



BLOSSOMS



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Abuja Preparatory School

8th Jan 2019

FORGET ME NOT

Mon 14th Jan	Afterschool clubs begin
Fri 18th Jan	Year 5 Wolf Class Assembly
Fri 18th Jan	Crazy Weekend to The Regent Secondary School



Dear parents, carers and children,

Welcome back everyone to a new term. Happy New Year! We hope that you all had a restful break and pray 2019 will be a prosperous year for us. Thank you for ensuring that the children have come to school on time and presented smartly in their uniform.

I myself enjoyed spending time with my family, whilst also managing to complete a few certified courses and read modern 21st-century pedagogical research.

It has been exactly a year since I joined Abuja Prep. In my first letter to parents, I mentioned that I knew Abuja Prep has huge potential. We have since achieved a lot on the already strong foundation of the school. The Board has shown their appreciation and is in full support of the initiatives planned for the future.

Our school roll has increased since the summer. Thanks to our hardworking staff members who always make sure, they go that extra mile for our children. I have no doubt regarding the professional skills, high-quality teaching and learning approaches, dedication and commitment of the staff. A massive thanks to our parents for making Abuja Prep their first-choice school for their children.

I met with the staff members during our training day this week, to review the last term and to remind ourselves of our School Improvement priorities for this term:

- Continue to further develop our teaching and learning strategies for writing, reading and maths so that achievement for children increases
- Emphasise more cross-curricular links with foundation subjects, increase in ICT and 21st century skill-based teaching
- Raise the positive profile of the school
- Kaizen approach of continuous and systematic (horizontal and vertical) development of staff members
- Giving our Year 6 pupils more support in order to be prepared and equipped for secondary schooling. Have whole day study visits to Year 7 at The Regent Secondary School especially for our Year 5 & Year 6 Gifted & Talented pupils
- More UK accredited training for our staff members to continue to update with the international best practice

We know that as an existing parent, you know our school best. We have vacancies in Early Years. If you know a parent who is currently looking for an outstanding, close-knit family-oriented community school for their child, or a family who wish to move their child to an alternative school, I hope that you will help us to promote our school by letting them know about us. You are also welcome to bring your family members and friends to our school events and functions.

We request our parents to please make sure children regularly attend school and avoid unnecessary absences. This will help to not miss the important daily learning but will also help in case of any disruption during the election season.

Abuja Prep is soon going to celebrate its 5th year of providing, no doubt, the best educational experience for our children. More details of the celebration will be shared soon.

If you would like to visit the classes or myself, please arrange through the school office or with other members of staff at the start or end of the day or by sending a Dojo message. I would also like to remind you of our suggestion box at the School's Reception. You are encouraged to share your views about our School.

Abuja Prep's winning team is ready and recharged for another successful term. We look forward to seeing you and continuing our home/school partnership.

I leave you with one of my favorite quotes from a very inspiring person who I have followed all my life.

"Don't wait for the world to recognize your greatness. Live it and let the world catch up to you".

Muhammed Ali.

Akif Naqvi.

Headmaster



Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

Today, 9th Jan is Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, and it is all about saying thank you to those who have one of the toughest positions in the country. Nigerian police would like to make Nigeria safer and more secure for economic development and growth; to



create a safe and secure environment for everyone living in Nigeria. You can find out about security tips and all the great work Nigerian Police does to keep us safe by going on www.npf.gov.ng



FAREWELL & WELCOME

Unfortunately, we say farewell to our highly talented ICT Manager Mr. Wole who has found a job abroad. We are very proud of his dedication in managing our ICT provisions.

We welcome Mr. Kiddochukwu as our new ICT Manager. He is a highly skilled Systems Administrator with up to 6 years' experience. Mr. Kiddochukwu is proficient in several ICT and technology areas. He has also completed many courses from Google and other online platforms.



Our Vegetable Garden



My Diary about the Educational Ski trip

by Agabi-Oshen Agabi-Year 5

Day 1: So, on our first-day skiing, we learned how to carry our skis by holding the binder. We also learned how to put on our skis by kicking the binder and pressing down your leg.

Day 2: We learned how to turn by using the triangle, you have to put pressure on the ski to the side when you want to turn. We also did an obstacle course which was very difficult but I enjoyed it.

Day 3: We went on the magic carpet (conveyer belt). We learned backside slip by facing down turning 180 degrees to the left and ski without turning.

Day 4, 5 & 6: The 360 degrees turn was hard. You have to go forward and perform a full turn. We practiced it until we got it right. We also raced, free runs and revised everything we learned. It was fun!

We also had enjoyed visiting Milan football stadium. We saw that AMC fans sit on blue chairs on the right side. We also studied that sponsors and footballers' families sit on the top rows which have black chairs. After that, we went for a snack and did some shopping. Finally, we came back to our hotel. I enjoyed everything about my trip. I can't wait for next year.



CREATIVITY CORNER



Beautiful door displays by our class teachers. What an exciting welcome for the Children this term.



A gentle reminder about uniforms...

Thank you to all parents who make sure their children are in the proper school uniform. It is important for all children to wear practical, sensible and safe clothing. We expect all children to wear school uniform as follows:

	Boys	Girls
Main Uniform	<p><i>Nursery and Reception</i> Abuja Prep School grey shorts Abuja Prep polo shirt Abuja Prep maroon pullover Long grey socks Plain black sensible black shoes (no logo) no canvas shoes, <u>no trainer style shoes.</u></p> <p><i>Key Stage 1 and 2</i> Abuja Prep School grey shorts Abuja Prep white shirt Abuja Prep maroon pullover Long grey socks Plain black sensible black shoes (no logo) no canvas shoes, <u>no trainer style shoes.</u></p>	<p><i>Nursery and Reception</i> Abuja Prep Gingham dress White socks or tights Black shoes</p> <p><i>Key Stage 1 and 2</i> Abuja Prep School grey skirt Abuja Prep white blouse Abuja Prep Maroon cardigan White socks or tights Plain black sensible black shoes (no logo) no canvas shoes, <u>no trainer style shoes.</u> A white hijab may be worn by our Muslim pupils – This is optional</p>
Physical Education	<p>Abuja Prep maroon shorts and house T-shirt. (Up until houses have been formed a white T-shirt is acceptable)</p> <p>Preferably White trainers but coloured are acceptable (football boots and studded trainers are not accepted)</p>	<p>Abuja Prep maroon shorts and house T-shirt. (Up until houses have been formed a white T-shirt is acceptable)</p> <p>Preferably White trainers but coloured are acceptable (football boots and studded trainers are not accepted)</p>

If your child is not wearing the correct uniform, we'll contact you. Thank you for your support!



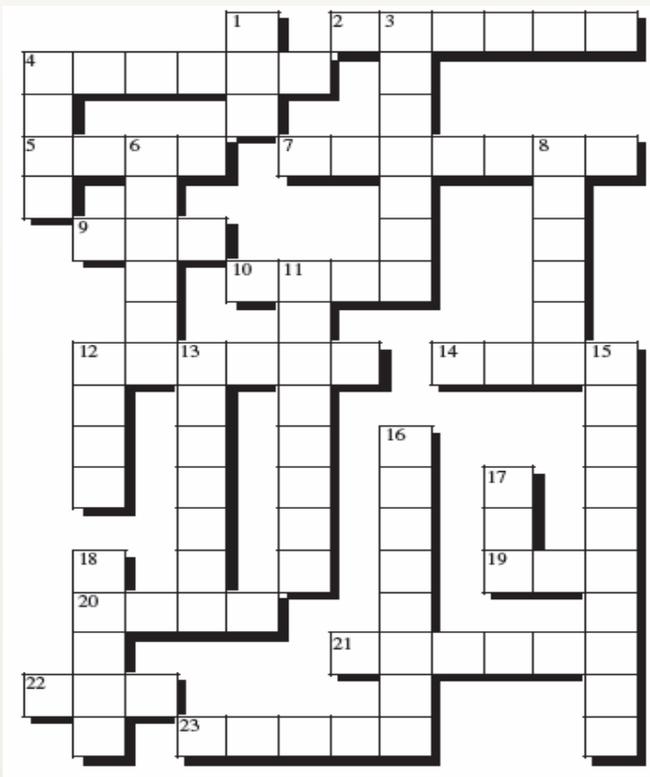
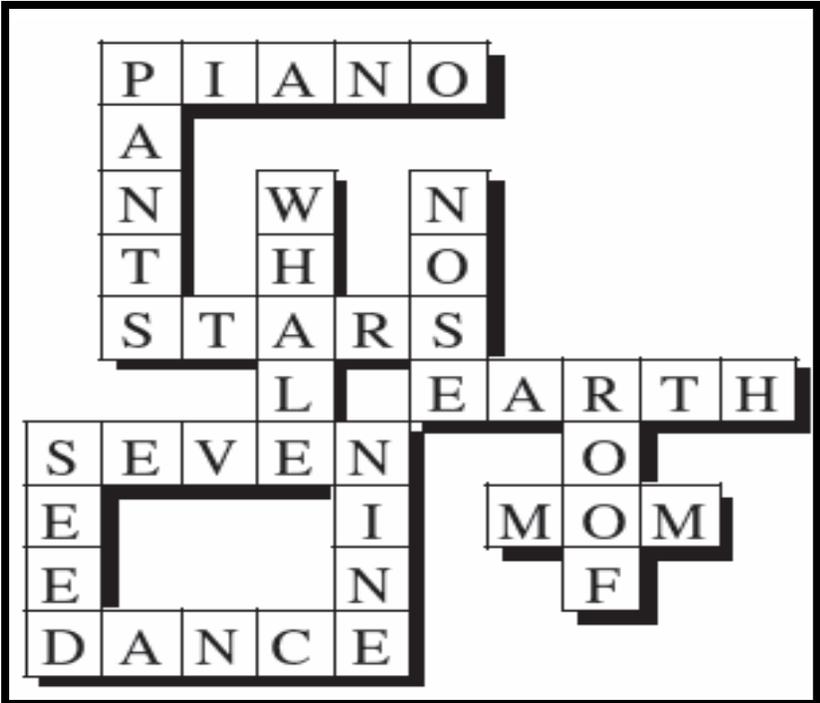
Hair extensions are not allowed. They part of our school uniform.

Boys are required to have their hair neatly trimmed at ALL times.

**PUZZLES,
RIDDLES &
BRAIN
TEASERS OF
THE WEEK**



ANSWERS FOR PREVIOUS WEEK



ACROSS

- 2. The opposite of remember
- 4. The day before Tuesday
- 5. A sticky strip for holding things together
- 7. Part of the body where food is digested
- 9. The number of toes on both feet
- 10. There are twelve months in a ____
- 12. You wear this to protect your head
- 14. You do this before swallowing
- 19. A part of a fish
- 20. The part of your body that has fingers
- 21. A soft floor covering
- 22. The opposite of begin
- 23. Hickory Dickory Dock,
The Mouse Ran Up the ____



DOWN

- 1. The month before June
- 3. Halloween is in this month
- 4. Working with numbers
- 6. A nice word to use when you ask for something
- 8. The shape of a coin
- 11. An animal that has big ears and a trunk
- 12. Very, very big
- 13. The sixteenth president Abraham _____, also on the penny
- 15. The first president's last name, George _____
- 16. Use this to carry school supplies and personal items
- 17. The opposite of on
- 18. The short form of rhinoceros



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Not Everyone is fortunate to have been born into a family that gave them a great education and set them up for success. I do find that less fortunate ones often times have a bigger heart though. You can tell a lot about a person by how they treat secretaries, janitors, waitresses, etc says Oleg Vishnepolsky Chief Technology Officer from Daily mail.

DID YOU KNOW???

A lightning bolt generates temperature five times hotter than those found at the sun surface.



Rachel Carson

Occupation: Marine biologist, author, and environmentalist

Born: May 27, 1907 in Springdale, Pennsylvania

Died: April 14, 1964 in Silver Spring, Maryland

Best known for: Founder of environmental science

Interesting Facts about Rachel Carson

- Carson didn't call for a ban on all pesticides. She advocated more research into the dangers of some pesticides and a lower volume of spraying.
- In 1973, DDT was banned in the United States. It is still used in some countries to kill mosquitoes, but many mosquitoes have now built up immunity to DDT, likely from too much spraying.
- She was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1980.

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