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REPORT ON THE EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO AKOSOMBO

On the 11th of April, 2016, the Sixth form students of the school embarked on an educational trip to Akosombo in the Eastern region of Ghana. The trip was intended to give the students an insight into hydroelectric power generation, as a supplement to their mainstream learning. A total of 38 students (17 girls and 211 boys) and two Masters (Mr. Appiah-Krofa Samuel and Mr. Agamasu Hubert) embarked on the two-day journey to Akosombo. For safety reasons, an indirect route was taken through Accra to the destination.

The group set off at 4am and arrived in Accra at 10:30am. Breakfast was arranged at southern fried chicken after which the journey continued. We reached Akosombo at about 2:30 and were received by attendants of VRA. After the usual formalities, we were taken on a tour around the power station. An experienced tour guide, by name Ms. Nice, engaged the students in an interesting lecture about power generation. The first point of tour was the dam itself where students were alarmed to see how low the water level has fallen. The students were enjoined to cultivate the attitude of power conservation at school and at home.

The students noted down several facts about the hydroelectric station and also asked questions. As a security zone, no pictures were to be taken. But owing to the comportment of the students, the tour guide allowed them to take a few. After wards the group retired to the cozy VRA guest house where we washed down in preparation for supper.

The following day we set off at five, taking a short tour of VRA International School. We got to Accra at 11 and had breakfast, and later we headed for Kumasi. After lunch at a rest stop, we finally arrives on Campus at 5:00pm. Throughout the journey the masters kept count of students at every stop and ensured that students fastened their seatbelts at all times.

The trip was very successful and has ignited a passion for power production among some students. Currently, there is a suggestion for the construction of a simple hydroelectric system to convert waste bath water from the dormitories into electricity. The students have also been convinced on the need to manage power wisely. We would like to express gratitude to God, The management of ICS, VRA, Mr. Patrick Herbert, Manager of VRA Guest house and all who made this trip a memorable one.

Department of Physics

ICS-KUMASI HOSTS FIRST CHAPEL OF THE TERM

The last term of the 2015/2016 academic year has already begun. ICS-Kumasi officially welcomes all students and staff to the new term as it hosts a joint chapel for all students and staff on the 13th day of April, 2016 in the auditorium. The program set off with an opening prayer from Ferdinand Isaac Osei, outgoing Head Boy, who is in his final year of high school. In his prayer, he thanked God for bringing us safely back to school, committed the rest of the term into the Lord's hands, and pleaded that this term becomes "successful and fruitful."

After the prayer, Mr. Mauld and the ICS chapel praise and worship team led the congregation through Praise and Adoration. They did an extraordinary job by involving everyone present and livening the atmosphere with their ground-shaking voices and songs.

Dr. Charles Yeboah, the school's director, then took the stage. He first welcomed all students and staff to the new



term. He then reiterated the new initiative for the whole school community; the new initiative, effectively beginning this term, is about setting goals and targets. He made reference to Paul's letter to the Philippians (Philippians 3: 12-15), he challenged the ICS-Kumasi community to consider themselves not already made perfect or successful, forget past achievements and failures stretch forward to the things which are before, and "press on toward the goal." Before Dr. Charles Yeboah took his seat, he called forward the various groups of candidates one after the other and implored that all students and staff stretched their hands toward them, blessing them and praying for them especially concerning their forthcoming examinations.

The short program ended on an optimistic note with virtually the whole community of students and staff members highly empowered and poised to work hard in order to achieve the "goal".

COMMUNITY SERVICE AT ABOUTUM MENTUKWA

On the 23rd of April, 2016, the Year 10 and Year 12 students in high school embarked on a community service at Aboutum Mentukwa led by Mr. Omar and Mr. Nanny Tera, the facilitators of the community service. Aboutum Mentukwa is a 20-minutes' drive off the Kumasi-Obuasi road at Pakyi Number 1. This followed a durbar about a month and a half before in honour of the newly enstooled chief of Aboutum Mentukwa, [chief's name], who at the function expressed his passion and zeal for education and his interest in build the first school in the community, for the closest school was miles away and each morning school going children had to walk long distances just to get to school. International Community School student were glad to help make this dream a reality.

At 9:00am, the Year 10 students were the first to leave the school premises for the building site. Forty minutes later, they were joined by the Year 12 students; work commenced immediately upon arrival.

Construction works seemed to have begun a week or two ago. The foundation was being laid, a few short walls had being erected, the layout of the building had been drawn out, and a lot of blocks had been molded. What the student majorly did was to move blocks from where they had been cast to where they were needed. It was intriguing to know that the student applied simple 'division of labour', a concept in economics, to make the work easier. That says a lot, doesn't it? A few students helped with mixing mortar, transporting sand and cement from one place to another and laying the blocks to form walls.

The chief of the place was present at the site. He was more than overwhelmed by the numbers and enthusiasm the students showed in the work. He was glad the students honoured their promise to show up and support him in this good work. He was once spotted helping the workers mix mortar – such humility.

At the end of the day's work, the chief expressed his uttermost gratitude to the students and facilitators for everything that day. He mentioned that for the school he is building to be the school it is supposed to be, it partly depends on the students and the school. He urged the students and school to, out of their heart, help as much as they can to materialize this great plan. The students and the facilitators bid the people farewell and came back to the school.

By Banson

YEAR 6 GO HIKING

On Friday, 22nd April, 2016. The students of year 6 primary school embarked on an outdoor adventurous activity to Nyankomasu Waterfalls and resort after writing Cambridge Primary checkpoint. The essence of this hiking was to rejuvenate and refresh students' imaginative and thinking faculties, de-stress, play and offer time of healing and strengthening after strenuous classroom work and finally to cope and deal with fears of woods and falls.

The facilitator of this programme was the primary physical education tutor, Mr. Isaac Gyamfi.

The strip commenced at 9am right after assembly. The journey to the Nyankomasu waterfalls, off Adansi Asokwa Obuasi road, took about forty five (45) minutes. The students were supervised by other primary teachers; Mr. Daniel Owusu, Mr. Elton, Mr. Bediakoh and Mrs. Herty Oppong.



The students took a short journey on foot before beginning the hike to the first waterfall. As fun as the trip was, the students had to climb the slippery rocks if they wanted to see the waterfall. According to some students, although it was a beautiful sight it was really difficult to get down the waterfall because the slippery rocks made them stumble. After their long way down the waterfall, they needed to catch a breath under a tree house. The guard who sent them round explained that the tree has a unique feature of producing milky and rubbery substance as soon as a part is cut. After some minutes of rest under the tree house, they began to play games such as pilolo, ludo, oware and many more. Students also enjoy some delicacies at the resort during lunch.

At about 2pm, the students returned from their hiking. After the boarders were dropped off at Pakyi campus, the others were sent to Pre-school where their parents picked them up. "It really was an unforgettable journey" exclaimed most of the students.

YEAR 3 VISITS THE COCOA FARM

As part of the IPC Unit "Chocolate", year three students went on a trip to a Cocoa farm at Antoakrom in the Adansi West District in the Ashanti Region.

The trip commenced at 9:10am right after assembly and it took about 45 minutes, the students were supervised by Miss Rose Mensah, Miss Abigail Adomako Gyamfi, Miss Josephine Fremaa Oppong, Mrs. Lydia Kwarteng and Mr. Emmanuel Hooper.

The students had the opportunity to learn firsthand how Cocoa is grown, conditions appropriate for its healthy development and other processes the Cocoa beans goes through before it becomes Chocolate. The facilitators were Mr. Ernest Ampau and Mr. Agya Asamoah, these two took their time to explain everything the students have to know and after questions were invited and they did their possible best to answer them as well. Cocoa Beans were shared to the students to have the feel it.



As part of community service the School is known for, the year three students surprised the community children by sharing with them their snacks and also presented some clothes to them as well. You can't see the joy on the faces of these children and even some of the old woman around.

At about 1pm, the students returned from the trip. "It was full of fun" exclaimed most of the students.

