

DINKA SCHOOL

TERMLY NEWS LETTER

TERM TWO- 2018

Dear parents and guardians,

We have come to an end of our 5th school year at the end of 2018.

In this termly newsletter we inform you about all the positive news, development, our termly evaluation and planning for the new school year. We are glad to inform you about all the activities that took place during our term two at Dinka School.

This was a year full of positives and growth.

This year was long and full of challenges, but we are pleased that we have closed the school successfully. All the goals that we set at the beginning of the year have been achieved through the wonderful cooperation between our parents, guardians, management and most of all the Dinka team.



A word from the Principal

It is with great pleasure that we have come to the end of this year 2018. As was my promise when I was appointed, Principal, I am happy to inform you that we have made big achievements regarding academics, discipline and improved programs in all areas.

Our climax was by successfully producing our class seven candidates who did wonderfully in their PSLE examinations.

It is my plan for the school to have better success in the coming years at all levels. I am promising to do well most on the academic success of all pupils in our school.

May I take this opportunity to thank all parents for the trust that you have in the school and the cooperation you have given me throughout the year.



A word from the Academic Master

We have done our best to meet our academic goals set at the start of the year.

The academic goals for 2019 are described later in this letter. We are proud that our first class seven candidates sat for National Examinations this year and their performance was very inspiring.

We are looking forward to receiving our class four results early next year and we are confident that they will be encouraging as well.

Achievements

Dinka School has finalized five full school years after the official opening in 2014. During these years we have developed amazingly. We never expected the school to grow so fast.

Our passion is still developing and with seeing the fruits of what we have built together we are even more motivated.

We once started with two classes with only fourteen students.

We now have Nursery One and Nursery Two, Pre- Unit and STD One- Seven with a total number of one hundred and fifty students at the end of 2018.

This year we had our first class seven candidates who performed very well. Our school took the 6th position in the district, 36th position in the region and 291st position Nationally out of 6726 schools in its category.

We have had a series of professional development workshops this term, aimed at equipping our staff with the current and new teaching methodologies in all subjects. The last we had was on STEM (*science, technology, engineering and mathematics*), which was conducted by experts from the University of Mandela.



The outstanding teacher of the term: Madam V. Andrew

The outstanding academic teacher of the term: Madam R. Mwevira

The winner of the Talent show: Halima S.

The Academic excellence were awarded to Katelyne L., Precious T. and Michelle O.



Other certificates of appreciation and bonuses were awarded to our Principal Mr. Y. Mkwaju for his outstanding motivation. To our office assistant Mr. M. Mohamed for his outstanding hard work. To our assistant cook Madam J. Shayo for always being there and trying her level best. To our gardener Mr. I. Jacob for being all alone during term 1 and working very hard. To our cleaning ladies Madam Y. Migaro and Madam P. Kivuyu for always working hard and making sure our school is very clean. To our drivers Mr. R. Mshana and Mr. O.S Richard for driving our children safely and always being motivated. To our assistant Mr. M. Kibaja for working outstandingly hard. To Madam E. Pallangyo STD. 2 teacher for always being a good teacher. To Mr. R. Ntwale STD. 3 teacher for being trustworthy, hardworking and positive always and to Madam F. Feka STD. 1 teacher for implementing so much creativity to our school.

Academic plans for next year- 2019

1. Saturday programs for classes four & seven and June and September holiday programs to enable us to complete our syllabus on time and to focus on revision and tuition.
2. Setting of exams to be more difficult
3. Effective use of the computer lab by all classes
4. Free tuition program for all struggling students during school days.
5. Inter school {joint} exams for classes four & seven
6. Internal workshops {monthly}
7. External workshops planned on January 2nd – 5th 2019 on classroom management, teaching strategies, discipline and classroom management. January 19th about the importance of reading, guiding reading ability of students, their motivation to read and the reading buddy program.
8. Reading and book presentations whose climax will be on the world book day (*also dress up day*)
9. More music lessons i.e. recorder lessons and singing for all students in class and individual lessons on:
 - Drums
 - Piano
 - Guitar
 - Recorder
 - Singing

Please sign up before the new school year starts for only TSH 250.000 per term for individual music lessons.
10. Emphasis will be on practical teaching during all subjects.
11. Taekwondo lessons will be offered for all ages starting in January 2019

Please sign up before the new school year starts for only TSH 300.000 per term.

Themes of term two- 2018

July- Talents
 August- Talents
 September- Talents
 October- Recycling
 November- Recycling

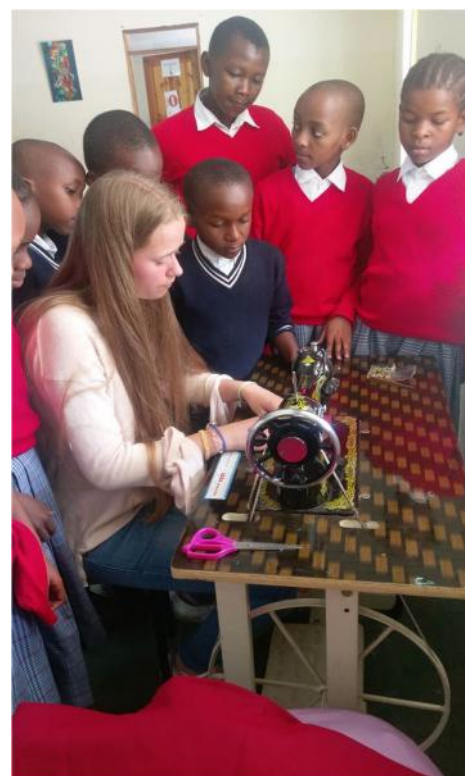
Planned themes for the New Year

January- African Heroes
 February and March- Young Entrepreneurs
 April- to be planned
 May- to be planned

Co- curricular programs

At Dinka School we believe that the co-curricular programs strengthen our NECTA curriculum with creativity and sports. Through these programs we try to encourage our students to be healthy, self-confident and creative and we try to discover their underlying talents as well.

1. Table manners
2. Weekly science experiments
3. Story time
4. Tooth brushing
5. Letter land in Nursery, Pre- Unit and STD. One and Two.
6. Health reproduction program
7. Clean up days (*being aware of our environment*)
8. French lessons for classes one-seven.
9. Merit awards given out weekly to encourage positive behaviour in our pupils
10. Traffic lights also aimed at encouraging positive behaviour in school.
11. Photography, cooking, sewing or gardening lessons
12. ICT lessons
13. Monthly themes
14. Celebrating birthdates
15. Show and tell arts table
17. Reading buddy
18. Questioning wall
19. Book presentations
20. Colouring and painting
21. Weekly science experiments
22. Weekly songs
23. Drama and theatre
24. Dutch friends for classes three- seven (*writing letters*)
25. Self-confidence
26. Hand writing competitions for classes one- four
27. Music lessons in each class



Our visitors term two – 2018

We had a very nice time working with the visiting teachers from Belgium and Holland who all focused on the co-curriculum activities and extra tuition. We welcomed Madam Yana, Madam Lotte, Madam Eline, Mr. Diederik, Madam Saskia, Mr. Levi, Madam Sam, Madam Silke, Madam Emma, Madam Astrid, Madam Ine and Madam Lize all at the same time. After midterm we also welcomed Mr. Hans, Mr. Ruud, Madam Annemieke, Madam Josephine, Madam Merel, Madam Femke, Madam Ruby, Madam Lara, Madam Florianne and Madam Julie who have stayed with us until the end of the school year.



Study tour overview 2018

Nursery class and Pre-unit never attend school trips until STD. One. STD. One and Two went to a bakery this year during term one and STD. Three-Seven went to Arusha airport during term one.



News

* The Dinka School- *Tanzanian website* will be online soon! We will send you an email as soon as it is online.

* We started with a pre-school in 2016 but during the past few years there were many more students of this age group so in 2017 we started a mixed group of Nursery and Pre- unit. By the end of this year we implemented different timetables for two different levels, but they were still combined most of the time. We have decided it is time to separate the levels, as there are too many children with different levels, sharing one classroom. We now have age group 2/3 and age group 3/4 and age group 5/6 before being ready to go to STD. One with age 6/7.

Therefore we would like to inform all parents that we will have three levels in 2019 before entering STD. One.

Nursery One and Nursery Two, which will be a combined class.

Pre- Unit will be the next level after finalizing Nursery Two.

There will be a new teacher hired, Madam Victoria, who will be appointed to Nursery One and Two and Madam C. Mwakyusa will be the Pre-Unit teacher. We will divide the classroom into two areas with a wall for Nursery One and Two and Pre-Unit.

* School bus four was bought February this year and school bus five was bought end of 2018.

* We will soon buy School bus six.

* The new administration block was officially opened during the graduation day and is being used daily since then by Principal Mr. Y. Mkwaju, Assistant Mr. Mohamed, Accountant Madam M. Munisi and Madam Pownall.

* The new big playground was opened as well during graduation day and is daily used by the children.

* We also build cement benches all over the school compound.

* In term One 2019 we will further develop by starting to use School bus six, putting more pavements towards the office, the roundabout, the football field and the new playground. We will also develop the new library and will start using our two thousand reading books with new reading programs.

* From next year most of the year activities will be conducted during the graduation day instead of closing day. Awards and recognitions will be done during these events.

On-going projects

1. We are looking for more tires to make a special playground design. Please donate your old tires to Dinka School!



2. Our environment/recycling team have sold bracelets and earrings during our closing day and raised TSH 28.000 for new rubbish bins for Dinka School!



Office announcements

1. Holiday homework for December was given to your children, please supervise them during the holiday during these homework's and revision.
2. There is a special holiday assignment for our recycling project- kindly find information in your child's diary.
3. Nursery One and Nursery Two will be different levels but a combined class and Pre- Unit will be the next level after finalizing Nursery Two in a separate class.
4. There will be a new teacher hired, Madam Victoria, who will be appointed to Nursery One and Two and Madam C. Mwakyusa will be the Pre-Unit teacher.

5. The pictures that parents ordered were not received on time by us and will be issued in January to your children. If you still want to order pictures please pay 5.000 per picture (class, school or individual)
- 6. In 2019 we are selling new sweaters, scarfs, tracksuit sweaters and white uniform shirts with the Dinka school logo on it. We are requesting all parents to kindly bring the children's white uniform shirts and tracksuit sweaters to our office in January for us to be able to print the logo on your children's uniform items. Kindly make sure that the items are labelled with their names and you make cash payment of TSH 5.000 for each item.**
- 7. Kindly bring your red and blue uniform sweaters to mama Teddy during the December holiday by contacting her on number 0762768528 (the price we agreed was TSH 3.500).**

Kind reminders

1. Saturday programs for STD. four and seven continue as per our schedule after opening in January.
2. March will be a holiday for all students and no extra tuition will take place.
3. June Holiday will be used for STD. four and seven extra tuition.
4. Please do not give your children full water bottles in the morning unless it is Kilimanjaro water, the bottle then stays with the teacher in the bus and not in the bag of the child please.
5. We ask all parents to check the homework diary and sign the diary on a daily basis.
6. We don't allow our team members (*matrons and teachers*) to communicate through their own phones or email numbers directly with the parents.
7. Kindly label all your child's items like sweaters, bottles etc.
8. Students are not allowed to bring home items or stationaries to school.
9. Every child should have a water bottle.
10. The school dress code must be followed. Black leather shoes to be worn on all days except on sports day. No torn sweater is allowed.
11. Parents who have children in nursery classes are reminded to pack an extra set of clothes for the young ones.
12. We don't issue report forms during midterm breaks. Report forms are given to parents twice in a year i.e. June and December.
13. Closing days before mid-term breaks are not being celebrated though we invite parents to come for parent-teacher meetings in March and September before the mid-term starts.
14. Closing day before June is celebrated with a show and report forms.
15. Graduation day is the most celebrated day of the school year.
16. Closing day in December before going home is only small with collecting the report forms of your children.
17. As is our Dinka school policy, all communication between parents and the school is done through the official office phone and email addresses,
Mr. Y. Mkwaju for all communication +255 688244445
E-mail: jsaackmkwaju@gmail.com
Madam Kimberly for payment concerns +255 712 689 329 or +255 689 427 110
E-mail: jckzandvliet@gmail.com
18. Kindly call these numbers during working hours i.e. 08:00 hrs to 17:00 hrs Monday to Friday only.
19. Parents are advised to feel free to make appointments with teachers through the office number any working day of the week from between 8:00 and 14:00. Parents whose children are boarders are also advised to make calls during working hours only to speak to their children- using the office line.

20. A parent wishing to talk to any teacher is advised to talk to him/her during working hours through the school phone only.

21. Payments

Dinka School will have a new payment schedule for the year 2019. There will be only 2 instalments instead of 4 instalments.

We are expecting the payment for January to be paid not later than 2nd of January 2019.

Kindly send a WhatsApp or email with the bank slip once paid the January payment.

Our opening date for 1st term will be on 07/01/2019.

**DINKA team wishes you a
happy December holiday**

Merry Christmas and great New Year!

