



Raberto Schools Wuse II, Abuja.

Secondary Section

First Term Newsletter for 2018/2019 Academic Session

This term has been a very exciting, engaging and fulfilling one, and our students have achieved a lot both in their academics and in co- curricular activities. This newsletter gives a brief overview of key information and activities of the term.

1. EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS.

- **2019 West Africa Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE)**

The offline registration for the 2019 West Africa Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE) has commenced and we hope to complete same before the end of the term. All the necessities and equipment for the smooth registration of the candidates for the examinations have equally been put in place. We have carried parents along by involving them in the registration exercise to ensure correct names and their ordering, date of birth and subject selection. Key issues were discussed at a meeting held for Principals and exam officers' concerning the exams and registration of candidates.

- **Extension Classes**

In view of the forth coming external examinations, the J.S 3 and S.S 3 students in the examination classes were engaged in extension classes which began on the 6th to the 18th of December 2018. The mandate is for all teachers to use the chief examiners report for subject areas for revision so as to deal with any grey areas as observed by the chief examiners for their different subject areas. J.S 3 teachers also had a mandate to use the Evergreen compendium to revise with that class. This was successful as most of the students were in the school during the period and teachers were very punctual to the classes.

- **West Africa Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE) and National Examination Council (NECO)**

West Africa Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE) and National Examination Council (NECO) is compulsory for all SS3 student. The cost of the registration is covered in the school fees.

- **The Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME)**

The unified tertiary matriculation examination is scheduled for Feb/March 2019 and is compulsory for all students in SS3 including the students planning to study abroad. The registration cost will be communicated upon resumption *as it is not covered in the school fees*

2. INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS AND CERTIFICATION

Having successfully scaled through the rigorous accreditation exercise at the beginning of the term, we are pleased to inform you that Raberto Schools has now been enlisted as one of the Cambridge International School and approved Centre for Cambridge International Examinations.

- **International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE)**

The school has chosen the November series for IGSCSE for year 11 and 12.

- **Junior Secondary Check Point**

Junior Secondary Checkpoint is available in the school and the next examinations are coming up in April, 2019. Normal stage registration starts from 02 Jan -06 Feb 2019.

Late registration attracts over 200% increase in fees.

Note; All Cambridge International Examinations are optional hence the cost of registration will be communicated to interested students/parents.

- **Cambridge Examination with dates**

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Examination Dates	Dead line for registration
March 9, 2019	Feb 8, 2019

May 4, 2019	April 5, 2019
June 1, 2019	

3. OPEN DAY

A good number of parents made out time out of their busy schedules to attend the open day which took place on the 18th of October 2019, to peep into their children's work and their progress. The mid- term result was given to parents as the visiting parents scrutinized. The feedback from parents was quite encouraging



4. INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS

Our students participated in various competitions with other schools in the course of the term and we emerged first position in all.

- **International Day for The Girl Child**

The Women Development Centre organized an event on the 16/10/18 and 17/10/18 to mark this year's International Day for the Girl Child. The two day event was under the chairmanship of Mrs Osinbanjo, wife of the Vice President.

Nine Schools debated on the topic, Should the Girl Child Be Equipped with Self Defence Skill? Raberto School was represented at the event and our school clinched the first position, Doosuur John was our first Speaker and was supported by Aisha Abubakar Bello and Princess Chukwukelu. This earned us three bicycles and the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty thousand naira.

Our participation in the drama competition equally earned us the sum of thirty thousand naira as our students made a beautiful presentation. The students that featured in the drama include, Eva Eke, Mansur Umukhulthum, Ghazali Amal, AmiraOjone Ibrahim, Zoe Etim, Fruitful and Goodness Ekong.

The theme for the drama was The Dangers of Human Trafficking.



- **Technical Unit On Governance and Anti- Corruption Reforms (TUGAR) Debate**

Our students spoke against the motion. **“The Nigerian Electoral System Encourages Corruption”**. This event took place at a high level seminar to commemorate international Anti- corruption Day.

The following students represented the school in the debate,

- i. Doosur John (SS3)
- ii. Mansur Ummukhulthum (SS2)
- iii. Aisha Abubakar (SS2)

Raberto Schools emerged as the overall winner of the debating competition with a standing ovation.

- **Idios Creative**

Idios Creative is a non- governmental organization that encourages young people to develop and shape their interest in literary art. All nine entries from Raberto schools met the criteria of good writing, ingenuity, captivating and other literary expectations of the judges. We are so proud to present the brilliant young authors from Raberto Schools who co- authored “The Future” namely,



- i. Aisha Bunu
- ii. Deborah Emmanuel
- iii. Abigail Ibrahim
- iv. PrecilleNdaie
- v. Doosur John
- vi. Christine Obieruwou
- vii. Charles Ekeh
- viii. Halima Bawa
- ix. Eva Ekeh



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The team was led by the English teacher, and Head of English Department Miss Chinelo Okafor

5. CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- **Power Forward**

The Power Forward students engaged in series of programmes this term which include;

- i. Global Hand Washing Day-
This was aimed at creating awareness on the importance of hand washing. There were presentations on hand wash, its importance, how, materials needed, consequences and benefits.



- ii. World Toilet Day
- iii. World Malaria Day

- **Independent Television (ITV)**

Two students, Miss Zoe Etim and Mansur Umukhulthum were interviewed by Independent Television (ITV) press team on the importance of the Global Hand washing day and they spoke excellently well/ This was aired four consecutive times by the station at different times.



- **Friendly Games**

The sports department organized some friendly games with Divine Mercy school in Asokoro, GDSS Wuse2 ,Lightway Academy , Regent Secondary School and American International School Abuja (AISA) .

- **Photography workshop by University of Sussex Doctoral Student**

Some Students participated in a Photography workshop organized by a Doctoral Student of the School of media and film studies Mr TundeAlabi –Hundeyin which focused on the rudiments of photography and practical tips on how to take great pictures for different occasions.



- **Workshop by UBA Foundation**

The United Bank for Africa (UBA) visited the school to celebrate this year's UBA foundation week with the students of the school. They engaged our learners in a workshop on how to set goals and develop plan to achieve it .This was a practical session that was very engaging for all that were present.

- **Leadership Summit**

Portsbridge Educational Services in collaboration with Raberto Schools organized a leadership seminar for school prefects, with the theme: Raising Distinguished Leaders. This is an initiative of Dr. Stella Ozigi-Adagiri, the Director of Portsbridge Educational Services and Executive Director of Raberto Schools. Facilitators were Mr. Sampson Etodo ,



convener of **Not Too Young to Run**, and Mr. Wale Craig, a Leadership Coach. Students from the following schools were in attendance, Government Secondary School, Tudun Wada, Aduvie International School, Doveland International School.

The aim of the summit was to imbibe in our students core leadership skills that will empower them to be the transformational leaders we need to make a difference in our country.

It was very engaging, interactive and educative as the students had opportunity to make presentations on different topics given to them.

The highlight of the event was the manifestos by **Master Murktar Adebamowo** on **what he will do when he becomes Nigeria's president** and **Miss Deborah T. Eseduwo** who spoke on **what she would do when she becomes her school principal**. Their speeches received a standing ovation from their peers.

- **Multi Cultural Day**

We celebrated our biannual cultural day event with a twist and touch of creativity and excellence. This time around we made it more inclusive by introducing other countries thereby exposing our children to diverse cultures around the world. Dances and other presentations from all the six geo political zones, some African countries (Ghana, Congo Brazzaville, South Africa) and Pakistan were equally represented. Parents came out in en-mass to grace the occasion. Everyone present had an opportunity to share from other ethnic groups' delicacies and local drinks as these were in surplus. We saw unity in diversity as the children were eager to perform for other regions. The program received good media coverage as it was unique and rich in every ramification.



- **ReBirth Book Tour**

A female Nollywood actress visited the school on the 25th of October to speak to some of the students on her struggle and determination which brought her to limelight with her role in Jenifa's Diary as TOYO. She hopes to use her story which she has put into a book form to inspire the students.



6. Projects

- **Young Farmers Project**

The school in its bid to inculcate entrepreneurial spirit in the students embarked on a poultry Project this term by The Young Farmers club (YFC). They raised a total of sixty birds. Their aim was to learn in a practical way how to nurture birds (feeding, inoculation, provision of healthy environment for the birds) watching the birds grow up to maturity was amazing as each student was assigned a bird.



Prior to the harvest of the birds, the students and their teacher had to do the

economics involved so as to arrive at an amount to sell their birds that will be profitable taking into account all that was spent.

- **Snail Project**

The Young Farmers Club equally carried out a project in Heliculture (the art of snail rearing). It afforded the students an opportunity to identify male snails from female ones, how they breed, feed and the different stages of growth. Different species of Snails were grown by the students.



7. Parents Orientation / PTA Congress

There was a parents teachers congress on the ... the meeting is a very important ritual to the school as we believe that our esteemed parents are our indefatigable partners in the business of raising our “agents of Change”

Issues concerning the well being of our learners were at the centre of the congress. Many parents were in attendance.

In the course of the congress, there was an election to bring ion new set of executives who will pioneer the affairs of the PTA for the next two years. These are the names of our new executives representing the secondary section;

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| i. | Sir Victor Etim | ----- | Chairman |
| ii. | Lady Gloria Nwachukwu | ----- | Vice – Chairperson |
| iii. | Mrs Assumpta Obieruwou | ---- | Treasurer |
| iv. | Mrs Ada Emmanuel Ali | ----- | Financial Sec. |
| v. | Mr Udom | ----- | PRO |
| vi. | Dr Akinyemi | ----- | Member |
| vii. | Alh. Ibrahim Izuagbe | ----- | Ex-Official |
| viii. | Mrs Mary Brian – Esema | --- | Ex- Official |
| ix. | Miss. Chinelo Okafor | ----- | Secretary |

x. Mrs Ngozi Afam

----- Principal

8. End of Year Activities

This year's end of year program was with a different pomp and pageantry as the students showcased their creativity and performance talents during the Christmas carol and Show which was directed by **Krumps Studio professional experts on theatre, dance and drama production**. They worked tirelessly on their lines and scripts and the outcome was the beautifully packaged program. Having achieved this feat, we are hopeful that next years show will be much better and publicized for public viewing.



The lucky winner of the raffle draw for the secondary was Master Hector Ugochukwu Agwara who won an android phone. Our teachers also

were part of the celebrations as some teachers went home with cash prizes.



9. Special Teachers Appreciation Day by PTA

The newly elected PTA Executives chose to celebrate our wonderful and dedicated teachers in Raberto School by appreciating them for their hard work and commitment in and nurturing the children. The emphasis was that a teacher's reward is not only in heaven but begins here, on earth.



The Proprietress of the school in the person of Mrs R. A. Ozigi and the other members of the Board equally consolidate this joy of the season to celebrate and put smiles on the faces of the teachers and non-teaching members of the staff as they were given assorted goodies and bounties to celebrate the Christmas with their families.



10. School Information

- **End of term examination**

The end of term examination for the first term academic activities began on the 26/11/18 and came to an end on the 6/12/18. The examination went well with little hitches but on the overall, it was a success.

- **Resumption and Vacation for Second Term**

The second term for 2018/2019 academic session will begin on the 9th of January 2019 and vacation will be on the 5th of April, 2019.

- **Introduction of New School Uniform**

In- view of the ongoing changes taking place in the school; the feedback from our parents and with due consultations, the school has decided to change the school uniform. The new uniform will be available to parents from January 2019. All students are expected to use the remaining part of this session (second and third term) to gradually purchase the new uniform.

- **Discipline**

Parents and students should understand that the school has rules and regulations which are binding on all including teachers, hence it is expected that all members of the community comply. We expect parents to help by ensuring they keep a close watch over their children at home and urge them to please adhere to all school rules as failure to do so will attract consequences. May we reiterate that bullying and any form of immoral or disrespectful behaviour will not be tolerated?

- **Bus shuttle services**

The school bus shuttle service is available and the payment plans are flexible as payments can be done on monthly basis and can be for one way.

- **School fees**

All parents and guardians are expected to pay their children's and wards fee prior to school resumption or at most two weeks after resumption.

- **Appreciation**

My appreciation goes to all the members of staff for their tremendous dedication and commitment to excellence in teaching, learning and caring for the students.

To our dear parents, a very big thanks you for your support throughout the term. Wish you all a very happy and fruitful year ahead. Thank you



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