



Dear Parents,

## GREETINGS

It has been a busy week for us at school. There have been practice sessions for our first ever Spelling Bee and Sports day practice has also started in earnest. All houses are vying for the trophies that are at stake for both March past and overall sports day winner for 2018. The competitive spirit is now very keen at our school and we plan to keep it so as it creates a buzz and positive energy. Some parents have said they do not receive our newsletters; as a result, we will send the newsletter from both the school's webmail account and Gmail account. We hope this will rectify the problem.

## PARENTS WORKSHOP

As discussed at the Coffee morning held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January, our parent's workshop comes up on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February from 10.00am -12.00noon**. It is open to Oakland parents as well as other parents. Our focus will be on Maths and English, we will be sharing with parents some of the effective strategies we use at school in the classroom, strategies on how to help your child at home and we will answer all questions during the interactive session. Please come ready to share and learn as we as teachers and parents meet to discuss our children's learning.

## SCHOOL FEES

School has been in session for three weeks giving parents ample time to make the school fees payment and reconcile their child's bill with the accounts department. From next week, we will be sending home letters to fee defaulters. Kindly send in the evidence of payment for us to confirm receipt of fees please.

## WATER BOTTLES

Water bottles are an essential for every child at school. These bottles are topped up at different intervals in the school day, are mobile and accompany the pupils to Physical Education lessons and are handy for keeping hydrated in the classroom. It is certainly a must have for every pupil and we ask parents to please ensure the children bring one to school, preferably with their name on it for easy identification. This is more important as we enforce the **no-juice** policy at our school.

## SPORTS DAY 2018

Our Annual Inter-House Sports day comes up on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Our venue is City Park, Wuse 2. We will go there as a school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February for rehearsals and so the pupils get familiar with the environment. We invite all parents, family members and friends to this exciting event. Watch this space for more information.

## MEASLES VACCINATION CAMPAIGN

The Abuja Municipal Area Council has rolled out a measles vaccination campaign for children from 9 months to 5 years old. There are 2 sessions available; 8<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> February and 15<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018. The vaccination is safe, free and protects children from the virus.

*Did you know? Measles is a highly contagious vaccine preventable respiratory disease caused by measles virus. Measles affects children mostly under the age of 5 years and it can lead to death.*

*How is it spread? Measles is spread through droplet transmission from the nose, throat and mouth of an infected person with the virus.*

These droplets are released when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

What are the symptoms of Measles virus?

- Fever
- Cough
- Red eyes
- Runny nose
- Sore throat
- And others

What are the complications of Measles?

- Pneumonia

- Blindness
- Brain infection
- And others

How is measles prevented?

- Measles is prevented by immunization with measles vaccine.

As usual, we will send home the consent slip for the Early Years children who fall within that age band. The officials will be at our school after the mid-term break to immunize the pupils.

## SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

The first ever Spelling Bee Inter-House Competition holds at our school on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018**. Seating starts at 8.00 am and we will start at 8.15 am. **Parents of the participants from Reception to Year 5 are cordially invited to join us that morning.** The following pupils have emerged as their house representatives.

S/NO	CLASS	BLUE HOUSE	GREEN HOUSE	RED HOUSE	YELLOW HOUSE
1	Year 5	Farouq Duba	Fatima I. Shehu	Halima I. Shehu	Hibba Mohammed
2	Year 4	Chinelo Edeh	Fatima Abba Kaka	Gabriel Ofonagoro	Colette Igberaese
3	Year 3	Al-Ikram Ajisafe	Addallah Musajo	Imad Mukhtar	Abdul Marafa
4	Year 2	Nafeesa Gwandu	Arianna Ofonagoro	Aila Ajisafe	Chisomaga Edeh
5	Year 1	Halima Suleiman	Abdulnasser Ringim	Iman Dasuki	Mohammed Saleh
6	Reception	Iruora Eruani	Conrad Igberaese	Nardeen Naibi	Aliyu Shuaibu

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Ciroma on the birth of their daughter. Both Mom and baby are in excellent health.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February: Spelling Bee (Parents of participants only)
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February: Parents Conference
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February: Sports Day at City Park
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February: Mid-term break
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February: School re-opens for second half term

## YEAR 4 ARTICLE...by Ms Maryam

This term in year 4, we have been investigating what life was like for the Ancient Egyptians. It has been a fabulous discovery about time lines dating back to when the early settlers came to the river Nile, not to mention discovering the geography of Egypt so far.

We have also explored mythical creatures in literacy while studying our genre for myths and legends, creating some fabulous beasts.

As we prepare for the sports day, we have been practicing: basketball, 300-500m racing, sack racing, long jumping and other fun games to prepare our minds and bodies for this competitive period.



The school has introduced the , which I must say in year 4 has got us all dusting up our minds in preparation for the first spelling bee on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February.

In science, it is all about keeping things hot or cold in year 4. We have been experimenting with different temperatures, using thermometers to take our readings and investigating 'Insulators'.

### PHOTO GALLERY

Our photo gallery this week shows the Year 5 pupils working with clay to create a human bust and their ever so interactive science lessons. Also, beautiful photographs from the Year 4 class assembly on ancient Egypt.



Highlight: Year 4 assembly on Ancient Egypt



Year 4 pupils creating sculptures



Year 4 pupils using a thermometer to measure temperature



Mythical beasts display in Year 4 class

We wish all parents a restful and enjoyable weekend. Please remain vigilant and security conscious.

Regards,

**OIS MANAGEMENT.**