



INFANT JESUS ACADEMY

CATHOLIC CO-EDUCATIONAL DAY & BOARDING SCHOOL

TERMLY NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 2023/2024



There is no doubt, as I recently explained to a candidate interviewing for a job at the school, that IJA is a very busy place. As many parents and carers who have visited our office during the school day have experienced, we are by no means a 'sleepy' school. Rather we a hive of activity. This activity, however, is not without purpose. At all times, our core reason for existing remains firmly fixed in our minds: we are

here to ensure that learning takes place and that this learning is consistently outstanding, being holistic, well-rounded and informed by international best practice.

In this vein, as short as the term has been, our activities for Term 2 have been many. Particular highlights have included the Asaba Secondary Schools 10km Road Race, an Interhouse Sports competition at Graceville International School, the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission Essay Competition and Cultural Day 2024.

Additionally, while in the closing stages of the term we, unfortunately, had to permanently exclude one learner from our school community, we have also taken great delight in celebrating those of our learners achieving 100 or more reward points. We are proud of each of them and have recognized their achievement by giving them some well-deserved Friday treats. Indeed, it is truly exciting to see how the emphasis our Behaviour for Learning system is placing upon the personal conduct of learners is both raising their aspirations and changing positively our whole-school conversation in respect of how we – and our learners – expect them to comport themselves as young people. Our entire school community is seeing now the clear links between positive, responsible personal conduct, and good progress in learning.



Asaba Secondary Schools 10km Road Race

On Sunday 18 February 2024, the Princeton Akpojaro Running Enterprise in conjunction with the Delta State Ministry of Education held its Fourth edition of the Asaba Secondary Schools 10km Road Race. Hundreds of athletes participated in this competition including 11 of our learners namely: Ephraim ADU, Godwin CHUKWU, Nesochi EGBUJOR, Joshua EGWUENU, Kenechukwu GOZIE, Amanda IKE, Jessica IWUANYANWU, Arinze MADUABUCHUKWU-ONUOHA, Helen NWAKOR, Samuel OFOBRUKU and Chijioke OKORO.

Every learner of the Infant Jesus Academy who participated made it to the finish line in excellence. Five of our learners were captured in the first 50 athletes to complete the race amongst hundreds that participated. To recognize their achievement, they were all given a special medal, a branded t-shirt and a goodie bag.

As has been the case for the past two years, Infant Jesus was again recognized as the most outstanding of all private schools participating in the competition.



The most outstanding of our male learners was none other than Joshua EGWUENU (Year 11) and for the females, Amanda IKE (Year 12).

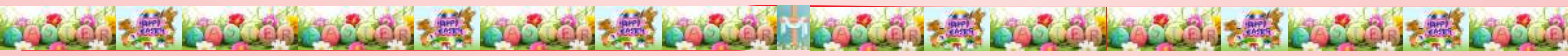
Members of staff present at the competition, Mrs Lena EGBUFOR, Mr Segun FASIKA and Mr Miracle UGWUOGO, were also given goodie bags for their participation and active involvement in the competition.

Mr Segun FASIKA

House Parent

Interhouse Sports Competition at Graceville International School

On Wednesday 21 February 2024, Graceville International School, Asaba, invited our school to attend their Interhouse Sports Competition. In accepting their invitation, we availed ourselves to participate in their Invitation Relay, in the male and female categories.



Learners who were selected to represent our school for the relay race were:

Male:

- 1. Arinze MADUABUCHUKWU-ONUOHA
- 2. Policarpo Nve NVE-COLEMAN
- 3. Chijioke OKORO
- 4. Simeon OMOIFO

Female:

- 1. Amanda IKE
- 2. Jessica IWUANYANWU
- 3. Jessica OKONYE
- 4. Fanny TUNIM-EKE



Cultural Day Celebration

We are thrilled to share with you the resounding success of our just concluded Cultural Day event! Without doubt, it was a day filled with vibrant colors, lively performances, and rich cultural experiences as our learners were exposed to the diverse and fascinating cultures of the Anioma, Igbo, Benin, and Tiv tribes.

Throughout the day, our learners had the opportunity to immerse themselves in a variety of cultural activities, including traditional dances, music performances, spoken word sessions, and orchestral presentations. They learned about the traditions, and customs of each tribe, gaining a deeper appreciation for the rich tapestry of cultures that make up our society.

We are immensely proud of our learners for their enthusiasm, open-mindedness, and respect for the cultures to which they were introduced. It was truly heartwarming to see them embrace diversity and celebrate the differences that make each culture unique.

We would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the teachers, parents and carers who worked tirelessly to make the event a success. Your dedication, creativity, and passion for cultural education were instrumental in creating an unforgettable experience for our young people.

As we reflect on the success of our Cultural Day event, let us continue to foster a spirit of inclusion, understanding, and respect for all cultures. By celebrating our differences and embracing diversity, we can build a more harmonious and interconnected community.

We look forward to more opportunities for cultural exploration and learning in the future.

Mr ACHEKA Michael
Vice Principal



A huge success was recorded as our learners excelled in both categories. Our female athletes brought home the gold medal while the male learners, by a slight margin, missed the gold medals and brought home silver.

Graceville International School’s management team extended their appreciation to our school and the Senior Leadership Team for honouring their invitation and putting up such an outstanding performance.

Mr Segun FASIKA
House Parent

NERC Essay Competition

On Monday 11 March 2024, four of our learners participated in the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission Essay Competition with the topic: "How do the New Customer Protection Regulations (2023) Protect the Rights and Obligations of Electricity Customers?" We eagerly await the results of this competition.

Mrs Stella CHUKWUJEKWU
Director of Learning (Languages)



Finance

School Fees

School fees assist us in the general running of the school, in maintenance and in carrying out all essential repairs before and during the term.

For returning learners in the boarding school, as well as learners in the day school, Term 3 school fees for 2023/24 are as follows:

Boarding School	Returning Learners ₦	Day School	Returning Learners ₦
Tuition/Boarding	330,000	Tuition	160,000
Maintenance	25,000	Maintenance	15,000
ICT fees	15,000	ICT fees	15,000
End of year party	10,000	End of year party	10,000
Total	380,000	Total	200,000

Concessions

Any parent desiring concessions must make their request before resumption by completing the Application for Concessional School Fees through this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/MFReezPGiE>. If approved, these parents will be required to bring a post-dated cheque for the balance upon resumption which will be presented at the bank upon expiration of the concession window. Also, you will be required to sign an undertaking at the Business & Finance Department before collecting clearance. This is a requirement for admission into the school for parents who are unable to pay their fees in full before resumption.

Applications for Term 3 close on Friday 19 April 2024, at 6:00pm. This is to enable us to process the applications received and give feedback to parents before resumption. We are unable to process any request not made in this way; and we are likewise unable to process any requests for Term 3 after this date.

Behaviour for Learning

At IJA, we take personal conduct very seriously because among many reasons, education is geared towards two important aspects of life - learning and character. Little wonder that in the tertiary education system, graduates are usually presented certificates with this quote "(S)he has been found worthy both in learning and in character."

We as an international school prepare our learners both in academia and personal conduct and this is why our Reward & Sanction system is designed to record data on learners' personal conduct through ClassCharts. We ask parents and carers to check their child(ren)'s records regularly and to support or challenge their child where necessary so that, together, we can build unique leaders who will be outstanding globally.

We thank all our parents and carers for their ongoing support in this.

Mr Raymond ONOKPITE
Assistant Principal (Pastoral)

Boarding

In a bid to give our learners the best school experience and to make the learning and residential environments more comfortable, we have this half term, refurbished the tables and benches in the Refectory.

Mr Nosa IGBINIDU
Assistant Principal (Boarding)



Pocket Money Balances

Parents and carers should confirm their child(ren)'s pocket money balances with the Business & Finance Department before school resumes so that any deficit balances can be cleared. We do not wish to send learners home for the non-payment of school fees or other balances, as this will be disruptive to their learning. It is imperative, therefore, that this matter is addressed within the timescales outlined and in the ways advised.

Shuttle Bus

Parents and carers of day learners wishing to have the IJA school bus pick up and drop off their child(ren) daily can subscribe to our shuttle bus service at a termly rate of N120,000, subject to distance and/or other relevant factors. This charge is a reflection of the current cost of petrol and should be paid within two weeks of Term 3 commencing.



Methods of Payment

Fees and balances can be paid by any of the following methods:

- Bank draft
- Bank transfer
- Cash deposit at the bank
- Standing order

The school bank account number is:

Account Name: INFANT JESUS ACADEMY LTD
Account Number: 1016239381
Bank: UBA BANK (for all fees)

Evidence of Payment

Evidence of payment must be presented to the Business Manager, Mr Chukuka OGUNSUYI, before receipts can be issued. Admissible evidence includes tellers, alert notifications, and any other evidence providing confirmation that is verifiable with the bank. Parents and carers wishing to present these electronically may do so, by emailing the Business Manager at c.ogunsuyi@ijaasaba.com, or via WhatsApp on 08134 19 07 78. Parents and carers are reminded that presenting cheques that cannot be paid due to insufficient funds is a crime attracting stiff legal penalties.

Lunchtime Arrangements

Lunchtime arrangements are the same for day and boarding learners. However, lunch is not included in the fees paid by day learners and is available, at additional cost, upon request by parents and carers.

Mr Chukuka OGUNSUYI
Business Manager



Curriculum Information

Extra Lessons

Parents and carers intending to register their child(ren) for extra lessons within the coming term can pay the sum of **N20,000 per subject** into the school accounts, and thereafter inform the Business Manager about the payment(s) made, for easy and prompt reconciliation. Once payment is made, parents and carers are also asked to notify the Vice Principal, Mr ACHEKA Michael. This to ensure that your child is assigned the appropriate subject teacher and that this happens on time. Mr Acheka can be contacted on 07056 98 25 62 (WhatsApp) or by email at m.acheka@ijaasaba.com, with your child's name and the subject(s) requested. Parents and carers are advised to use school reports to help them identify subjects in which any extra lessons may be needed.

Holiday Assignments

Learners have been given holiday assignments via ClassCharts. These were released to both learners and parents, on their respective logins, on **Friday 29 March 2024** from 6:00pm. Parents and carers are encouraged to support their child(ren) in ensuring these assignments are given the necessary attention.

Assignments form part of our continuous assessment grading system. They are to be completed at home and submitted to the various subject teachers upon returning to school in April. Exact submission dates have been indicated by each teacher, using ClassCharts.



Revision Classes

There will be revision classes for learners in Years 9 and 12, from 15 April to 19 April 2024. Learners in this category are to return to the school on Sunday 14 April 2024 from 11:00am to 5:00pm. Day learners who wish to come to the boarding house can do so without any additional cost. Day learners coming from home on Monday 15 April 2024 are expected to be in school at latest 7:30am.

Resumption

Term 3 of the 2023/2024 academic year will commence on Monday 22 April 2024. Boarding learners are to return to the school on Sunday 21 April 2024 between 11:00am and 5:00pm.

Mr ACHEKA Michael
Vice Principal

In Closing...

As we close Term 2 and look forward to the coming break, I would like to thank all parents and carers for the support you have given us – and that you continue to give us – in continually seeking the best for our learners. We know, beyond question, that the emphasis we lay upon the school experience of learners and upon international standards in both best practice (generally) and Learning & Teaching (specifically), make the IJA experience a very different one from that which is readily attainable locally. This is a difference of which we are proud; and we appreciate the support and commitment we enjoy receiving from you in delivering it.

I am excited about continuing our journey together, when we reopen for Term 3, in a short time.

Until then, my prayer is that the power that raised Jesus from the dead would be active on your behalf. May it animate everything in your life that, before now, has been either stagnant or regressive. May the power of His resurrection become a fresh reality to you and your family.

I greet you in divine love.

Christus resurrexit!

The Most Revd
Dr Otis V WILKS CMgr FCMI, FCCT, FRSA
Principal



Admission is ongoing...



Infant Jesus Academy Asaba

Old Anwal Road, Opposite Govt. House,
P.O.Box 148, Asaba, Delta State
A Catholic Co-Educational Day & Boarding School with Child Protection arrangements in line with British standards

- British international school led by a UK-trained Principal
- Learning-centered leadership and classroom practice mapped to the highest of British (Ofsted) standards
- A blended curriculum that leads to NECO SSCE, WASCE and IGCSE qualifications in the Senior School and BECE (both State and Federal) and Cambridge Checkpoint qualifications in the Junior School
- A unique emphasis on the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of our learners
- British standards in care, guidance and support delivered through our comprehensive pastoral care system
- Top facilities including a gym, computer suites, WiFi across the school and solar power delivering 24 hours of electricity



Cambridge International School

ADMISSION NOW OPEN

Admission Forms are available for entry into Boarding School Year 7, Year 8, Year 10 and Year 11 (J51, J52, SS1 and SS2) and Day School Year 7, Year 8 and Year 10 and Year 11 for the 2023/2024 School year. Forms can be purchased at a cost of N7,000 from the school or from any of the following centres:

- Catholic Institute of West Africa (CIWA), Aba Road, Port-Harcourt Tel: 08032445601
- Abbey Mortgage Bank Plc. 23 Karimu Street, Victoria Island, Lagos
- Cradle School, Bendel Estate Warri
- God's Wisdom International School, Nnewi
- Sterling Primary School, Ekpan, Warri
- Our Lady of Apostles Nursery & Primary School, Airport Road, Benin City



Call 08149211895, 08134190778
or email us at enquiries@ijaasaba.com
or visit www.ijaasaba.com
for further enquiries

A digital copy of the form is also available at www.ijaasaba.com/admissions
Payment for the digital form can be made into: UBA PLC, Account Name: Infant Jesus Academy Ltd, Account No: 1016239381