



Note from the desk of the Proprietress

Dear Parents,
It is hard to believe that yet another year has almost come to an end. As I now reflect on all the activities that took place in our small school community in the past year, I can only but thank God Almighty for his abundant mercies and his continuous watch over us.

As most of you may already know, this year has been a very busy one for all of us at New Capital School, we worked very hard to introduce and advance many initiatives. I am very delighted to report that we were 100% successful in ensuring that all New Capital School pupils and students have access to high-quality education that prepares them for the future.

This term, in partnership with some of our amiable and esteemed parents, we were able to create and deliver a robust learning environment for all our pupils. I will like to use this medium to once more thank all those parents who participated in our school elections as well as the parents'-in-touch events, it was a pleasure to have partnered with you in the execution of a job I love so much. The invitation to join my team in this worthy cause remains open (particularly as there will be a lot of opportunities in the coming term when we host the next inter-house sporting event).

In line with always ensuring that all our pupils gain knowledge from both within and outside our classrooms, during the course of the term, many of our pupils had the opportunity of visiting various interesting sites such as; Economic and Financial Crimes Commission

(EFCC), Silverbird cinema, an orphanage – Rachel's home and a dental clinic - Ideal dental services. We hope to continue this tradition every academic session.

In the extra-curriculum sphere, it gives me great pleasure to report to you that the school continues to grow from strength to strength in both the quality and the number of extra-curricular activities available to our pupils. During the course of the term, our pupils were exposed to team building activities through sports. In particular, inter-house tournaments in both football and basketball were organized in order to better prepare pupils towards the upcoming inter-house competition next term. I can reliably report that the competitive spirit amongst our pupils remains high as they are eager to face off against each other for the bragging rights of being the best athlete in the various event categories of the forthcoming inter-house sports competition.

Finally, I would like to use this medium to once more congratulate all the elected school functionaries on their successful elections as well as to wish them well in their new responsibilities.

Thank you once again for all your support this year. We hope that you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year celebrations with your kids.

Compliments of the season

Proprietress



SPECIAL THX!
to our partners

- Mr & Mrs Mitee
- Mrs Nnandi
- Eng. & Mrs Ifesie
- Mr & Mrs Abdulrahman
- Mr & Mrs Obidike
- Mr & Mrs Onuoha
- Mr & Mrs Uzor
- Mr & Mrs Omade
- Mr & Mrs Nwandu
- Mr & Mrs Essien
- Mr & Mrs Emokhor
- Mr & Mrs Usani
- Dr & Mrs Oye
- Mr & Mrs Ejiofor
- Mr & Mrs Obuotor
- Mr & Mrs Anasili
- Mr & Mrs Obono
- Mr & Mrs Amesinlola
- Mr & Mrs Hamalai
- Mr & Mrs Buhari
- Mr & Mrs Maduegbunam
- Mr & Mrs Akpana
- Mr & Mrs Lawrence
- Mr & Mrs Hammanga
- Mr & Mrs Bello
- Mr & Mrs Unaegbu
- All PTA Executives

NEXT TERM
Begins
15 JAN, 2018

Essay writing competition winners



It was an all-female affair as Esther Lawrence, Zimuzo Nwandu and Claire Ebenebe emerged winners of an inter-class essay competition organized between primary 5 and primary 6 pupils. While Esther Lawrence clinched the first position, Zimuzo Nwandu and Claire Ebenebe won the second and third place prizes respectively.

All the male pupils in primary 5 and 6 have been encouraged to improve their writing skills so as to feature among the top 3 winners in next term's essay writing competition.

congratulations
to
Esther, Zimuzo and Claire!

Best Essay of the competition

Our short excursion to Silverbird cinema

written by Esther Lawrence (Pry 6 Lotus)

According to the Oxford Advanced Learner's dictionary, an excursion is a short journey made for pleasure, especially one that has been organized for a group of people. I think an excursion can be more than its dictionary definition as it is not only pleasurable but can also be educative. On the 11th of October, 2017, the primaries five and six pupils of New Capital School went on an excursion to Silverbird cinema which is located at Central Business district Abuja. Before departing from the school premises, we were advised to go along with our jotters so as to take down notes.

The bus wasn't large enough to carry all the pupils at once, so we went in batches. I happened to be among the first batch of pupils to arrive Silverbird. While my friends and I waited for the second batch of pupils to arrive, we entertained ourselves by telling jokes and funny stories that made us laugh. When the second batch of pupils arrived, we were asked to form two lines and walked into the premises. When we got into the premise, we asked for directions to the cinema and were told that the cinema was located on the fourth floor. We used an escalator to **get to the fourth floor from the ground floor. When we eventually got there, we waited for about thirty minutes before moving into the movie theatre.** We were given seats and our teachers went to make arrangements for popcorn and drinks.



By 12pm, a man who introduced himself as a staff of Silverbird cinema, came into the movie theatre and told us that the movie was to start in thirty minutes. Twenty-five minutes later, our popcorn and drinks arrived. At exactly 12:30pm our movie started, it was "the emoji movie". The movie was about a "meh" emoji that had the odd ability of changing facial expressions in order to look like other emojis. Due to this abnormal ability, the chief emoji, "smiler", wanted to delete him because he thought Gene Meh was a malfunction. She therefore sent some robots to delete Gene, however, sensing smiler's plot, Gene ran away to meet with a hacker (Jailbreak) who could make him become a permanent "meh". On his way to becoming a permanent "meh", Gene confessed his true feelings towards jailbreak who did not feel the same way towards him. This made Gene depressed and to become a "meh" emoji without the hack. Gene returned back to the emoji office where Alex (the owner of Gene's phone) while looking for a multi-feeling emoji to send to Addie (the girl he liked), chose "meh". Therefore Gene became useful and there was no longer a need to delete him. At the end of the movie, we left the cinema to take photos with Mr Abe (a comedian). I enjoyed the excursion because it was interesting, educative, fun and we had lots to eat and drink.

Head teachers message

Dear Parents,

The first term of MMXVII/MMXVIII academic session has been fulfilling and eventful. This is because we were able to accomplish the tasks we set out to achieve at the beginning of the term. To start with, our pupils embarked on several excursions this term. The overall aim of these excursions as you may know is to broaden their intellect and validate theories and concepts learnt. In doing so, learning becomes more pragmatic and meaningful.

We also had election of the school prefects. The winners who emerged through electoral process, were sworn-in and had an oath of office administered to them by Barrister Emmanuel Adedeji, a legal practitioner based here in the FCT.

At this juncture, let me express our gratitude and appreciation to our esteemed parents who graced the occasion and willingly volunteered to serve as electoral umpires for the election. I would not forget to thank and acknowledge the presence of the PTA vice Chairman Mr. Chizoba Unaegbu on that day who after his congratulatory message to the elected prefects, gave words of encouragement to those who lost out in the election. In the same vein, we equally appreciate our parents who turned out to witness the swearing-in ceremony of the elected prefects.

Nigeria Independence Anniversary fell on Sunday but the school celebrated it on Friday 29th September, 2017. Commemorative activities to mark the independence celebration were as follows: match past by the pupils in the different geopolitical zones, adorned in their respective ethnic attire; lecture titled "The Evolution of the Nigerian State" – Pre colonial day to date was presented by Miss Nwanneka Uzoukwu; A mini exhibition gallery with the portraits of former Nigerian leaders past and present were pasted on the walls of the school auditorium in their chronological order for the pupils to see, appreciate and reflect on. Thereafter, the pupils retired to their seats to watch a documentary film show on Nigeria pre – colonial era and independence on 1st October, 1960.

The turn-out on our 'Open Day' this term was quite encouraging. We urge our parents to keep it up. Also the observations and concerns raised by parents during the "Open Day" were noted and are being looked into with a view to proffering solutions to them. May I at this juncture, convey our sincere gratitude to our parents who despite limited time at their disposal made themselves available at the occasion of the school "Parents In-Touch". The interactive lessons with the pupils were awesome, educative and informative. Our pupils really benefited in no small measure from your versatile wealth of knowledge and expertise.



The school management is considering making "Parents In-Touch" a termly affair or programme so that our pupils would continue to draw inspiration from a broad spectrum of array of intelligentsia among our school community.

Overtime now, if you are closely monitoring your ward(s)' academic activities, you would have noticed that in primary 1 – 6 classes, the number of questions they answer in Mathematics (be it either Mid-Term Continuous Assessment or End of Term Examination) over the years have been increased considerably. The reason for that is not far-fetched.

It is a deliberate policy of the school management to rekindle the pupils enthusiasm in Mathematics and also demystify the phobia and hate for the subject. It is also meant to catch them young by making them

appreciate the subject at their formative years triggering the intellectual process of early concept development in Mathematics.

Aside from this reason, the importance of Mathematics in our contemporary world cannot be overstressed. This is because the tremendous advances in science and technology today would have been impossible without Mathematics. Therefore, Mathematics is indispensable in the areas of science and technology. If there is any subject that spreads through other areas of study, it is Mathematics.

Based on this premise, it is our greatest concern and responsibility to ensure that proper foundation is laid for our pupils at this level of their education and by extension their future scholastic pursuits.

Before I conclude, permit me at this juncture to use this medium to salute and also thank our esteemed parents immensely for their continual patronage, unflinching support, understanding and cooperation in the face of unprecedented and challenging economic difficulties in the country.

What a year to be remembered!

Lastly, despite the prevailing economic situation, we should keep hope alive and be grateful to God for the gift of life. This is because it is only the living that celebrates life. It is our fervent prayer that the incoming year, 2018, will meet everybody's desires and aspirations.

Finally, may I use this medium to wish our esteemed parents "Merry Christmas" in advance and a prosperous New Year ahead. Remain blessed.

Compliments of the season,
Augustine Chukwunwike Nkwonta
Head Teacher, New Capital
School, Asokoro, Abuja

Election of school functionaries

written by Esther Lawrence (pry 6 lotus)



The manifesto: Our school elections started with the presentation of manifestos and speeches by aspiring prefects on the 9th of October, 2017. It was a very interesting day as our parents, primary three, four, five pupils as well as my classmates were invited to witness the event. During the presentation of manifestos, some of my classmates had stage fright and broke down while others who were used to public presentations, like myself, enjoyed the whole experience.

The elections: On the 1st of November 2017, our class teacher, Aunty Nwanneka informed all the prospecting prefects that elections into the various positions will take place the next day. We all went home excited, we washed our uniforms and polished our shoes until we could see our reflections on them.

In short, we made sure we looked our best. After what seemed like eternity, the election day finally came and we (all the prospecting prefects) were all led into the hall and given seats. We waited for a little while for the primary three pupils to arrive before the event finally commenced. Aunty Nwanneka called all the names of all the pupils from primaries three to six to ensure that all the pupils who were going to vote were present. After the roll call, Aunty Nwanneka proceeded to inform us on the voting procedure and then voting began. At the end of the voting, all votes cast were counted and winners announced. The entire event was witnessed by our parents who were there to give us moral support especially those who lost out. At the end of the day, while the election was a sad event for some of my classmates, it was a memorable day for others such as myself who came out victorious.

The swearing in ceremony: The swearing in ceremony of all elected functionaries took place on the 13th of November, 2017 at 10:00am. Once again our parents were there to witness the occasion. A lawyer by name Barr Emmanuel Adedeji introduced himself and conducted the swearing in ceremony. Isaac (the headboy) and myself (the headgirl) were called out first and told to raise our right hand and repeat the oath of office after the lawyer. We did as we were told and signed the document (oath of office) after the recitation. Other prefects were also called out and told to do the same. We were given our badges by some parents who came to witness the event and the headboy and myself were asked to give a vote of thanks.

I enjoyed the entire election process very much because it encouraged healthy competition among us and taught us how to compete fairly without cheating.



A visit to my school by the Nigerian Red Cross Society

written by Jada Emokhor (pry 6 lotus)



On the 13th of October 2017 around 10am, a team from the Nigerian Red Cross Society visited our school. The team comprised of Mr Bashir (the team leader), Miss Lynette and Mr Tunde. The purpose of their visit was to educate the pupils and staff of New Capital School on various first aid tips.

All the pupils in primaries four, five and six including the teachers of these classes were assembled at

the school auditorium for the training.

In teaching us about first aid, Mr Bashir explained DR

ABC to us. According to him, DR ABC stands for **D**anger, **R**esponse, **A**irways, **B**reathing and **C**ompression.

Danger: Check for the danger that may have injured the casualty

Response: Check if the person is conscious by shaking their shoulders and gently speaking to them. For example, if you know the person's name call the person by his/her name.

Airways: If the person does not respond, check if he/she is breathing normally; open the airway by putting one hand on his/her forehead and gently tilting the person's head back.

Breathing: After opening up the airways, check if the person is breathing by placing your cheek against the

person's nose and looking out for movement of his/her chest. If the person is breathing, put the person in recovery position by placing the hand nearest to you at a right angle to his/her body, then take his/her other hand and place the back of his/her hand against his/her cheek. Grab his/her far leg pull it towards you (the body will roll over easily) tilt his/her head back and lift his/her chin to make sure his/her airways is open and check for normal breathing again.

Compression: If the person is not breathing compress the chest 30 times and give 2 rescue breaths.

During the course of the training exercise, Mr Bashir demonstrated the DR ABC using some pupils who had volunteered themselves; this made understanding of the first aid tip a lot easier. Mr Bashir also taught us what to do when someone has a nose bleed. To stop a nose bleed, he told us that you must first pinch the nose so as to close the nostrils then tilt the person's head slightly

forward. The patient should then be advised to remain in that position for some minutes until the bleeding stops. We were also taught what to do when someone has a fracture. We were told to immobilize the fracture and take the person to the nearest hospital on a stretcher.

The entire visit and training lasted for about an hour after which we were asked to go back to our various classes, but before we left for our various classes, we were given pamphlets containing information about the Nigerian Red Cross and drinks.

The health talk and first aid training given to us by the Nigerian Red Cross team was very interesting because we were made to participate during the training exercise, it was also very educative as we learnt a lot of health tips and first aid tips which was previously unknown to us (the pupils).

Parents-in-touch event

written by Zimuzo Nwandu (pry 6 lotus)



Parents-in-touch is a new initiative introduced this term by the management of New Capital School. The initiative involves volunteer parents coming into the school on designated days to teach us various subjects. This term, the very first parents-in-touch event held between the 6th and 7th of November, 2017. On the first day of the event, Mrs Uguru (Precious' Mum) taught us Christian Religious Studies and social studies. During the lesson, I learnt that we should always tolerate every body's religion, it was a very interesting class. My dad (Mr Emeka Nwandu) taught us music, I learnt the meaning of music, I learnt new songs and how I can use music as a reminder for important information. On the second day of the event, Mrs Emokhor (Jada's mum) taught us home economics practicals. I learnt how to make a very delicious pepper soup. Mr Ifesie (Chidinma's dad) taught us maths and I learnt new formulas and methods that I did not previously know. Mrs Hamalai (Dennis' Mum) also taught us maths and I learnt of some new and interesting ways of solving maths problems. I really enjoyed this event and hope that it will continue every term because my classmates and I learnt a lot of new things that we may not have learnt from our teachers in school. The parents-in-touch event also taught my classmates and I different ways and methods of reasoning. On behalf of the entire primary six, I would like to report that we enjoyed this event and will be looking forward to future editions of this event.

What some parents said about the first ever parents-in-touch event

"I think my ward was excited having me in her class, because she actually reminded me about the programme."

Mrs Esther Essien

"It provided the children with more exposure to ICT skills."

Mr Chuks Onuoha

"My child participated well and is proud to have me as her father."

Mr Yaqub Abdulrahman

"My daughter kept motivating others to pay attention; the experience will surely boost her self esteem."

Mrs Billy Omade

"My child and other children paid attention and interacted well during the presentation."

Mrs Glory Effam-Uzor

"My child loved it. He was very involved with the preparation of my topics. He was very excited."

Mrs Taanadeeba Mitee

"It was a wonderful experience, my son will not forget it in a hurry."

Mrs Adaeze Obidike

Excursions

A visit to EFCC

On the 23rd of November, 2017 the Economic and Financial Crime Commission hosted our primary four pupils to a seminar at their training facility in Karu. The pupils were lectured on the reasons why the EFCC was created, the functions of the various departments currently in existence, the objectives and achievements of the commission thus far etc. The excursion was insightful and worth all the effort, time and resources that went into planning the visit.



A visit to Rachel's orphanage

On the 22nd of November, 2017 our primary two pupils paid a visit to an orphanage called Rachel's Home in Kurudu. It was an interesting visit as the children learnt about the importance and functions of orphanages in every society. During the visit to Rachel's home, the pupils were given a brief background on how the home started, the success stories so far recorded by the home including stories of orphans who graduated from the home and are now responsible citizens of the country. As expected the pupils had questions for the proprietress of the home such as; who feeds, cooks and bathes the children in the home? To which the propri-

etress told them that she employs nannies to do those jobs.

After spending some time with the children in the home, our pupils presented them with gifts which included various food items, clothing, detergent and cash all donated for the visit by their parents. New Capital school management would like to use this opportunity to thank all the parents of our primary two pupils for their kind donations/contributions towards this humanitarian exercise.



A visit by NCS JETS and Basketball clubs to Ideal dental services

On Friday 24th Nov, 2017, the JETS and Basketball clubs of New Capital School went on an academic excursion to Ideal Dental Service located in Cedi Plaza, Central business district Abuja. Upon arrival at the dental clinic, the excursion team which consisted of 21 pupils and 3 staff were received by the friendly staff at the dental clinic. The pupils were taken on a tour of the facility and were very interested in learning about oral hygiene from the dentists at the clinic. After providing answers to the numerous questions posed by the pupils, the dentists gave each pupil a gift pack consisting of items to help them in improving their oral hygiene. The excursion was indeed a success as it

exposed club members to the various equipment and procedures needed for the maintenance of good oral hygiene.



School Prefects

Isaac Ejiofor	Head Boy
Esther Lawrence	Head Girl
Chukwudalu Ndubisi	Asst. Head Boy
Chidinma Ifesie	Asst. Head Girl
Chukwudubem Mbah	Disciplinarian Boy
Zimuzo Nwandu	Disciplinarian Girl
Dennis Hamalai	Games Prefect
Usman Ahmed	Asst. Games Pref.
Buhari Abdullahi	Time Keeper
Ude-Ibe Chinaza	Social Prefect
Precious Uguru Usani	Asst. Soc. Pref.
Ugochigorogu Goodluck	Librarian
Obinna Unaegbu	Health prefect Boy
Jada Emokhor	Head Prefect Girl



Some of the basketball players from Red House

Report card collection

Parents are requested to collect their children's results from their class teachers between 13th & 15th of December 2017. Otherwise you can pick up your child's results when the school office reopens on the 8th of January, 2018.

PTA Meeting to hold on the same day as the open day next term

Due to the poor attendance of parents during PTA meetings, the PTA executive in agreement with the house have agreed to combine the next open day and PTA meeting. Therefore this will reflect in next term's academic calendar.

School fees payment

Due to the prevailing economic situation in the country, we are finding it difficult to provide educational services to all our pupils with the fees paid by a few parents. Therefore management has decided to give a grace period of only **ONE MONTH**. After which pupils who still have not paid their fees would not be allowed into the school premises.

Fees payment via e-channels

Parents who wish to make school fees payment through the various electronic banking channels should please email the e-receipt to admin@ncsabuja.com and call **092902484** to inform the school of your payment.

Payment for clubs

Payments for membership of the currently available clubs in the school should be made at the admin office **only** and not to class teachers or club patrons. Please also endeavour to obtain receipts for payments made. If you would like to obtain more information about the various clubs currently operational in the school, please contact our student support service desk. Please note that club fees are termly.

SPORTS TOURNAMENTS

Football

Ifesie House - 1st
Green House - 2nd
Yellow House - 3rd
Red House - 4th

Basketball

Red House - 1st
Ifesie House - 2nd
Green House - 3rd
Yellow House - 4th



Some of the football players from Ifesie House