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Class Activities

Mr Jude Akapune and Majeed Salifu are the instructors of class four. There are sixteen girls (16) and twenty four (24) boys in the classroom. We assist the pupils in History, English language, Mathematics, Religious and moral Education, Integrated science, Ghanaian Language (Mamprulli) Creative Art and Our world our people. I.C.T is specifically managed by the school I.T teacher and assisted by the classroom teachers.



We began the term on 9th January, 2024 and ended on 11th April, 2024. Class four pupils and teachers started a poultry farm project last term, unfortunately the weather was not so favorable at all and all the chickens died. It was in winter, all the birds died. We also couldn't buy big birds because of their prices.

We have learned our lessons and are planning to start a new project. We shall update you at the right time. All the class four students are always punctual and serious at their studies especially, using the computers since we made them to understand that much of modern world lies on basic technology and information management..



In the La'angum Learning Centre, each pupil is supposed to pay his or her school fees and food contributions as part of their commitment for the year . We have been able to secure 80% success in terms of school fees and food contributions. The remaining students have made part payment and we hope they'll complete their payment when school resumes. We took advantage of the PTA meeting which was held a couple of weeks ago to encourage and also talk on the consequences of students absenting themselves from school.



Apart from the homework assignments and class exercises we also organize end of term exams usually at the end of the term. We also give to students their reports cards so that parents who can read and understand can know the progress level of their children at school. All the students happily received their report card before they left school on the vacation day.

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School Break for Term

LLC just like all other basic schools in Ghana started the term on the 9th of January, 2024 and closed the term on the 11th of April, 2024. As usual, a lot of activities are carried out especially on the vacation day to ensure that everything is set and kept at the right place to welcome students back after the vacation period. Students cleaned and packed all teaching and learning materials back to the shelves and cover them with cloth materials and mats to avoid dust and mice.



Aside arranging and packing of teaching and learning materials inside the classroom, children also washed and cleaned the concrete and poly tanks to prepare for the incoming rains. Rains usually come during the April break and teachers and children are confident that the rains will start before school resumes on the 2nd day of May, 2024.



The conduits connecting the tanks and the roof through the gutters is disconnected so that when the first rains set in, the dust and dirt that was gathered on the roofs and gutters are washed away instead of getting into the tanks. The conduits are reconnected to allow clean water to be harvested after a few rains.

Surprise Arrival of Dilara in LLC

Dilara, our German friend arrived on the grounds of LLC to the surprise of all teachers, children, volunteer cooks and caretakers. It was a great joy for them to have seen her the second time. She was so delighted that she shed some tears. It was a hug from one to the other and everyone was happy.



When she entered into the KG1 class and hugged Ernestina, the teacher, the teacher broke to tears in front of the children who have never met Dilara. The children were overwhelmed surprise by this and starting asking the teacher why and who this lady was.

Teachers organized a meeting to meet officially with Dilara and to plan for her since the school was about to start with the end of term examinations and subsequent vacation for the term. She said she had come back because she misses all of them and wish to renew her love for them. On behalf of the teachers and children, the assistant head teacher, Mary Azure thanked her for always thinking the school and the children.



Together, teachers decided that she should spend a day with each class from Basic 3 to Basic 6, as school was preparing for exams in anticipation of the second term break. The short time she could spend with the children due to the impending vacation saddened her.

To address this, all agreed that she would spend an additional week during the vacation period with the children of Upper Primary, conducting supplementary lessons in Information, Communication, and Technology (ICT) in the computer lab. The classes will run for a maximum of three (3) hours each day, starting at 8 AM and closing around 11 AM, as there will be no lunch provided.

The administrative team resolved to have at least two teachers per day assist her in her interactions with the children during the holidays. The ICT teacher also committed to be part of this lessons time every day from start to finish, The supplementary classes will commence on Monday, 15th April, 2024, starting with Basic Six learners, with teachers assigned for each day.

Dilara Giving Back to Parents and community

Dilara coming coincided with the Muslims usual fasting month of Ramadan where all Muslims fast from dawn to dusk. She had a discussion with the leadership team where she stated that she wanted to do something for the parents and other Muslims who were fasting. She asked the head

teacher to help her to organize women to do the cooking, Salimu, Jude and Gifty to help her with the shopping for food stuff and ingredients and the plates or packs to serve and distribute the food. Through Majeed wife and friends, a number of ladies were organized and they happily prepared the food as desired and packed them well for distribution.



Food was packed into “take away” packages, some put into airtight containers to keep it hot and Dilara, Majeed, Robert and Mossi Sulley (LLC teachers) used motor bikes to distribute the food just the time the Muslims were about to break the fast in the evening.

It was a scene to admire when a particular was found yet plugging the vegetables to be used for the night’s meal, then Dilara arrived with a pack of rice and egg. Joyful, prayerful and grateful was the words and feelings of the time. The lady said “Älhamdulillah” {Praise be to Allah} in countless times.



She and the teachers also went to different mosques and prayer grounds in Langbinsi, Tangbini, Gambaga and Nalerigu to distribute these food to Muslims. It was a sigh of relief to many and very much a surprise to many. Everyone was happy and gladly accepted the food and thanked the gesture.



The food was not only served to the Muslims but also some needy poor families in the go home project in Gambaga. It was a delight to receive the food since it meant a lot at least for a night.



The Dilara give back project continues and updates will be available as soon as other activities are undertaken.

Bantamari RWHS

Rainbow of Hope for Children (ROHC) of Canada, through PAMBE Ghana, an NGO based in Langbinsi, is constructing a rain water harvesting system to provide safe drinking water for the children of the Bantamari Community School, it built in 2022. Presently the school has one 5000-liter polytank that harvest rainwater from the classroom roof for drinking.

The objective of the project is to make available safe drinking water with its proper distribution and use by the children and teachers of the school

Rainbow of Hope for Children of Canada, is providing funds for the project through PAMBE Ghana, in the sum of One Hundred Thousand and Thirty-Three Ghana Cedis, Fifty Pesewas (GHC 100,033.50p). A mobilization fee (first payment) in the amount of GHC60,020.10 (Sixty Thousand and Twenty Ghana Cedis, Ten Pesewas) was paid through a bank cheque and another one of Twenty thousand Ghana cedis (GHC20,000.00) to the contractor. The indication is that, about 80% of the total cost of the project has been paid to the contractor with the work about 95% complete.



This report details construction works from 06th March to 08th April 2024. Works continued at the site with completion of the wall, roof reinforcement frame and plastering. The ventilation pipes, overflow and inlet pipes were installed.

Activity A	Project Management	-	96%
Activity A 1.1	Operations and Supplies	-	100%
Activity A 1.2	Operational Funds	-	80%

A second payment of GHC20, 006 .70 (Twenty Thousand and Six Ghana Cedis, Seventy Pesewas) was paid to the contractor on 08th April 2024. This adds up to a total of GHC 80,026.80Gp, being 80% payment made.

Activity A 1.3	Project Conceptions: Introducing project to community	-	
100%			
Activity A1.4	Project start - Handing over site to contractor	-	
100%			
Activity A 1.5	Project Meetings Organize Steering Committee	-	100%

The Project Steering Committee visited site on 01st April 2024.

Activity B	General Items - System Management	-	33%
Activity B.1.0	Community Sensitization - Introduce Contractor and project	-	
100%			
Activity B 1.1	Select School WATSAN Committee and Caretakers	-	0%
Activity B 1.2	- Meet WATSAN members and OPERATORS	-	0%
Activity B 2.0	School WATSAN Formation	-	0%
Activity B 3.0	Training of Operators (Caretakers)	-	0%

Activity C	Project Implementation	-	95%
Activity C.1	Mobilization - Procure and Mobilize Material	-	
90%			

Metal welded covers with locks and pipe fittings were procurement in March 2024.

Activity C.2	Mobilize labour and equipment-	-	90%
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21 workers were engaged for the construction of the Ferro cement tank during March period. This include 7 non skilled workers who were hired from the next community.

Activity C.3	Setting out of the works	-	100%
Activity C.4	Foundation - Final Leveling	-	100%

Activity D	Construct 25,000-Liter Ferro cement Water Tank	-	90%
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Activity D 1	Tank Base (Floor)	-	100%
Tank Floor concrete slab completed			

Activity D 2 Ferro Cement Wall Stiffener reinforcement and mortar - 100%
Wall works completed when the roof was finished on the 5th April, 2024.

Activity D 3 Ferro Cement Roof Stiffener reinforcement and mortar - 95%
Works continued with four steel benders fixing and tying reinforced steel rods bracings and meshes to the top and bottom roof from 6th to 9th March. Four carpenters used two days from 10th to 11th March to place plywood beneath the meshes, supported with splitted sawn wood. Mortar works started on 13th March by applying three layers of the cement / sand mixture on top. Four days were allowed to cure the mortar before the supporting wooden formworks were removed to allow the bottom to be plastered. The mortar works inside the tank was completed by filling in the corner space between the wall top and the roof on 25th March, 2024.



The gutters are connected to the tank awaiting the first rains to wash and clean the inside and to ensure that the tank would be able hold the water with no cracks.

The remaining part of the project is that; the Steering Committee was formed to oversee the construction will be invited and taken through once again to ensure that the project is executed according to agreed plans. The committee included the PAMBE Ghana Directorate, the Contractor and members from the Community.

Also, a 5 member School Water and Sanitation committee will be formed and trained to manage the system after completion for its sustainability.

Two operators will also be selected and trained on the job to operate and maintain the system when completed. This includes repairs to leakages on the roof gutters, taps and valves on the pipelines, and maintenance of the Ferro cement tank

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