

# QUOTES

The aim of education should be to teach us rather how to think, than what to think - rather to improve our minds, so as to enable us to think for ourselves, than to load the memory with thoughts of other men.  
**Bill Beattie**

Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.

One mark of a great educator is the ability to lead students out to new places where even the educator has never been.  
**Thomas Groome**

**Marian Wright Edelman**

An educational system isn't worth a great deal if it teaches young people how to make a living but doesn't teach them how to make a life.  
**Author Unknown**

Education is not a product, mark, diploma, job, money in that order; it is a process, a never ending one.  
**Bel Kaufman**

What sculpture is to a block of marble, education is to the human soul.  
**Joseph Addison**

## January Birthdays

Lonika Vemulapalli, Elissa Al-Rouss,	01 January
Sebastian Abou-Chacra	02 January
Adekunle Ajasin	03 January
Ro-ro Abou-Kerch, Nifemi Ashagidigbi	04 January
Toni Ero	07 January
Omolade Jikiemi, Hannah Chebienka	12 January
Konyinsola Onakomaiya, Vedithaa Venkat	13 January
Charles Naoum	14 January
Odunayo Aluko	15 January
Jachi Onuoha	16 January
Hussein Jahami	18 January
Mary Gaitho	25 January
Adediwura Adegbite, Muktar Alao	27 January
Adebola Adeyanju	28 January
David Oshigbeme	



# January Newsletter

2009

Ibadan International School



## Pre School

**W**e once again welcome everyone back to school! The teachers came in well before the term started for a productive in-house training session and teaching and learning school-wide is in full swing already.

**Pre Nursery:** During the first week of resumption the children were all happy to be back in school after the holiday. They are all



**Goal Setting:** This term offers many new opportunities. It is the start of a new year and a good time to set new goals, resolutions and targets. Students in school have been involved in setting goals that they want to achieve through self determination and encouragement from their teachers and peers. It's been most inspiring and encouraging reading through the goal sheets. We ask for parents' support in helping the children achieve their goals. *Let's encourage our children to plan so they can stay ahead!!*

interacting well and have settled down nicely. This term, the students will be exploring their environment and will be learning new concepts and terminologies i.e new sounds (letters), numbers (symbols), geometric shapes, colours, positions and lots more.

We wish all our Pre-Nursery students an inspiring and fun-filled term ahead.



## Junior School

**Grade One:** Students in Grade 1 are currently inquiring into the unit titled "Looking In My Dustbin". The organizing theme is "Sharing the Planet" and the central idea is "Waste products are made up of materials we can reduce, reuse and recycle". The students have already explored what "waste" means and they now know other words that could mean waste, e.g refuse,



trash, rubbish, etc. They now understand that most of the waste products in our dustbins are packaging waste and that some of these waste products can actually be reused or recycled. In the course of the unit, the students will visit some relevant places to experience how some



waste products are being recycled. They will also make art pieces from waste materials.

In Math, the Grade one students have been exploring the calendar. They have been learning how to sequence the days of the week and the months of the year correctly.

In Language, they have been reviewing singular and plural nouns. They have also been using their imagination to write interesting stories.

### Senior School

**ICT:** The teaching of ICT (Information and communication technology) skills in our Senior School is very pivotal as it enables the students to effectively use technology to support and improve learning in almost all their subjects.

This term, we have acquired another Interactive Whiteboard.

This will enable all students to have access to more virtual and interactive learning while being able to use 21<sup>st</sup> century tools to effectively demonstrate learning skills.

In Year 1, the students are currently working on creating their class database which they will filter using appropriate "parameter values".

In Senior School Year 2, classes have been centered on "The Computer Operating System", while Year 3 students are currently learning data manipulation skills.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

#### PYP Parent Workshop:

We encourage parents who want to find out more about how we assess students in the PYP to attend this workshop. The date is Friday **January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009**, at 3.00pm and the venue is Senior School Year One classroom.

### French Day

Our French Teachers, Mr. Pierre Akakpo and Mr. Armand Kivi, will be resuming their usual "French Day" as from Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be French presentations every Friday, immediately after the morning assembly in the school auditorium. We say a very big THANK YOU to one of our parents who has volunteered to come on board as a "Volunteer French Consultant" for this term.

#### Welcome to Our New

**Family:** We warmly welcome the Awosanya family who have joined us this term. We wish them a fruitful stay at IIS.

#### School Leavers:

We will miss the Idaboh family who have relocated abroad. We wish them every happiness and success.

### LITERACY MONTH

We've designated February 2009 as our "**Literacy Month**" this year. As usual, we'll have many exciting activities to stimulate the children's interest in reading. There will be set targets and students will be given a project to achieve which may include producing stories from pictures, making posters and writing of articles on global issues. We encourage parents to participate in the reading sessions at school. Please let us know if you are interested in reading to a particular set of children so that a mutually convenient time and date can be arranged. Information and targets for the Literacy Month will be sent to you on **Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2009**.

#### **Book Character**

**Costume:** As usual, the children will be able to come to school dressed as their favorite book character on the last day of the Literacy month (**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2009**). It has always been a day that the children look forward to.

#### **Scholastic Book Clubs:**

We're very pleased to be offering students another opportunity to order from the Scholastic Book Club. Catalogues will be sent out during the first week of February.

#### **Book Fair:**

Our Annual Book fair will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February here in school. Please mark your diaries now so you don't miss out on a great opportunity to purchase books and educational resources at competitive prices from the wide range of publishers who will be here on that day. Make it a family day out. There will be delicious food and drinks available for sale.



### STUDENT COUNCIL

Our Student Council has held it's first meeting for the term and have come up with an action plan for the term. They will be organizing a cake bake sale and also a Valentines Day party. Proceeds from the bake sale will be used for the party.

### DVD for End of Year Show

DVD' s for the last End of the Year Show will be available for sale at the School Office from Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> January for N800.



### Easter Field Trip to Ghana



Please see the insert for details, it is going to be exciting!!