

MIFUMI PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

1ST MAY 2008-05-14

On the 25th April, 2008, the school closed for Term 1 holiday. This has been a great literacy term with a number of fun activities both inside and outside the classroom that have kept children active and engaged in learning. We received a variety of interesting characters at our general assembly and parade; parents helped out to monitor academic performance of the children.

The pupils did end of Term 1 examinations, supervised by the subject and classroom teachers from 21st- 23rd April, 2008. All the pupils received report cards detailing their performance in the whole term.

On the closing day during the parade, the best three pupils per class were recognized before the whole school for their marvellous performances.

Primary Seven and Six are on busy schedule as teachers agreed to teach them during holidays. The holiday's programme starts from 9:00am to 2:00pm. This short interval will have value added to their learning.

Attendance: I am happy to report that none of the enrolled children in Term 1, 2008 has dropped out of school mainly due to constant guidance and counselling sessions. On the whole, pupil's attendance has been high. Below is the average attendance per class; P.1- 97%, P.2- 95%, P.3- 95%, P.4- 96%, P.5- 92%, P.6- 95%, P.7- 96%.

Time management for the upper classes has been good although punctuality is still a slight problem for the lower classes due to this being the planting season when parents keep the children in the fields.

Tree planting: The pupils have been involved in raising seedlings and the school together with the community will benefit when the seedlings are ready for planting.

The feeding programme went well and attempts were made to ensure all pupils fed at the school during the term.

The children continued to receive guidance and counselling from the staff counsellors. Both parties report progress and are happy with the programme. Positive advice is given on such topics as privacy issues at school and at home, sexual matters relating to puberty, importance of education to the youth. Health checks are carried out regularly at school to ensure cleanliness and health screening is done at Mifumi Health Centre. Children who need treatment as a result of these check-ups receive it free at the Health Centre.

Teachers: I am happy to note here that during this period, the commitment of the teaching staff on school polices and practice has been very good as well as making financial contributions to help pay for an additional volunteer teacher, and paying for their own lunches. Their level of attendance and punctuality has been very high. Attendance in

April was 96% in most cases with 5 teachers having 100% with the exception of three female teachers who went on maternity leave.

I take this chance to thank the teachers for their tireless efforts to teach the children since the term began. Teachers have been giving home work on daily basis, monthly tests and end of first term examinations. We are realizing an improvement in the academic standard in our school.

Appreciation:

At this moment, I am pleased to extend our thanks to:

- The Mifumi Project and donors for their financial, material and overall support to the school.
- Mr. John Carnegie for the teacher's salary top up.
- The school management committee for steering the school well and the pivotal role of the chairperson in all this.
- The parents for meeting their obligations.
- The regular and volunteer teachers for implementing school polices.

Conclusion

At the end of the term as head-teacher, I feel that there has been improvement in all aspects of the school's activities but recognize that a lot more needs to be done. The staff, pupils and management look forward to continuing the improvement in the new term which begins on Monday, 26th May 2008.

Thank you.

Onyango Bernard
Head teacher

GIVE GIRLS EDUCATION

Many Ugandan rural girls don't go to school. They are left at home to do domestic activities and get married off at a very early age; some are defiled while others are sacrificed.

Oh God!

Boys are considered to be more useful than girls. Some parents then ignore girls. As a result, many girls have gone to the streets. I appeal to parents and guardians to educate all children regardless of their sex.

Awor Evaline P6

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LOVE YOUR PARENTS

My friends love your parents as they love you.

Obeys your parents so that they can support you.

My friends respect your parents so as to get school fees.

Study hard and avoid getting HIV/AIDS so that you can help your parents when they grow old.

Bireza William (P.7)

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THANK YOU DONORS!

Thank you!

Thank you for building our school

Thank you for the karate training.

Thank you for the safe water supply

Thank you for installing electricity.

Thank you!

Thank you for midday meals

Thank you for scholarship funds

Thank you for the top-up for our teachers

Thank you for the scholarship materials.

Thank you donors!

By Nyafwono Caroline (P.7)

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DEBATE

Motion: Domestic Violence Should be Abolished.

<i>No</i>	<i>Proposers</i>	<i>Opposers</i>
	It disciplines both women and children.	It brings unnecessary death of women, children and men within a home.
2	Makes you marry very many women when this one goes today, another one comes tomorrow. Here you are powerful.	It brings family negligence; children suffer especially if it was the mother caring for them. You will get school dropouts and early marriages.
3	Can make you get proper choice of both women and men.	It leads to divorce.
4	It teaches women to know the needs of a man.	Brings grudges between the family of the husband and the wife.
5	It gives women chance to share home properties including children	It can lead to seven years imprisonment for culprit.
6	It is a source of entertainment for villagers	Brings HIV/AIDS and other diseases.
7	It safe-guards properties if they were thieves or witch doctors.	On the side of children, instead of respecting you, they begin fearing you while calling you nick names like 'fighter' is coming.
8		Domestic violence brings poverty within a home.
9		Makes a home to lose dignity.
10		It destroys home properties.
11		Brings famine.
12		Brings disturbance and bad words to the neighbours.
13		Left over children can be raped. Properties can be sold anyhow.