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Editorial Note

I offer my heartfelt thanks to the heavens above for guiding us through yet another successful school year. I want to thank our amazing parents, for continuing to astound us with their unwavering support. Praying the Lord to rain down his blessings upon you endlessly for all you do in private and public to support our learning community, amen! A hearty thanks goes to the proprietors of our amazing school, Dr. & Dr. Mrs. Kajoh, your dedication to realizing and sustaining the vison of this school is monumentally appreciated by us all. To my fellow colleagues who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make Discovery Learning what it is, thank you for embracing the vision of our visionaries and for embarking on this shared mission to produce globally adaptable learners with open hearts. To the class of 2024, this is not a 'goodbye' this is a 'see you later.' We are all so proud of you and wish you success in the next chapter of your education. Remember everything you learned here and let your light so shine that others will look to you! This edition of the Exemplar features captivating tales, both real and imagined, authored by our very own creative and brilliant pupils. Prepare yourself for an exceptional reading experience of the 8th Exemplar because it is truly a page-turner!

From my end, they say, "The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step," so also is a school year. When we begin a new school year, it usually feels like we have a lot of time ahead of us but within the twinkle of an eye, we find ourselves at the end of the school year. We started the 2023/2024 school year with a bang by moving to our permanent site, this move was anxiously anticipated and many questions poured in as to why it had not yet happened. But all those questions got their answers when we finally moved on November 2nd, 2023. Our joy knew no bounds! The pupils were especially thrilled when the resumed from midterm to find that we had moved to a place we could finally call our own. Though not yet completed the building was one of its kind with spacious classrooms, the walls were decked in murals inspiring inscriptions in and outside the classrooms. With over fifteen toilets and several wash hand basins the issue of queuing up outside the rest room just to ease oneself was solved.

The first celebration we had in our new building was the Christmas party which happens every December at the end of first term. As is our tradition, we had secret Santa which encourages the spirit of sharing to emulate the love God showed for us by sharing his only begotten son with humanity. The children were ecstatic to exchange gifts, and they worked hard to present a memorable Christmas show to our DLES families. From dance to drama to the Christmas Carol of Nine lessons, the Christmas Spirit was sufficiently demonstrated in a fun and engaging manner by our babies.

Second term was packed with extracurricular and outdoor learning opportunities to help our babies connect what they were learning in the classroom to the real world. We took our pupils to Dajoh Pottery on a fieldtrip. Dajoh Pottery is specialized in producing all kinds of ceramics products. The excitement was palpable as they boarded the bus for the field trip. They chatted enthusiastically and peeked through the bus windows hoping to catch a glimpse of the factory at any moment. Upon arriving at the factory, we were greeted by a friendly tour guide who led us through the different stages of the pottery-making process. Our babies were in awe as they watched the artisans mold the clay into various shapes and designs, spinning the pottery wheel with precision and skill. After the tour, each of our babies were given some clay so they could have the opportunity to try their hands at pottery-making themselves. As the trip drew to a close, the students left the pottery factory with big smiles on their faces, proudly clutching their clay ready to get to work. As soon as we returned to school, they all got busy trying to make all kinds of articles including small pots, cups, bowls and vases. Despite the initial struggles, the students quickly got a hang of it and were soon crafting their own unique creations. The highlight of the experience was when they got to see their finished pottery pieces laid outside to dry. During the debrief all the students stated that the field trip had been a fun and some even said they were interested in becoming artisans. Second term was wrapped up with the easter recital which was equally very immersive. Our babies worked very hard the depict the story of how Jesus laid down his life on the cross for the salvation of the world. There was choreography of many worship songs and a debate too.

The third term came with more fun



activities starting with the DLES food drive which is geared towards reaching out to the less privileged children in the orphanage homes during children's day celebration. Times are hard and the inflation makes it even harder to be generous. Yet our amazing parents showed up and showed off in their generosity because we collected a lot of food items for the orphanages we visited and needless to say the orphans were extremely happy and grateful. Our cultural day was perhaps the most vibrant and last of all our celebrations this school year. The purpose of this event is to celebrate cultural diversity and heritage. Decorations representing various cultures adorned the school grounds, setting a festive tone. Our babies arrived in colorful cultural attires, showcasing their backgrounds or the cultures they represented proudly. The highlight was a joyous fashion parade with music and cheers from parents and teachers. A cultural food fair followed, offering dishes from around the world, fostering culinary exploration and cultural learning. Art works created by our babies were on exhibition which further enriched the appreciation of the different cultures, creating an inclusive atmosphere that left a lasting impact on our school community.

Now that we have taken the thousandth step of our 2023/2024 school year, I wish everyone a wonderful summer full of surprises and God's abundant blessings! Love you all!

Ms. Ruth Msugh
Headteacher

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From the Desk of the Proprietors

Dear Discovery Family,

A hearty congratulations to the class of 2024! It has been such a pleasure being a part of your social and academic development these past few years! As you move to take this important step into the next chapter of your education, remember to hold onto the virtues of hard work, integrity, respect, and responsibility that have been instilled in you during your time here at Discovery Learning Exemplary School. Never forget that you have the power to be leaders among your peers, to inspire and encourage those around you, and to always strive for the best because you are exemplars. Make the choice to be an excellent example of these virtues in everything you do, and never waver from the path of leadership. During this long break, take the time to relax and recharge, but also continue to challenge yourself and grow. Use this time to reflect on your goals and aspirations so that you will go to secondary school in the new school year ready to continue your journey towards success. We are so proud of all that you have accomplished and can't wait to see the amazing things you will continue to achieve in the future. Have a great and safe summer, and always remember that you have the power to make a difference in the world. Congratulations once again!

To the rest of our Discovery family, this school year has indeed been very eventful, but we are grateful to God almighty for guiding and protecting us through it all! Although in the recent months, many of our families have experienced the terror flooding and lost a lot, we are grateful that no lives were lost. Our hearts go out to all the families within our learning community and Makurdi in general that were devastated by the recent flooding in Makurdi. We know the pain of watching your homes and belongings swept away by floods firsthand because we also happen to live in a city that experiences hurricanes and tornadoes and more than once we'd experienced severe damages to our home and properties. At least in our case, the government and other non-profit organizations were disposed to extend a hand of support to enable us recover in the shortest time possible. Unfortunately, this is not the situation here in Benue and our hearts are broken beyond words for all of you who suffered great loss during the floods!

While powerful storms such as tornadoes and hurricanes cannot be controlled, floods caused by regular rain can be prevented through comprehensive drainage systems. It is therefore unacceptable that year after year, families in Makurdi and Benue at large are forced to endure this kind of suffering due to the lack of a comprehensive drainage system in the state. It is clear that the current infrastructure is inadequate to handle the volume of water dumped by heavy rainfalls, leaving many vulnerable to the destructive power of flooding. We are calling on our leaders to prioritize the development of a robust and effective drainage system that can prevent future disasters like the ones we are currently witnessing in Benue. As you go through this magazine you will see that our children have been so traumatized by these flooding experiences that they are writing about it in school. It is time for our government to invest in long-term solutions that will protect our communities and ensure the safety and security of all residents. In the meantime, we offer our thoughts and prayers to all the members of our learning community and all those who were affected by the recent flooding. May you find strength and resilience in the face of this hardship! It is our prayer that one day we will have a government in place that will understand the priority of this problem and take decisive action to address it. We love you all and wish each and every one of you a wonderful and safe long holiday!

Dr. & Dr. Mrs. Kajoh
Proprietors

My Best WEEKEND

One evening as I was preparing to drift off to sleep, my father appeared at my bedside with a gleam in his eye, “I will be picking you up from school at 1:00pm tomorrow,” he announced. “Why? What's happening tomorrow?” I asked curiously as I half sat up on my bed. “It's a surprise, you will find out tomorrow. Now go back to bed.” He responded.



Confused about this unexpected announcement, I simply murmured, "ok dad,” as I laid back down on my bed. I thought, “My mom will surely know something so I will ask her first thing in the morning. As soon I woke up the next day, I rushed to go greet my mom who was in the kitchen preparing my lunch box, “Mom, good morning!” And without waiting for her to answer, I continued, “Yesterday when I was about to fall asleep, dad came to my room and said he'd be picking me up from school today at 1:00pm, do you know why?” My mom smiled and said, “I am not sure.” I did not believe her but there was nothing I could do, so I just had to wait. My father arrived at 1:00pm as promised, as I got into the car, I couldn't contain my curiosity anymore, so I asked, “dad, where are we going? “You will know when we get there,” was all he said. I couldn't shake the feeling of excitement and fear that had settled over me. Could we be going to the doctor? I wondered quietly as I put on my seatbelt. “But I am not even sick. Maybe we are going on a trip?” All I could do was wait and I hate waiting!

Without warning, our car turned into our compound, and I saw my siblings and mother bringing out suitcases. “Yeah! we are travelling?” My dad smiled and said nothing. As soon as the car came to a stop, I jumped out and ran to meet my brothers, “Do you know where we are traveling to?” “Abuja!” They answered. I was so excited I screamed. “Go and remove your uniform and get ready, I don't want us to travel at night.” My mother demanded. The journey was smooth, I dozed off as soon as we took off only to awaken in a lavish hotel. Startled, I got out of bed and walked towards the murmuring sounds of a television then I called out to my parents. “We are here,” my mom answered. My brothers and parents were in the living room of our hotel suite discussing plans for a day at the movies the next day. “Are you hungry,” asked my mom. I nodded, “go eat, there is food on the dining table.” She instructed. I walked off to go have dinner as they continued making plans for the next day. I was so excited and could not wait! I knew exactly what movie I wanted to watch, “Barbie!” After a restful night's sleep, we ventured to the cinema the next day. I was spellbound as I watched Barbie come alive on screen. My brothers thought the Barbie movie was too 'girly' for them so they chose to go watch the action-packed Spider-Man adventure instead. I am sure they had as much fun as I did. We returned home the next day but, every time I remember that surprise weekend trip, I am happy. I really love my family!

By Anadoo Achakpa Ikyo in Grade 3



The Visit to the Zoo!

On a super fun Saturday morning, my family and I went to the Makurdi zoo. It was so exciting! The drive there was cool, my mom drove really well, and we got to the zoo in no time. The zoo was huge and amazing, with big gates that welcomed us to a world full of animals! First, we saw lions; they were so big and scary. The zookeeper told us not to touch the fence for safety, which made it even more exciting. Then we saw elephants, they were giant



and had shiny tusks. I touched one of their tusks and it was so smooth! After that, we saw all sorts of birds like flamingos and owls, they were all so beautiful. Lastly, we saw chimpanzees and they were so interesting to watch. We took lots of photos. At end of the day, my mom got us yummy ice cream. It was the best way to finish a day full of awesome memories. On the way back home, we talked and laughed about all the fun we had at the zoo. It was a day I will never forget, full of magic and wonder!

By Kurauter Jev

My Christmas Holiday

I had the best time during Christmas this year! I really love celebrating Christmas because that is the birth of Jesus Christ. First, we had a Christmas party at school where we each got a present, we also ate a lot of food and danced then we closed for the Christmas break. Our Christmas break was from 19th December 2023 and ended January 8th, 2024. Many of our relatives traveled to come and spend Christmas with us. Our family killed a goat and some chickens, we also made chin-chin, samosa, meat pie and buns. The whole house was smelling of delicious food making me hungry. But we couldn't eat the food just yet, we had to go to church first.After church, the whole family gathered for the Christmas meal, it was a full house, we had jollof rice, fried rice, salad with different drinks and fried meat. I got to see many of my relatives and played with my cousins too. We shared lots of hugs and laughs. Then, we went to Sheraton Hotel where we swam and played different fun games. I bounced on the bouncing castle and played dancing competition, but I didn't win. It was so much fun that I can't wait for the next Christmas holiday to come. The End.

Beulah Stephen in Grade 3.



Our Cultural Day Celebration

Every year we celebrate cultural day at Discovery Learning Exemplary Schools (DLES). This year we celebrated Cultural Day on the 4th of June. Cultural day is a day when we wear costumes to represent different cultures around the world. We also make presentations about the traditions of the different cultures and cook different ethnic dishes. Cultural Day is my second-best celebration after Christmas because everyone looks so nice in their costumes, we also get to eat different kinds of food and play games. Christmas is my best celebration because we get gifts also our parents buy new clothes for us. This year's Cultural Day celebration was great as usual. My favorite part of Cultural Day is the carnival parade when they play dance music, and we walk out one by one like it's a fashion parade to showcase our beautiful costumes. I had lots of fun, we danced, and we ate so much food that my stomach almost exploded. We also took lots of photos making different poses and faces.

By Yoo Daniel in Grade 3



A Born Star

As a child, Cristian Ronaldo's family was very poor, they had no money. Ronaldo was not yet born so, because of poverty, his mum started to take alcohol so she will not be able to give birth. But God had a reason for keeping her alive.



In the year 1986 a star was born (Ronaldo). He did not go to school because there was no money to pay for his school fees. He stayed at home till the age of 6. Then his father got a little money to get him into the under 10 football club and he played till the age of 10 and then advanced to the under 18 where he was now bought by real Madrid in the year 2003. From there, he played many games and got very rich and helped his family including his mum who did not want him to be born. Ronaldo played for important international clubs like Man-united. He got married to Georgina Ronaldo and became a father two years later, Ronaldo and Georgina have 3 children together and he is now most followed person on Instagram.

By Emmanuella Joseph-fefa in Grade 5



My Favorite TEACHER IS MISS. LINDA

My favorite teacher's name is Mrs. Linda! She's the best because she always makes learning fun and she's really nice. She gives us cheers when we do a good job, and she always listens to us when we have something to say. Miss Linda is super



smart too; she knows all about math and science and she teaches us new things every day. I love going to school because of her, she's the best teacher ever! and she is beautiful and really tall. She always helps us and never yells like some other teachers. When we get something wrong, she helps us correct it and tells us "Good job!" when we get it right. Her favorite color is white and that's cool because I love white too. We both love fried rice, which is my favorite food too. Mrs. Linda is the best teacher ever because she is so kind and I will always love her.

By Secivir Ashiko in grade 3

Career Day in My School!

Ms. Ruth our headteacher always says education is important, because it will prepare us to be successful and help ourselves and others. That's why every year we celebrate career day at, Discovery Learning Exemplary School Makurdi. During career day we learn all about different kinds of careers. A career is a profession someone chooses to do. On career day, we get to dress up according to the profession we want to follow when we grow up. It is always so cool to see everyone in their fancy costumes! There is so much to see, from doctors, nurses, actors, firefighters, pilots,



and teachers to astronauts! Can you imagine? Someone in my school wants to go to space one day and that is super cool. But my dream is to be an actor. Actors are smart, famous, rich, and confident. I want to be rich so I can help my family and poor people in society. We took pictures in our classes - from the little kids to the older ones. Our teacher told us that to achieve our dreams, we must study hard, do our homework, and read our books. I think I am ready to work hard to achieve my dream. What do you want to be when you grow up?

By Alu Fater David in Grade 4





White Mountains of California

Once upon a time in a quaint little town near the white mountains of California, there lived a curious little boy named Isaac. Isaac was 10 years old and loved to explore. He would often spend his leisure time wandering into the woods at the foot of the mountains, discovering new trails and hidden caves. Isaac's parents, however, were always worried about him going into the rugged wilderness. They feared he might get lost or hurt one day. They would often scold him and tell him to stay close to home, but Jack couldn't resist the call of the mountains. One day, while exploring a new trail that led deep into the heart of the mountains, Isaac stumbled upon a sparkling blue gem lying on the forest floor. His eyes widened with



amazement as he picked up the gem and examined it closely. It was the most beautiful thing he had ever seen. Excitedly, Isaac ran back home to show his parents what he had found.

At first, Isaac's parents were not sure the gem was something valuable, "I think it is broken piece of glass," said his dad. But when they examined the gem carefully, they were shocked because it was no broken glass at all, it looked like a rare and valuable blue diamond, worth a fortune. "Quick, let's take it to the gem collector and see if it has any value," said his mom. The gem collector was surprised by Isaac's find and offered a fortune for it. Isaac's parents were overwhelmed by the sudden wealth that the diamond brought to them. They realized that their son's love for exploration had paid off in a way they could never have imagined. They no longer scolded him for going into the mountains but instead encouraged him to continue exploring. Isaac continued exploring the White mountains until one day he found another gem figured out that had superpowers.

By Yilater Orga in Grade 3

My First Day to Monique and Monique

We went for an excursion to Dajo Pottery. After we were done at the pottery farm, Mrs. Ruth took us on a surprise visit to a beautiful park that I had never visited before. When we got there, I was wondering what the name of the place was called but my friend Msoo told me the name was, "Monique and Monique." We all shouted with excitement when Ms. Ruth told us that she brought us here to play and play until it was time to go. None of us wanted to go but we had no choice. Miss. Ruth told us that we will have a rop corn party and she also told us that our parent we come soon to pick us.

By Saaondo Sefater in Grade 5



COOKING MY FAVORITE LOCAL DISHES

During the last cultural day I got a chance to taste a variety of local dishes that some of my mates brought and they were truly delicious. I became curious about how the different dishes are made. So I decided that I was going to learn how to cook the different local dishes so that we can eat different kinds of food at home. When the teachers started serving the food I quietly sat at a corner watching the different dishes and writing down their names. Some of the dishes included gbordi (dry okro), Atuur (fresh okro), Nune u ndoor (fresh locust beans soup), Gyandi (sliced dry okro soup), mbue (dry pawpaw strips soup) and so on. I made up my mind that after the cultural day, I was goin to learn how to cook each of these soups. I especially enjoy the fresh locust beans when served with luam kumen (pounded yam) or hot luam nahana (flour meal). My love for this soup gave me the courage to draw close to one of the elderly women present at the occasion to ask her if she knows how to mke fresh locust beans, "Of course I do!" she stated confidently. "I really like fresh locust beans and would like to learn how to make it, can you guide me? "Sure!" She answered. Here are the steps:



Step 1: First get your fresh locust beans, when buying avoid the one that is over fermented and soft. Then get dry fish, dry pepper, some salt, seasoning cubes, a spoon of palm oil, onions and some water (depending on the quantity you want to prepare.

Step 2: wash your hands properly, grind all your ingredients as listed on step 1 on the grinding stone.

Step 3: Get clean pot, add a little quantity of water, a spoon of palm oil, a pinch of salt, all the grinded ingredients and you're seasoning.

Step 4: Cook it until the ingredients boil then, add in your dry fish and allow it to boil till soft. After that add your fresh locust beans and bring it down from the fire. Your fresh locust beans soup is ready to be served with either pounded yam or flour meal.

By Akervishigh Nadoo Favour in grade 4

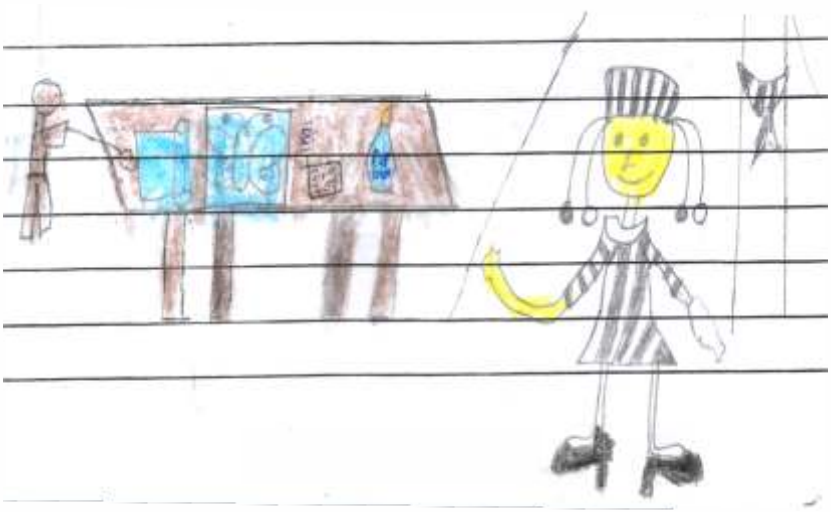




How Cultural Day was this year!



My school celebrates cultural day so we could explore different cultures and learn more about people around us and cultures around the world. This year, we celebrated cultural day on Tuesday June 4th, 2024. It was so much fun! All the students and teachers dressed up in colourful clothes from different cultures. We started the day with a parade to show off our costumes to all the other classes and parents. It was so exciting to see all the different cultural outfits. There were different kinds of cultural food too like: pounded yam, semo, amala, corn meal, fermented pounded cassava (akpu), sunflower seed soup (egusi), okra, ogbono and vegetable soup. We also danced different kinds of cultural dances. Finally, we had an art exhibition. There were displays of different kinds of arts that we made including mosaic, tie and die, packer and water cycle. Everything was so creatively made, I was so surprised that empty cans, plastic bottles, bottle covers, and many ordinary items could be made into beautiful art or recycled to be useable again. My class did the mosaic art, we made a butterfly with biscuit raps, gum and pieces of paper. I will never forget the DLES Cultural day of 2024!



Ichivirter Bitto in grade 4

Goodwill Message

We are super proud of you. Keep excelling in all you do. We love you Liu. You are our special gift, a shining star (James 1:17).

Mummy & Daddy



DLES
Children's Day Food Drive



Every year during children's day celebration, our school organizes a food drive in order to help the needy and the less privilege in our community. This year was no exception. To organize the food drive, each students is given a flyer to take home to their parents to let them know that we are going to have a food drive. We try to collect as many different food items as possible including eggs, indomie, yams, garri, rice, corn, fruits, cornflakes, milk, tea, bread and biscuits etc. we collected the food items for over two weeks.

When all the food had been collected, we had to decide on which orphanage to visit. are many orphanages in Makurdi but for this year we visited two orphanages:



Gidan Bege and Tivid. Finally, it was May 27th which is the day we celebrate children's day. At exactly 7:30 am all the staff and pupils were ready to takeoff. Our school bus was also ready, everyone was assigned a seat and all the food items we collected were arranged in back of the bus. Then we boarded the bus and went to Tivid orphanage first. On arrival we were welcomed with great joy. The orphans looked very excited to see us although many of them looked dirty and, some did not even have shoes on. There was a little monkey there, the monkey was eating rice so all of us were watching the monkey. Then the manager of the orphanage told us to keep our eyes on her because she wanted to introduce the children in the orphanage. After introducing all the orphans, it was time to hand out the gifts we brought for them. The children were happy and grateful for the gifts we brought. I made a friend with one of the orphans his name was John. When it was time to leave, I hugged him and told him that I was going to miss him, he also told me that he was going to miss me too. We ended the visit with a prayer before we went back to school. Visiting Tivid Orphanage made me so grateful for my family and our home.

Dolough Caleb in Grade 4

Giving is the Act of Exchanging Something of Value With One Another



Every Children's Day we visit some orphanages in our town, Makurdi. This year we visited Gidan Bege orphanage. The word Gidan Bege means the 'House of Hope'. All the children living in this house are orphans whose parents are dead and no one in their families want to take care of them. When we visit orphanages on Children's Day, we usually take presents and food items for the orphans. Our bus driver Mr. Gabriel and the teachers carefully arranged all the food stuff that was donated by our parents for the thanked us for visiting them on such a special day. The children welcomed us with a song. We prayed and shared the word of God with them before we gave them the gifts we brought for them. After that we took photographs with them. At the end they recited psalms 90 for us and wished us well. We had a lot of fun playing games with them.

Aster Joshua in Grade 4



Christmas Party in DLES



It was the day before Christmas and my school was getting ready for our Christmas party. I look forward to this party every year because Christmas is my favorite holiday. Finally it came, I was so excited! This year our Christmas party was on December 9th, I was the first to wake up in our house, as soon as I climbed out of bed, I ran to my mom and reminded her that she needs to drop us at school very early. Then I ran to wake my brothers and sister. We took our baths, then dress up, when I was about to rush out of the house, my mother asked, "Did everyone brush their teeth?" everyone answered yes except me. I was so excited I forgot to brush my teeth! I ran back to the bathroom and quickly brushed my teeth before we finally left for school. The school was well decorated with Christmas trees and lights, everywhere was beautiful and twinkling. I ran to my class dropped my backpack and helped to arrange the chairs. Soon the hall was fiilled with family members and the rest of the pupils. I say next to my friends Timothy, Oragba and David throughout the party. We had prepared some Christmas Carol songs, drama, dance and other fun games. But my favorite part of the party was the food, we had so much to eat and drink. Everyone got a gift too. After that played music and did dance competitions until it was time to go home. I told my mom and dad that I had a nice time and they said they were glad I did.

Written by Ngorngor Nater in Grade 4

OUR FIELD TRIP TO DAJO POTTERY



We took a field trip to Dajo pottery factory. I was amazed to see how the different clay pots, bowls, and vases were made. I watched as the different craftsmen worked on different things, some were shaping the clay on the pottery wheel, while others were painting and decorating the pieces. There was another section where the pottery was put on fire, "Why are the burning the pots?" Asked a student in 4th grade. "The fire makes the pottery stronger" explained the pottery manager. The tools and equipment they used were quite fascinating, it was my first-time seeing pottery wheels, then they were different brushes, and glazes. We also got to see the showroom where the finished products are displayed, everything was so beautiful. The pottery manager was so nice, we asked so many questions that some of the students were even repeating some questions, but he answered all the questions smiling. It was such a fun and educational experience! We brought a photographer along and took lots of pictures. After that, we went to the park and played catch ball with our teacher Miss. Linda and on the swing. It was a fun day!

By Vamber Shadrack in Grade 3

Our Easter Recital

I was so excited when the announcement was made about our Easter recital for this year because I love singing. Easter is a Christian celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus. It is a sad but happy celebration at the same time. As soon as the announcement was made by Ms. Ruth, the Head Teacher, all the classes began to rehearse the Easter songs they were going to present. To make sure we were well prepared, the school timetable was changed to make additional time for our rehearsal. We rehearsed even during our lunch and recess breaks. Initially we were not happy to be rehearsing during our recess because we wanted to play but Ms. Ruth said, "If Jesus died to save you, then you should be willing to give up your recess to sing to him." So we



stopped complaining and just rehearsed. Other than the songs, we also rehearsed the passion play, which a drama about how Judas betrayed Jesus and everything that was done to him until he was crucified. It is a very sad drama, but it helped us to see why we worship Jesus. We also rehearsed some dances and debate. The finally, the 'D' day arrived, it was March 22nd, 2024. I came to school very early that day at exactly 6:31am. All our teachers arrived on time in order to arrange the hall properly for the arrival of the parents. Soon the event started, and one by one all the activities well done. We sang, we danced, we presented drama and finally came the debate. I participated in the debate, the title was, "The resurrection of Christ Makes Christianity Different From Other Religions." I was a speaker on the opposing side and fortunately we won! It was indeed a wonderful moment.

Terfa Jerome in grade 4



Goodwil Message

SAMDAF CHEMICALS

The Management and staff of SAMDAF Chemicals Limited rejoice with the 2024 set of DLES. I applaud the management team staff and students for their uncommon commitment. May God continue to increase you personally and collectively.Amen

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Cultural Day at My School



We were taught that culture is the way of life of a people and culture is expressed through food, mode of dressing, greetings, and traditions practiced by a particular set of people. Our school organizes a cultural day in order to display the different local cultures and some international cultures. This is usually a colorful event. This year our cultural day was indeed very memorable. First, the students participated in choosing which cultures we wanted to be displayed. They each student chose a which of the selected cultures they wanted to represent. Some of the cultures represented were Tiv, Idoma, Igbo, Hausa, Yoruba, Etulo, Igede, India, Ghana and South Africa. I represented the Tiv culture and also participated in fashion parade. The most enjoyable part for me was the display of the different traditional attires and cultural food. We ate all kinds of food; parents were served roasted yam and palm oil. Can't wait for the next cultural day!

By Nadoo Orga in Grade 4



Mothers are the Best





Whenever I look at my mother, I always wonder she managed to give birth to me and bring me up. It must be hard I thought. So, one day I asked my mother, "Mom, can you please tell me how you managed to give birth to me and raise me until now?" "Timo my boy, it was not easy, but I am happy that I am the one who carried you in my stomach for nine months." "Nine months?" I asked, shocked. "Yes, nine months, that is how long a baby stays in a mother's womb. She answered. "That's serious!" I responded. "Yes, and when you were an infant, I had to stay awake most nights so that I could breast feed. You loved to eat, and you would wake up many times during the night to breastfeed." She added. "Me?" "Yes son," "Wow! It must have been hard for you staying awake all night" I said. "Yes, it was but I will stay awake for a thousand night if it means having you as my son!" I was so touched by what she said that I did not know when tears started streaming down my face. I am glad I asked my mother that question because now I know what she went through to give birth to me. Indeed, my mother went through a lot to give me life and continues to take care of me. I will forever love you mom.

Written by Tachin Timothy in Grade 4

How We Celebrate Our Christmas Day in DLES



Christmas day is the remembrance of the birth of our lord Jesus Christ. In DLES, we celebrate by performing drama, singing Christmas songs, dancing and having a debate. We also get gifts, everyone has a gift under the Christmas tree. We eat a lot of food and take a lot of photos. It is so much fun! The End

By Alu Sena in Grade 2

My Last Field Trip



My school took a field trip to Dajoh Pottery Farm. Dajoh Pottery is located along Gboko Road immediately after Senator Saror's campaign office in Makurdi, Benue State Nigeria. Dajoh Pottery specializes in making ceramic pots, and other ceramic utensils. On the day of the fieldtrip, our school bus was set and ready to leave at exactly 8:00am. All the teachers and our head teacher assisted us to get seated in the bus before taking their own seats for the journey to Dajoh Pottery. At Dajoh Pottery we saw a lot of amazing ceramic objects and we were shown the steps in making all the different ceramic vessels. Below are the steps.

Step 1: Soak the clay in water for 3 to 4 days.

Step 2: Take the clay to the filter machine and filter it to remove any stones or little objects.

Step 3: Dry the clay for 3-4 days.

Step 4: Then take the clay to the loom and put it into a polyethene bag

Step 5: When you are ready to start molding it, make sure you weigh it on a weighing scale to know exactly how much of it you are using.

Step 6: Once you have finished molding it into the shape you want, put it on fire at 800-degree Fahrenheit then remove it and dip it in grease before colouring it. Do you know we were given some clay to make objects? The potters prepared some clay and gave it to the school management as well as assign us a task to mold any vessel or object of our choice. We all had a lot of fun trying our best to mold different things as beautifully as possible. It was a memorable fieldtrip! Thank you, Dajoh Pottery.

By Ungwam Jude Igbasongu in Grade 4

My Bicycle and I

My father gifted me a new bicycle on my last birthday. I love it very much and I enjoy riding it a lot. I ride it regularly because my father said cycling is a great exercise that will keep me healthy and strong. The bicycle is made of steel, and the tyres are made of rubber. It has two wheels, handlebars to steer, and pedals to make it go. I can ring the bell to let people know I am coming behind them! It's la super fun toy that I can ride everywhere outside. I keep my bicycle neat and tidy by cleaning it with a piece of cloth every day. I love my bicycle and will continue to ride it as I grow older.

By Joshua Tyoakoso in Grade 2



My first Day of School

One day I was at home when my mom told me that I was going to start school the next day. Before that, I didn't used to go to school, so I was very scared. “I don't want to go to school mom, I don't know anyone there and what if the teacher beats me?” I cried. “Come and see all the beautiful things I bought for you to go to school.” My mom said. I was happy that I had a new backpack, and I liked my new uniform. But I was still worried. “What if my new teacher and all the students are not nice to me?” I thought. My mother saw that I was still scared so she told me not to worry, that my new school was a very good school, and I will love it. The next morning, I stood at the door to the kitchen and watched as she put my lunch in my backpack wishing it was not yet Monday. Soon we arrived at school, I held backpack tightly and followed the other pupils into the classroom. The classroom was beautiful, there posters on the walls, and the tables and chairs were beautiful too. Finally, I saw my teacher smiling, “Go and put your backpack over there and come and sit on any chair you want.” She said. When we all sat down, she told us her name and asked us to share our names with the class. After that she read us a story from a big book. I had never seen such a big book with so many beautiful pictures. We also learned math and other subjects. Then it was lunch time, after lunch we had



recess. That was my favorite part of my first day. I got to play on the swing and played tag. Finally, the bell rang and it was time to go home. When my mother came to pick me up I told her that I made two new friends, their names were Sena and Sofia and we played and ate together. “You see, I told you there was nothing to fear.” She responded. “Yes mom, I really like my school.” I answered.

By Sepinene Haakyav in Grade 2

One Good Turn Deserves Another

One day on my way to the shop to buy magi for my mother, I saw an old woman who lives in my area. She was very scared of the moving vehicles and tried to cross the road so many times but couldn't. So she just stood by the road side and waited. After some time, she sat down on the ground helpless and tired of standing. I was at the shop when I saw her, so I crossed back to help her cross to the other side of the road. She was very happy and grateful and told me she will never forget this favour I did for her. One day I went in search of water with my aunt. We searched and searched but couldn't see any where to get water, as we turned to go back home, someone called my name and when I turned to look it was the old woman I had helped cross the road. She called us to come back and allowed us to fetch water from her well that never dries. When we thanked her, she said that I also helped her before so one good turn deserves another. When we got home my aunt told my parents what had happened, and they said they were very proud of me.

Atser Roy Tersue Grade 1



It is Not Good to be Stubborn

I have two classmates who are very stubborn and love to fight. I cannot mention their exact names because they will get angry that I am writing about them. So, let's just call them David and John. David and John were always fighting about something, but one day things got out of hand. They started fighting over a pencil when David accidentally stabbed John with the pencil, and John's hand started bleeding! "Aaarrh!" screamed John, "I'm bleeding! You stabbed me with the pencil!" cried John. "I told you to leave it alone!" shouted David. Our teacher rushed over and took John back to her table. She first cleaned the blood then she applied first aid on John's hand and put a band aid over the wound. All the pupils



gathered around John as he continued to cry because the first aid was painful. I once fell during recess and had a cut, when the teacher applied the first aid on me, I nearly peed on myself. "Go back to your seats everyone!" said the teacher. When everyone had gone back to their seat, the teacher called David, "Why did you stab John?" she asked. "He took my pencil," responded David. "So, when someone takes your pencil, you stab them or ask for it? David did not answer, "Go to Ms. Ruth and report yourself," instructed our teacher. Ms. Ruth is our head teacher and when anyone is sent to her office it means they are in big trouble. "Please I will not do it again, it was an accident, please." Pleaded David. The teacher took David by the hand without saying another word and led him outside the class. Then she returned and told John to stop crying that David will be punished for what he did. I don't know what happened in the headteacher's office but all I know is that David did not have any recess for a whole week! Poor David, I felt bad for him because when everyone went out to have fun during recess he had to sit by the window and watch them for a whole week! But I guess he learned his lesson; it is never good to be stubborn.

Gege Winifred in Grade 2

Our Christmas Party

As we came to the end of the year, the Head Teacher told us that we were going to have a Christmas Party. I was excited. We all had to pick a food item to bring to the party. On the morning of the party, the school was decorated with Christmas colours green, gold, red and white. Chairs were arranged for our parents to sit on. The party started with Christmas Carol songs, then drama. after that we enjoyed various delicacies and went home happily to enjoy our Christmas holiday. The End

By Seerfanter Orga in Grade 1



DLES Cultural Day

I was very excited when the Head Teacher Miss. Ruth announced at the assembly ground that cultural day was coming up soon. We were all given a culture to represent, and everyone worked very hard towards getting the costumes for their culture. My culture was South Africa, so I had to learn how to dance South African traditional dance and also prepare for the fashion parade. We all practiced how to catwalk and I was very happy. On the day of the event our teacher's decorated the stage with cultural clothes and everywhere looked



colourful. The children arrived at school in their various cultural costumes, and I was dressed in my South African gown with a big belt. The parents soon arrived and sat down to enjoy the event. The event started with cultural carnival, then the cultural dance, followed by the fashion parade and finally the art exhibition. Our parents were very happy to see us performing different traditional dances and looking so colorful. Finally, cultural day food was served, and everyone enjoyed the different delicious food. At the end of the day I was very tired but happy because the next day was the beginning of midterm break so I didn't have to go to school. The end of my story. Thank you all for reading!

By Daniella in Grade 1

DLES Food Drive



Discovery Learning Exemplary School set aside children's day to visit and celebrate with orphans at the orphanage homes. We usually donate food items contributed by the DLES pupils to the orphans. First, the school bus took us to Gidan Bege at Terwase Agbadu there, the orphans were happy to see us and welcomed us. We spent some time with them and gave them the food items we had for them. They were happy and thankful. Next, we went to Tivid orphanage home, there we made friends with some of the orphans and also gave them the food items we had brought. They were very happy and prayed for us. Finally, it was time to go back to school. After got to school, we had some snacks before going home to enjoy our midterm break.

Fefa Liannater in Grade 1

I Want to be a Doctor When I Grow Up

I think my best day this school year was our career Day. My dream is to be a doctor when I grow up. So for career day this year, I dressed up as a doctor. I even have a name for hospital "Edomo and Co. Medical clinics". My costume was a white coat and I put a stethoscope around my neck. My mother made an ID card for me with the name of my hospital and my name written on it so I looked like a real doctor. I was so excited, really felt like a real doctor. In "Edomo and Co. Medical clinics", my friends were the patients and I had to check their hearts with my stethoscope and write prescriptions for them. There also some other pupils who dressed up as doctors. Some pupils were teachers, firefighter, businessmen, footballers, engineers,



architects' nurses and even astronauts. We all looked smart and beautiful in our costumes. Our teachers had a talk with us about the benefits of our chosen careers and how we can make the world a better place through our careers. I was proud of my career because doctors are very important, they help people get well when they are sick. I can't wait to grow up and be a real doctor and help sick people.

By Edomo Sofia Eko in Grade 2

How Nigeria Got Its Name

Do you know that there was a time when Nigeria was not called Nigeria? The name Nigeria comes from the big River Niger. Before Nigeria was given its named, it used to be called the Northern and Southern states by the white man who ruled the country at the time. Then one day a lady by the named Flora Shaw came up with the name Nigeria. Flora Shaw was the wife of Lord Lugard who was the governor ruling Nigeria at the time. Then Nigerians protested that they wanted rule themselves, and the white men left our country for us. The Northern and Southern states were joined, to make one big country called Nigeria. Nigeria became a country on October 1st, in 1960. That is why we celebrate our independence on October 1st every year. Nigeria has different tribes living in it but because it has one name, all the different people in Nigeria, are part of one big family. Now you know how Nigeria got its name.

By Adeyi Isaac Idenu in Grade 5



Peter the Lazy Boy



Once upon a time, in a little village there lived a boy named Peter. He was known far and wide for his laziness.

Peter's was so last that he would not even take care of his personal things, his room was always disorganized and dirty, with clothes thrown on the floor like fallen leaves in the harmattan. One particularly sunny afternoon, after a long day of avoiding chores and barely paying attention in school, Peter walked home with an empty stomach eager to eat, in fact eating is the only thing he did well. His mother, knowing how hungry he usually comes back from school, had packed a delicious lunch in a food flask for him. It contained warm rice and stew, his favorite food. All peter had to do was open the flask and enjoy the food but he was too lazy to open the flask, so sat on the chair in the living room and complained about how hungry he was. He kept complaining, wishing someone would magically appear to serve him. Minutes turned into hours, and the hunger made his stomach to start hurting. Peter glanced at the flask on the dining table but did nothing. His parents were away, so there was no one to come to his rescue. Night fell, and with it, the once-warm food in the flask became cold. With no one in sight to serve him, Peter got up and went to the dining table, opened the flask and ate the now cold food. That night, as Peter laid in bed, he thought about the consequences of his laziness. Peter decided that it was time to change his ways. “Maybe tomorrow, I would start by washing my clothes, he thought. It was a small step, but a step in the right direction

By Oragba Emmanuel in Grade 4

My Best Holiday Ever



I went to Abuja for my Easter Holiday to see my mother. She took me to Monalisa Park, and I rode on a roller coaster. I was afraid at first because it was very high. But my mother told me not to be because she will be with me the whole time. When the rollercoaster started going round, I was no longer afraid, I screamed with excitement. After the ride, my mother took me to the cinema to watch movies then we went to K.F.C and ate fried rice, salad, chicken and ice cream. Finally, we went to Shoprite and she bought me many clothes, I was very happy. I had such a great time I didn't want to come back.

By Ruby George in Grade 1



My First Visit to the Farm

My first visit to the farm was very interesting. It was in December of 2023. I was awakened by my elder brother to get ready for the farm. I helped to pack the farming tools like hoes, cutlass, water, palm oil, a box of matches and some sacks. We got into the car and drove a long way till we got to the farm. The land was big, we prayed and began to work on the farm. It was yam-harvesting season so while we were harvesting, we selected dome of the yams for roasting. After working for some time, we took a break to eat roasted yam with palm oil. As the land was too big, we couldn't finish the work in one day. So, at sunset, we decided to pack the yams we had harvested in sacks and head back home. When we got home, everyone was so tired but I had enjoyed the experience so even though I was tired I asked my parents when next we were going to the farm again.

By orya Msoo in Grade 5

My Visit to Chicken Republic

One sunny day, my parents called me to the room with my siblings. They told us that, because we all did well in our exams, they were taking us on a date to Chicken Republic Restaurant. We were all excited! "When? When? When?" We all shouted. "This weekend." Answered my father. Finally, the long-awaited weekend came! We usually wake up late on Saturdays but not this one, we woke up early, bathed, brushed and got dressed. Then we went and knocked our parents' door to greet them. Knock! Knock! no response! Then on the third knock my mother answered, "Come in!" We all rushed in, "Good morning dad, good morning mom." We chorused. My mom answered, "good morning. Today is Saturday why are you people up so early and already dressed up too?" "It is not early, its already 8:00 o'clock and Chicken Republic will be open now." My father who until then had not said anything busted out laughing, "Oh, so it is because of Chicken Republic that you won't allow us to sleep?" he asked. None of us dared to answer, we just stood there quietly. "Ok, give us some time to get ready too." My mother requested. "Ok mom," we all chorused again and closed their bedroom door. We ran to our room and gave each other hi-fives, jumping up and down with excitement. About an hour later, we headed out the door to Chicken Republic. After we all buddled into the car the gate was opened, and we zoomed off. We were so excited and sang loudly along to the music that was playing on the radio. "We need to buy fuel." My father announced. "Won't that take long? Let's buy it on our way back." My brother requested. "The car may stop before we get to Chicken Republic. Besides, there is no line so shouldn't take long." My father assured. We patiently waited for what felt like a century while the attendant pumped the car. But finally, we were back on our way to Chicken Republic. Finally, we arrived at Chicken Republic. There was an item on the menu called "Big Boyz Meal" and that was what I wanted. We entered; my dad ordered the food for us. We got Vanilla ice-cream and rice and chicken. After we finished eating, my dad went to the counter and paid then we headed back home. It was a fun and yummy experience. Thank you



By Bitto Iveren in Grade 5

How I Celebrated My Birthday

My birthday is on November 3rd and I am always happy when the day arrives. This past birthday, I woke up super early because I was so excited. I ran to my parents' room to greet them and as soon as I entered they both had very big smiles on their faces and started singing the birthday song for me. After that we had a delicious breakfast. After breakfast, my friends started coming over for my party. We played games like musical chairs and dance competition. I won a prize for being the fastest in the race! But the best part of my birthday party was my birthday cake. It was beautiful and had



candles on it. My mom told me to come and stand in front of the cake while everyone gathered around me. They all sang "Happy Birthday" to me, I felt so special. Then my friends were yelling, “Make a wish before you blow out the candles.” I closed my eyes and wished that my family would always be happy. Then in one big breath, I blew out all the candles! After we ate the cake, we played outside in the backyard. When it started to get dark, my Mom handed out goodie bags filled with delicious sweets. I was so happy everyone had a fun time at my party. I even got some presents and cards with funny messages from my friends. When the day was over, I felt really tired but also super happy. I hugged Mom and Dad and thanked them for the best birthday ever. I can't wait until next year when I get to celebrate all over again!

By Use Terdoo in Grade 2

The Bird that Died

One evening my mom caught a bird in the backyard of our home. It was a colourful and beautiful, “I want it mom, let me keep it as my pet please!” I pleaded. So, my mom decided to get a cage for the bed so I could keep it. My sister said, “Birds like to fly, if we keep it in the cage, it will die! “It will not die; we will give it food and water and play with it. It will be very happy,” I insisted stubbornly. So, I got some grains and water and kept in the cage of the bird. At first the bird looked happy and hopped around the cage chirping, it drank some of the water and ate some of the grains. But, then suddenly, it fell down and started kicking its legs, I opened the cage and took it out to see what the problem was. When I opened its mouth, I noticed a large grain in its throat, I tried to get the grain out as quickly as possible, but I couldn't get it out fast enough so the poor bird die. I was very very sad, if only I had listened to my sister and



let the bird go, maybe it would still be alive and visit our backyard once in a while. I miss my colorful beautiful bird!

The end By Asunda Nater in Grade 3

Moving to Our New School

We were so excited to move to our new school! We had been waiting for what felt like forever. When we finally walked into our new classroom, it was big and beautiful. We saw toys, blocks and art supplies for learning. We couldn't wait to start exploring. “Wow! Look at all the new toys?” Said Lian. “Can we play with it now?” ask Derrick. We had a new playground too! “Can we go out and play?” asked Dooter. “Sure, but only during your recess time” answered the teacher. As we ran around to see all the new things oe said, “ “I am so happy we are finally at our new school” “Me too! I added. “I love it here already!” Said Tinadoo. “I'm a little scared but I'm also excited,” said Aondona. “Don't worry, we're all here together so there is nothing to be afraid of,” said our teacher Mrs. Susan. We all laughed happily and continued to explore our new school, discovering all the new places and having fun!

A Shared Written Story by Pre-School 3 Pupils



It is Bad to be Greedy



One day I was eating food with my mother and brother Terdoo. My mother gave us meat and I was not happy because my brother's meat looked bigger. I complained and my mother asked Terdoo to give me his meat. I was very happy and quickly snatched the meat from him and gave him my own. But when I started eating the meat I noticed that it had a big bone in the middle and the flesh on it was very small. I was sad and told Terdoo to give me back my meat and take his. But he refused to give it back to me when I complained to my mother, she told to stop being greedy or she would take even the bony meat I had from me. I managed the bony meat as I ate with tears in my eyes. It is really bad to be greedy.

Gondo Doofan in Grade 1

My Classmate Suese



I have a classmate, her name is Suese. She is quiet and friendly. One day while we were at recess Suese slipped and fell. She hid it from our teacher Mrs. Jennifer and none of us said anything about it either. Layter, Suese started feeling pains. When she got home, the pains got worse, and she did not come to school for two days. Mrs. Jennifer our teacher and Miss. Ruth the headteacher were both worried about Suese. When they called Suese's parents, they were told that Suese had fallen at recess and gotten hurt but she did not tell anyone. Mrs. Jennifer was very sad. We were all sad too because we missed Suese. Days later Suese got better and came back to school. We were all glad to see her. Mrs. Jennifer told her that everyone is her friend and cares about her, so if she ever hurts herself again she should please let everyone know so we could take care of her.

By Desmond Tersuese Igbayima in Grade 1

It Pays to Help Others

A very long time ago, there lived a girl in a very small village with her grandma. There had no food and they lived in a very small house made of sticks. One day she went to the farm to search for wood. She saw a small dwarf walking in the hot sun, she had a jar of water with her, so she offered the dwarf a drink of water. The thirsty dwarf who had been walking in the sun for hours gulped down the water gratefully and told the girl "Thank you fair lady!" and went on his way. When the girl returned home, she was surprised to see her grandmother so very sick. She didn't know what to do. So, she went back to the woods helplessly searching to find herbs that could cure her grandmother. Then something strange happened, she started hearing a sound from a distance. She followed the sound only to discover that it was the same dwarf she had given water to earlier. "My fair lady, what troubles you?" asked the dwarf. "My grandmother is very ill and if I don't find a cure a quick, she may die!" Cried the girl. The dwarf told her to stop crying and to go home and everything will be fine. When the girl got home, she saw her grandmother baking bread and cooking dinner. There were bags and bags of food and cold coins. She could not believe her eyes. She was so happy that she told her grandmother all about the dwarf. The grandmother told her, "Do you see why it is good to help others? Because you never know how they could help you tomorrow." The girl and her grandmother were never hungry or poor again. The end.



By Tachin Terkase in grade 5

2024 Graduating Class



Deborah Ochangya Abah
Overall best graduating Student & Best in English Language Art



Orya Msoo Lawrence
Best in Mathematics



Terwase Francis Gege
Best in Basic Science



Emmanuella Iwuese Joseph-Fefa
Best in Writing



Iveren Bitto
Best in French



Shaana Shadrach Terna
Best in Religious Studies



Iwueseter Sarah Ngorngor
Best in Civic Education



Verse Jesse Manger
Best in Physical and Health Edu



Sefater King David Adaga
Best in Cultural Creative Arts



Adeyi Isaac Idenu
Best in Socials Studies



Terkase Silas Tachin
Best in Agricultural Science



Meshach Msughter Adaga
Most Social Student

2024 Graduating Preschoolers



Lianater Patrick
Overall Best Graduating Preschooler
Best in Mathematics



Zoe Lianater Alu
Best in Science



Aondona Bitto
Best in English Language



Tinadoo Tarsue-Korde
Best in Cultural & Creative Arts



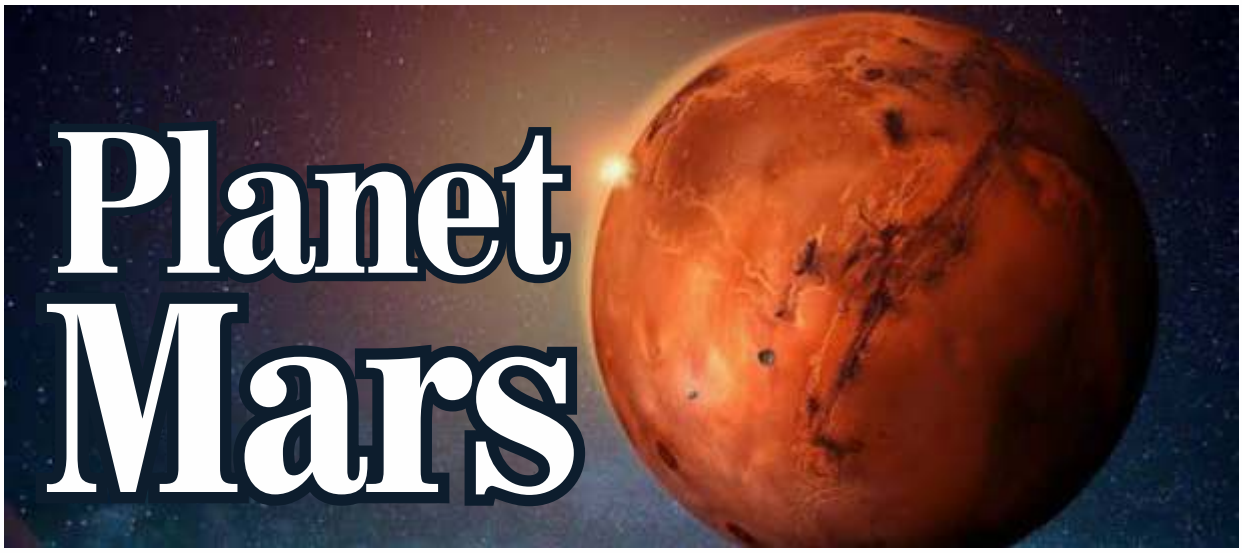
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Best in Writing



Tersoo Derick Fulani
Best in Social Studies



Gideon Atser
Best in Rhymes



Planet Mars

Planet mars is the 4th planet in space. Mars is known as red planet. Mars is red hot, some people think it's hot. But is very cold and it has volcanoes like the earth does. Astronauts say Mars has the biggest volcano ever do you know mars is 141 million miles away from the sun? A (228 million km) mar is about half the size of the earth. Mars is a rocky planet. It is red because it is rusty iron in the rock that covers it. Mars is a really cool planet because it has mountains and valleys on it. Some people think there might even be aliens living there! Did you know that Mars has polar ice caps just like Earth? It's so interesting to think about all the differences and similarities between our planet and Mars. Scientists are always studying Mars to learn more about it and maybe even send people there one day! Isn't that exciting? Maybe one day we can visit Mars and see all its amazing sights for ourselves!

Verse Manger in Grade 5



Why Homework is Good

What do you think about homework? Some of my classmates hate homework. They say that learning in school is enough. But I think doing homework is good. I always do my homework. Do you always do your homework? My teacher says that homework is important because it allows you to practice what you learned in class more comfortably on your own. She also says that when we do our homework it allows her to know what areas we have mastered and what areas we still need support so we can do well in school. So, for those of you who hate homework, remember that doing your homework will help you have a better understanding get better grades. Hopefully, now you know why doing your homework is essential.



By Deborah Abah in Grade 5

About the Moon



Scientists have learned that many millions of years ago the inside of the moon was hot enough to melt a rock. Melted rock, or larva formed lakes and then hardened. The solid lava became dark flatlands. All of the small pits were made by rocks from space that hit the flatlands after they had hardened. After millions of years, the inside of the moon cooked off. The larva stopped flowing. The moon then looked much as it does today. Its surface is covered with crates, mountains, valleys, and flatlands. There are very few changes on the moon today but there are thousands of tiny moonquakes each year. The moon is Earth's closest neighbor in space. It is about one quarter of a million miles away. In space that is very close. The moon travels around earth. It is earth's only natural satellite. A satellite is an object. The moon takes about twenty-seven days and eight hours to go around the earth once.

By Terna Shadrack in Grade 5

A Visit to the Orphanage



May 27th, 2024, was our children's day. Our school had many activities planned for us. First, we went to visit two orphanages Tivid and Gidan Bege. We took food items and other gifts. The orphans were very happy. They taught us a song. When we got back from the orphanages, we ate our food, we were also given popcorn by the school management. It was delicious. Then we were allowed to go outside and play. My favorite game is football. Finally, we went for a pool party at Sheraton hotel. I swam and enjoyed all kinds of games.

By **Akervisigh Kelvin**

My Favorite Food

My favorite food is rice and beans. I can eat it for breakfast, lunch and dinner and not be tired of it. I think I love it so much because my mother is a very good cook. Whenever my mother is cooking rice, the smell of the stew is so nice that I don't want to leave the kitchen until I eat it. I love rice and beans more than any other food. Even when my mum cooks another food, I always wish it was rice and beans. It is my best food!

By Msughter Saaondo in Grade 5



My Teacher is My Friend



My teacher is my friend. She made me like schoolwork. She always tells me that I am smart and if I study hard, I'll be a big woman one. I want to be a big woman one day, so I don't cry when she asks me write again. I love my teacher because she loves me too, she always nice to me. She is my friend.

By Gabriel Tonia

My New School

My new school is very beautiful. It is big and has many classrooms and toilets. The walls have beautiful pictures too. It has 2 stairs leading up, my teacher told me that soon big momma will build other classrooms upstairs then can climb up and down the stairs.

By Ivokor Olivia in Grade 1



Honesty Pays



My name is Raphael. I am in grade 1, one day when I came to school I saw money in my lunch bag, I showed it to my teacher and my mummy was called, she told her that she kept the money there by mistake. When I closed from school and gave the money to her she was happy and bought me coke and cake I was very happy.

By Raphael Terfa in Grade 1

It is Good to Work Hard

I have a brother; his name is Kelvin. One day my mother asked us to sweep the compound. I quickly took a broom and started weeping. Kelvin doesn't like to help with any work at home. So he was sweeping very slowly and frowning. I swept most of the compound and my mother was very happy with me. So to reward me she gave me her phone to watch cartoon and told me not to share with my brother. My brother was sad and my mother scolded him for being lazy.

By Akervisigh Suese in Grade 1



My Trip to Dajoh Pottery

It was another school day; we were not expecting a big announcement when Ms. Ruth told us that we were going on field trip to Dajoh pottery the following week. When the day of the fieldtrip came, we were all excited and prepared for the trip. When we finally got to Dajo Pottery, they made us wait outside for a little bit before we were finally allowed into the place. One of the workers there was our guide, he took us round the place then, we came to a room where the ceramics were made. We saw some clay that was yet to be fired. We saw how to make clay ceramics using the machine. Some people were called to do it practically Deborah and sefater were made to produce artwork with the help of the potter. How they fire the clay to become ceramics. Then, we had a snapped shot. We went on to the playground, to learn and had run. First, we played in the pitch, then we went on the ride before we finally went back to school. It was a fun day indeed!

By Gege Francis in Grade 5



My House was Flooded Last Friday

Friday night, we were had all gone to bed and I was asleep when I started hearing some shouting. First, I thought I was dreaming but when I eventually realized that it was my mother's voice I was started. I quickly climbed out of bed and ran to the living room, almost everyone was already awake, but my dad was still sleeping. We woke him up, "Dad, wake up, the rooms are all filled with water," My father jumped up confused then he noticed the water flowing at his feet. "Oh my God!" He shouted. "Quick everyone go get the buckets and containers, pick up all the beds on the floor and put them on the high stools." Instructed my mother. So, we all ran around trying to make sure nothing was damaged by the water, we put our entire beds on the stool and other things in the buckets. After everything was lifted from the floor, we the children were asked to sit on the tables and wait. We spent some hours on the table playing bottle while the grown-ups were cleaning. My mum cleaned two rooms for us to sleep in while the rest of the rooms were still left with water in them until daybreak in the morning, we found out that most of clothes were wet. We cleaned and dried the clothes and the remaining rooms, but it took a while before everything was dry. Flood is terrible!



By Ngorngor Iwueseter in Grade 5

Goodwill Message

The family of Surv and Mrs Solomon Saa-Aondo Adaga mnis heartily rejoices and identify with Dr & Dr (Mrs) Betty Kajoh, Staff and pupils of Discovery Learning Exemplary School on the occasion of her 9th graduation ceremony.

We are particularly happy to have been in the picture of the genesis of the school at a temporary site at High-Level,to another temporary site along George Akume Way and now eventually here at the Permanent Site. It has been a journey characterized by a lot of challenges, but God has been faithful. Our prayer for the school is that it should continue to grow from strength to strength and eventually metamorphose into Secondary and Tertiary institutions in Jesus Name!

To all the Uncles and Aunts who have impacted academically,spiritually and character-wise on our children, may God bless you all and grant all your heart desires in Jesus Name! You all have been awesome!

To our children, Masters Msughter and Sefater Saa-Aondo Adaga, as you graduate from DLES, may the good Lord grant you favor and success in all your future endeavors in Jesus Name! May you enjoy good health and live to be worthy Ambassadors of DLES in Jesus Name!

To all of us parents, may God grant us good health and provide us with the resources to cater for our children even as they graduate from DLES and beyond in Jesus Name!

Surv & Mrs Solomon Saa-Aondo Adaga mnis





Goodwill Message

Dooter our little Star

Today makes a big milestone as you graduate from nursery school. We are so proud of how much you have grown. You have a bright future ahead of you, and each step takes you closer to more achievements in life. We can't wait to see all the wonderful things you will accomplish. Keep being curious, clever, brave and always believe in yourself.

We love you more than words can say.

Keep shining our Star, Daddy and mummy Love's you loads.



Goodwill Message



Happy graduation to our super boy, Adeyi! Graduation is not just the end of a period; it is the beginning of a life defined by your dreams and aspirations. There is a lot of excitement that comes with graduation. It marks the end of one thing and the beginning of another. It holds memories from the past and dreams to be achieved in the future. As your loving parents, we are sending you praises for the hard work so far and good wishes of a future that is filled with great joy. The brilliant success that you have attained today is incredible. Son, let your graduation be a stepping stone towards achieving everything you have ever imagined. As you graduate, know that we are happy for you and we hope and wish that one day you will be able to realize the peak of achievement that you so long hope for. Never settle for anything but the best because you are the best version of you that there could ever be. Remember that this is not the end of your education path. It is just but the beginning. Your graduation from primary school means that your light will shine brighter, no matter how dark it gets, always illuminate it to others. Always strive to achieve the greatest whenever the moment and opportunity to do so comes your way. May God Almighty continue to shine his light on you in all ramifications. Amen.

Congratulations son.

Goodwill Message

Congratulations Deborah,our multi talented and exceptional daughter.

It is a pleasure to see you concluding your primary school in flying colours.We watched you grow throughout your stay in DLES into a brilliant and confident Star girl,we want you to know that our entire family is proud of you and we celebrate and live you deeply.The Sky is your starting point,go forth and excel.

To the Staff and Management of DLES,we say a huge thank you for your tireless effort in impacting our kids.We are eternally grateful to you all and we wish you the best in all your endeavours.

Congratulations Class of 2024

Mr & Mrs John Amali Abah



Goodwill Message



We the family of Barr & Mrs Isaac Fulani appreciate the Proprietress of Discovery Learning Exemplary School, Makurdi Dr Betty Kajoh, the Head Teacher Ms Ruth Msugh for working so hard to employ the best teachers and making sure they do their best academically, morally and otherwise for our precious children and to our son's teacher Mrs Doofan Susan Ibi for bringing out the best in our son Derrick, thank you so much for your efforts towards him, we appreciate you!

We pray that God continue to increase you in wisdom and population. Amen

Long live DLES Makurdi.

To our dear son Tersoo Derrick Fulani, we congratulate you on your graduation from preschool. We are so happy and proud of your achievements so far and pray that as you begin grade one, you shall excel and may God increase you in wisdom, knowledge and understanding. Amen.

Once more, congratulations to the DLES set of 2024 especially the preschool 3 learners.

Goodwill Message

On behalf of the family of Pa. Orsal Kegi, we are enormously grateful to God for His Sustainance and joyously delighted on the auspicious occasion of your graduation.

We are proud of your academic journey thus far and the excellence that have come with it. We are further delighted that the foundation of your academic journey is well grounded. This is only but a testament to the fact that you are destined for greater academic exploits in the years ahead.

Our family equally registers our profound appreciation to the Proprietress, Management and Staff of Discovery Learning Exemplary School, Makurdi for their Sterling, Steadfast and Purposeful Academic Standards. May God bless and steady your path and vision in establishing an enduring academic legacy in this part of the Country. Your efforts in moulding our children in Character and Learning does not go unnoticed and is well appreciated.



Congratulations Master *Shadrach Shaana Terna* on your graduation. We are exceedingly proud of You.

Mr. & Mrs. Terna & Doosuur Orsal

Goodwill Message

Our hearts are ever full with over whelming joy and gratitude from the depths of our hearts, to see our first son graduate successfully from primary school, this shows that all the money spent has not been in vain. As you are about to start another phase and level of your academic pursuit, as we support you may God also back up as you sora for more heights. To the teachers, the pupils and above all the head Teacher and Proprietress God bless you all.
To our big boy Francis Terkwase Raphael Gege happy and blissful Graduation our star boy continue to shine like the star you are. Much love from mom,dad and siblings.



Long live DLES
Long live Benue State
Long live Nigeria.

Pharm. & Mrs Cosmas Gege
For the family.

Goodwill Message



I congratulate Proprietors Dr & Dr Mrs Kajoh, of Discovery Learning Exemplary School Makurdi, the staff and students especially those graduating from elementary school today, you have worked hard to get to this level of your life and may God grant you success as you move to new chapter in your academic journey. Amen.

Mr Paul Ikwuje

Goodwill Message

Dear Iwueseter Naiember
Seraphin Sarah,

Here is to congratulate you, the entire graduating class of 2024 and the DLES staff on this extra ordinary accomplishment.

This significant milestone in your life (and that of your mates)births you to embrace peace, to be respectful and tolerant of diversity.

As an Exemplar be a shining star and direct others to the right path.



To the DLES staff, thank you for the unwavering support and guidance that has been Instrumental in shapping these Exemplar minds.

Cheers!!!

Richard Yuaar Ngorngor and family

Goodwill Message



Congratulations to the graduating class!

This is a wonderful milestone and a testament to your hard work, curiosity, and enthusiasm for learning as eridenced in the common entrance examination.

Find memories and valuable lessons from your time here should be your dedicated armor

To the DLES staff, Thank you for your nurturing guidance and support that have helped shape these young minds.

Congratulations to our star, Lianater!
Keep dreaming big and reaching for the stars!
Warm wishes

Goodwill Message



Dear daughter Emmanuella Iwuese Joseph-Fefa,

Congratulations on your incredible achievement of graduating from the primary school. This milestone a testament of years of hard work, determination, and perseverance. We are proud of the remarkable young girl you have become. On this journey so far, you have demonstrated not only academic excellence but also resilience in facing challenges and compassion in your interactions with other pupils. You have been dedicated to your studies, and your personal growth has been inspiring to witness.

As you move to the next chapter of your life—pursuing higher education, exploring career opportunities, or following your passions—always remember that you have the strength and ability to achieve anything you set your mind to. Embrace new experiences with courage, continue to learn and grow, and never lose sight of your dreams. We have no doubt as your parents that your future is bright and filled with endless possibilities. Cherish the memories you have made and experiences you have acquired during your primary school years and carry forward the lessons learned. We, your family, are here, by God's grace to support you every step of the way. We love you immensely and look forward to seeing you thrive in all your future endeavors.

To the Proprietor, Head Teacher and Staff of Discovery Learning Exemplary School, we are sincerely grateful for the dedication and commitment you and your team have shown in nurturing and educating pupils. As our daughter graduates from your esteemed institution, we are filled with immense joy for the positive impact the school has had on her life. Yours is indeed an Exemplary School!

Dr and Mrs Joseph Fefa

2024 Dance Groups



Xmas Party &
Gift Exchange Day













DLES FOOD Drive












Field Trip












Field Trip












Arts Exhibition












2024 Easter Recital












Cultural Day Celebration












2024 Career Day












Thank You Note



A big thank you to God Almighty who has been there for us ensuring that this vision is sustained till today, despite all the challenges we have faced.

A hearty thank you to our esteemed and amazing Discovery Learning Exemplary School family, for all the hard work, sacrifices and commitment (financially, morally, materially, spiritually and otherwise), that has made this school year such a huge success-Time and space may not permit us to call you by name. You are deeply appreciated for standing out in supporting your child (ren)/ward (s) development. Have a wonderful and a safe summer holiday. We, also, appreciate in no small measure all our friends as well as worthy ambassadors who are spreading the news around about our amazing school. We would like to assure you that, we will continue to strive to make Discovery Learning Exemplary School an ideal place for all classes of learners in our dispensation.

Finally, we would like to also, express our gratitude to our amazing school team, that worked and is still working tirelessly to actualize the mission and vision for establishing this unique institution. 'You Rock'! See and hear from you again in the next academic year come September!

God bless us all.

Goodwill Message

The Ukpe Family applauds Dr. & Dr. Mrs. Emmanuel Kajoh, the Proprietors of Discovery Learning Exemplary School, Makurdi, for offering a world-class educational system in order to develop the young minds who are leaders of tomorrow.

To the staff, particularly our dearest Ruth & team, we are happy you have keyed into this vision to make sure every child succeeds. 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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Congratulations!

We extend our warmest congratulations to the graduating class of 2024! This milestone is a testament to your hard work, dedication, and perseverance. May this achievement be a stepping stone to greater heights, and may your future be filled with purpose, joy, and success.

To the founder, staff, and families, your support and guidance have been invaluable. Your commitment to the education and the well-being of your learners is truly commendable.

Congratulations once again to the Discovery Exemplary Learning School community on this momentous occasion! DLES has been a game changer, offering quality foundational education to our children for a brighter future for the country.

We are proud to be part of this amazing transformation story. We wish you all a bright and promising future.

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