

MIFUMI PRIMARY SCHOOL

“STRIVE FOR PROGRESS”

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School Vision “A centre of excellence for education and development.”

School Mission “To enable children realize their full potential for development through providing outstanding education”.

We have had a very busy and exciting year with many different activities carried out by both the pupils and teachers in and out of the classroom. Some activities involved the donors.

Children’s News

School enrolment The number of pupils at the moment is 707 pupils in both the primary and nursery. In the whole school, the girls are 391 and the boys are 316.

We have once again admitted more girls than boys which is in line with our policy of girl child empowerment. This is a positive trend for the girl child.

Children’s health

The children are generally in good health and they are clean and smart. They regularly undergo health screening at Mifumi health centre and accordingly treated against diseases identified.



Pupils at Mifumi Health Centre on health screening

The pupils' attendance the pupils average attendance for this academic period is so good though needs improving further as indicated below:

P.7 – 98 %, P.6 – 97 %, P.5 – 97 %

P.4 – 96 % P.3 – 96 % , P.2 – 95 %, P.1 – 93 %

The attendance hasn't been steady because of some transfers made on staff.

Time management

In the nursery section, the teachers report progress in children's punctuality and attendance. The pupils are always reminded to be regular and punctual at school.

The little ones of baby class are improving with time.

The pupils in primary have improved very much and the lower classes which used to experience some difficulties in observing arrival time are now doing better and by 7:30am in the morning all classes are in session.

Newspapers in education

The pupils benefited from NIE (Newspapers in Education) program with the daily monitor newspaper. This has enhanced the reading and writing culture in the school.

The feeding program

This is going on well with all pupils feeding at school having made their little contribution of 1,000/= only, the bigger part being from Mifumi project that donates flour and sugar for the whole year.

Guidance and counselling

This has continued to be a priority and takes a major role in our school as both the pupils and teachers continue to receive the services from staff counsellors and invited resource persons. Matters discussed include concentration on studies and importance of staying at school, need to dress decently and sexual matters related to puberty and HIV/AIDS and its effects in our societies, importance of games during free time. The risk of early and pre marital sex i.e. unwanted pregnancy. For sure, the pupils feel very free and especially the girl child and this can be noticed immediately any activity is started at school and the way they open up when they have problems be it at school or at home.

Sports at Mifumi

The major activities include football, netball, volley ball and athletics based on the timetable set by the government. We trained pupils in all the school programs and ably competed. We successfully held our inter-house competitions for all the activities and incredibly yellow house came top in all events for both boys and girls. This exercise enabled us to form school teams.

Our pupils excelled once again in athletics and three of them have qualified for national athletics championships 2013 which will be held in Mukono district. They are Apio Florence P.5, Ofwono Emmanuel P.6 and Oyuk Michael P.3.



The 3 MPS pupils who qualified for National championships 2013

Karate, our popular sport at school and currently only girls are the beneficiaries as an empowerment tool is being practiced routinely. The boys very much want to part of the whole program and I wish this could be looked into.

Co – curricular activities

The pupils get enough time to practice activities that could help them after primary cycle.



Pupils during Art/Crafts lesson

Assessment we have continued to provide the pupils with typed examinations as a measure to ensure hard work and emphasis on reading and writing to all. This practice covers the whole school irrespective of the class. Every test done is marked, corrections done with the learners and of course feedback given to all learners and parents/guardians. End of year examinations were done and all pupils received their report cards. The best three pupils in every class right from Baby class in the nursery up to P7 were given prizes before the other pupils and their parents. This was done in a colourful ceremony presided over by the district inspector of schools, Tororo district, Mr. Sule Mathew Okello.



Pupils of MPS after prize giving ceremony in Atuki Hall

In the 2012 PLE MPS retained its 2nd position in West Buduma county and best school in Kirewa Sub County and moved to 9th in the district rating.

Children's articles

MY SCHOOL

I love my school. I am proud of it. My school is one of the most Wonderful schools since I started education.

**I love my school because it has the motto
“strive for progress”**

This makes everybody admire my school.

I love my school. My teachers are well trained.

**The compound is good looking
and I admire everything about it.**

**I advise my fellow children to utilize the chance they
have been given to learn in school by their
parents and guardians.**

Aketch Rose Mary, P.7 (Head - girl, MPS)

OUR SANITATION

**We need to care for our bodies. Cleaning
Our bodies protects us from bad smells. And diseases.
We need to be clean both at home
And at school. At home we sweep our houses,
Wash the utensils, and clothes and clean the
latrines. We cut down the bushes in the area.
At school we sweep the compound, streets and classrooms.
We clean the latrines, pick the rubbish and unwanted
materials from the school compound. We shall continue to
do this work to promote Good health. A healthy mind in
A healthy body is our slogan.**

Owor Moses P.7

I LOVE MIFUMI

**Oh MIFUMI, I love MIFUMI because
They give us textbooks to read.
I thank them because they give us teachers
Who help us to learn how to write
And read well.
I love Mifumi because they give us food
For lunch at school. This helps me
To learn and get good marks
in examinations.
Oh thank you, Mifumi.**

Akoth Getulida, P.5

Teachers news

I wish to report that the staffing status in the school is low following transfers away from the school by the District. The school currently has 16 teaching staff including 3 volunteer teachers and 4 non teaching staff.

The staff is exhibiting team work and all the set work will be completed on time especially the candidate class.

Below is a brief outline of the major school activities which we shall implement for the calendar year 2013:

- Preparation to teach:--Topical analysis, Scheming, making lesson plans/notes,
- Making and using instructional materials.
- Practical teaching and constructive marking.
- Setting, typing, supervising, marking and compiling test results/filling mark sheets.
- Training pupils in co-curricular activities e.g. music, dance and drama, Scouting, Karate, Football for both boys and girls etc.
- Implementation of Physical Education and sports plus provision of sports equipments
- Club activities: Maths, children's congress, writing/English, Debate, SST, Science etc.
- Knitting/weaving skills training.

- Agriculture/gardening.
- Sports/Games competitions.
- Health screening of pupils.
- Organizing class days.
- Tree planting etc

School Routine

This will run as in the previous years – from 7:15a.m to 5:30p.m from Monday to Friday. The attendance of the teachers is very high with overall average at 98%. Genuine reasons being for the absences most commonly reported prior to absence.

Workshops

The teachers will attend workshops to enhance their skills in teaching and creating a conducive environment for children to learn i.e. a good school free of violence.

Teaching

Teachers have continued to carry out practical teaching with learning aids like charts and textbooks. Exercises are given besides homework. Remedial lessons are conducted on daily basis. Tree planting is on course as part of practical lesson and effort to conserve our environment besides creating a good environment for pupils at school.



Pupils of MPS and their teacher planting trees

I wish to thank the staff for their tireless effort and commitment shown in the implementation of school policies.

School finance and donations

We have continued to receive grants from MIFUMI, being our major funder. This has enabled the school to progress and ably compete with other schools in the district.

However, it has not been easy sometimes as we've had to go the hard way.

We also get some grants from the Government for running some school programs. This may be to the tune of 3,500/- (less than £1) per child per annum. This amount of money may not do much bearing in mind the current costs/inflation.

Appreciation

For us to be where we are now, a lot has been done by the various stakeholders and in that respect I wish to thank:-

- MIFUMI for the financial, material and the overall support to our school and community
- Mr. John Carnegie for his continual efforts in Jersey
- One Foundation for paying teachers' salaries
- Ms. Tony Roberts and Jersey colleagues (JOAC) for the work party at the school and various donations to all the pupils
- Standard Bank for their generous support
- Winnie Binns trust and John Roberts for the 8 stance pit latrine for girls.
- Donors for their generosity to the school
- The government for the grants
- School management committee and PTA for steering the school and their developmental policies
- The teachers for their hard work
- The local community leaders for their support for the school
- Parents/guardians for the tireless effort to meet the needs of the children at school and at home.

Best regards,

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