



**St. Nicholas Charity Foundation school.  
1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Newsletter (January-April, 2022)**

**ACADEMICS**

**New Enrolment**

We started our first academic term on a very exciting note as we enrolled 22 new pupils to join the family! 95% of these were enrolled into kindergarten one and the others were enrolled in the upper classes.



It is always a joy for us every academic year, to give an opportunity to children, who may otherwise never attend school due to poverty, to also lay for themselves a good foundation towards their future.



**Pioneer preparation towards final examination (B.E.C.E)**

What joy it is when a little seed that was sown develops and grows into a very big tree. We have really looked forward in anticipation to the year that would produce our first graduates and finally its here!! Our first set of students; our pioneers, are preparing towards their final examination, that is the Basic Education Certificate Examination which would take them into the Senior High School. Our teachers are working selflessly to ensure that they come out



with flying colours to make St. Nicholas proud and to get entrance into the Senior High schools.

As part of the preparation, dawn tuition, which runs from 5am-7am daily has been included in their timetable. Also, mock examinations are being written monthly to give them a feel of the final examination and also to prepare them adequately for it. Per the Ghana Education Service calendar, the examination would be taken in November, 2022.

**Online program with Smart City International School, Hurghada Egypt.**

Exposure is one of the elements we cherish as a school. We believe that knowledge should not be limited to just the classroom but also some external exposures should be included to build a wider scope of knowledge. It was an honour to have received a proposal from Smart City

International school, to have an online conference with our students, to know more about Ghana, as part of a project designed on West African Countries by their 3<sup>rd</sup> grades. The conference was held over zoom on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2022. Our students were very excited to have interacted with students from another country through the internet, without necessarily having to travel there. It was a great moment as our students and theirs exchanged knowledge on Ghana and Egypt. We are grateful to our very own Ms. Maria Asmarianaki who linked us to them. We hope to do more of this!

### Election of student leaders.



Raising leaders for the future is part of education, and we at St. Nicholas believe in instilling leadership skills in our students to prepare them for leadership roles in future. As part of this, our senior year students were given the opportunity to apply for prefectship roles and to be



voted for by the student body. Students were taking through the election process of Ghana. Applications were submitted, vetted by staff, interviews were conducted for the applicants, manifestos were written and read and ballots were cast from level 4-level 9 to elect the prefects. We elected a Senior Prefect, a Compound Overseer, a Sports Prefect and a Canteen Prefect. Indeed, they are great student leaders!

### Volunteers



We love volunteers! It is always a pleasure to have them work with us. We were glad to have had Mr. Ziggy Lambton and Mr. Joey Terry from the UK joining us in February to support in our work. Their presence brought a lot of excitement to our kids as they

interacted with them in and out of the classroom and familiarized themselves with the school environment. It was a great moment we shared with them!



## SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



Through the GoFundMe fundraising, an initiative of St. Nicholas launched by Madam Deborah Eleazer, Captain Barry, Madam Connie Amin and Mr. Patrick Nimako Mensah, we continue to support Frank, Olivia and Korku with food, water, medication, educational needs etc. We sent our Social Worker, Ms. Ruth Nterful and our indefatigable Ms. Mabel Osabutey in the month of March, to the village of Frank and Olivia to be with them for few days as part of our psychosocial support. The children were indeed delighted for such a visit.

Our wonderful special child, Agnes Ackah, who has been with our main stream school for many years, has been enrolled in Three Kings Special school, Battor, where she can be tutored by experts in education for special children and receive training in a suitable environment for her. She started school with them in January, 2022 and she is really progressing.



## SUPPORT

We can never fail to mention the immense support of the container ship of the Tsakos fleet Irenes Remedy which has made it possible to treat our kids to wonderful and nutritional meals twice daily, through her monthly donation of food items to us. We love and appreciate you!



Lotus shipping and the Efthymiadis family, thank you so much for not only supporting our children but also doing extra by supporting



repair of the St. Nicholas Orthodox Greek church and our wall, which the floods have no mercy on. We appreciate your support very much.

NEW BEGINNINGS! You are amazing! Thank you, Ms. Rose Snedker for always thinking about St. Nicholas. We can never appreciate you and the British Airways unofficial crew members enough, for all the beautiful uniforms,



sportswear, casual clothes, footwears, items for our composers' club, sewing department etc that you send down to us all through the year. We thrive because you thrive!



Thank you, Metka, for the food items you sent in support of the feeding of our children and most of all, we are much grateful to you for the financial assistance you gave to help with our building. We cannot appreciate you enough!



Our sincere thanks also go to Mr. Jupiter, the Assemblyman of Dofor community who has been of an immense help to us in supporting Frank, Olivia and Korcu. He has been on the grounds selflessly spearheading all assignments concerning these children that we are not physically present to carry out ourselves. He opened the doors of his home to accommodate Ms.



Ruth and Ms. Mabel when they spent few days in Dofor with Frank and Olivia. Indeed, he is a great help to us and we very much appreciate all his efforts.

## **OTHER NEWS**

We share in the sorrow of the Bisbas family over the loss of their loved one, Mrs. Margaret Bisbas, the mother of Mr. Andreas Bisbas, one of our cherished trustees. In her honour, we held a little memorial service in the Greek Orthodox church to show our love and support to the family as they mourned their beloved one.

We are very excited that Ms. Maria Asmarianaki has resumed her weekend Greek lessons with our children, and as she often does, she brought with her a guest to interact with the children and also contribute to the lesson. We love you Ms. Asmarianaki!

Our Greek authorities are never left out of our activities. We constantly inform and update them on all our activities and we are thankful to them, that through words of encouragement, they continue to boost our moral to do more.