.
- White long socks.

Volleyball:

- Proper training shoes.
- Knee pads (recommended)
- Water bottle transparent.

Africa Day Celebrations



We are excited to announce that our Africa Day celebrations will take place on 25 May 2026.

This is a special occasion where we come together to celebrate our rich African heritage, culture, and identity.

Parents and guardians are kindly reminded to prepare their children with African attire for the day, as every child is expected to wear traditional African clothing.

We look forward to a vibrant and colourful celebration as we honour the beauty and diversity of our continent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- School opens on the 12th of May 2026.
- Weekday gate closure is at 4:00 pm. Kindly collect learners before this time.
- Gates do not open on weekends. No access to school premises on Saturdays or Sundays.

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 20TH

- Vacation School

MAY 22ND

- Design & Technology Trip

MAY 25TH

- Africa Day Celebrations



Your support means the world to us. Together, we are helping every learner at Milestone College grow into the best version of themselves, rooted in faith, strengthened in character, and reaching for excellence.

Happy holidays!

Warm Regards
M. Bonyongwa
(Acting Head)