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# EDITORIAL: Reflecting on an Amazing School Year



As we close this school year, I hope your experiences were as rewarding as mine. Together, we worked hard to create a safe and welcoming learning environment for everyone in our community. Our school year began with the Christmas party, a cherished tradition held every December here at DLES. We embraced the spirit of giving through our Secret Santa event, reflecting God's gift of His Son for our salvation. The celebration was filled with fun activities like dance, drama, and the Carol of Nine Lessons, allowing our students to express the joy of the season.

During the second term, we went on a memorable field trip to the Air Force Base, where many of our students saw a plane for the very first time! Climbing the 97-foot tall tower was both exhilarating and exhausting! Our babies learned about the base

operations, safety measures during plane takeoffs, and aircraft maintenance. As we returned to school that day, many discussed new career aspirations in aviation and the military. Once again, we reaffirmed our firm belief in making field trips a vital part of our curriculum, because they bridge classroom concepts with real-world applications. As the term progressed, we celebrated Career Day, where students donned costumes representing various professions—doctors, nurses, engineers, soldiers, pilots and more. Their creativity and enthusiasm were truly inspiring. Towards the end of second term, we had our Easter recital, students presented a passion play showcasing Jesus's journey, accompanied by worship song choreography and other performances.

At the beginning of third term, we had an exciting activity, the DLES food drive for underprivileged children. Despite challenging times, our generous parents made it a success, bringing smiles to the faces of the orphans we visited. The gratitude expressed by the orphanage management was heartwarming. A hearty thanks to our amazing parents for all the support towards all our programs. Our vibrant Cultural Day was a fitting finale, celebrating diversity

and heritage within our community. The school was adorned with student artwork representing various cultures; our babies arrived in colorful attires, showcasing their cultural backgrounds. The highlight was a fashion parade, complete with music and cheers from everyone. Drama performances and a food fair enriched the event, fostering an inclusive atmosphere that left a lasting impact on our taste buds and hearts.

Reflecting on this year, I believe you'll agree it was truly amazing. Looking ahead, we eagerly anticipate the 2025/2026 session, which promises to be exceptional by the grace of God. I am excited to announce that we will be starting our Basic 7 (JSS 1) next school year and all our graduates this year are welcome to continue with us for their secondary education. Details about our common entrance will be published on the forum and on social media. So if you have friends or family members who may still be shopping for a secondary school for their children then kindly recommend us. Please note, that we will be enrolling JSS 1 and no other secondary school grades. To our graduates, I wish you the sky as you continue to follow the DLES values. To my staff and our amazing parents/guardians, thank you! Thank you! And thank you again! I wish you all a wonderful summer filled with blessings! See you next school year.

With love,  
**Ms. Jember Ruth Msugh**  
Head Teacher

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# From the Desk of the PROPRIETORS

Dear DLES Family,

Thank you for keeping faith with us this school year! From the desk of the proprietors, we wish to focus on a topic that is important to all of us—the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA). There is no question that effective PTAs play vital roles in fostering the success of schools and enhancing learning outcomes for children. However, in a similar but opposite lens, ineffective PTAs create hostile school environments that increase teacher stress and hamper outcomes for students. That is why it is important for us to understand the purpose and history of the PTA. With its roots in the early 20th century, the PTA emerged alongside the development of formal education in Nigeria, highlighting the need for collaboration between parents and educators for the holistic development of students. Following Nigeria's independence in 1960, the role of PTAs expanded significantly prompting the government to formalize the structure and activities of the PTA. Please note that the purpose of the PTA was never to become an opposition 'party' to be weaponized against the success and peace of schools.

In the late 20th century, various state-level PTAs were established, culminating in the formation of the National Parent-Teacher Association of Nigeria (NAPTAN). According to the PTA charter, PTAs were intended to provide an opportunity for parents to participate in addressing challenges that schools encounter in the process of implementing educational initiatives. The PTA charter outlines its objective, roles, and responsibilities as follows:

- **Objective:** To promote cooperation between parents and teachers, supporting school programs, and enhancing student welfare. Note the key word is, **support** and not oppose.

- **Membership:** Is open to all parents, guardians and teachers within the school community. It is also imperative to note the key word "**All**" emphasizing unity against factions.

- **Structure:** Typically includes an executive committee with positions such as the chairman, secretary, and treasurer, all of which are elected by PTA members. Regular meetings are advised to facilitate open communication about school programs. This is an area we need to grow into because as of now, we have yet to elect our executive committee.

- **Funding and Resources:** In most cases, effective PTAs engage in fundraising activities to support school programs, with guidelines outlined in the

charter for the allocation and use of such funds.

Over the years leading up to today, PTAs have grown to take on advocacy, community engagement and mobilizing volunteers to assist in schools especially when organizing events to enrich the educational experience for students. However, to effectively collaborate, we must see ourselves as one team with one mission. Successful PTAs are not fragmented into factions, nor do individual members try to appropriate the platform for solicitation or the promotion of personal agendas. It is a fact that our PTA is its infancy, but we are eagerly looking forward to growing and becoming a highly effective team. For the time been, we will continue to use our WhatsApp forum to facilitate open and respectful dialog about important issues.

We value stakeholder input in our operations but require all contributors to be respectful and empathetic to alternative views in their dialog. So, in addition to the WhatsApp forum, and home-school communication journal which goes home daily, we also share information on our social media page regularly, to foster trust and keep our families informed about our programs. Reflecting on our successes and learning curves this past school year, it is our firm belief that it will benefit us as a team to invest into conflict resolution training in the upcoming school year to equip ourselves in collaborative problem-solving void of escalation. As I conclude I want to remind each and every one of us that our shared goal as a community is to provide the best possible education for our children. Together, as partners, we can make a more profound impact. We remain monumentally grateful for your collaboration this past school year and look forward to more opportunities in partnering to provide a global-standard education to our children right here in Makurdi, Benue State. Be assured of our warmest regards as we wish you a safe, fun and restful Summer! See you in the new session.

**Dr. & Dr. Mrs. Kajoh (Proprietors)**







## OUR AIRPORT ADVENTURE

**W**e went to the airport on a field trip. It was a special day, and everyone was excited. We rode in a big bus. We were told not to put our hands outside the

extinguisher," replied one of the soldiers. "When you press the pump on top, it goes 'whoosh and sprays water to stop the fire" he explained. "What makes planes to fly in the air?"

Somtor asked. "They have powerful engines that help them to get up from the ground and fly into the air!" Our teacher explained. "Can we carry any bags when we travel in the airplane?" Rita asked. "Yes, if the bags are small, they allow you to take them onto the plane but if they are big, they load them at the back of the plane until you arrive. "Look! I drew pictures of an airplane," Wueseter shouted and raised her book for everyone to see. "I counted the planes; they were a lot!" Gabirel added. It was so much fun. **Shared Story Writing by Preschool 3**



window during the journey. So, we talked and laughed with each other. Everyone wondered what we would see. "I want to be a pilot when I grow up" Ethan said. "Will we see the pilots?" Asked Sedoo. "You'd have to wait and see when we get there," answered our teacher. As we were getting close to the airport, Nguseter exclaimed "Look! There is a plane! Everybody started leaning towards the bus windows to see the plane. But our teacher told us to sit back in our seats!

When we arrived at the airport, there so many things to see including airplanes. The ceilings where the planes were parked were very high. There was a small red cylinder with a pump at the top. "What is in that red cylinder?" Sedoo asked. "That's a fire



## EVERYONE SAYS



Everyone says I'm exceptional  
Everyone says I'm smart  
Everyone says I'll do great things in life  
Everyone says I'm strong and brave  
Everyone says my skin is dark & smooth  
Everyone says I'm beautiful and I think they are all right.

**By Secivir Ashiko,**  
Basic 4





MY Mother

Illustrated by  
Igbaokum  
Kwaghdo



**M**y mother is nice, she is caring.

My mother scolds me when I

# MY MOTHER

misbehave, she is caring.  
"Would you behave yourself?" she'd demand because she's caring.

"Go and do your homework!" she'd say because she's caring. It's time to take a bath, she'd remind me because she's caring. "If you'd watch less TV and read more, you would do better in school."

So, I watched less TV, and it worked! I did so much better in school,

"I am so proud of you Kwaghdo!" She said as she hugged me.

Thank you, mom, for being so

caring.

By Igbaokum Kwaghdo,  
Basic 4



## BAD BLOOD

**O**nce upon a time in the Ushafa kingdom, there lived a king named Okopo. One day, King Okopo suddenly got very sick. The village chiefs tried to find a cure from many herbalists, but no one could help. One day, a traveling herbalist named Zuzuka came by. The chiefs asked him to see King Okopo. When Zuzuka arrived, he checked the king, then took out a red powder and rubbed on the king's forehead. After whispering for a while he shouted, "There is bad blood in this palace!" When the elders

asked him to explain what he meant, he claimed that Ada, the wife of Crown Prince Lenard, was trying to kill the king. Everyone was shocked and didn't know what to believe. When Ada was questioned, she said it was actually Prince Magnus who had poisoned the king and brought a fake herbalist to accuse her. Zuzuka insisted that Ada had to be exiled if the king was to recover from his illness. So, the elders decided that Ada and her children should leave the kingdom to protect the king.

When Ada and her children were preparing to leave, Prince Lenard was very sad and decided to go with his family. He asked the elders to

allow them to say goodbye to the king. Prince Lenard knelt by the king's bed and begged him to wake up and help them otherwise he and his family will be exiled. When King Okopo heard his son's sad words, he opened his eyes and comforted him. He then announced to everyone in the room that it was really Prince Magnus who was the bad one and tried to kill him. The king got very angry with Prince Magnus and ordered the guards to throw Magnus and his mother out of the kingdom. He also ordered the false herbalist to be prisoned. With the truth revealed, King Okopo got better and lived happily for many more years, and prince Lenard remained the crown prince to rule after his father. By

Yilater Orga, Basic 4

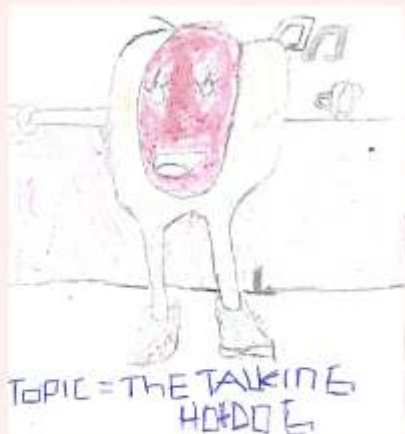


Bad blood  
illustrated by Yilater  
Grade 4





Once upon a time, there was a hotdog seller named Mr. Sabi. He had a bright red food truck and made very delicious hotdogs and mineral water. Everyone in the town, children and grown-ups lined up to get his yummy hotdogs with cold mineral! One sunny afternoon, while Mr. Sabi was preparing the hotdogs, he



noticed something strange. One of the hotdogs was wiggling! "What's going on?" he asked, scratching his head. Suddenly, the hotdog popped up and said, "Hello, Mr. Sabi! I'm Yum the



Hotdog!"

Mr. Sabi's eyes grew wide with shock. "Am I going crazy or did that hotdog just talk to me?" he shouted in surprise. Yum smiled and said, "You bet I did! I love making people happy, and I think I can help you sell more hotdogs!" Mr. Sabi laughed. "This is amazing! Are you serious? You are food! How could you possibly help me sell more?" Yum thought for a moment and said, "Let's tell jokes to customer in line!" So, they started telling jokes to the customers. "Why did the hotdog cross the road?" Yum asked. "Why?" the customers replied. "To get to the bread side!" Everyone laughed, and soon the line got even longer!

Mr. Sabi and Yum became a great team together. They sold more hotdogs and cold minerals, told jokes, and made everyone smile. From that day on, Mr. Sabi always kept the talking hotdog by his side, and they had the most fun together!

**By Vambeh Shedrach in Basic 4**



## JAMES LEARNT HIS LESSON

Once upon a time, there lived a boy named James. James loved playing, but he was also very disrespectful. One day, he went to the football field to play a match with his older brother's friends. "You're too young to play; why don't you draw pictures of the team?" they asked. But James refused, saying, "I may be little, but I can play very well!" James wanted to show his brother's friends that he was just as good as them. So, he jumped into the game. At first, he was excited. He ran around and kicked the ball, but soon he realized he couldn't keep up with the older boys. They were faster and stronger, and he kept missing the ball. After running around the field for about thirty minutes without kicking the ball, James began to shout at his brother's friends, blaming them for

not passing him the ball. Suddenly, one of the older boys named Max stopped the game. He looked at James and said, "Hey, we



all want to play together. But if you keep being rude, we can't be in this game." James felt embarrassed. He realized that he was being

disrespectful. "I'm sorry," he said, looking down. "I just want to play too." Max smiled and replied, "It's okay! But remember, being a good teammate is as important as being a good player." James nodded, understanding that respect is important. From that day on, he learned to act nicely when he played with others. Even if he wasn't the scoring, he could still have fun with his teammates.

**By Yoo Daniel Veremter**



By Yoo Daniel





# Saint George of England

sacrifices from the townsfolk, and everyone was living in fear. Saint George listened carefully, feeling a sense of duty to help the people. "I cannot let this continue," he declared. The hermit looked at him surprised. "Many brave knights have tried to kill the dragon, but none have succeeded. They all got burnt by the dragon's hot fire."

The next day, Saint George took off in the morning with the hermit guiding him to where the dragon was. When they reached the village, the villagers did not believe that saint George could kill the dragon. "You're just a man,"



said one villager. "How can you defeat a dragon?" Saint George smiled and replied, "It's not the size of the hero that matters, but the size of his courage. When the villagers heard him say that they became very brave and joined him to make a wise plan to defeat the dragon. When they reached the dragon's cave, it appeared and roared a terrible sound, spitting fire. But Saint George stood firm with his shield and sword, ready to face the beast. The battle was fierce, but Saint George defeated the dragon and saved the village. After the victory, the villagers celebrated Saint George as their hero. They learned that courage, and teamwork can conquer even the greatest of enemies. From that day on, the story of Saint George and the dragon was told across all England for generations, that is why every year on April 23rd, people celebrate Saint George's Day, honoring his bravery and spirit. **By Kelvin Aker-Vishigh, Basic 4**

# I Love My Grandmother

I loved my grandmother. She was the best cook in the history of the world. Every time she made food in the house, everyone licked

before everyone else did. Grandma would always explain how to make the traditional dishes she cooked. She'd also tell me interesting



her childhood. When meat was being prepared during the meal, she would also give me a share. That made me special. Helping her was not just about the food; it was the wonderful

memories we shared. **Written by Tsejime Lianater Philippa, Basic 3**





# Our New Home

Early one morning, my mom woke me up and said, "Prepare your belongings; we're packing to a new home." "Why!" I asked. "We are relocating to a new house." So, I packed all my toys, books, shoes and clothes, I was excited but a little sad at the



same time. A big pick-up truck came to our house to load up all our things, and we crammed everything that did not fit in the truck into Mom's car. I was sad because I was going to miss my former school and our old house because I thought it was way more fun than the new one. When we finally arrived at our new home, it was so much bigger than our old home. The walls were a different color, and the backyard had grass. My sister and I ran everywhere, feeling a little lost but eager to see every part of the house. I wished my friends could see our new home, but I also missed our old playground.

Once we had offloaded and put our things away, mom said, "Let's explore the

neighborhood! So, we went outside and walked around the neighborhood. We met a couple of people who lived nearby and introduced ourselves. There was a bakery and church about two blocks away from our new house. After a fun afternoon of discovery, we were tired and headed back home, we stopped by the bakery to buy some freshly baked bread and meat pies. When we got home, I began to think that maybe our new house and neighborhood were not so bad. That night, as I lay in bed, I thought about my old home, but I also began to feel a little excited about this new home. I smiled, dreaming about all the adventures to come in our new home. **By Akya Seraphina, Basic 4**

# The Great Food Drive

I was bubbling with excitement for the annual Children's Day celebration at our school, this year too we were organizing a food drive to help the local orphanage Tivid. When our headteacher, Ms. Ruth, announced that each class would collect as much food as possible for the children at Tivid Orphanage, I immediately knew what I wanted to bring. We decided to make colorful posters to encourage everyone to bring in all kinds of food stuff, indomie noodles, yams, garri, rice, drinks, tea items and snacks. After spending hours creating

eye-catching designs with smiling faces and big hearts, we hung them all around the school.

As the days went by, our collection boxes began to fill up. Finally, it was Children's Day and we had collected boxes and boxes of food! We then took a field trip to the orphanage to deliver the donations. When we arrived, the children greeted us with big smiles. We played games and shared stories with them. The orphans prayed for us and my heart swelled with happiness. I realized helping the poor is good for our

community. This experience taught me the true meaning of kindness, and I can't wait for next year's food drive! **By Erdoo Saror, Basic 4**





# Okoh's Drumming Dream



Once upon a time, there lived a boy in Otukpo town named Okoh. His father was a farmer, while his mother ran

a small food shop in the local market. Every day after school, Okoh would go to the farm to help his father. On days when he wasn't helping on the farm, he'd go to the market to help his mother attend to customers. One Saturday morning, while helping his mother, Okoh heard some drumming sounds. He tried to ignore the sounds, but they got louder and louder, "Mother, may I go and check where the sounds are coming from?" he asked. "Sure, but be careful," his mother responded. As he rounded the corner of the building where his mother's shop was, Okoh saw a crowd of people gathered around some drummers and dancers. When he got there, he watched with excitement as the drummers' hands danced over the surface of the drums. The crowd cheered, clapping, dancing and singing along. Okoh felt an overwhelming desire to be part of that magic and soon he began to dance too. In that moment, he decided; he was going to a drummer and create music to make people very happy.

After the performance, Okoh asked one of the drummers how long it took him to become so good at drumming. "To be a drummer, you must feel the music in your heart and practice every

day," he answered. That evening, Okoh shared his dream with his parents. His father though surprised, agreed to help him find a drum and teacher after he pleaded so much. Soon Okoh had a drum of his own. Every day after helping his parents, he practiced tirelessly, until he became very skilled. He played traditional Otukpo music and other types of music until he became very popular people began to invite him to perform at festivals and celebrations. Okoh became known as a talented musician, not only in Otukpo but many other parts of the state. Okoh's success reminded everyone that dreams can come true. **By Ahile Israel, Basic 4**

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# The Cunning Lion

In an animal kingdom far away, it was dry season again, and food was scarce at the pride. Hunting was difficult for the lions because the trees and grass were dry, and all the animals could see everywhere. After roaming for days without food, the lions became tired, so they decided to use a trick to get food. One day, while roaming and looking for food the lion came across a dog and monkey. "Hello there, how do you do?" The animals were surprised and started to run but the lion assured them, "I do not eat dogs or monkeys, I only eat zebras, giraffes and yaks. Have you seen any zebras, giraffes and yaks around here?" "Sure!" Answered the dog, "I saw a heard of zebras on my way here," answered the dog. Would you be kind as to show me the way? The dog agreed and led the lion to the zebras. That night

the lions feasted on a dinner of delicious zebra meat.

Soon a friendship developed between the dog and the monkey. A couple of weeks went by, and the lion visited again, but this time to invite the dog to his den. "My friend, I wanted to invite you to come and meet the rest of my family at my den this evening?" He requested. "I don't think that is a great idea," whispered the monkey in the dog's ear. "Nonsense!" snarled the dog, "I trust the lion; besides, he doesn't eat animals like us remember?" So, the dog agreed to visit the lion that evening. He even began to wonder about the delicious food the lion might offer him as a valued friend. But the lion had other plans, as soon as the dog arrived at the den he and his family jumped on the dog and ate him up. The



monkey who had quietly followed the dog saw what happened and ran quickly into the deep forest to tell all the other animals never to make friends with the lion no matter what he says. **By Akya Samantha, Basic 3**



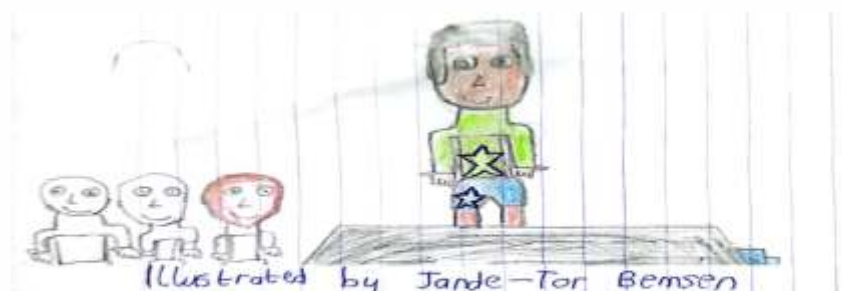
## Danny, the Village Hero

Once upon a time, there lived a boy called Danny in a small village. He had a hidden special gift; he could fly. One day, a dark witch cast an evil spell on the village making it dark and scary. The villagers were

terrified. But Danny knew that he had to help the villagers. Determined to defeat the witch, he flew bravely broke to the witch's tower and searched for the witch's wand. He stumbled on a pot in the witch's chamber, and it fell over making a loud sound and waking the witch up from her nap. But soon, the witch went back to sleep and Danny continued tiptoeing around the room until finally he found the wand nicely hidden in

a drum. He broke the wand and the spell was removed. The witch woke up suddenly and saw Danny, but she had no power to harm him because her wand was broken. "Noooo!" she screamed in fear. At that Danny dived out through the window and as he flew back to his house, he could see the villagers below chanting his name and singing his praises. The village was sunny again thanks to Danny the hero.

**By Jande-Tor Bensen, Basic 3**





# Dibi the Kindhearted



An 11-year-old girl named Dibi lived happily with her parents in a small town called Aliade in Benue State. Dibi was very kind. She always helped people in her neighborhood. One day, while going to school,

Dibi saw an old woman carrying a pot of water on her head. She was so old she could not walk fast. Dibi stopped and thought as she watched the woman drag her feet. She felt sorry for her, "If I help her, I will be late for school and get flogged," she thought. But because she was so kindhearted she couldn't bear to see the old woman continue to carry the heavy pot of water. "Let me help you," she said. The old woman was surprised and smiled sweetly. "Thank you, my beautiful daughter, God bless you." She murmured. Dibi carried the pot of water to the woman's house. By the time she got to school, the assembly bell had rang and she was

punished for arriving late to school. But Dibi didn't care about the punishment because she knew she had done the right thing. The morale of this story is that it is good to be kind and helpful even when it is not easy.

**Written By: Ityover Benjamin Bemdoo, Basic 3**



Illustrated by: Ityover Benjamin Bemdoo

## A WALK WITH WISDOM

My grandpa Mr. Stephen Iornawegh is an old man in his 70s. One day, he asked me to take a walk with him. I didn't want to go but because he is my

I answered. My grandfather told me the story of a proud lion who thought he could earn respect from the animals in his kingdom by making them afraid of him. But soon all the animals

"It is good to respect others?" I answered unsure. "Yes, that is true but more than that, those who want to lead others must earn their trust through respect and not fear. He also told me a story about a proud rabbit who challenged a tortoise to a race but lost the race because he did not work hard but the tortoise humbled himself and worked hard. I learned a lot of wisdom that day. **By Iorna Tersoo Testimony, Basic 3**



Illustrated by: Iorna Tersoo Testimony  
Grade: Grade Three (3)

elder, I could not say no, so I went; and I will never forget that walk in my life! We were walked a few compounds quietly but as we turned the corner and began to walk towards the quieter part of our neighborhood; my grandpa began to tell me stories. "Tersoo," he called, "Yes grandpa." Do you want to hear a story?" He asked. "Yes please."

left the kingdom until a wise owl came and advised the lion to respect the other animals otherwise, he'd have no one to rule over. After that, the arrogant lion began to treat the other animals with respect and soon all the animals that had left the kingdom returned. The lion ruled happily ever after. "What do you think is the morale of this story? Grandfather asked.







## Cooking in the Olden Days

**M**y grandmother lives with us. She is always telling us stories about the olden days. Do you know that in the olden days, women ground pepper with a grinding stone? In fact, during the times of your great grandmother, even flour was grounded with a stone. There were no blenders or milling machines. Those were difficult times, everything was full of hard work. We pounded yam with a pestle and mortar and made soup from scratch. Cooking wasn't easy, but we always managed. There were no gas cookers, so we had to break firewood with strong hands." "I am so sorry grandma!" I said

feeling sorry for her suffering. "Oh no, we were all stronger back then, so it wasn't a problem. These days the machines have spoiled all of you, look at how soft your hands and arms are," she said



smiling sweetly and looking at me with eyes full of love. "I wish I could go back to your time to see what life was like." I responded. Were you happy to cook? Did you sing while stirring the pot? Was it tiring helping your mother every day? I asked. "You ask too many questions," she teased. "Back in the day we understood duty, so whether happy or tired, we knew what we were supposed to do and did it." She concluded firmly. "I am so sorry grandma!" I said again feeling sad for her. I may not have lived in those times, but through her stories, I sometimes feel like I did. **By Liambee Myom Emily, Basic 3**

## The Invisible Cat

**O**nce upon a time, there was a mischievous cat named Whiskers who dreamed of being invisible! Whiskers thought it would be a lot of fun to sneak around without anyone seeing him. He could jump on counters, open cabinets, knock over things, and scare the dog without getting caught! One sunny day, he decided to go on an adventure to find a way to become invisible. Whiskers ran off to the nearby hospital, his little heart racing

with excitement. When he sneaked inside, he found a room filled with strange bottles and colorful liquids bubbling and fizzing like a science experiment! It was a research laboratory! The curious cat couldn't resist and jumped right into one of the mixtures that sparkled like a rainbow. Suddenly, he felt a funny tingle all over his body. To his surprise, he started to disappear! "Meow! Meow!" he called out, but no one could see



him! Whiskers had become invisible forever. Now, he could sneak around causing playful mischief, but no one would cuddle him. Whiskers soon learned that being invisible was a little too lonely for his. He missed the strokes and kisses from his family. Maybe being visible wasn't so bad after all! **Written by Joshua Shiekuma, Basic 3**







## Ruben and Runak: A Lesson About Friendship

Ms. Phoebe. She called Runak to her desk and scolded him, "Runak, a friend should never act like that even if they lose a bet." That made Runak angrier! he stopped talking to Ruben completely. Ruben missed Runak and was sad and lonely for many days. But soon he learned an important lesson: true friends should be kind and

respect each other, no matter what. So, he started making new friends who were nicer to him. They played games together and always cheered for each other. Ruben felt happy again. He promised himself that he would always be a good friend, no matter what!

**Written by Winifred Gege, Basic 3**

**R**uben and Runak were the best of friends! They walked to school together every day, sharing secrets and laughing about silly things. Everyone thought they were going to be friends forever; their classmates often called them like garri and sugar because once you saw Ruben, you'd see Runak next! They loved to play soccer during recess and had a special handshake that only they could do. Many of their classmates wished they had their kind of friendship. But, one day, everything changed when they decided to watch a big football championship match on TV. While cheering for their favorite teams, they made a bet: the person whose team loses would have to do the winner's homework for a week! Ruben's team won, so he jumped up and down, screaming as loud as he could. But Runak became angry.

The next day at school, Runak started making fun of Ruben in front of the whole class. "Do your shoes grow with your feet, why are they so old? They look like they're made from a dinosaur's skin!" He said loudly, and the rest of the class laughed. Ruben felt sad; he didn't expect his best friend to treat him like that. Ruben reported Runak to their teacher



## My Dog is the Best!

**J**ack is the best dog in the whole world. He runs very fast, just like a cheetah. He loves to chase after objects and brings them back to me when we play catch. Sometimes Jack tries to follow me to school. He is very brave, and all my friends love him. Jack is smart and knows how to show when he's happy or sad; that's one of the reasons I love him so much. When Jack is happy, he shakes my hand with his paw and wag his tail. When he is sad, he lowers his ears and head then looks at me slowly. Once I pat him gently on the back and hug him, he becomes happy again.

He always keeps me company. I love Jack a lot! **By Tyolumun Myom Salvation, Basic 3**





# The Lost Tooth Adventure

**H**i, I'm Joshua. Last week, something exciting happened, I lost a tooth! It started when I bit into an apple during lunch. "crunch" I felt something weird. When I looked at my apple I was scared because there was a bit of blood on my



apple but my tooth was gone! "My tooth! It's missing and it hurts!" I yelled. My friend Sena helped me to search under my desk, in my lunch box, even in my apple but there was no tooth. "The tooth fairy won't come if you don't have the tooth," Sena said seriously. I started to cry, "Please help me find it, I want the tooth fairy to come," I pleaded. Soon, other classmates joined in, and it became a mission. We asked our teacher Ms. Linda if we could check in the dustbin too. "I doubt it will be there but go ahead," she said. We looked everywhere but there was no tooth. Finally, during intervention classes, I felt something in my shirt, I put my hand and pulled it off and there it was, my beautiful little

white tooth! I smiled and shouted happily, "Look everyone, I found my tooth!" That night, I cleaned it and put it under my pillow. The next day I found N500 naira under my pillow and the tooth was gone. I was so happy. It was indeed an exciting adventure. **By Tyoakoso Joshua, Basic 3**



# An Awesome Easter Celebration

**A**pril 4<sup>th</sup> was our Easter party celebration. I walked into school that morning and was super excited to see the teachers decorating everywhere! They were putting up colorful balloons and shiny ribbons, and then I remembered—today was our Easter celebration! I could hardly wait for the fun to start. Soon, parents began arriving, and the school buzzed with laughter. While we waited for everyone to get there, the DJ played some awesome songs, and we started dancing and having a great time!

When most of the parents finally arrived, it was showtime! We kicked off the celebration with a special drama about Jesus' death and resurrection. It was really cool to see my friends in all kinds of costumes! Some wore soldier



uniforms. After that, we presented some dances and

recited some Bible verses. We also sang some Easter songs that made everyone sing along. We took a lot of photos and some videos too! But my absolute favorite part of the celebration was when we got to eat the delicious party rice! It was so tasty that I wanted to eat more. We also drank some yummy juices. This Easter celebration was truly unforgettable, and I can't wait for next year's party! **Written by Alu Sena, Basic 3**





# THE PRINCE AND THE PRINCESS

Once upon a time, there lived a prince in a faraway kingdom. One day, while walking around the garden, he saw a princess picking flowers. He immediately fell in love with her and every day he would take

the Party arrived. The prince put on his new suit and stood in front of a giant mirror. The royal suit was deep blue and made with gold threads and diamond buttons that twinkled as he walked. His trousers were white, and his shoes very shiny.



a walk around the garden just so he could watch the princess. One day the prince received an invitation to attend a party in the princess's house. He was so happy and immediately began to worry about what to wear to go and impress the princess. He ordered the chief royal tailor to make him another royal suit just for the party. Finally, the day for

He wore a beautiful silver neckless around his neck and neatly combed his hair. He smiled at himself because he knew he was looking for his best. But just before the prince stepped out of the palace, the King called him and gave him a lot of work to do. The prince was sad but obeyed and worked quickly so that he would not

miss the party. By the time he finished the party was over, but the king was happy with the prince's hard work and asked him to make a request. With a smile on his face, he told the king that he was in love with the princess next door and wanted to marry her. "She's no princess, she's the gardener's daughter," the king said. "I don't care I only want her," the prince insisted. So, the king granted the prince's request. The prince married the gardener's daughter, then she became a princess and they lived happily ever after.  
**Written by Abel Simon Azembe, Basic 3**

## How I Spent My Children's Day

It was on a Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May. My sister and I did not go to school. We were at home watching TV. Later that day, my mom took my sister and

I to visit my cousins at David Mark Bypass. I was so excited that I was going to spend time with my cousins. When we got there, they were happy to see us too. We played with toys, ran around the house and made so much noise. We ended the day

at Titto where we ate yummy rice. My mom bought ice-cream for us too. We were super excited! When it was time to go home, I was a little bit sad. I wish the day would not end.  
**Written by Nyam Gabriella, Basic 3**





Once upon a time, there lived two sisters named Jica and Simfa. Their parents were Mr. and Mrs. Sime, Jica was 6 years old and Simfa was 10 years old. Simfa was in Basic 4 and Jica was in Basic 2. One day, as Jica was checking for a book to read, she suddenly discovered two books

# The Two Sisters and the Talking Books

kept talking.

Simfa and Jica had forgotten that they had a competition at school the next day! They did

and eating breakfast, Jica and Simfa put the magic books in their backpacks. During the competition they answered all the questions they were asked and won the competition. After the competition, they placed the books back on the shelf. The books giggled and whispered, "Until next time, friends." The girls could not wait for their next adventure with the talking books. **Written by Sofia Eko, Basic 3**



that were talking. "Aaaaah!" she shouted and quickly rushed downstairs to inform her sister Simfa. Simfa was surprised and curious at the same time because she had never seen a book that could talk! That night they secretly brought the talking books inside their room to spend the night with them. But Simfa and Jica could not sleep because the talking books

not sleep well and forgot to practice. When the talking books saw the girls looking sad and tired, they said to the girls "Don't worry, everything will be alright." "How?" the girls asked. "We are magical books, all you have to do is put us in your backpack while going to school for your competition and we will make everything alright" So after getting ready



On 27<sup>th</sup> May, I went to school. After our morning reading

## Children's Day in My School

practice, "Drop Everything and Read--DEAR we came out for assembly. Mr. Shirsha read a titled "Mr. Yoyo" we were dismissed. Everyone was expecting the bus to come and take us to the orphanage. But my teacher got a list from the headteacher and started calling the names of the people that were going. She called only five people from our class, and I was not included. All of us who were not on the list were surprised

and sad. "While the bus come back for the rest of us?" I asked. "I am not sure," said our teacher. The rest of us that stayed behind had a lot of fun, we played games and danced. After lunch, the bus brought back the students that went to the orphanage. We all had a popcorn party and played a chair game. I was sad that I didn't go to the orphanage, but it was a fun day. **By Tersoo Enoch, Basic 3**





# My Very Bad Dog

Sparky bit the baby chicks that were barely hatched over the weekend! I couldn't believe it! I felt so sad and angry at Sparky. I was so excited on Saturday when the baby chicks came out of their shells looking fuzzy and beautiful in bright yellow feathers. My mom said, Sparky was too dangerous to have around so she called someone to



I have a very naughty dog! His name is Sparky, and he's always causing trouble. Last week, he stole fried meat from the kitchen counter! My mother was very angry and threw a shoe at it! Then, three days ago, he decided to eat the eggs that our hen laid! My dad gave it a spanking and it was yelling, I felt bad, but I knew it was good to discipline him. As if that was not bad enough, today when I came back from school, my mother told me that



come and take Sparky away. "Will they kill him?" I asked tearfully. "No, they are taking him to the village where he can hunt. I think Sparky is a hunting dog." Answered my mother." I was sad because even though Sparky was bad, I still loved him because he was my dog. I hope he won't cause any trouble in the village and be happy. **Wombo Nguveru, Basic 1**

## RIP Little Monkey

Last year, when we visited the orphanage on Children's Day, I made some amazing friends! I also met the cutest little monkey who loved to swing and make funny faces. I had so much fun



feeding it and was looking forward to seeing it again this year when I heard that we were visiting the orphanage again. I wanted to see my friends and, of course, that playful little monkey. I was super excited! When we arrived at the orphanage, it was easy to see my friends because all the children were out waving at us. We got out of the bus and shook each other to say hello. But when I asked where the monkey was, someone told me that the little monkey died last year. I couldn't believe it! I felt so sad that my heart hurt. Even though I missed the monkey, I didn't want to make my friends sad because they were happy to see



us again. So, I decided to focus on playing with my friends and making new memories. We played games, sang songs, and danced. By the end of the visit, I felt better and was glad that my friends were still there. We said good bye and returned to school until next time. **By Alu Zoe, Basic 1**



# The Accident on the Road

**M**y name is Vande Jesse I am 5 years old and I have a brother named Joash. One day Joash and I were crossing the road a bike hit me down because I was not watching. I was rushed to the hospital. The nurse cleaned my wounds and put medicine on them. It was very painful! I cried but I learnt my lesson, I will never cross the road without checking again. **By Vande Jesse, Basic 1**



## My Visit to the Airport

**I** woke up excited and anxious because I was going on field trip to the airport. I hurriedly took my bath and came to school that morning. We boarded a big bus and headed to the airport. At the airport I saw many things. I saw a tall tower, a hanger where the planes were packed, a runway where the jets takeoff. When we came back from the airport, we went to the playground to have fun. It was my best day ever. **By Ahile Ungwanen, Basic 1**



## The Princess and Her Baby

**O**nce upon a time, there was a beautiful princess Sarah who loved going to the park to have fun. While at the park one day, she heard the cry of a baby. "There are no mothers here, where could that cry be coming from?" She thought. "Quick, find the baby!" she told her maids. So, they began to check everywhere around the park and finally they saw a beautiful baby wrapped in a blanket with a note, "Please, help me take care of my precious baby, I am too poor to keep her, so I had to let her go" the note said. "Oh, poor baby, you must miss

your mom so much," the princess said with tears in her eyes. The princess took home and explained to her mother and father how she got the baby. Her parents were very pleased that their daughter was so kind. But they told her, "We can't just take the baby and make it ours; we must report to the police and get the permission to keep her." "But won't the police take her away from me?" The princess asked sadly. "We don't know what the police will say, but we must do the right thing." Her parents insisted. Luckily, the police allowed the Princess Sarah to

keep the baby. She named the baby Zarachi and she loved her very much. **By Tinadoo Korde, Basic 1**





# Lucky, Our Crazy Dog



**L**ucky is our dog, and he behaves crazy sometimes. He barks at everything, even the wind! If a leaf blows by, he thinks it's a monster and starts growling like a big lion. Sometimes, it makes me laugh, but other times, it's kind of scary! Today, something

funny happened. My mom was reading a big book, and then, whoosh! The book fell on the floor with a loud noise. Lucky jumped up like a rocket and ran straight for the book, wagging his tail sniffing it. Before you know it, he grabbed it with his teeth and started tearing it to pieces! We were all surprised, "No, Lucky, stop!" I shouted but he kept biting and pulling at the book until all the pages went flying. He must have thought the book was a big, scary monster. I couldn't believe my eyes! My mom sighed and said, "Why, Lucky?" We all love Lucky, but sometimes he acts too crazy. When I was cleaning the paper on the floor, I couldn't stop laughing at how Lucky kept looking at me as if I was helping the monster to get up and attack him! **By Gideon Atser, Basic 1**



# My Amazing Teacher

**M**y teacher's name is Mrs. Jennifer, and she is the best teacher ever! She always has a big smile on her face. When I do something wrong in class, like forget to raise my hand before speaking, she says, "Do you have permission to speak, Dooter?" And I raise my hand right away. Sometimes, when I feel a little sad, Mrs. Jennifer notices. She comes to my desk and gives me a hug "Are you okay?" She'd asks me, and that makes me feel happy! She also gives me a thumbs up when I do something good, like answering a question correctly or helping a friend. Whenever she gives me a thumbs up, I feel like a superhero! One time, I was sick and didn't come to school. I felt

bad and missed my friends. But Mrs. Jennifer called my mom to check on me! She asked how I was feeling and told me the whole class missed me. It made me feel so special. Mrs. Jennifer makes every day in class exciting, and I am glad she's my teacher because she's the best

teacher ever! **By Agba Dooter, Basic 1**







**M**y classroom is beautiful! It has bright colors that make me feel happy when I come to school. The wall is green with lots of amazing pictures and drawings that my friends and I made. The drawings remind me of all the fun things we have learned. Our classroom has a big fan that spins to keep us cool when the weather is hot. It makes a sound when it spins. There is a rack in the back of the classroom where we keep our backpacks. We also have a shelf where we keep our lunch boxes, art supplies, story books and some other learning

games. I love to read and play math games. At the front of the classroom, there's a big whiteboard where our teacher writes notes. Sometimes, she



lets us write on it too! My classroom is so beautiful, and I love learning there! **By Aondona Bitto, Basic 1**



## I Am Glad I Was Your Teacher

**T**o my Basic 1 pupils, I can't believe the end of the school year is here! It feels like just yesterday when we met for the first time! Now it's time to say goodbye. I hate to see you go, but I'm so proud of each one of you! I've come to love you dearly, and you have worked very hard this year. Remember all the fun we had? The exciting field trip to the airport, our cultural day the popcorn party on children's day? Remember all the art day we made, the storybooks we read and the math games we played?

Those were some of the best days! We laughed, we learned, and danced. But most of all, remember that you are all very special! Each of you unique and gifted, you made every day brighter, and I will always cherish the memories we created together.

Teaching you has been my pleasure, and I loved watching you grow and discover new things. As you move onto another grade, always know you are in my heart. Even when you're in a new grade, I will be cheering you on from afar! Keep being the wonderful, creative, and

kind to each other. I will miss you so much, but I can't wait to hear about all the amazing things you'll do in the upper grades! With all my love, **Mrs. Jennifer Angelumun, Basic 1 Teacher**





# Jack the Brave Boy

Once upon a time they lived a boy in Gboko called Jack. Jack had a brother named Orseer and they loved going to visit their grandmother. So, their mom and dad took them to visit her often. Jack's grandmother had a mad dog, and the dog used to bite people. But she didn't want the dog to be killed, so she used to tie it. One day Jack

and his brother were playing in their grandmother's house when the mad dog started barking at them. It broke off the rope and started chasing them. They ran to the kitchen and picked up chicken bone from the dustbin and threw at the dog. The dog picked up the bone and left them alone.

**By Agah Sophia, Basic 1**



# Learning

L \_\_\_\_ Learning is an exciting quest

**E** \_\_\_\_ Every day we do our best, each lesson, a building block

**A** \_\_\_\_\_ Adventures in every book! Learn as much as you can

**R** Reaching for stars,  
seeking meaning

**N** Never forget to share what you learnt!

**By Gabriel Iorwuese, Basic 4**



## LEARNING

BY: LOGWUESE

## Jesse

**J**\_\_\_\_\_ Joyful moments,  
laughter we share

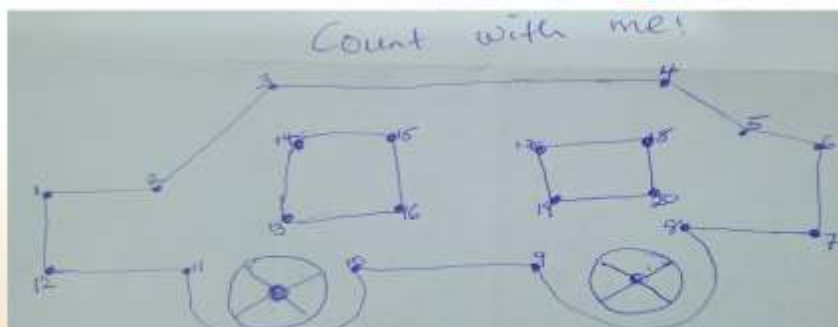
E\_\_\_\_\_ Endless journeys  
showing we care

S\_\_\_\_\_ Stars align in the stories we tell

S \_\_\_\_\_ Shining brightly  
casting our spell

Every heartbeat a  
rhythm so sweet

### By Jesse, Basic 1







# OUR HAPPY CLASSROOM

**O**ur classroom is a special place where we learn, play and have so much fun together. Our classroom is designed just for us, with bright colors and exciting activities that help us grow and discover new things. In our classroom we have exciting things and beautiful toys such as teddy bears and leapfrog games that helps us to learn, sing and dance. The walls of our classroom are decorated with two letter words of alphabets, wall charts, and

classroom also has colourful chairs, tables, and bookshelves where we keep our backpacks and lunch boxes.

## What Do We Learn in Our Classroom?

We sing songs and recite rhymes

We play alphabet and counting games with friends

We listen to interesting stories to learn new things

We practice taking turns when we play with friends

We also learn good manners like saying please and thank you!

Our classroom is special because it's a place where we feel safe and happy. Our teachers help us to learn and grow every day. We like to come to school because we can build with blocks and solve new puzzles. We love our classroom.

**Shared Writing by Preschool**



## The Long Journey to Lagos

**O**ne day I was travelling to Lagos for holiday by bus. On the bus were two girls Julia and Joy. They were very chatty and funny. It wasn't long after our bus left the park that, the girls began talking and would not stop. They had something to share or argue about that made everyone laugh in the bus. Along the way, they fell fast asleep because it was a long journey. Everywhere became

as quiet as a graveyard. So, the driver decided to play music to make the passengers happy. Some people began singing but other fell asleep. I did not sleep because I wanted to see everything on the way. We passed through many states like Kogi, Ondo, and Ibadan. Sometimes the bus stopped so people could buy food. At 11:00pm we arrived in Lagos safely. It was a really long journey! **By Ninga Julia, Basic 2**





# The Young Little Girl Named Ella

Once upon a time, there was a girl named Ella. She was super excited because she was going on a trip to Abuja with her mom and dad. They were going to visit her aunt. On the way, her parents surprised her with some yummy snacks! They bought her sweets, ice cream, and some fruits! Ella was so happy and said, "Thank you, Mom and Dad!" She closed her eyes and said a little prayer, thanking God for her awesome parents

and all the delicious snacks. After some time, they finally arrived in Abuja. Ella jumped out of the car and ran to give her aunt a big hug! She was so excited to see her aunt's family and have fun with them. Ella felt grateful for all the nice things her parents did for her. They had a wonderful time together, laughing and playing. And just like in a fairy tale, they all lived happily ever after! **By Lianater Joseph-FeFa, Basic 2**



## Prince Max the Savior of the Magical Kingdom

Once upon a time, there lived a king and the queen, who had no child to inherit their throne. One day, the royal high priest came to the palace "Your Highness," he said, the king "I, am here to announce the arrival of the heir to the throne." Immediately the king heard the news, he fainted with a smile on his face. The queen was so happy that she forgot to care for her husband the King. Some days later, the queen found out that she was pregnant. The king threw the merriest party ever to celebrate. Many months passed and the baby was born, the king and the queen played games to choose a name for the baby. In the end the queen won, and she named the little prince Max Chelsey Robert. When Prince Max grew up, the king trained him on how



to fight to defend himself and his kingdom. Prince Max was a skillful, strong and very handsome warrior. One day his father called him and showed him a book which had a secret in it. "Do not tell anybody about this book except your son who will rule after you" The king whispered.

The next day Max was anxious to touch the book again. So, he went to the king's room and open the book but when he said the magic word that was in the book, he found himself in a magical kingdom. He tried to make friends but soon, a fight broke out because a horrible witch had cursed the most beautiful girl in that kingdom and was trying to destroy the whole kingdom. Prince Max decided to fight the witch to save the girl and the kingdom. It was a tough battle but because he was a great warrior, he won! The people in the magical kingdom were very happy and to thank him, they let him take the beautiful girl back with him. So, he brought the girl back to his kingdom. They got married and lived happily ever after. **By Terfa Jerome Oryiman, Basic 5**



# Why We Should Always Be at Peace with Everyone

One day, while playing with his friend Mike, they began to argue with each other about who was more handsome; then John insulted Mike, "You are as ugly as an ape". Mike started crying and ran home. On his way, many people tried to stop and ask him why he was crying; "Because John told me I am as ugly as an ape!" He'd answer. Finally, he came across a wizard, "Why are you crying



little boy?" The wizard asked. "Because John told me I am as ugly as an ape!" Mike responded. "Oh no!" said the wizard. "I have power to grant you any one wish; what would you like me to do to make you happy?" Concluded the wizard.

"Make John to be as ugly as an Ape!" Mike responded happily, wiping his tears with a smile. So, the wizard granted his request.

The following day, John woke up and went to the bathroom as usual to wash his face. But when he looked in the mirror, he couldn't recognize his face because it looked like an ape! "Mom! Dad! There is something wrong with my face!" He cried. John was taken to the hospital, but the doctor could not change his face. So, from that day onwards John became known as the ape-faced boy! That is why it is important for us to always try to live in peace with everyone. **By Tachin Timothy, Basic 5**

# Legends of the Seven Seas

Once upon a time in a distant land, there were seven seas. Four of the seas were good while the other three were bad. The bad seas had bad mermaids who used to kill fishermen while the good seas had good mermaids who loved to help the fishermen. Many people who lived in that land were fishermen. There was a fisherman named James whose father had been killed by the bad mermaids. So, he promised to kill all the bad mermaids. One day James went fishing in one of the bad seas, when an evil mermaid came out of the water and dragged him out of his boat into the sea. She

wanted to eat him but before she could eat James, James stabbed her in the neck, and she died.

When the other bad mermaids saw what James did, they began to chase him. James cried for help and the good mermaids came to help him. So, it became a war between the good and bad mermaids. The good mermaids killed all the bad mermaids, but their queen escaped. James and the good mermaids searched for the bad queen mermaid until finally, they found her. She fought them for a very long time, but in the end, James killed her. Then he thanked the good mermaids for their

help, and they made an agreement to always be friends. From that day on, the good mermaids ruled over the seven seas and the people who lived in that land were safe. **By Atser Joshua, Basic 5**





# Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC)

**T**he Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) was set up to ensure safety on the roads. The job of the FRSC officials is to ensure that drivers follow traffic rules and regulations to avoid accidents. FRSC officials also ensure that only qualified drivers are licensed to drive. They go on patrol on roads to monitor the speed and check the licenses of drivers. They also check to see if drivers have safety devices such as fire extinguisher and the caution

board in their cars in case of any fire or vehicle breaks down. They also check the side mirrors, rear lights, brake lights and spare tires of vehicles. They do all these to ensure that vehicles are in a good working condition and the roads are safe for all drivers. Any drivers who are not obeying traffic rules are arrested and made to pay fines. Through their services, FRSC officials reduce accidents on the roads. Written by **Ichivirter Bitto, Basic 5**



## My Journey in **DLES**



**M**y journey in  
Discovery  
Learning

Exemplary School is amazing. The first day I came to this fantastic school, I was surprised by how friendly the teachers were, it was so different from my former school. I started here in Basic 2 and now am in the graduating class. Every year in DLES we have different activities filled with fun. Some activities such as Christmas Party, Easter Recital Children's Day Food Drive, Career Day, Cultural Day and Graduation Ceremony. Of all the activities, I think the Graduation Ceremony is my most favorite celebration and this year I'm graduating too. I

am excited because I will perform in the school drama, sing some unique songs, and dance too. I really love DLES because I have changed a lot since I came to this school. I will especially miss all the amazing story books, in the library. I will also miss my teacher Mr. Shirsha; he was kind and always willing to help anyone. As I prepare for my graduation this July, I promise to never forget how this school has helped me, my siblings and my parents positively. God bless and multiply DLES. Amen! **By Alu Fater David, Basic 5**



Once upon a time, there was a girl named Binta. Binta was 5 years old, and it was time for her to start school. "Binta!" her mother called, "You are starting school tomorrow, so I want to tell you something very important." "What is it, Mama?" Binta asked. Not everyone you see is good; there are some bad people who try to do bad things to little children like." "Really? Are the bad people in my school?" Binta asked afraid. "No, your school is a good school, but when you walk to school and back from school, you may come across them on the way. Some of these bad people like to give sweets to children, then they'd drag the children into their cars, and later kill them. Some other bad men take little girls into their rooms and do bad things to them." She explained. "I'm scared mama. I don't want to go to school anymore!" Binta cried. "No, don't be scared my child, as long as you do exactly what I tell you, God will protect you." She assured her.

So, Binta started school. One day, when Binta was coming

# Binta's Obedience Saves Her

home from school, a man in a beautiful black car stopped and offered her money and



chocolate but Binta remembered what her mother told her, so she refused the money and chocolate. "No thank you, she said and ran home. Another day, the same stopped again and told her that he'd drive her to her house, she refused but the man tried to grab her by force, so she shouted for help. The man was scared and drove off before many people arrived. When Binta got home that day, she told her mum everything that had happened to her and how she listened to her mom's advice. Binta's mother was very happy that Binta was safe because she listened to her advice. **Written by Emmanuel Oragba, Basic 5**

## My Old House



Our old house was big and beautiful. It had two boreholes, a fishpond and a swimming pool. I loved swimming in the pool with my friends on sunny days. I also used to help my dad with feeding the fish. One day, my dad told me we were going to a new house. I wondered if it would be better than our old house. But when we got there, it was not what I expected, it had no pool and no fishpond. So, I immediately became very sad. I especially missed all my friends because the new house was so far from the old house that I



could not walk back to go and visit them. Even now, I sometimes wish I could still go back to our old house. **By Philip Terfa, Basic 1**





# The King of the Jungle



choose a king. Any animal could become their king if they could convince the other animals to vote for them. So, all the animals who were interested in becoming king started asking for votes from their friends. The elephant told his friends, "If you

make me the king, my big and scary size will keep away all enemies of the kingdom." "Not so fast elephant," the giraffe said, "A tall neck like mine will be more useful in seeing if an enemy is coming our way so the kingdom will never be in danger." He concluded proudly. "What good is a big size and long neck if the enemy is stronger than us? Wouldn't you prefer a king who can fight and defend you?" Asked the lion. The animals all agreed that they needed a king who could defend them from harm. So, in the end, the lion was declared the king of the jungle because of his strength, and he continues to rule over the animal kingdom till today.

**By Samuel Tondo, Basic 4**

Once upon a time, in the animal kingdom, the animals gathered to

## I Love to Read

Stories are like movies but better, they make me think and imagine so many fun things! I love reading, because I get to meet all kinds of characters and see all the

to know what is going on around me and beyond.

Thank God I go to a school with lots and lots of interesting books. I can read a new book everyday if I want. Here is an



*I Love to Read*

*Illustrated by Kuraunter*

adventures they have in different places. I don't know if it is because I want to become a journalist in the future, but I love reading so much. Reading has made me smart, and my teacher loves me because I answer questions correctly all the time. Reading also helps me

acrostic poem that tells you how I feel about reading.

R- Reading takes me on a new trip everyday

E- Every page is a new adventure

A- All the stories make me smile



D- Dragons and heroes that rescue princesses are among my favorites

I- I am free to jump into the adventures and imagine all kinds of endings

N- Now I invite you to join me on the reading adventure

G- Go on, turn the page and see if you don't love what you see.

**By Kuraunter Jev, Basic 4**



# Saved by My Dog

**M**y dog doesn't like strangers; he is only friendly to me and my family members. I tried to teach it to be more friendly to visitors, but I am glad it didn't listen to me. One day, I was at home alone when a thief tried to steal my mother's phone. I screamed but he didn't stop, so I grabbed him on his arm to take back my mother's phone, but he dragged me on the ground. That was when my dog saw me and ran towards me. It jumped on the thief and gave him a bite on his neck. He fell and screamed, he tried to fight off my dog; but

it kept giving him bites all over his body and barking loudly. After several bites the man couldn't move until my parents came back. They called the



police, and he was arrested. That day, my dog was given a huge bone, and everyone praised it for its courage. I was very happy because my dog who was just my pet became my hero.

**By Nashima Tondo, Basic 1**



## A New Baby in My House

Every night he cries, and no one is able to sleep in peace. One night it was raining so I went to sleep in my mother's room because I was afraid of the thunder. Just when I was about to fall asleep, Sena pooped and everywhere was smelling, I was very angry. My father only carries Sena now; he even gave him my toys and that made me angrier. Whenever I complain to my mother about Sena, she always says, "Sena is just a baby, so you have to love him."

I know I love him, but I don't like to hear his crying or smell his poop. I always want my toys for myself only. **By Lianater Patrick, Basic 1**



**M**y mother gave birth to a new baby, his name is Senater.

## A Day on Grandpa's Farm

**O**n the January 2<sup>nd</sup> this year, I visited my grandpa in the village. He was very happy to see me, and I was excited to spend time with him. That morning, we went to his yam farm. My grandpa and I worked together to clear the weeds that had grown around the yam plants. After weeding, we applied

fertilizer to add more nutrients to the soil so that the yams will grow big tubers for harvest. Even though the work was hard, I enjoyed every moment I spent with him. I learned a lot from because he told me many interesting things about yam farming. I was glad to help him with his yam farm. **By Bako Torkuma, Basic 3**





# Why I Love My Best Friend

**M**y best friend is Gabriella. I love her a lot because she is always there for me when I need her help. Even when I make mistakes, she forgives me. I am

Whenever I feel sad or cry about a difficult situation, Gabriella always knows what to say to make me feel better. She will gently say, "Stop crying, crying won't solve the problem." Her

laugh a lot. Gabriella makes everyday special. She is not just my best friend; she is like a sister to me. I hope we stay friends forever. **By Matilda Unongo, Basic 3**



so glad to have a friend like her. I wish to be like her because she is kind, and full of love.

words would calm me down and I'd feel stronger again. We play together, share secrets and



## My First Day in SCHOOL

**M**y parents brought me to Discovery Learning Exemplary School. The first people I met at the reception were Ms. Ruth and Mr. Gabriel. We were warmly welcomed after which I and my siblings were taken to big Mama's office. When I entered, I saw

big Mama sitting. She immediately greeted us and asked us to sit down. I was scared at first but she smiled at us and was very kind, so I became relaxed. I and my siblings were taken to our classes. When I got to my class, all the other kids were seated. I was given a locker to sit. It was

early and the kids were playing a math game, the teacher asked me to join a group and play with them. I was very surprised that I could actually play games in math, but I was happy too. I knew I was going to enjoy learning at Discovery because the teacher encouraged to do my best without being angry.

**By Jesse Agah, Basic 2**



# My Best Friend

**M**y best friend is Tinadoo. She is 6 years old. She is very pretty. Her favorite colour is pink. Her best food is indomie and egg. She is just like me. She is always kind to everyone. **By Derrick Fulani, Basic 1**



## My Visit to the Zoo

**L**ast month I visited the zoo with my parents and my brother. I saw many wild animals like the Lion, monkey, peacock and lots more. My father made a video of the animals as I and Solomon my

younger brother were moving around. We came back home after spending some hours there. Every weekend I usually play the video on my dad's phone to watch again and enjoy the fun all overs. **By Jerry Mbam, Basic 2**

## How I Celebrated my Birthday

**M**y birthday comes on the 5th day of May every year. This year, something special happened to me; my aunty visited on my birthday. she brought a yummy birthday cake, chinchin, and soft drinks! My mom made rice and chicken, and guess what? I

got the biggest plate! I was so excited and ate a lot. It was delicious! My mom even shared some food with our neighbors, which was really nice of her. I was served the biggest portion of food. I ate to my fill. I felt super happy because I had more than enough to eat. It was the



best birthday ever! **By Caleb Mayange, Basic 2**



# A Friend I Will Never Forget

**M**y best friend is Daniella. She is very beautiful. I like her because she helps me a lot.

One day, I gave her my father's phone number, and she actually called using her mom's phone to speak with me. I was playing outside when my father called me that someone was asking for

me on the phone. I was surprised but when I got to the phone, I was very happy to hear Daniella's voice. She asked me if she could visit me and I agreed. The next day, my father and I went shopping for biscuits to prepare for her visit. When she arrived at Wisden filling station, my dad, Sedoo and I went to pick her up. We were so



happy to see each other. After eating the snacks, we played and enjoyed ourselves. We were all very happy. **By Olivia Ivokor, Basic 2**

## My Mother's Birthday

**W**hen it was my mother's birthday, we woke up very early in the morning while the sun was just rising and gathered around her bed to sing a cheerful birthday song, to her. Mom's smiled as we sang the song from the beginning to the end. She was very happy. After the song, we quickly got ready and went to church for a special Thanksgiving service. During the service, the pastor called us to the front and prayed over my mom and our entire family, asking for blessings and



happiness. After the service, we all went home, buzzing with

excitement. Many of my aunts and uncles came to visit us because her birthday. The house was filled with laughter and hugs as everyone greeted each other. The delicious smell of food made me hungry, but I had to wait until everyone arrived before we could eat. When everyone arrived, we sat around the table, sharing stories and enjoying delicious food together. We all felt so happy to celebrate my mom's special day.

**By Terungwa Kumator, Basic 2**



## My Visit to Asaba

**I** traveled to Asaba in April this year for the Easter Holiday. When I arrived, I felt lonely because I didn't know anyone. The next day after I arrived my aunt took me to the zoo. At the zoo I saw a lot of animals that I had never seen before. I took lots of photos, but my favorite photo was the one I took next to a beautiful peacock. After that we went to a

restaurant called Kilimanjaro for delicious chocolate ice cream and burgers. I also met some of my aunt's neighbors and started making friends. It was an amazing holiday with my aunty. My aunty did her best to make sure I had the best holiday, and I did. When it was time to come back to Benue, I started wishing I could remain at Asaba. **By Terngu Christabel, Basic 2**



# My New School

**A**s we were vacating for the term. My mother told me that I will be going to a new school next term. I was so happy because I knew I would make new friends. The name of the new school was Discovery Learning Exemplary School. I was a bit nervous because when I got there, I saw little kids of two years who could



speak fluently. I was happy when I first entered because the school was beautiful and the pictures on the walls were big. I saw writing at the reception that said, "Little hands can change the world" and I felt happy because I knew that my little hands could also change the world for good. **By Aker-vishigh Sueseter, Basic 2**

# My Best Celebration in School

**I** look forward to December every year because of the Xmas party and Secret Santa we usually have at DLES.

I love Xmas party because we all bring food to share with everyone. Then we sing carol songs, present the nativity



drama, and recite the nine lessons of Christmas celebration. We always have fun especially with Santa. **By Olivia Gbihi, Basic 2**



# My Trip to Lagos

**I** traveled with my parents and siblings to Lagos during the holiday. When we arrived at Lagos airport, grandma was standing and waiting for us. Immediately we got down from the plane,

grandma and our cousins came over to hug us. We took a taxi home. When we got home, there was already food on the dining for us to eat. We ate to our satisfaction. I enjoyed my visit! **By Tonia Gabriel, Basic 2**



# Our Christmas Carol

I came to school and there were decorations everywhere. I observed that the Santa in school was looking so bright as if it was real. It wasn't long before parents started arriving for the party, my mom and my cousins also came to see my presentation. I was very

happy. We sang some beautiful Christmas songs and presented the nativity play. I acted as one of the daughters of Jerusalem. I also received a secret Santa present and was so happy. After that we had delicious food to eat and take away.

**By Emmanuella Anenechukwu, Basic 2**



## Mother's DAY

Mothers are the best that is why everyone celebrates Mother's Day. Without our loving mothers, none of us will be here.



So, I was very excited when they announced in our church

that we were going to have a mothers' day celebration. On the day of the celebration, hundreds of people came to our church even those who were not members. All our mothers dressed beautifully in their colorful clothes. My mother was looking the best out of all the mothers. Our pastor said a prayer to bless all the mothers, then MIM presented songs and dances. I really enjoyed the MIM presentation. After that we had a lot of food and drinks. Then we took lots of photos before going home. **By Seerfanter Orga, Basic 2**

## My Favorite Food

I like to eat different types of food like rice and stew, beans, jollof rice, Spaghetti and Indomie. But my favorite food is Eba and Egusi soup. I love it when it is served hot with chicken. I also love it when it is

served with Okra or vegetable soup. Every time I eat Eba, I lick my fingers because it is always delicious. Anyone who has never eaten hot Eba and Egusi with chicken is missing out. **By Desmond Igbayima, Basic 2**





# What Shall I Do?

**W**hat shall I do? Oh,  
what shall I do?

Oh dear, what shall I do?  
Soldier ants are marching,  
Marching on to the stove. There  
are hundreds here already!

And a hundred more are coming  
behind! Ready to finish the  
food!

What shall I do? Oh, what shall  
I do?

What shall I do? Oh, what shall  
I do?

Oh dear, what shall I do?  
Soldier ants have come to feast,  
There must be thousands of  
them now or so it seems!

The most I have ever seen, ever

since I was born!

They've come to devour the  
meat, fish and beans.

What shall I do? Oh, what shall  
I do?

What shall I do? What shall I  
do?

Oh dear, what shall I do?

Soldier ants are in the store! Oh!  
Someone please helps me!

They want to finish my food!  
They are taking the palm oil &  
flour too.

What shall I do? I think I have  
an idea!

I will spray some insecticide on  
them. Oh yes! But not before I  
cover my food.

Pssshhh! Pssshhh! There you  
go! That was close! But I  
managed to save my food!

**By Ungwam Jude Igbasongu,  
Basic 5**



## My Father's Birthday



**O**n the 11th day of May  
was my father's  
birthday. My mom  
organized a surprise party for  
him. On the day of the party, we  
went to Tito gate. My mom  
cooked in one of her friend's  
houses because she didn't want  
my dad to know anything about  
the surprise party. When  
everything was set, my dad was  
called to meet us, "Why?" He  
asked? "It is an emergency so  
just quickly please," my mom

responded. When he arrived  
where we were, he was greeted  
with a birthday song. My dad  
was so shocked and happy, he  
cried then he hugged my mom  
and all of us. He thanked my  
mom for celebrating him in a  
special way. After that we ate a  
lot of food, took photos and  
took the leftovers for our dog.  
The next day my father brought  
us some gifts to say thank you  
for the surprise. **By Aster Roy,  
Basic 2**

## My Classroom

**I** am in basic 2 and my  
Classroom is big and  
beautiful. It has hangers  
where we put our backpacks.  
everyone in my class has their  
own desk and chair. There are  
beautiful drawings on our  
walls. Each time we have a arts

and craft we place our arts on  
the wall too. We have a shelf full  
of story books that we read  
during Drop Everything and  
Read (DEAR) or when we  
finish our work early. I love my  
classroom. **By Terfa Raphael,  
Basic 2**





# My Little Brother

**M**y brother and I were watching cartoons on Saturday afternoon. We took turns to watch our favorite cartoons and when it was my turn I played SpongeBob. But he shouted, "I don't like SpongeBob!" "But it's my turn so I can watch what I like!" But he snatched the TV remote from my hand and played Jeje instead. "Mom!" I screamed and my mother came running. "What happened? She

asked. I explained that it was my turn to watch what I want but my brother won't let me. She shook her head and asked, "Is that why you are screaming? Don't you know that you are bigger than your brother? You should be patient because your brother is still small." So, my little brother controlled the TV until he fell asleep. I was happy to have the TV to myself when he slept. **By Golden Mbachiantim, Basic 1**



## IS DAD Mad at Me?

**I** wonder why dad is so mad at me.

Could it be because I broke a Cup?

Could it be because I took a piece of meat from the pot without permission?

Could it be because I don't keep my room clean?

Could it be because I lied about my homework?

Could it be because I took some money from his wallet before telling him later?

No, I don't think dad is mad at me; I think dad is mad because he has too much work.

**By Ushafa Terhemem, Basic 2**

## What is my Mom Looking For?

**W**hoosh!" Went the pillow from the top of the bed to the floor.

"Clang!" Went the bedside drawer as my mom yanked it open.

I Wonder what mom is looking for; could it be her car keys?

Last week she couldn't find one leg of her shoes,

Yesterday she couldn't find her wedding ring, I wonder what my mom is looking for today.

"Clink!" She yanked her jewelry drawer full of necklaces and earrings. But it wasn't there. What is my mom really looking for? "Creak!" Went the bathroom door it flung open.

"Can you imagine? It was here the whole time! My mom exclaimed. I peek but before I could see.

"Clunk!" The bathroom door closed! Oh no! I wonder what exactly mom was looking for!

**By Ngorngor Francis Nater, Basic 5**





# Where is the Station?

One afternoon last week, while I was walking back from School, a strange looking man tapped me on the shoulder, and asked me a strange question, "Where is the station?" I was scared, "Should I run? Am I safe? Should I answer? what would my mom say? Will my dad be angry because I spoke to a stranger?" My mind began to spin with a thousand questions per second. But before I could say a word, "Run! Run Lois!" Was the loudest voice I heard in my head. So, I ran, I ran as fast as

my feet could carry me. "Don't run!" he called after me. But it was no use, I ran straight to my mom's place of work! When I told my mom, she asked, "Who the hell is this stranger?" "I don't know but I didn't say a word to him," I answered. Then she sighed and patted me on the shoulder, "Good girl," she said. "Always remember, even if a stranger promises to give you many gifts or money, do not take it and do not talk to them." "Yes, mommy," I answered. But, inside me I kept wondering where the station was; could it

be the City Hospital? Was the man lost? **By: Ahile Lois Doose, Basic 6**



## Shine the Light

In the morning, I'll shine like the sun,

In the evening, like a star I'll have fun.

At night, my light will glow like the moon.

Shine! Shine! Shine! My light will shine like a star

soon.

I'll shine my light for all to see,

As bright as the sun, moon, and stars, it'll be.

Forever, my light will shine so bright,

A beacon of hope, in the dark of night. **Written by: Byran**

## Time for Everything

Time to wake up, brush! brush! brush!

Take my bath and get ready.

Time to eat my breakfast, yummy! yummy! yummy!

Pancakes and tea, so healthy and nice!

Time to go to school, learn! Learn! Learn!

Learn new things, day and night!

And become the best version of you.

Time to read a book, read! read! read!

Discover new worlds, in my head!

Time to go to the park, fun! fun! fun!

Play with friends, beneath the bright sun!

Time to go to church, pray! pray! pray!

Talk to God, every single day!

Time to go to bed, sleep! sleep! sleep!

Dream of fun times, while I creep!

There's time for everything, every day,

To learn, play, pray, and find my way.

I'm grateful for time, it's true,

A gift to enjoy, me and you!

**Written by: Daniella Chia-Imadu, Basic 2**







# My Aspiration

I aspire to be an engineer, so I can build and fix things.

I want to design a beautiful house, just like my school that brings joy that never ends.

I aspire to be an engineer, so I can wear my gear with pride, A tracksuit and helmet, and feel like I'm on a construction ride.

I aspire to be an engineer, so I

can be a hero in my own way, Creating things that help people every single day.

I'll work hard, do my best, and never give up the quest,

To become an amazing engineer and make my dreams find rest.

**By Emmanuel Anenechukwu, Basic 2**

## Why Author's Chair matters to me

Our day at DLES usually begins with DEAR - Drop Everything and Read. It's a special moment when everyone grabs a book and dives into new worlds. I love DEAR because it sparks ideas for my stories, which I get to share at Author's Chair every Friday morning. As I read, I imagine characters, settings, and plots that I can use in my own writing. Last week, I shared a story about growing my fashion skills. It was a fictional tale that brought my dreams to life. I wrote about designing clothes, working with different fabrics, and creating styles that make people feel confident and beautiful. I loved seeing how everyone took away valuable lessons from my story.

That's the magic of Author's Chair - we learn from each other's experiences and gain new insights.

During Author's Chair, we don't just share stories; we also learn how to communicate our ideas effectively, how to listen to others, and how to give constructive feedback. It's a safe space where we can express ourselves freely and grow as writers and individuals. I've learned so much from my classmates' stories, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to share my own.

Although I'll miss Author's Chair, I'm grateful for the reading habit it's instilled in me. I'll

continue to share my love for reading and writing with others, keeping the spirit of Author's Chair alive. I'll carry the lessons I've learned with me, and I know they'll help me achieve my dreams.

**By Olivia Nadoo Orya, Basic 5**



## King Robert the Wicked King

Once upon a time, there lived a king called Robert, he was a very wicked king. He reigned over the people of Agrita. The man who crowned king Robert was



called king Samson. King Samson also had the power to remove the crown king Robert from the thrown anytime. One day, king Samson's son prince John came to marry king Robert's daughter princess Priscilla. When prince John arrived at king Robert's palace, he greeted king Robert respectfully, "Your majesty, may your reign be long and prosperify without match! If it pleases your majesty, let me have your daughter princess Priscilla as my wife." He requested. So, king Robert sent for his daughter princess Priscilla, "This is prince John, he would like your hand in marriage, what do you say?" "That is the man I have been telling you about, I'm in love with him" Princess Priscilla answered very happily. "A princess should not marry for love but for the good of her people. So, I can't let you marry this man, his father has

oppressed and imposed heavy taxes on our people for a long time," answered King Robert.

"No, father! Prince John had nothing to do with that!" Princess Priscilla cried. But king Robert went ahead and asked his guards to lock up the prince. "Now that we have the crown prince, we can force king Samson to do what we want. When king Samson heard what king Robert had done to prince John, he was angry. So, he matched with his shoulders and came to fight king Robert. King Robert's soldiers were defeated and king Samson removed Robert as the king and crowned prince John to rule over the land of Agrita. Prince John pleaded with his father not to kill king Robert because he was his father-in-law. But they locked him up in the same place he had locked prince John. Then prince John and princess Priscilla got married and lived happily ever after. **By Torkaa Michael, Basic 4**



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*Celebrating My Precious Daughters,*  
**Ivokor Olivia and Ivokor Sedoo**

**T**oday, my heart is filled with pride and joy as I celebrate two of the brightest stars in my life, Ivokor Olivia, who has successfully completed Primary Two, and Ivokor Sedoo, who has just graduated from Preschool Three. Olivia, your hard work, curiosity, and kindness continue to inspire everyone around you. Watching you grow in knowledge and confidence has been a beautiful journey. Keep shining and aiming high, this is just the beginning!

Sedoo, your joyful spirit and eagerness to learn light up every room. Finishing preschool is a big step and I am so proud of the little achiever you are becoming. I can't wait to see the wonders you'll do in big school.

May God continue to guide and bless you both with wisdom, strength, and happiness as you grow.



Congratulations  
, my dear  
daughters, the  
world is yours to  
conquer!  
With all my  
love,

**Dr. Ivokor  
Philip**



# Congratulations



**A**s you move to a new class or graduate, remember that you are growing, learning, and shining brighter every day! Believe in yourself, be kind to others, and never stop exploring your dreams. You are capable of amazing things! Keep smiling, keep learning, and keep reaching

for the stars!”

*\*For preschoolers\*:* "You're getting bigger and smarter! Keep playing, learning, and having fun!”

*\*For elementary school graduates\*:* "You've worked hard and achieved so much! Keep pushing yourself to new heights!”

Warm Regards and Best Wishes,

**Engr. & Mrs Chia Imadu**





# GOODWILL MESSAGE

Our Dear Zoe Jordan.

**P**rofessor" as you are fondly called. Our sweet peacemaker. It's been such a remarkable/inspiring journey watching you grow. God has been so good to you, to us as a family and we have no doubt that this next big step into your next phase of a six-year educational plan (if you are not double promoted) is sure going to be a smooth, fulfilling, graceful and joyful ride with the unfailing help of the Holy Spirit for you and for us.

To Our Star boy Bryan aka B. boy. The one that listens as though he wasn't. The yielded spirit behind the Rhythm of the drums. The big Brother Himself.

We are so proud of you and how God has used your growth to teach us as parents love, patience and the fact that no two children are the same. This year's lap in the primary sector is your peak of preparation into the secondary and we already count our blessings as we gracefully watch you grow into a very smart, super intelligent, kind, godly, respectful, fine responsible man. We trust God for sure that this is just His beginning for you.

Baby we want you to both to always remember that above all "You are not Alone". God is with you and His hand will always, always uphold you.

Congratulations Boys!! We love you more than words can express..

Love

**M u m m y ,  
Daddy & the  
entire family.**





# From Crayons to Classrooms: The First Graduation of Many



To Our Dear Son, **Somtochukwu Gabriel,**

**T**oday, you cross your very first milestone, you are moving from kindergarten to primary school. My heart swells with pride as I write this, not because of how quickly you're growing, but because of the gentle, brilliant, and beautiful soul you are becoming.

Congratulations, son!

From your first day in school, watching you step in with your tiny backpack and wide eyes, to now so full of curiosity and confidence, I

have seen your journey with awe and deep gratitude. You've learned your letters and numbers, yes, but you've also learned to share, to laugh with others, to ask questions, and to find joy in the little things.

This moment might seem small to the world, but to us, it is a big chapter, a quiet but powerful reminder that time moves fast and children grow faster.

As you step into primary school, know this: You carry with you my endless love, my deepest prayers, and my unshakable belief in the greatness within you. Keep your heart kind, your mind curious, and your smile bright. There is so much ahead of you, and we will be here—always—to cheer you on, to lift you up, and to remind you of how deeply you are loved.

Congratulations once again, Somtochukwu Gabriel. The world is lucky to have you in it.

With all my love,

**Daddy & Mummy**



## Congratulatory Message

**M**y name is Gabriel Ochai Onazi and I am a proud preschool three graduate. I want to say a big thank you to all my teachers for teaching me how to read, write, count and be kind. You helped me grow, and I will always remember your smiles and hugs. To my classmates, I will miss all the fun times we had playing, learning, singing and dancing together because we are going to start school proper. Basic one awaits us! To my parents and everyone who cheered me on, thank you for your love and support, I did it.

Love

**Ochai Gabriel Onazi Senator**

Preschool three graduate



## CONGRATULATIONS CHAMP! ETHAN OLAGBAYE



**U**pward and forward  
you will forever go in  
Jesus name

The longer you live, the  
brighter you shine!

Yours is the path of the just  
that shines brighter and  
brighter.

You will never have a better  
yesterday, for the Lord is  
yours and you are His.

Loads of love from **Daddy,**  
**Mummy and Zoe.**



## GOODWILL MESSAGE

**H**ow quickly time flies, just like yesterday, you are done learning your letters, numbers and have made so many friends. Our joy knows no bounds, seeing you two in your little academic caps and gowns today. To the glory of God our babies are off to the first grade and we are so proud of you!

Continue to excel in all you do our priceless pair.

We are grateful to the management and staff of DLES for everything. God bless you.

Congratulations on this your big academic milestone Nguseter (Papi) and Veremter (Mami)

With lots of love from Mummy and Daddy.



## FELICITATIONS!

**W**hat an incredible achievement! I'm so proud of the hard work, dedication, and growth I've seen in my own children and in all of you. This milestone marks a new beginning filled with possibilities and dreams to chase.

To my children who are moving up to the next class, congratulations! Keep learning, keep growing, and keep shining. I'm excited to see what the future holds for you.

To all pupils, I hope you continue to find joy in learning, make wonderful friends, and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Thank you to the teachers and staff for guiding, nurturing, and inspiring our children every day.

Wishing you all the best for your future endeavors!

With pride and best wishes,

**Signed: Daddy Luke and Vero**





## CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO JEROME & RAPHAEL TERFA



**F**rom the depth of our hearts, we acknowledge the transformation gotten since we joined Discovery Learning Exemplary School, Makurdi. I appreciate the proprietors and teachers for everything you have done. God bless you!

To the class of 2025, continue to keep the DLES fire burning.

To my amazing kids, as one of you graduates from elementary school and the other embarks on a new adventure in Grade 3, we are filled with pride and

happiness. You both bring so much light and love into my life. Keep shining, learning, and growing. We are honored to be your parents and can't wait to see the amazing things you will achieve, as you both move higher in your academic pursuit.

Love and best wishes, always!

**With Love from Mum and Dad**



## Goodwill MESSAGE

**C**ongratulations, little graduate! I am proud of the kind, curious, and adventurous child you are becoming. You have grown so much, and I'm honored to be your father. Here's to many more milestones and memories to come! Love you!"

To the DLES community, I am happy I found you! May God continue to strengthen you to do more in the lives of our kids. Amen.

**From Daddy**





## **Congratulations, Master Yimasa Tar!**

**W**ith profound joy we heartily celebrate Master Yimasa Tar and the entire DLES on the joyful occasion of this year's graduation ceremony. To our son, your dedication, growth, and cheerful spirit have made this milestone a proud and memorable one for us.

As you step forward to greater heights, may your journey continue to be filled with curiosity, excellence, and boundless joy. Congratulations once again to you and the entire DLES graduating class!  
With love and pride,

**Mr. and Mrs TAR.**



## **Goodwill MESSAGE**

Dear beloved Orya Nadoo Olivia,

**I**ts been a wonderful ride and yet sometimes a difficult one. Star girl thank you so much for being an understanding daughter.



Congratulations to you and the entire class of 2025 on your graduation from primary school.

The proprietress school management, staff and the entire family of DLES thank you & Remain blessed.

**Mr and Mrs Iordye ORYA and family.**



# FELICITATIONS!

Our Dear **Shaana Orjime**

Today, we honor a shining star whose smile lights up every classroom and whose curiosity knows no bounds. Shaana, your journey through pre-school has been quite inspiring and one filled with growing confidence. You've blossomed into a thoughtful, joyful and spirited little learner, and we're so proud of your big leap forward!

As you step into the exciting world of primary school, remember:

- \* Keep asking questions - the world is yours to explore.
- \* Be kind - your heart has the power to brighten others.
- \* Embrace learning - it's the key to becoming all you dream to be.

"Hold fast to dreams,  
For if dreams die,  
Life is a broken-winged bird  
That cannot fly."

- Langston Hughes

Shaana, your dreams are just beginning to take flight. The sky isn't the limit- it's your playground. So go forth, bold and brilliant. We believe in you every step of the way.

With all our love and pride,

**Daddy, Mummy and Zina**



## CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

**Boni M Photography** extends warm congratulations to Dr. Betty Kajoh on her remarkable achievements in the educational sector. We pray for continued wisdom and success for her and her team.



To the graduating class, we wish a future filled with joy, success, and endless possibilities. May your dreams soar!

Capture the memories with us! Book a photo session with **Boni M Photography** for beautiful, lasting pictures. Contact us at **07070809071** or **08110050774.**"



## Goodwill MESSAGE



**T**o my adorable daughter Matilda Terserem Unongo, congratulations on your promotion from third to fourth grade. May the Lord God Almighty guide your steps as you travel in this journey of life. I would also like to thank the proprietress and all the

staff of Discovery Learning Exemplary school for their unflinching love and services. Matilda, Daddy, and Mommy loves you very much.



## FELICITATIONS!



**H**uge congratulations to the amazing team and learners of Discovery Learning Exemplary School Makurdi! Special shoutout to my lovely Mommy, Dr. Betty Kajoh - you're doing an incredible job shaping young minds! I pray for continued growth, success, and divine favor on this institution.

May God richly bless and prosper all your efforts!

Signed:

**Benjamin Denen Orku**



## FELICITATIONS!

**C**ongratulations to the proprietors of Discovery Learning Exemplary School on your remarkable achievements! May God continue to bless and prosper this school, shaping young lives for His glory. You're making a difference in the lives of many children, and I'm so proud of you! Keep shining for the Lord!

My sister Ruth, your zeal is next to none. I wish you more grace.

To the graduating learners, you've worked hard and completed this chapter. May you continue to excel as you move up the academic ladder. Congratulations to you all!

Signed,

**Mr. Adakole Edache**



## Goodwill MESSAGE



**T**his year again births an Exemplar to showcase to the world!

Congratulations to the DLES family on your tireless efforts in this formative stage of these little Exemplars, your efforts are appreciated.

To the graduating class particularly Nater Francis Torkwaor Ngorngor Ikpaahindi "Go through it like water, adapt to every twist and turns you are born for this moment..."

Go conquer!!!

**Iwueseter Naiember Seraphin  
& Family**





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**Congratulations to my baby,**

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Lord protect you.  
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# Christmas Party & Gift Exchange Day





# DLES Food Drive





# Field Trip





# Field Trip





# Arts Exhibition





# 2025 Easter Recital





# Cultural Day Celebration





# 2025 Career Day





# GOODWILL MESSAGE

**T**he Ukpe Family applauds Dr. & Dr. Mrs. Emmanuel Kajoh, the proprietors of Discovery Learning Exemplary School, Makurdi, and the faculty led by Ms. Ruth Msugh. You have steered Discovery Learning Exemplary School into a first-rate learning academy through offering a world-class educational system and character building institution in this community. God is pleased at your deeds as you develop the young minds who will be leaders of tomorrow.

To the staff, particularly our dearest Ruth & team, thank you for keying into the vision of the proprietors.

To the graduating preschoolers, as you prepare to begin school proper, may God open your minds & grant you focus.

To the graduating students, as you conclude your elementary education and begin a new phase in your academic pursuit, may you be blessed with opportunities and open doors of through Christ our Lord.

**Signed: Sir Clement & Lady Dorcas Ukpe, KSM**





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**The Proprietress,**  
Discovery Exemplary Learning School  
Makurdi, Benue State.

## ***Congratulations!***

On behalf of the priest and the entire parishioners of Holy Ghost Parish, Makurdi, I write to extend our warmest congratulations to the proprietress, staff, parents, and the graduating students of Discovery Learning Exemplary School on the joyous occasion of your **2025 Graduation Ceremony**.

This event marks not only the end of an academic journey but also the beginning of a new chapter filled with promise, purpose, and possibilities. We commend the school leadership for their commitment to nurturing young minds through values-based education and innovative learning experiences. Your dedication to excellence is evident in the lives and growth of these young graduates.

To the Class of 2025, we celebrate your resilience, discipline, and achievements. As you step forward into higher responsibilities and greater opportunities, may you continue to shine as beacons of knowledge, character, and faith. Remember, the foundation you have received at Discovery Learning Exemplary School is a solid springboard for your future success.

May God bless the proprietress, management, and members of staff for their tireless efforts in shaping the future. May the grace of God guide the graduating students in all their future endeavours.

Once again, congratulations and best wishes.

**VRF. Moses A. IORAPUU**  
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