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To our esteemed Parents, guardian, all our school friends and all our dear readers, 2021 has been a good year compared to the previous 2020 when we went through the worst waves of the COVID-19 and its effect especially in the education sector. We thank God for the progressive recovery and consistent learning sessions in this year. We managed to meet most of our goals and thank all parents and guardians who had close follow-up of their children's academic and behavioral progress. We appeal for all parents to do so. Our academic year 2021 is coming to an end. This gives us another good chance of setting new goals for our next academic year 2022. We still need your generous cooperation and support!



Dear Parents, Welcome to our Annual Newsletter 2021. This is our final newsletter of term two and what a term it has been! I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all so much for your ongoing support and understanding. I think we all acknowledge how challenging 2020 was in learning and teaching throughout the world. I am full of admiration for your children and their levels of resilience during these challenging times, and for you too! I know how much you all care about your children's learning and progress and I appreciate the efforts you have taken to support your children this term at Dinka School.

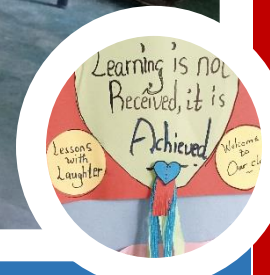
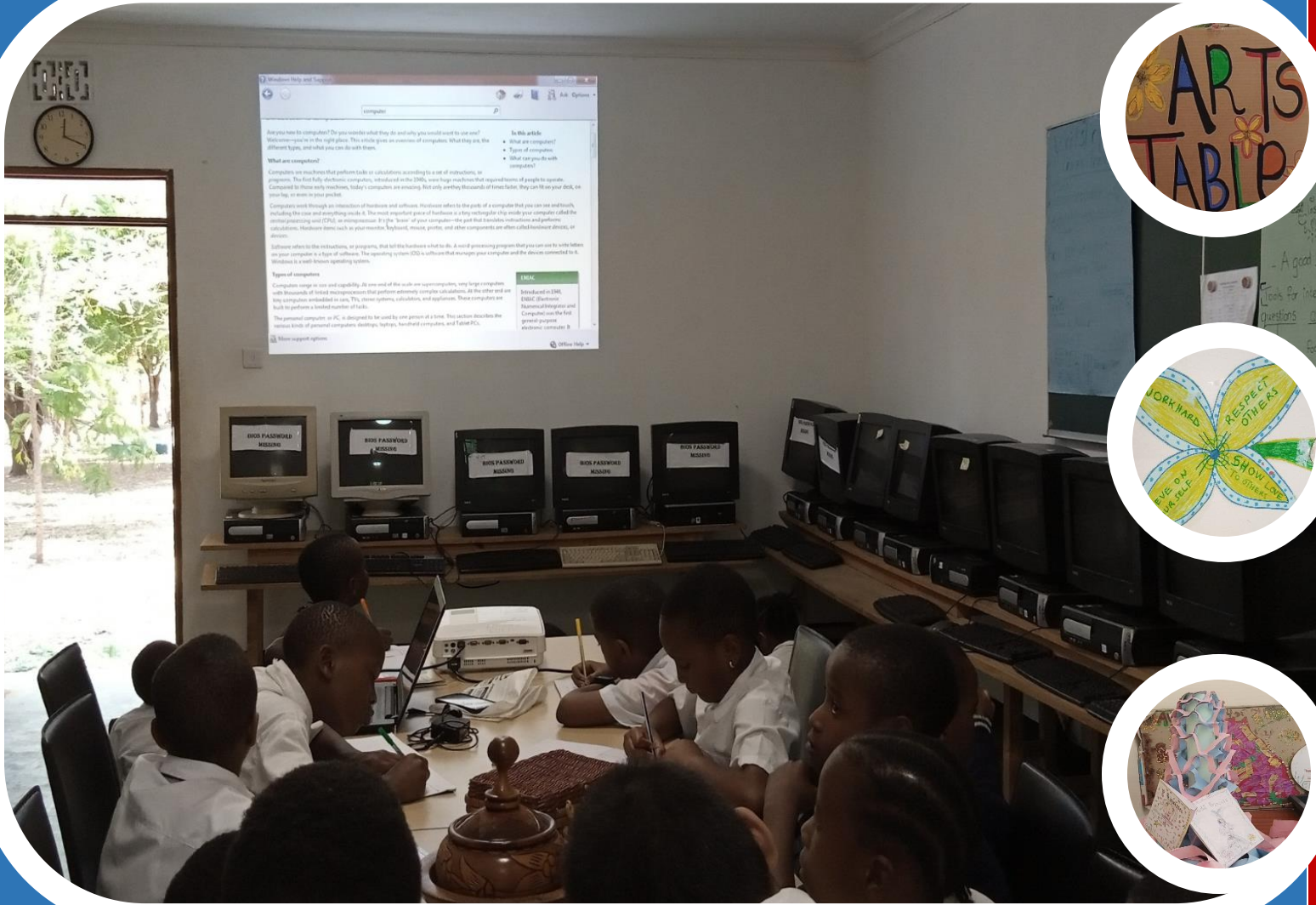


ACADEMICS

As we are preparing for December festivities, We would like to highlight what your children have engaged in this term. In academics the Standard Seven students had their Primary School Leaving Examination in early September, and the standard four did their Standard Four National Assessment Examination in late October as well. Additionally students engaged in other activities which boost their understanding and skills, throughout this term students engaged in Practical Science experiments where they experimented floating of objects, theory of Magnetism and Mixture of solute and solvent in order to create a solution.

Apart from countless science experiments, students also engaged in practical ICT lessons where they learned on how to manipulate word documents, using different excel formulas as well as creating attractive pieces of Art using Paint and other computer applications.





WORD FROM ACADEMIC

Greetings to y'all. I'm glad we have come to the end of 2021. Here at Dinka we are committed to giving students from early years throughout primary a dynamic and comprehensive education which will foster their dreams of becoming excellent future leaders in the global community. We believe that every student is unique and has his/her own unique talents. As teachers, It's our responsibility to open their minds, nurture their talents and help them reach their full potential.” - Henry Kamugisha (Academic Teacher)

OUR ACADEMIC GOALS FOR TERM TWO

At Dinka School we are committed to be an exemplary academic school in the region. Our main emphasis is on our academic excellence. We offer very unique and special programs aimed at building self-confidence and broad knowledge. Our academic goals set for term two 2021 were:

1. Striving for 85% Academic excellence.
2. Interactive and practical oriented teaching in all subjects.
3. Proper communication.
4. Focusing on evaluation questions.
5. Strengthening the culture of self-study and reading.
6. Restructuring of professional sports lessons.
7. Strengthening teacher's development through internal and external workshops, peer teaching and teacher to teacher observations.
8. Water drinking and table manners.
9. Devotion, commitment and responsibility.
10. Time management and punctuality.
11. Questioning, self-confidence, speaking skills and debating skills.
12. Restructuring reading and handwriting skills, dictation, maths, and book presentations
13. Thinking positively and staying focused.
14. Building a strong Network, team work and relationship.
15. Set and track the learning goals of our students.
16. Staying resilient.



ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Our young learners engaged in different academic activities such as my busy book, reading buddy, handwriting programs, weekly mathematics tables, weekly dictations, as well general knowledge. Furthermore our students had monthly exams from June to assess their level of mastering in that particular month.

I hope everyone has had a wonderful term two across the school, children have been involved in many investigations producing some fantastic learning as part of our Dinka school culture.

On the other hand, children engaged in other co-curricular programs which helped them to develop solid life skills and self-reliance, these include but not limited to daily book presentations, Library sessions, Essay competitions, debate competitions, monthly themes as well as weekly arts.

At Dinka School, Our students are taught different skills and this term our children engaged in extra co-curricular programs such as music, ballet, taekwondo as well as different sports, this is mainly done to help the children psychologically and physically, also through these programs the children talents are identified and developed.



THEMES

Dinka School prides itself in putting special emphasis on specific topics which are made into monthly themes. This Term we had the following themes;

1. Economic Activities (July)
2. Global warming (August)
3. Hydrological cycle (September)
4. Anti-Bullying Program (October)
5. Terrestrial bodies (November)



SPECIAL PROGRAMS OFFERED IN TERM TWO 2021



Students celebrating Birthday

- Sports - Introduction to different games e.g. hockey, basketball, tennis, table tennis, football, netball, volleyball, and badminton, Frisbee and American football.
- The “see, think and wonder program” aimed at the thinking ability and evaluating lessons.
- Classroom evaluation questions which are used at the end of every lesson to test the understanding of the learners
- Time reading to enable them to understand the different times of the day- clock in each class.
- Celebrating birthdays.
- Practicing phone conversations during drama lessons and assemblies.
- Recognizing all colours and shapes
- Newspaper program for boarders
- Teaching our students to greet properly.
- Motivating students to ask questions when they don't understand
- Table manners
- Tooth brushing after lunch
- Reading story books for the children in all classes.
- Monthly Themes.

- Question wall for all classes.
- Monday morning assembly and award hand outs.
- Merit and Effort awards given out weekly to encourage positive behaviour and academic improvement.
- Weekly science experiments for classes 1-7
- Weekly songs practiced during assemblies
- Dutch friends for classes 3-7
- Self-confidence program aimed at making students able to express themselves
- Water drinking project aimed at inspiring our kids to drink more water daily to improve their health and thinking skills
- Traffic lights also aimed at encouraging positive behaviour in school and putting our focus on complimenting rather than punishing.
- Animal of the week aimed at learning about different animals in the world
- Spelling contests at each level
- Sentence copying, punctuations and handwriting.
- Weekly mathematics tables homework and Friday test
- Weekly dictation homework and Friday test
- Word of the week in all classes
- Focus of the day in all classes



EXTRA CURRICULAR FOR 2021

EXTRA CURRICULAR (lessons to be paid for by the parents)

Ballet is a classical dance whereby we teach children to learn graceful movements and balance. This is a group lesson, which takes place every Friday after lunch.

Taekwondo is a Korean martial art whereby we teach children a boost in self-esteem, self-discipline, socialization skills, physical activity, goal setting, respect, increased communication skills, teamwork and self-control.

This is a group lesson, which takes place every Friday after lunch.

Music in our school has really gone high. We are teaching music in all classes. We have started our school band whereby some students are now able to play musical instruments to produce some good music. Next to the classical music lessons a child can develop his/her musical instrument skills and music reading in individual lessons with our music teacher. These individual music lessons take place once a week during school hours, planned properly by the academic master.

Tennis: We are starting tennis lessons at Dinka School

Sign up your children now and they will have a lesson with their special tennis teachers every week!

Kindly email us through dinkaschool@gmail.com for registration and payment. Also contact: 0712 689 329



SPORTS, GAMES AND EXCURSIONS

This term our pupils also engaged in a study tour where they visited the Kilimanjaro Animal Rescue center, as well as Kilimanjaro International Airport. Additionally our students engaged in Ward sports competition and the Uhuru day Essay writing competition.



Standard Seven Class of 2021



BOARDING LIFE

Our School has one of the best boarding facilities across the board thus creating a conducive learning as well as teaching environment. The school has a standby generator to provide power at all times, a reliable water supply and other top notch boarding facilities.

Boarding children are taken care of by our experienced, friendly and welcoming matrons, this had made us to enroll children as young as two years. Additionally boarding students engage in many academic activities as well as other co-curricular activities. Every week there are Library sessions mainly for boarding students, book reading for young learners as well as educational films on weekends.



DINKA MATRONS



BOARDING STUDENTS RELAXING AFTER CLASSES



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STUDENTS AT THE KITCHEN



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Greetings once again!

FROM PRINCIPAL'S DESK

As a newly appointed Dinka school's principal, I'm quite happy to be part of the Dinka lovely family where students, teachers and parents are all focusing on the same goal of making future leaders and successful men and women out of the young students we have today. The Dinka school motto inspires the students to dream, think, have courage, persevere and do things to the best of their abilities. Each one of us has an individual role to play which will eventually merge in to one big and common goal of nurturing these young learners and make them realize their life dreams. In addition, we inspire them to future responsible leaders and patriotic citizens to this nation!

We thank you so much for the good parenting and being part of our school whenever we needed you to join hands in raising our children. – **Majaliwa B. Magoye (Principal)**



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Dinka School is closing for Term Two 2021 on 10th of December 2021, and reopening will be on 17th of January 2022 for all students, for boarding students, they are expected to report on 16th of January 2022.

**Happy December Holiday &
Happy Christmas!**

