# GREETINGS

We welcome you all to the final term of the academic session. This is Summer term and the pupils are winding up their studies in their respective classes and getting ready to move up to the next class in September.

We celebrate each and every one of them for the progress made in different areas; academic, co-curricular, emotionally, socially, spiritually and so much more.

The first day of term was Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April and there was a good turn-up of pupils at school. By yesterday, Friday 28th April there were many more pupils at school; work commenced on day 1 and as usual we ask parents to please allow their children to be at school every school day as teaching and learning are planned for and executed for as many days the school is open.

We are looking forward to an exciting term with lots of fun and learning along the way. Kindly consult the school calendar to stay informed of activities at school.

### **NEW STAFF**

Please find below biographies for two new members of staff. Mr Kelechi Okere-Mathematics and Mr Emmanuel Amoo-School Librarian.

Mr Kelechi Okere is an experienced, enthusiastic and focused teacher who is committed to safeguarding and promoting the education and well-being of children and young people at all times.

Kelechi is a Mathematics teacher and has been in the teaching profession since 2012. He has a Diploma in General Computing and a Bachelor's degree in Pure Mathematics. He majors in Mathematics and Science and has many years of teaching in British curriculum а environment. He is able to establish a supportive relationship with both pupils and their parents, guardians and caregivers as well as fellow teachers, all with the aim of promoting and reinforcing a pupil's independence and self-esteem. He is a Mathematics teacher at Oakland International School. During his free time, he likes to play chess and read about developing technology. He is married and resides in FCT – Abuja, Nigeria.

Mr Emmanuel Amoo has been a practicing librarian since 2014. He bagged a degree in Library and Information Technology from the Federal University, Minna and was certified as a librarian in 2016 under Librarians' Registration Council of Nigeria (LRCN) in conjunction with the Federal Ministry of Education. His last place of employment was Royal Family Academy Wuye. Emmanuel loves to read and his communicate ideas through motivational talks.

#### COFFEE MORNING

Our coffee morning this term comes up next week on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017. It is an opportunity for parents and staff to interact, also, School Management is opportune to tell parents what the plan is for the Term and the near future. We understand that parents are key in the education of their children; that is why we implore every parent to be there for this meeting that will run for about 45 minutes. Start time is 8.15am to 9.00am.

#### CLUBS

Club activities start next week onTuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. We have sent home club registration forms and only pupils' whose parents have filled out the forms and returned them to school will be permitted to join the club of their choice. This being term 3 and there being no new clubs, there will be no 'taster week' and registered clubs commence on that date. Kindly return forms by Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 if you have not done so already.

# CORE VALUES & ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

As a School committed to educating the 'whole child' we are making progress with our core values which have been integrated into the curriculum to cut across the school and to create a unique ethos for us by which we can be distinguished in the community. This term, we have decided to carry parents along on the journey and the two core values to be focused on this term at school are: RESPECT AND REFLECT. More on this in the course of the term, however, kindly engage your child in conversation around these two topics at their own level please and complement what we are doing at school.

#### HEALTH SPLASH 2

Our first health splash programme was so enjoyable that we have decided to have one on the first Saturday of each month. Therefore, the next one comes up on Saturday 6th May 2017 at 8.00 am at our school. Save that date for a high-powered brisk walk, self-defence class and dance aerobics with Miss Jemima from Krump Studios. We will have healthy snacks from Santi Foods and Greenade Smoothies. We have partnered with Medicaid once more to provide Meningitis immunisations for us all. The shots have been discounted for us at our school from 10,000NGN to 5,000NGN per person and it is a wide cover for both types A & C as the strain that was known before was A but the one presently going viral is C. But with this combined immunisation, one is covered for both. Make it a date with all members of the family.

# OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY

Our school library is geared towards raising the standard of literacy amongst our children, through an active reading of best-selling books from reputable publishers. Oakland International School believes that children should be surrounded by a book-rich environment, and we are committed to having them read and talk about books, through a collection of engaging titles that stimulate their interest.

We have an organised collection of literature (fiction and nonfiction); subject-based books, books for toddlers (pop-up books, picture books, finger books and key word books); general knowledge books; activity books; photographs; reference and teacher's resources; magazines and periodicals. At Oakland International

School, the library is open to both parents and visitors. We are automating our library (E – Library) where parents can monitor the reading culture of their child and read themselves.

Our environment is clean, quiet and comfortable. Pupils and teachers enjoy using the library. Visiting time: Tuesday = 1:00 -2:00pm, Friday = 2:15 -3:00pm for both staff and parents.

I look forward to seeing you at Oakland International School Library.

Mr. Amoo Emmanuel

(Librarian)

## DELF EXAM

The Year 4 pupils are all set to sit their DELF Exams on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May at the French Institute. Many thanks to Ms Nnenna the French teacher who has worked tirelessly to get the pupils ready and to the pupils for being so cooperative and a joy to teach. The French Institute sent us the forms yesterday and they were duly sent home with a cover letter and translated script to help parents fill out the forms properly.

They have insisted we return the forms on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May and parents must please ensure the completed forms are sent into school on Tuesday morning with the pupils as we have to get to their office before 12noon. The cost of the exam is 10,000 and this fee will be deducted from each child's incidental account.

The Management of Oakland International School announce the death of Wing Commander Gana Mshelia-husband of Mrs Grace Mshelia popularly called Aunty Grace by the Oakland Community. He died last week and has since been buried. Our prayers are with the family at this time that God will comfort them all. Amen.

# ATTACHMENTS

Please find attached to this newsletter the Menu for the month of May.

#### PHOTO GALLERY

Our photo gallery this week shows our library, guided reading in Year 4, teaching and learning in Year 3 and collaborative learning in Year 1.

















We hope you enjoy your weekend and the public holiday. See you on Tuesday,  $2^{\text{nd}}$  May.

# OIS MANAGEMENT