



Dear Parents,

## GREETINGS

It has been a very wholesome and sport filled week with sports day around the corner. We have had lots of practice and I must say the excitement and heat in the air are palpable. Our sports day tee-shirts have also arrived from the UK, the venue is set and we are counting down to D-Day.

The four houses are vying for the March Past Trophy and the Overall Sports Day winner Trophy. Your guess is as good as mine, who gets to cart the trophy(s) off?

## ABSENTEEISM AT SCHOOL

We have noticed that a number of children are absent from school. This could be due to poor health, family commitments and other reasons. We ask that parents please send an email or SMS to inform the school about their child's absence. The notification is very important as it helps us to reach out to the family and make internal adjustments very quickly. Thank you for this, our school numbers are 0909 998 9643 and 0905 623 8659.

## SPORTS DAY 2018

Please find attached a sports day notice to parents.

## WATER BOTTLES

We cannot stop talking about the importance of water bottles and hydration at school. Kindly ensure your child has a leak-proof water bottle to school every day. We will keep it topped up at school and ensure your child keeps hydrated throughout the day. It is a lot simpler than having to use the cups and jugs from the central water points. We hope all parents can comply

with this for the children's health and well-being.

## STAFFING

Ms Charity Okoli; a school nanny has gained admission into the Nassarawa State Polytechnic to study Mass Communication. We have sent her forth as a school and wish her lots of success and God's protection.

## OUR SCHOOL

Oakland International School is a unique school. We are committed to our pupils and our parents. We do everything in the child's best interest and with parental support we have seen each and every child make progress. We ensure "No child is left behind" and as long as we can track and prove a child's progress, we know we are doing what we should be doing. We ask parents to take advantage of our open-door policy, step into school and have a word with your child's teacher or any member of the Management team. Constructive criticism is always well received as it helps us grow, thank you for choosing us.

## PARENTS WORKSHOP

Our parents workshop held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January and we wish to thank the parents who were there to share and to learn. We believe it was a success, we have gone through the feedback form and know the areas for improvement moving forward. We share comments from a couple of the parents in attendance:

**What did you like most about the workshop?**

**"It was interactive and informative"**

**"The manner of presentation. Team work amongst the presenters"**

"It was enlightening"

How do you hope to change your practice because of the workshop?

"I will now be able to support my children better with their work at home and engage them in other things"

"Read more with my kids"

"Pay closer attention to inference when the kids are reading"

## SPELLING BEE

Our first ever inter-house spelling bee held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February. The house representatives put on an excellent performance. Their presentation skills were impressive, they were audible and confident. They used their phonics and literary skills to full effect. We celebrate each and every participant, they will all get certificates of participation and in particular congratulate the following pupils.

SNO	NAME OF PUPIL	1 <sup>ST</sup> POSITION	HOUSE
1	Conrad Igberaese	Reception	Green
2	Nardeen Naibi	Reception	Red
3	Halima Ihsaan Suliemen	Year 1	Blue
4	Mohammed Saleh	Year 1	Yellow
5	Arianna Ofonagoro	Year 2	Green
6	Abdul Marafa	Year 3	Yellow
7	Chinelo Edeh	Year 4	Blue
8	Farouq Duba	Year 5	Blue
9	Hibba Mohammed	Year 5	Yellow

Overall, the house points are:

- 1st – Blue house 42 points
- 2nd – Yellow house 39 points
- 3rd - Green house 36 points
- 4th – Red house 30 points

## FOOTBALL CLUB

All registered members of the football club have scheduled practice sessions this term to be held at Bodyline Fitness Centre at 163 Ademola

Adetokunbo Crescent, Wuse 2. The practice sessions are on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February and Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018**. This is to expose the players to a standard field of play. The school will be fully responsible for transporting the footballers to and from the Centre. Pupils must be picked up from Oakland International School at the end of the session.

## BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS



Spring term greetings to all parents.

Firstly, I would like to appreciate all our parents who have been participating in the Bakers Book club International. Thank you for your patronage.

In the library this term, we have been reading books by different authors.

The year 5 have been reading books by Jacqueline Wilson, year 4 have been reading books by Roald Dahl (The BFG) and year 3 have been reading books by Ian Why brow.

To also encourage a reading culture, we introduced the star reader of the week, last term, this happens every other week. We have a Gold, Silver and Bronze badge according to how many books the children have read and with the book review as evidence.

We are planning towards an excursion to the National Library of Nigeria, the date is tentative, and we promise to keep our parents posted when we have a conducive date and time.

## THREE STEPS TO ENCOURAGE YOUR KIDS TO READ

### 1. Show interest in your child's reading.

Your response or feedback has a strong effect on how hard they will try to become good readers.

Always remember to give them genuine praise for their efforts.

### 2. Help them choose age-appropriate books.

Help your kids choose age-appropriate books on topics that interest them to spark a passion for reading.

### 3. Let them choose what they read.

Reading for pleasure is one of the best ways for a child to improve his performance at school, but teaching a child to love reading involves a lot more than simply handing him a book!!

**Happy reading!!!**

Best Regards

Emmanuel (School Librarian)

## PHOTO GALLERY

Our photo gallery this week showcases: the Parent's workshop, our regular school day, Spelling Bee competition and the Year 5 science assembly.



Resources, these are essential for teaching and learning.



Parents' hard at work on some practice worksheets during the workshop



Hands on parents' workshop



Play time with the Toddler's



Time for a well deserved nap



Photograph of the participants at the spelling bee 2018



Year 5 pupils showcased their learning in science at our Friday assembly



Experiment to produce carbon-dioxide gas to inflate a balloon. It worked!

We wish all pupils and parents a pleasant and restful weekend. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday for the final week of the first half of term 2.

Regards,

**OIS MANAGEMENT.**