

END OF TERM NEWSLETTER

"Education cannot be effective unless it helps a child to open up himself to life".Maria Montessori

Well, here we are again, the end of another productive and exciting Term; and what a wonderful term it has been. You will agree that the children have had fun exploring and learning.

We thank the ALMIGHTY GOD for his grace and protection over us throughout the term.

The term was full of very exciting, successful and fun filled activities; some of which are listed below:

World Handwriting Day – We had parents come in to write about their first handwriting experience. It was delightful to see parents try to recall their different experiences.

Tea with mums: mums came together to talk about the children; how best to raise them to achieve their full potential.

Spelling Bee competition for Pre-School 2 and Year 1.

Friendship week where the children were taught the benefits of SHARING. They exchanged gifts with friends they had picked.

Parent's Conference took place immediately after the half term break; we say a big thank you for coming in to check your children's progress; your observations are highly appreciated. Constructive criticism is always welcome.

Finally, we had our Book Fair Event on Friday, 18th March and we had two authors who came for the event (Noma Shodipo and Chinonye Oluoha). They read to the children and displayed their books for sale.

We want to appreciate our dear Parents for coming around to read to the children, meet with the authors, buying books for the school library and also buying books for the children, Thank you very much.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

In the course of the term, Staff went through a number of training sessions to improve their knowledge and skills:

- *Mental Mathematics
- *Emotional Intelligence
- *Safe and Healthy Environment
- *Child Protection
- *Core Skills Workshop
- *Outdoor Learning (The Why and How)

EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS

In order to raise confident children and ensure that our standard continues to remain high, the school will be participating in external competitions i.e academics(Numeracy, Spelling Bee) and Sports.

Some of our children represented the school in the Inter-house event of Happy Day School. The event took place in the Astro Turf Garden in Ikoyi.

We won the following medals: Bean Bag for girls (PS1):Silver Bean Bag for girls (PS2):Gold Bean Bag for Boys (PS1):Silver Dress Up for girls(PS1):Silver Dress Up for girls(PS2):Gold Dress Up for Boys (PS1):Gold Dress Up for Boys (PS2):Silver



A LOOK AHEAD FOR NEXT TERM

Health Week Father's Day Grand-parents day Children's day Graduation

WATER DAYS

Effective next term, we would have water days on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On these days, please do not pack any juice for the children as only fruits and water (with their meals) will be given to the children. This is already in place in the Infant Room. We appeal to you to support us as we inculcate healthy habits in our children.

SOME INFORMATION FROM D.T.A

On February 5th, the second P.T.A meeting held. Below are some key decisions that were made:

After deliberations, parents jointly agreed to a P.T.A levy of N5, 000 (Five Thousand Naira only) applicable to each home and payable at the beginning of every new School Session. The levy will be collated by the school admin and remitted to the P.T.A Treasurer. This will be used to fund all of the P.T.A's activities and crucial support to the school.

The use of a tracker for all the suggestions and issues raised by parents. The essence of this e-tracker is for the effective follow up on the progress of unresolved issues concerning our children. The frequency will be the beginning and the end of term.

LIBRARY PROJECT

We embarked on the library project and solicited the support of parents. We say a BIG THANK YOU for all your support. However we are still very far from our target as only about 40% of our parents have donated books. We appeal to parents who have not donated any book to kindly do so.

EASTER CAMP

The Easter Camp program will run from Tuesday 29th March to Friday 8th April. Exciting activities have been line up for the chil-

History(Languages, Culture, Dressing, Ceremonies etc)

Language Development (Literacy, Spelling Bee, Creative Writing)

Skills Acquisition

Art & Craft

Mental Math

Simple Cooking

Please register your children as there is no better way to keep them positively occupied than to bring them to Tenderville Easter Camp.

COLD WEATHER

We are gradually approaching the Rainy Season. Please ensure that the children are clothed appropriately in warm clothes.

REMINDERS

Please inform the School Office in writing:

*If you change your mobile or landline number, your e-mail address, if you move house, if there is any medical Information we are not aware of - for example allergies or inhalers e.t.c.

All of the above are for the safety and wellbeing of your child – so please do keep us informed

- *If your child is unwell and absent from school please inform the school office by 10am on the first day of sickness.
- *If the sickness is over the weekend and your child is still unwell on the Monday please inform the office on the Monday.
- *Any vomiting or diarrhea, we advice you wait 48 hours from the LAST vomit or diarrhea until they can return to school.
- * A child with high temperature (38 degrees or above) must not of had a temperature for 24 hours before they can return to school.

UNIFORM FOR PRE-SCHOOL

The school is thinking of having the children in Pre-School wear some form of uniform by September. What do you think? Please send your comments to admin@tendervilleng.net

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING AT HOME

As a parent, you are your child's first and most important teacher. When parents and families are involved in their children's education, such children do better and have better feelings about going to school. Many studies show that what the family does is more important to a child's school success than how much money the family makes or how much education the parents have. There are many ways that parents can support their children's learning at home and throughout the school year. Here are some tips to get you started.

Encourage Active Learning

Children need active learning which involves asking and answering questions, solving problems and exploring interests. It can also take place when your child plays sports, spends time with friends, visit places with you such as bookstores, museums, etc. Let him jump in with questions and opinions when you read books together. When you encourage this type of give-and-take at home, your child's participation and interest in school will increase.

Monitor your child's television viewing and video game playing

Keep a record of how many hours your child spends watching TV or playing video games each week, as well as what he is watching or playing. For example, some experts recommend that children should not watch TV on school days and not more than 2hours during the weekend. Remember that watching TV or playing video games are not substitutes for activities such as reading, playing with friends, spending time outside, making projects and talking with family members, which are all important to the child's development.

Reading

Research shows that the most important thing you can do to help your child achieve the best at school is to read with them. Little and often is the key! Reading with your child should be enjoyable. The more fun you have, the more likely you are to instill a love of reading. Encourage discussion with your child when you read with them. As a parent, you also need to show them that you love reading too, buy books for yourself and for them.

We Wish you a Happy Easter Holiday.

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