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## AUGUST BREAK

School activities commenced in the second week of September after the long break necessitated for the kids to prevent alienation from their communities.



The kids, after resumption were all taken to the clinic for mandatory check-up, to curb the spread of diseases which could have been picked up during the holidays. Thankfully, only a small percentage of students returned with minor ailments, which we set about treating. The students were admitted into NECT clinic, and with time regained their strengths. Note that we conducted weekly assessment by dispatching teachers to all their communities during the holidays to make sure they didn't lax in their studies. Even on returning, the children were still accessed and evaluated for their ability to communicate.

## BETWEEN COASTS: ROAD TRIP FROM BORNO TO LAGOS



We were not expecting a miracle transitioning of the kids when we brought them into the Learning Center. We knew it would be difficult getting the kids to blend in; blend into an environment far different from the one they were used to. We envisioned the problems, hence we focused on engaging the kids in structured activities that leveraged on play, and co-curricular activities. One of such activities planned was road trip.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of September, 45 selected NECT kids embarked on a road trip to Lagos. They

were chaperoned by 10 teachers and 4 caregivers, where they spent two weeks touring the region.

Some of the destinations they visited in Lagos are:

- Avicenna International School
- Softcom
- Beat Fm
- Morton 78
- Nickelodeon Kids Festival
- Takwa Bay



The older kids also visited the Beat fm to share their experience in the Learning center with the listeners.



## ALL WORK AND YES PLAY

The kids had a fun learning time in Lagos. We made sure they also had an enjoyable time. They attended one of Nigeria's biggest kid's festivals, Nickelodeon Kids Festival, and the older kids also visited the beach - Takwa bay.

Did we forget to mention the excursion through the southern states they passed through?





## MEANWHILE,



Back at the center, and occupying most of September (before the planned trip), the older kids continued to hone their vocational skills, and broaden their knowledge; the children assisted in making shelves for their classes.



## LEARNING CONTINUES

On their return to the center (6<sup>th</sup> of October), the management organized a Monthly Programme for all kids, and divided the children into groups. Each has at least one representative from those who embarked on the tour. The programme is broken into four weeks, after which there would be a grand presentation. Each group is to submit a typed account of their experience. This is to foster negotiation (who gets to represent), and collaboration between the kids.

## QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS

### JULY LITERACY TARGETS

NECT management set up a literacy target as follow-up to the Vice President's challenge to the staff and children. The target is to understand, read, write and speak the English language to a satisfactory level by the end of July 2019. It was a success, given about 95% of kids can speak English moderately in respect to their age-groups.

### NNPC MANAGING DIRECTORS' VISIT

Dr. Maikanti Baru and Mele Kyari, the outgoing and new NNPC Managing Directors respectively, paid a visit to the Learning Centre on the 6th of July. Mrs. Dupe Killa-Kafidipe, head of strategy and admin received them, and she led them on a tour of the facilities, where they got insight into the activities of the children of the Learning Centre.

### AUGUST HOLIDAY PREPARATIONS

A month's holiday period was planned for the kids, and scheduled to start on the 16th of August 2019. In preparation for the holiday, holiday packs were arranged specifically for each child, in accordance to their class groupings. Each pack contained holiday assignments (to keep them busy and engaged through the holiday), writing materials and a book for them to keep practicing their reading skills.

### MEDICAL INTERVENTION

Seven children with lingering serious orthopedic issues were taken to The National Orthopedic Hospital, Igbobi in Lagos for a review of their cases. The medical team lead, Dr. Fanya Fwachebe led the group that proceeded to Lagos, and he was on hand all through to provide continued engagement upon their return to Maiduguri.

### SALLAH CELEBRATION AND TLC CARES

As a practice, TLC Cares – the community engagement and giving back initiative of The Learning Center – was combined with festive events. The food the children would have consumed over three days was quantified and given as bags of Flour Meal to Almajiri Children at Islamic Schools in the community.

## EXCHANGE STUDENTS AT AVI-CENNA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL





## SOME INTERACTIVE SESSIONS OF THE TOUR





## LEARNING / VOCATIONAL ACTIVITIES



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