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JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

We are glad for the successful completion of the first quarter of the year's activities, and while the year took a slight turn from what any of us could have expected, we are grateful for your continued support to ensure the children are kept safe and learning.

The year started on a good note, abuzz with activities of the term's resumption, especially for the older kids who had been profiled for transitioning and were expected to resume at their chosen schools, outside the learning center.

Meanwhile, so much effort went into the transformation of the learning system of TLC from basic literary education and

psychological teaching mechanisms to a formal structure of education as defined by the Federal Government of Nigeria.

Practical tests were conducted, and the students were shared into nursery and primary classes according to their test results. This term marked the beginning of TLC's formal education training structure.

The older students who passed the entrance examination conducted at center II, Maiduguri International School (MISSET), resumed with the pupils of MISSET, and were escorted by Dr Mariam Masha, and some TLC teachers, where they were properly handed over to the care of the Principal.



Reaction to the COVID-19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic is unprecedented, and while we could never have predicted such severe health and economy disruption, we are working hard to adhere to safety measures to curtail and prevent its spread in the Learning Center.

TLC's Medical Team has carried out various sensitization programs for the children, and both teaching and non-teaching staff of TLC, to create awareness of the virus and educate them on safety measures to be quickly adapted in order to ensure the disease is kept at bay. Hand washing locations equipped with the necessary washing materials have been set-up around the various corners of the Learning Center to imbibe the hand-washing habit, and also make it accessible to the children.

School activities have been accelerated, in order to complete first term's scheme of work, and plans are being put in place by the medical team through the institutionalization of proactive measures, such as the creation of isolation centers, and creating back-up quarantine services to ensure TLC runs well, even with less personnel allowed into the Learning Center- that is in the instance of a nation-wide lockdown. Measures have also been put in place on how to safeguard the pupils at the center and prevent both staff and non-staff coming into the center, reasoning the worst-case scenario that there is an outbreak of the virus in Maiduguri, this was done in conjunction with the Borno State medical team.

Curriculum Development

In February, New Pearl Global Resources (NPGR) educational trainers paid the monthly advisory visit to the Learning Center, where they reviewed the progress of the teachers in utilizing the temporary curriculum they had previously drafted for them in order to commence learning activities in January, and made further arrangements to develop an indigenous curriculum tailored to the children's peculiar background. Recommendations were proffered to build indigenous content to accelerate understanding in the pupils, and the teachers were advised to carry out preliminary research before conducting class lessons in order to direct a practical approach of learning for better comprehension of the students. Samsung Tablets were also provided to the teachers, as enablement to carry out the task.



First Open Day Event

Maiduguri International School (MISSET) held her the first open day event of the year in February, and children of the Learning Center enrolled in the secondary school were represented by TLC Teachers as guardians responsible for their educational well-being.



Cultural Day Celebration



On the 23rd of February, TLC organized a cultural day celebration for all the children. Native attires were provided to the children, and the event was hosted to encourage longevity and cultural pride within the children.



Courtesy Visit

Katrien Nullen, programme and communication officer of the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) paid a courtesy visit to the Learning Center, where she engaged with the children, as they gave her a tour of the Learning Center.



First Term Examination

The children commenced examination on the 25th of March, and rounded up on the 27th. This was after a two-day revision to get them up-to-date with everything they had been taught and also to make up for the one-week fast tracking (due to the lock-down).



Hand Wash Locations

Hand washing locations equipped with the necessary washing materials have been set-up around the various corners of the Learning Center to imbibe the hand washing habit, and also make it accessible to the children.



Inauguration into Ramat Polytechnic, Maiduguri for enterprise-chosen students

Our enterprise-chosen students were not left out, as they were inaugurated into Ramat Polytechnic to pursue their entrepreneurial drive, and develop the necessary skills needed to become independent adults, contributing to socio-economic development of their community.



MISET vs TLC friendly match

A friendly match was organized between TLC pupils and the pupils of our sister school, MISET. It was done to promote collaboration and sportsmanship between students of both schools, and incorporate the spirit of unity. TLC pupils emerged winner, with a 5:1 margin.





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