



GRANNY MURRAY SCHOOLS

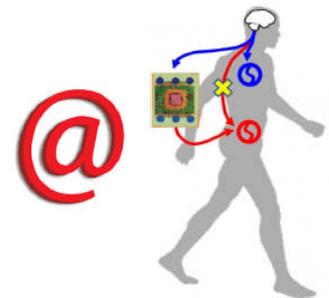
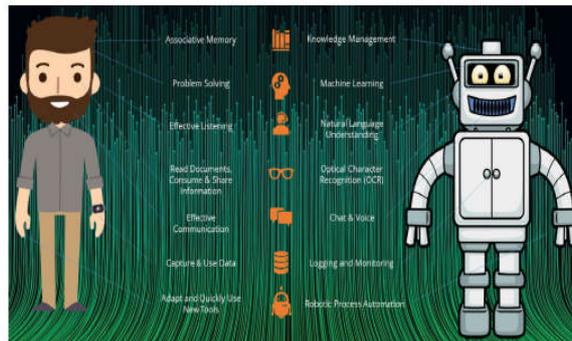
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Creativity . Harmony . Integrity . Love . Dedication

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In today's digital and technology world, coding is a fundamental skill alongside math and reading. It's evident that learning new and more relevant digital skills is vital if we are to survive and thrive in a world increasingly dominated by technology, as it ultimately impacts our careers, starting by improving children's critical and computational thinking



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Dear Family,

It is great to be back to school as we have all settled down to a new school year that promises to be fun and exciting. We will start by welcoming all the new parents, returning parents and mentors into our midst. We appreciate the love that we share as a school, the bond that makes us a family and the sense of belonging that helps our growing community.

The 2018/2019 school year ended on a high as we appreciate all our parents that have believed in us and supported us. The foundations we are building our progress upon today, would not have been possible without your generosity to the school and the children. We once more say a big thank you for time and substance.

We are all entering the new school year with much expectations, excitement and confidence as we help the children set their eyes on the horizon. The Pathways Programme has taken off in earnest as we begin to look at building the much-needed foundation in Arts & Media, ICT, Languages, Leadership and Sports. It is important to note that we are seizing the opportunity to redirect the After-School programme for ordinary club activities into a focused pathway experience that will help discover the talents in the children while also channeling their innate skills set into a productive and fulfilling future.

Our curriculum is expected to draw strength from the array of integration and inclusive learning that we have developed for the new school year, thereby enhancing the learning opportunities for every child. A shift from the past will also be the new school uniform policy which has been considered as an element that can help the children's flexibility and provide them the right foundation to apply themselves in any environment, which they may find themselves now and in the future. From our Early Years Foundation Classes, through Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 3, the rising stars will be getting started with some initiatives while also reinforcing some old ones.

A common saying is that it takes a community to raise a child and that is what makes GMS a special community as such where the children spend an average of 10 to 11 hours daily for up to 5 days a week. We therefore encourage us all to keep engaging and talking to the children beyond the mentors, but also at home as parents, about what they are learning in school and outside of school. It is important that parents seize the opportunity of this conversation with their children to participate in organized school activities. As a head start for parents this new school year, we will be having our curriculum night on Saturday, 28th August 2019, for parents to have engaging moments with their children's mentors and the entire school team. We will interface with new and returning parents on how we can partner together to turn the children's fortune around for good.

We welcome you on board once more, we encourage you to fasten your seat belts as we embark on one of our finest school years yet.

Merci Beaucoup!

Josephine O. Oke (Mrs.)
Director of Schools



The Future Legends

We congratulate the Future Legends who recently graduated from Granny Murray Early Years Foundation Stage to the Lower Primary. This is one of the most exciting periods in a child's academic journey. It is a time when pupils transit from the level of absorbing information and learning foundation skills, to making lasting contributions to human knowledge. It is our intention at GMS to continue the tradition of providing pupils with a world-class education that inspires and builds innovation. We want to assure the children that the friendships and collaborations they make at this stage of their development will last a lifetime. Welcome Future Legends!

Technology & Humanity: Our Convergence

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TERM 1 THEME: Technology & Humanity: Our Convergence!

Our learning this term is themed Nigeria: Technology & Humanity: Our Convergence. At GMS, as part of our teaching philosophy – Show them; don't only tell them, and Our learning philosophy – Experience knowledge; don't just acquire it! Our teaching and learning strategies are cross-curricula teaching and thematic units through an integrated curriculum. Our learning this term will be featuring the influence of technology, coding and robotics on humanity.



GMS Pathway Programmes

The Granny Murray Schools Pathway Programmes is our new innovative talent discovery and skills development programme. It takes the children beyond their daily academic Maths, English, Sciences, Humanities and Arts subjects to a new height of honing their innate skills that further helps them to achieve the superiority they may not have achieved academically and thereby leading them to a successful life, eventually. The extensive programme which includes Arts & Media, ICT, Languages, Leadership and Sports gives every GMS child the opportunity to discover self either academically or non-academically, and in many cases both. Interested parents can meet with Ms. Irene or Mr. Gabriel for further information on this and how their children can benefit. Also, you may wish to visit our website to download the GMS Pathway Guide as well as the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). We believe strongly that children who eventually do not earn scholarships through their academic exploits will be able to do so through non-academic.

Expand Your Child's Horizon In Cinematography, Photography, Music, Drama and Public Speaking

OUR INTENSIVE SWIMMING PATHWAY PROGRAMME AIMS TO DEVELOP AND ENHANCE YOUR CHILD'S SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND BEHAVIOUR

Technology Pathway Programme for Children's Skills Discovery, Ideation, and Future Innovation
www.grannymurray.com



GMS Early Years Foundation Stage

"Imagination is more important than knowledge" – Einstein. In this new school year, the Early Years rising stars will be exploring their creativity and imagination around Songs, Nursery rhymes, Teddy Bear Travels & Tours, Seasons & Celebrations. This is where creativity, ingenuity, and thinking outside the box begin in a child's development. Through imaginative and creative play, the children will be learning about the world. We will be requesting for your support during the course of the term to help the children experience imaginative play, manipulate materials and feedback on how they express themselves verbally and non-verbally, morals, plan (intentionally or unintentionally), act, interact, react, and try different roles; during the course of the term.



STOP THE DISASTER: Plant A Tree

As a society, proper education on natural disasters and training of children are long term investments required for effective disaster management. Our STOP DISASTER campaign is not only to teach the children, but to introduce behavioural change in the next generation to act responsibly and be environment friendly. We see examples like drainage soaring with garbage which is a huge health hazard. That's an example of how human behaviour is causing health hazards and on the overall impacting our daily lives. We have decided to get on Plant a Tree & Flood Control initiatives as part of our efforts to impact humanity and our immediate community.

Date: Tuesday, 29th October 2019

Venue: GMS, Wuse II, Abuja

Target Audience: Preschool 3, Key Stage 1 – Key Stage 3

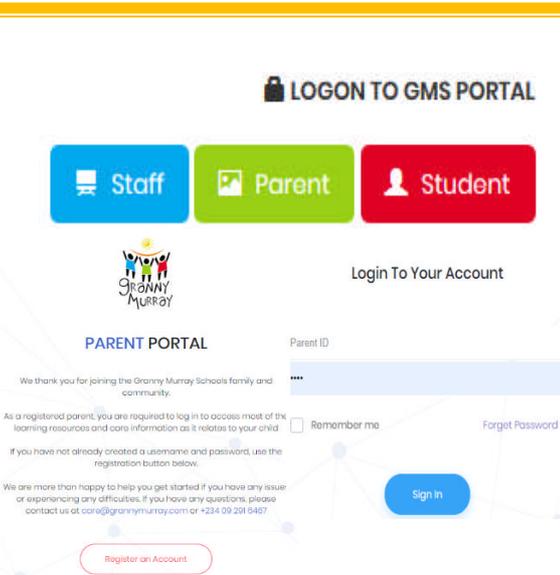


Curriculum Night

In this new school year, we encourage parents to look out for the new projects tagged "The Power of Reasoning & Problem Solving in the Life of a Child", while also participating in them as well either at home or in school. The school's academic and pathway programmes will take centre stage as we look forward to hosting you on our curriculum night coming up as follows:

Date: Saturday, 28th September 2019

Venue: GMS Hall, House 1



GMS ONLINE: www.grannymurray.com/Parent/

Further to our technology drive and convergence experience, we have developed a parent portal that brings into one place all the school resources, parent resources, classroom with homework activities, school policies, including school fees update dashboard. Parents that have their child’s fees up to date will be granted access to all this information at the convenience of their home or offices and on the move. Parents that have difficulty in finding their way around should endeavour to get in touch with the IT Department. Invoices due and payment receipts for all payments can be downloaded or printed from the portal at parent’s convenience.

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY: A New Update

Granny Murray Schools evolving policies ensure that we keep aligning our vision with global realities for the best educational experience for the children. In alignment with our curriculum improvement, we have reviewed our uniform policy for the children to experience a blend of the Nigerian, British and American school systems. It gives them the freedom to be able to express themselves, while also giving them a communal sense. The policy review includes the following;

1. Monday – Complete School Uniform
2. Tuesday – Casual Wears
3. Wednesday – Sport Wears
4. Thursday – Complete School Uniform
5. Friday – Expressive / Native Wear



DAILY CLOSING TIME

We wish to plead with parents to endeavour to pick up the children in a timely fashion at the close of day, every day. The safety and security issues in and around the country is quite fragile and there is need to pay greater attention to the situations around us, especially at the end of each day.

As parents and school management, the responsibility is on us to be proactive towards the safety and security of the children and the teachers. They remain our biggest assets that we will need to

protect each day. Timely departure from the school can help the children and teachers to arrive their respective homes before dark and return to school the next day to fulfill their purpose and essence.



EVENT	DATE
Term One: School Opens	09/09/2019
Curriculum Night	28/09/2019
Granny Murray Schools National Day Celebrations	30/09/2019
Mid-Term Assessment Begins	23/10/2019
Mid-Term Assessment Ends	25/10/2019
Mid-Term Break Begins (Plant A Tree Project)	28/10/2019
Mid-Term Break Ends	29/10/2019
Id-el-Maulud Holiday	11/11/2019
World TV Day / Excursion and Field Trip	18/11/2019
End of Term One Assessment Begins	20/11/2019
End of Term One Assessment Ends	22/11/2019
Christmas Fiesta	05/12/2019
Term One: School Closes	06/12/2019
Term Two: School Opens	07/01/2020
Mid-Term Assessment Begins	10/02/2020
Mid-Term Assessment Ends	12/02/2020
Family Valentine Extra	14/02/2020
Mid-Term Break Begins	17/02/2020
Mid-Term Break Ends	18/02/2020
Excursion and Field Trip	20/02/2020
Performance Review Begins	05/03/2020
Book Fair Begins	05/03/2020
Performance Review Ends	06/03/2020
Book Fair Ends	06/03/2020
French Carnival	16/03/2020
Theatre Workshop	17/03/2020
End of Term Two Assessment Begins	18/03/2020
End of Term Two Assessment Ends	20/03/2020
End of Term Fiesta	02/04/2020
Term Two: School Closes	03/04/2020
Spring Holiday Programme Begins	06/04/2020
Good Friday Holiday	10/04/2020
Easter Holiday	13/04/2020
Spring Holiday Programme Ends	24/04/2020
Term Three: School Opens	27/04/2020
Workers Day Holiday	01/05/2020
Mid-Term Break Begins	25/05/2020
Children's Day Holiday	27/05/2020
Mid-Term Break Ends	29/05/2020
Mid-Term Assessment Begins	08/06/2020
Mid-Term Assessment Ends	10/06/2020
Democracy Day Holiday / Excursion and Field Trip	12/06/2020
Cultural Day	03/07/2020
End of Term Two Assessment Begins	13/07/2020
End of Term Two Assessment Ends	16/07/2020
Awards and Graduation Day	18/07/2020
Term Three: School Closes	24/07/2020
Summer Holiday Programme Begins	27/07/2020
Summer Holiday Programme Ends	04/09/2020

Days	Time		
	3:00pm – 4:00pm	4:00pm – 5:00pm	4:00pm – 5:00pm
Monday	Subject Clinics	Taekwondo	Gymnastics
Tuesday	Subject Clinics	*STREAM (TECH)	Chess
Wednesday	Media (PlayBack)	Business & Wacky Math	Badminton
Thursday	Subject Clinics	Ballet & Contemporary Dance	Mozart
Friday	Swimming – 1pm	Media	*STREAM (JETS & OTHERS)

***STREAM: Science, Technology, Robotics, Engineering, Entrepreneurship, Arts, & Maths**

Kindly direct all club enquiries to Ms. Irene or Mr. Gabriel on 0909 625 5666

Please note that while we plan to abide with the above stated dates and more, some dates may change due to certain unforeseen circumstances. Updates in any date and time will be communicated to all parents as soon as they become known.

Thank you.

**For: Management
Granny Murray Schools**

**Mr. Ayodele Zakariya'u
Deputy Head, Academics**