

**D**early esteemed Parents, welcome to a new year. Thank you once again for your patronage in the previous year. We are poised to serve you better this year.

## **THEME FOR THE TERM**

Our theme for this term is TRAVELS AND TOURS and it cuts across the different classes. The breakdown is as follows:

Classes	IPC MILEPOST	SUB - THEME
Nursery, Year 1 and Year 2	EYFS/ Milepost 1	From A to B (Transport and Travel)
Year 3 and Year 4	Milepost 2	Gateways to the World
Year 5 and *Year 6	Milepost 3	Moving People

\*Year 6 would only participate in select activities as the main focus of their learning is preparations for their examinations and pre – secondary activities.

## **TC MINI OLYMPIC GAMES**

Our Olympic Games would still hold this term. However, due to logistic reasons beyond our control, the event would no longer hold in February as earlier scheduled. The new date is **Thursday March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Agege Stadium**. Other changes as affects the general school calendar can be viewed in the calendar at the end of the newsletter. Also, please remember that returning pupils would need to pay the sum of **N3, 000** for the new **sportswear**.

## **FIELD TRIPS**

Pupils would go on a couple of field trips this term. These trips are not included in the school bill as we do not bill for field trips except when necessary, hence the school usually bears the cost. However, owing to the fact that the trips for this term would require specific entrance fees, parents are enjoined to pay the sum of **N1, 500** per child for the **field trips** for each class. We apologise for any inconvenience this might cause parents.

A summary of the additional fees is given below:

<b>Sportswear (pupils who joined from September till date are excluded)</b>	<b>N3,000</b>
<b>Field trips</b>	<b>N1,500</b>

## COMMUNICATION AND FEEDBACK

For ease of communication with parents, the management has come up with WhatsApp groups for parents in different sections. The names for each group would be:

SECTION	WhatsApp Group name	Main Administrator (the HOD for each section)
Nursery Section	<b>TC Nursery</b>	Miss Awojobi
Lower Primary (Years 1 – 3)	<b>TC LowerPrimary</b>	Mrs Mclean
Upper Primary (Years 4 -6)	<b>TC UpperPrimary</b>	Mrs Olusola

Kindly allow your number to be added to the groups as necessary over the next few days. Parents, who do not get any information or add, should please get in touch with Mrs. Babatunde (08038506855) or Mr. Victor Anakor (08033750580) by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January to correct this.

Rules guiding the groups would be posted by each Administrator to enable us get the best of our groups.

- *Please note that the groups are only for information and communication purposes asides from feedback.*
- *The groups do not represent feedback channels hence any feedback should be directed to the Group Administrators as a Direct Message (DM). Other feedback channels remain open such as feedback @tendercradleschool.com or a call may be made to the concerned teachers or heads. Messages may also be written in the communication books.*

- *Cut and paste messages are not allowed.*
- *Members may not post job information or personal conversations with another parent.*
- *If there is need to communicate with the group, the message should be sent personally to the Administrator.*
- *If there is a need to communicate with another parent in the group, the message should be sent directly to that parent.*

## FINAL WORD

Sometimes, it seems that the way a child relates in school differs from the way he does the same thing at home. What could be responsible for this dichotomy? Children need to be given opportunities at home to make use of what they have been taught in school particularly, in the area of everyday living.

What happens when a child is allowed to prepare their own snack, slice their own apples, pour their own drink, and wash and dry their own dishes in the Montessori classroom, but at home is told “Oh, you’re much too young to use a knife? You will spill that if you pour it. Let me do it for you”? The mixed message is clear. The skills that are being taught at school are not allowed at home, thus creating a dichotomy in the child’s thinking: *I am capable and independent at school, but at home I am not.*

Let’s allow them run errands and help out in little ways, let’s allow them make mistakes and learn from them. Try not to overprotect, try not to overshadow. Let them be free to express their innate abilities. It is only when we do this that we give them wings to soar.

**Do have a great and exciting year.**

## AGAPE (2<sup>ND</sup>) TERM

**THEME: TRAVELS & TOURS**

DATE	EVENT
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2016	Staff Resumption
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2016	Pupils’ resumption

<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016</b>	Armed forces Remembrance Day
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016</b>	Numeracy Week
<b>Monday 1st February – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Assessment
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2016</b>	Open Day and PTF meeting
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016</b>	TC Valentine’s Day Celebration
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016</b>	Mid-term break
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Assessment
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016</b>	Mother’s Day (UK)
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Revision
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016</b>	Examination
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016</b>	<b>TC MINI OLYMPIC GAMES</b>
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016</b>	<b>Closing</b> (results to be collected on Resumption)

**School resumes for Omega term – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

**End of Session – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

**Summer School – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2016 (4 weeks)**

*It is recommended that all pupils in the present Senior Adventurers Class and Year 1 attend summer school for a minimum of three weeks.*