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Abuja Preparatory School

6th March 2019

FORGET ME NOT

Fri 15th March Year 4 Hippo Class Assembly

Fri 22nd March Year 2 Orca Class Assembly

House Point totals for the Week

	Eagles – 268
Falcons – 154	
	Hawks - 306
Ravens - 336	

Dear parents & carers,

Primary schools provide an education in social dynamics, organisation and self-discovery. We at Abuja Prep, uphold our responsibility and promise to provide the best education for our children so that they can achieve their full potential to become global citizens of this world.

This time last year, I was made aware that some parents of Year 5 children decide their child should skip the final and crucial year of primary and move their child to a local secondary. This was very unusual for me, as I have never come across this concerning idea in any other international schools I have taught.

As in the past, we cannot stop this decision made entirely by the parents. We requested those parents to consider the importance of the stages of child development, academics and make sure their child has the emotional and social maturity to handle the jump.

Having a background in teaching Secondary in the past, I would never take children from primary schools who have skipped a year. Pushing children into that fray when they are not chronologically or emotionally prepared for it is something we should approach with great caution.

Being moved up a grade does not necessarily bring the child into contact with intellectual peers, but only with children with another year of classwork under their belts. The role that the year-skipped child performs in the older class may become perverse when his or her abilities go beyond those of older class fellows. In many cases, year skipping puts children in strange and complex social situations.

The child might miss friends she/he has made in her/his primary school. Sometimes a stepping stone skill is missed, making it difficult for even a gifted child to keep up. *A child who skips a year will be in school with children who will hit life markers earlier – getting a driving licence, jobs, physical maturity – and there may be peer pressure to do things that a younger child is not yet ready to do.*

In a recent interview, Actor Ken Newman, who skipped a grade in elementary school, described how he regretted it when he got to high school, confessing, *“Kids thought it was funny to grab me and stuff me into the trash can.”* About when he went off to Cornell University at age 15 he said, *“I was always on the side-lines—I didn’t fit in. Now I’m in my 50s, and I still feel like I have to prove myself.”*

Due to the economic situation, there must be many local secondary schools *willing to make younger children sit with older ones* just to have 'bums on seats' and to have the revenue. This practice will never happen in a high quality International/British school. A good primary school such as Abuja Prep will have differentiated lessons making learning accessible to cater the needs of all learners. To gain the confidence of Year 5 parents, since last year, we have put additional measures in place to enhance the teaching and learning in the whole school and especially in Year 6. We brought a higher level of educational experience for our Year 6 pupils. We ensured that intervention strategies are put in place for pupils with various needs including challenging the high achievers. Many parents were happy with the measures and decided not to skip Year 6, hence we opened another class in Year 6. The staff members in both the Year 6 classes are experienced professionals. We have received positive feedback and complete satisfaction from our current Year 6 parents.

Studies conclude that children who skip often have difficulty adjusting socially. Steve Perkins, a high school teacher in Indianapolis USA, agrees, *"Yes, a fifth grader may be able to do seventh-grade math. Skipping the child, however, ignores the physical factors of development. When we assume that the pure cognitive is the be-all, end-all, we have grossly misunderstood the whole."*

I, therefore, urge those parents who are considering skipping a year to carry out thorough research before making a decision. If you want to discuss this further, please call the school's office to make an appointment.

Kind regards,

Akif Naqvi,
Headmaster.

WORLD BOOK DAY

at Abuja Preparatory School

Here are some inspiring quotes about reading that show the power and impact it can have on you and the world:

- **The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go.** – Dr Seuss
- **I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book.** – Groucho Marx

As important as reading is did you know that:

- 800 million people around the world cannot read or write. Many families (and some schools) have no books for children to read



Can you help someone to read this year?

Here are some useful websites:

Combating illiteracy in Nigeria

www.youthsdigest.com/2016/08/22/combating-illiteracy-nigeria

World Book Day www.worldbookday.com/wobod

Road Safety- Children and Seatbelt Safety



We would like to emphasise the importance of seat belts. This is what our pupil Ahmed Aliyu (Year 6 Lion) reminded our parents during the EYFS Sports Day. We still see many cars coming in the morning with children (and adults) not belted. Please be reminded that the seat belt should be on until the vehicle is in stationary position. Seat belts are designed to interfere with a law of physics; Newton's 1st law of motion. They are the outside force that acts upon an object (your body), that is in motion. Without a seat belt, your body continues forward after the car stops, until you hit something. Most of the time, that winds up being the windshield. That impact can cause brain damage and swelling, lacerations, broken ribs from the steering wheel, etc. Airbags may not deploy at lower speeds.



Please visit the following website to understand

How to Fasten Your Seat Belt correctly

www.mymoto.com.ng/how-to-fasten-your-seat-belt-correctly

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HFX9kQweHZ4>



In anticipation of any potential disruption during elections, we already implemented the accelerated programme since January. We would, therefore, like to reassure our parents that the additional two days of the break due to elections would not affect our academic timetable.

Prep Talk this week took a different dimension as our Year 6's were treated to a very memorable session by the speaker Mrs. Desirée Shareef. A professional dancer who specializes in Ballroom and Latin dance.

Mrs. Desirée Shareef started dancing professionally at the age of 15. She mentioned that everyone can dance but not everyone is a dancer. Being a dancer requires lots of discipline and training. She mentioned that one has to eat right and train everyday to be successful dancer. Although she has never had any accidents as a result of dancing, she told the children that breaking bones is one of the major hazards dancers have to deal with. She had to quit dancing for about 4 years to enable her look after her baby.

She encouraged the children about dance being a lucrative profession as she makes money from teaching dance and dancing in shows around the world. In the past, Desirée has worked with NGOs to help raise money for Internally Displaced People.



Fun Facts about Dance.

Did you know that dance is also a form of exercise?

Did you know that dance can be used to complement arts?

Did you know that dance helps with posture and gives you a confident look?

Did you know that there's a link between dance and math?

Did you know that ballet is an essential part of dance and is the most difficult of all dances?





YEAR 1 SQUIRELL

Imran Ajayi

YEAR 4 ELEPHANT

Remas Amir Osman

YEAR 1 SQUIRELL

Kiruba Jonas

YEAR 4 ELEPHANT

Kingsley Adimoha

YEAR 1 RABBIT

Ashraf Musa Daura

YEAR 4 ELEPHANT

Zara Ibukunoluwa

YEAR 1 RABBIT

Chizirim Nwoke

YEAR 4 HIPPO

Alexander Akinwolere

YEAR 2 DOLPHIN

Muhammad Abdullahi

YEAR 4 HIPPO

Enekole Adejo-Ogiri

YEAR 2 DOLPHIN J

Jamila Usman Auta

YEAR 5 BEARS

Nancy Zain

YEAR 2 DOLPHIN

Zoe Ibukunoluwa

YEAR 5 BEARS

Moses Goje

YEAR 2 DOLPHIN

Iremide Thomas

YEAR 5 BEARS

Perebi Isari

YEAR 2 DOLPHIN

AMmuna Ahmed

YEAR 6 LIONS

Diepriye Briggs

YEAR 2 ORCA

Mohammed Aliyu

YEAR 2 ORCA

Adel Nehme

YEAR 3 GIRRAFE

Hannan Iliya-Isa

YEAR 3 GIRRAFE

Akachi Umeh

YEAR 3 GAZZELE

Limie Goje

YEAR 3 GAZZELE

Aisha Ahmed



PYJAMA DAY

Today we had a charity **Pyjama Day**! All students and staff came to school dressed in their Pyjamas. The children all made donations towards a charitable cause . Thank you to everyone for taking part in our Pyjamas day. We all now understand the importance of helping the less privileged people in our communities . The donations will go to a few orphanages around Abuja in order to help as much as we can!



PYJAMA DAY



ANOTHER CHARITABLE ACT BY OUR STUDENTS

During our previous Preptalk Session with Mr Kc Nwakalor, an International Documentary photojournalist, he shared Elizabeth's story with our Year 6 children. Elizabeth is an SS2 Student in a Government Secondary School who was unable to pay her school fees. Mr Nwakalor posted her images on his Instagram page and got a lot of his followers to contribute money to enable Elizabeth continue her secondary education. At that time, he was working on a project that was geared towards a campaign on the need to amend the Nigerian Universal Basic Education Act ([#UBEACT](#)) The children were moved by her story and they independently donated money from their savings to further support Elizabeth in paying her School Fees. She visited us and received the Cash donation from the Year 6 children. Mr Nwakalor mainly works on campaigns that could bring change and improve living conditions for people in different communities around the world. You can read more about Elizabeth on his Instagram page @kcnwakalor



WORLD BOOK DAY AT ABUJA PREP



WHEN I GROW UP, I Want To Be...



When I grow up I would like to be an Interior Designer because designing rooms is very interesting to me. I love how happy people become when their spaces get transformed to



When I grow up I want to become the best Architect in the world. This is because I love intricate designs on buildings and bridges and I would like to make my own designs— Ijeoma Nwokoro, Year 6

THE ARTIST IN ME



“The Artist is nothing without the gift, but the gift is nothing without work” - Emile Zola.

Nancy Zain is one of our creatives, our future Diego Fazio, a famous self-taught Artist. Her art works mimic reality and are her perceptions of what the subjects look like in her opinion.

Congratulations Mr President.

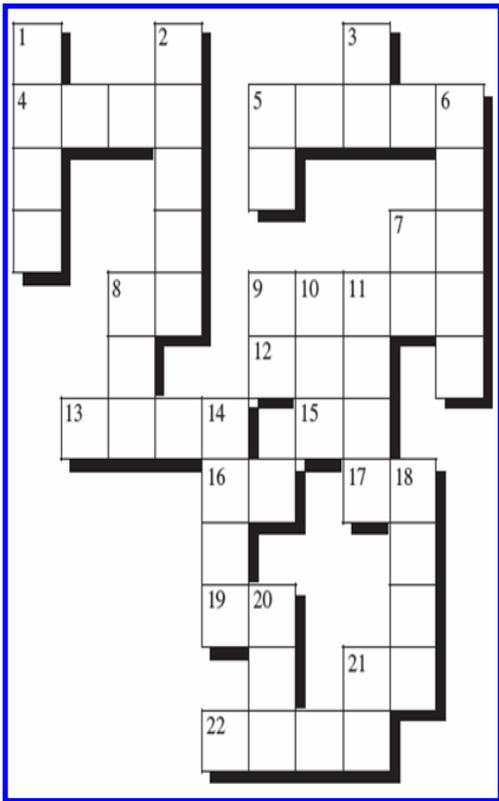
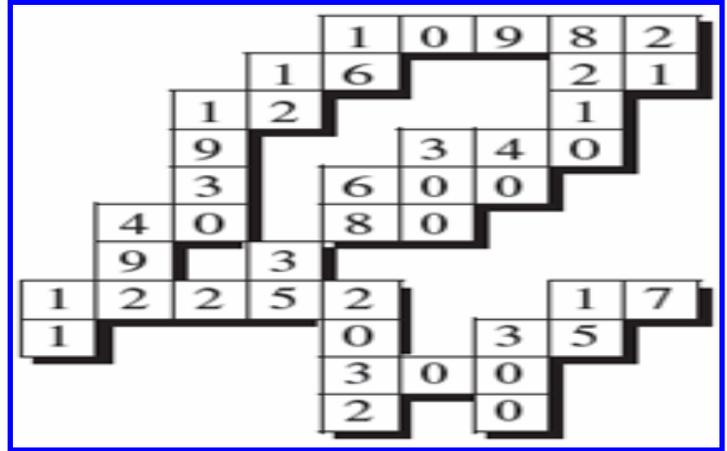


Captain Cuddles supporting Ravens House. He is seen here with Mr Naqvi and some Ravens.

Keep soaring, Ravens!



Answers for previous week





John Henry Thompson



John Henry Ton is the inventor of the **Lingo** programming language used in Adobe Director and a former Chief Scientist at Macromedia.

Computer Programming and Software Inventions

Even in high school, John Henry Thompson was interested in computer programming languages. He taught himself several programming languages such as FORTRAN, PLI, COBOL and JCL while working in a New York research facility. Thompson's goal was to absorb as much knowledge as possible so he could invent his own computer language.

Lingo is now used with many programs that have interactive simulations with graphics, animation, sound, and video.

- ACROSS**
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 12. $780 - 80$
 13. $8054 + 120$
 15. $5 + 5 + 5$
 16. $44 + 9$
 17. Fifty-one
 19. $5 + 5 + 5 + 5 + 5$
 21. $12 + 12 + 12$
 22. $2200 - 200$
- DOWN**
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 2. Ten thousand and fifty
 3. $8 + 8 + 8$
 5. $2 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 2$
 6. Fifteen thousand and two hundred
 7. $1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1$
 8. Two hundred and one
 9. Seventeen
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 11. $6000 + 50 + 5$
 14. Four thousand five hundred and twenty-two
 18. $1002 + 94$
 20. $500 + 50$
 21. Thirty

Dentist's Day

Not a fan of the dentist? You're not alone, but if this often disliked profession didn't exist, our penchant for sugars and sweet treats would have destroyed our pearly gnashers a long time ago. Love them or hate them, there is certainly an argument to say that dentists are one of the most important professionals you can get in the health industry. After all, without our teeth, where would we be?

**QUOTE OF
THE WEEK**

"When you lose a parent, you realise how vital they are to the foundation of your life. It's impossible to understand what it means until that curtain is pulled. You're an orphan. But then I think that life is kind of remarkable, and the thing that causes the biggest pain can also bring amazing energy." **Neneh Cherry**

DID YOU KNOW???

Time slows down near a black hole; inside it stops completely.





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