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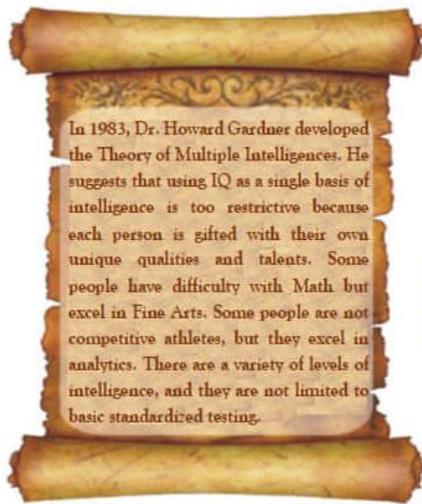
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Creativity . Harmony . Integrity . Love . Dedication

TERMLY NEWSLETTER: TERM TWO, 2019-2020

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Natural or Artificial: Multiple Intelligences



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CREATIVITY HARMONY INTEGRITY LOVE DEDICATION



GRANNY MURRAY
 GMS academic and pathway programmes is born out of conscious **CREATIVITY** to give equal attention to all children of various intelligences and not leaving any child behind.



ROMELU LUKAKU
 Lukaku, a Belgian international, is both Word and Language Smart. Beyond football, he speaks 7 languages, including French. His translator skills helped to create **HARMONY** amongst his teammates at his previous clubs.



WARREN BUFFET
 Warren Buffet however warned against replacing **INTEGRITY** with Intelligence or Energy in people. Intelligence and Energy Level of a person is only valuable when it is guided with Integrity.



MIRIAM MAKEBA
 Makeba sounded unique due to her Musical-Rhythmic Intelligence. She spoke out against apartheid in South Africa through her **LOVE** songs. After passing away in 2008, South Africans still live in the freedom she sang for.



GRETA THUNBERG
 Greta is a 17 years old environmental activist on climate change. Her protests, speeches and intelligent **DEDICATION** to climate change and activism is making world leaders uncomfortable world over.

Dear Family,

Welcome back to another sensational term!

Happy New Year and A BIG WELCOME to our new families who joined GMS for this term! We look forward to working with you and your children to create an awesome life-time experience. Where there is Creativity, Harmony, Integrity, Love and Dedication, there is passion and excitement for learning.

It is quite wonderful to see the children, mentors and parents looking relaxed, well-rested and happy to be back to school and ready to take on the challenges of a new school term.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for participating and supporting all our school activities last term: Assembly year group presentations, swimming and gymnastics competitions, GMS pathway programmes, end of year productions and the Granny Murray Foundation's end of year give back to the society. Our sincere appreciation goes to parents and mentors who contributed their cash and their kind effort towards the inclusive end of year programme at the Heritage Orphanage Gwarimpa. The 9 pupils and 4 mentors that represented our school community made us proud too. The Children learnt to share, show love, lend a helping hand and be thankful. Sharing some of our games and play ideas with the children at the Orphanage was fun; a 10-year-old child was very emotional and excited using the camera for the first time. We can share more time with the young future leaders at the orphanage and if you are busy remember you can always count on GMF Team to help.

Our term has commenced with much movement and excitement. Everyone is settled and the learning programs are continuing – the smoothest transition imaginable! A BIG THANK YOU to our dedicated mentors who resumed early to ensure the environment is dust free and resources are ready for the new experience.

We would like to recognise staff members that made 2019 count. They include a committed employee, Mr. Valentine Ezike (Deputy Head, Quality Assurance). He is recognized for his commitment for making every minute count at the workplace and ensuring smooth processes and improvement in quality of our school deliveries. Ms. Irene Otugo is highly commended for the readiness to take up new roles and responsibilities and her initiatives towards the delivery of the GMS vision in more than many ways. Ms. Irene Otugo facilitated us on outside of the classroom learning as GMS and her participating pupils were honoured as a school and community in the Aqua Swimming and TIG Gymnastics competition. The most improved new Employee is Ms. Fatima Aliu (Mother of deliveries) as she is commended for her timely and rich deliveries. Mr. Awelewa is commended for outstanding events coordination and weekly duty coordination using his great team playing and coordination skills. We will not forget the DELF exams and results accomplishments by Mr. Ekama. On the overall, Mr. Ayodele Zakariya is highly commended for his consistent efforts in general school improvement on lesson plans and lesson deliveries. We started off Term One with our main focus on implementation of the core skills in our learning deliveries and we have recorded huge success in its implementation which is also reflecting in the children's increasing ability to think and solve problems, ability to collaborate with peers and other people within and outside the school community and the daily creative ideas and valuable contributions they often share.

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.

Josephine O. Oke (Mrs.)

Director of Schools

This term we will be harnessing the tested propounded theory of Howard Garner to better utilize the different strengths and intelligences of every child for promotion of life-long learning. These will be including nature smart, sound smart, number/reasoning smart, life smart, people smart, body smart, word smart, self-smart and picture smart and more. It's simply a term of SMARTIES!



STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

In line with the vision of Granny Murray Schools, “raising a complete and purposeful child”, we will be presenting the Pupils’ Parliament. It’s a project aimed towards empowering the pupils in the actualization of their leadership skills and helping them become responsible. This include but not limited to a broad perspective of the basic concepts of democracy and its practices as well as developing communication and leadership skills in the pupils. It’s a continuous impulse and collaborative initiatives with our partners (British Council). The child is prepared to receive new knowledge and be accountable. The project is aimed at electing pupils to be part of the well-respected parliamentary body within the school, consisting of pupils between Year 3 to Year 7.

MANIFESTO, ELECTION AND INAUGURATION

DATE: 17th January 2020

TIME: 8:15am-10:15am

VENUE: School Playground

FRIENDS OF GRANNY MURRAY (FOGM)

As parents and mentors, we continuously want the best for our rising stars. We want them to be independent, strong, and resourceful. Parenting workshops stands as one of the pillars of partnership that help parents appreciate and deal with simple parent-school progress and issues. To this end, you are invited to the term two parents’ workshop and coffee morning tagged SMART PARENT SMART PUPILS – The convergence. We will be discussing Learning Styles and Multiple Intelligence: Managing Changes and Effective Parent-Child (Teacher-Child) Communication.

DATE: Friday, 17th January 2020

TIME: 7:55am-9:00am

VENUE: School Multipurpose hall.



TAKE AWAY FOR EVERYONE FROM AN ANONYMOUS MENTOR TOWARDS A GREAT LEARNING EXPERIENCE AND A GREAT FUTURE.

Look out for more at the “PARENT SMART – PUPILS SMART – The Convergence Coffee Meeting

“You know what more I can tell when I look at my children? I can tell which families value kindness and manners in their homes. I can tell when a child feels loved and secure at home (and at school which sadly isn’t always everyone’s school experience!)

I know who gets movie nights and which mum or dad reads in different voices for bedtimes. I can see who has a solid routine at home and who has chores and responsibilities.

I can hear how you speak to your children by how they speak to others. I see beyond their cognitive and physical milestones, I see who they are; their heart, their actions, their inner voice, their struggles and triumphs, and I see you, and all the love you pour into them.”

Book looks, assessments, learning targets, benchmark and data always comes first at most Parents Teachers Conferences.

At GMS, we are concerned with balancing for better.

It is true that many of the future jobs will spin off from technologies that are emerging today — drones, alternative energy, autonomous cars, and cryptocurrencies and blockchain developments, for starters and others. The good news is robot automation will create more jobs than they will displace, if you can think outside the box, according to the 2018 WEF report.

Our task is to help the children to be prepared to fit into these roles by building the necessary core skills required along with their cognitive skills that will help them become better adults. Some of such skills are:

- Judgement and decision making
- Emotional and social intelligence
- Collaborative and inclusive learning
- Creative and innovative mindset
- Stress management
- Peer/pressure management
- Critical thinking and problem solving

All these, we have taken into consideration and have considered as our focus in line with the School theme for Term 2, Multiple Intelligences and the vision and mission of Granny Murray Schools. And together, with you inclusive, we can help your child find a balance in today’s world while envisioning the future.

We are pleased to conduct a Parent Workshop Survey to gain some invaluable feedback about our previous workshops so that we can improve our current and future workshop content. We hope you can take just a few moments to fill out this survey and provide us with some additional input. Please click <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScF42WMx1CRBSjt6kKksaMVa4xyWdcZsCHXE3DRUmzrCqRYCA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1> to participate in the Survey



FAMILY VALENTINE DAY EXTRA

Our school community believes that everyone matters and everyday counts. Help your child feel loved and connected with you. You can help them create good memories surrounding your family along with other families. Visit correctional centres with your child, care for someone at the hospital, lend a helping hand to a neighbor, give the less privileged, encourage them to share their excess gifts and toys with another and a lot more. In this wise, we are inviting all parents to join in our family fundraiser initiative through a raffle draw. Let's support by buying the tickets from our pupils which proceeds would be used to buy care items and we shall present same to the sick in the public hospital and extend a random act of kindness together for someone in need.

DATE: Friday 14th February 2020

VENUE: School Playground



LEADERSHIP AND EXPLORATIONS: VISIT TO THE RED HOUSE (NIGERIA SENATE) AND A FOOD PROCESSING OUTLET.

The target audience for excursions are the Preschool, Lower and Upper Primary. Excursions are valuable for everyone; particularly the children who are at their foundation stage. Stepping outside the school gate is not only an opportunity for children to see the world but also for the world to see what children can learn and do. The KS 2-3 pupils' excursion will be centred around leadership and good citizenship where rising stars will be visiting the Nigeria law makers (The Senate) to buttress the initiative "The Pupils Parliament". On the other hand, the Preschool Pupils will visit a food / fruit processing centre as part of the learning curve and a way to reinforce what has been taught through the lasting memories the experience will create in them. In turn, it will further expose the rising stars to the what, why and how of inter- and intra-personal skills: Presentation and communication skills, leadership, organizational skills, teamwork, collaboration, initiative and self-discipline

DATE: Wednesday, 19th February 2020

VENUE: School Playground





PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The 2019/2020 parent/pupil performance review will be held on 5th and 6th March starting daily at 10.30am and closing at 2.30pm. All families will be allocated an appointment time and it is vital that you make every effort to attend. If there are exceptional circumstances that make it impossible for you to attend on these dates, please speak to your child's class teacher. If you wish to contact us in advance to book an appointment, please feel free to do so by calling any of the school's care line or care email. Pupils in Key Stages 1, 2 and 3 can attend with their parents/guardians.

DATE: Thursday and Friday 5th and 6th March 2020.

TIME: 10.30am to 2.30pm Daily

VENUE: School Common Room

ATTENDANCE & PICKUP

Our school attendance target is 95%. It also covers assembly and pick up time. We were able to attain 94.8% during Term One which is just slightly below the target and was as a result of lateness in daily resumption and pickup time. It is imperative that we work together to achieve excellent attendance for our children, as absences can have a huge and negative effect on progress. All absences must be advised to the school office or email by 10am. You can choose to speak to a member of the office staff on any of our care lines.

Decisive Time and Schedules:

School Opens:	7:30am daily
Assembly Starts:	7:45am
School Closes:	2:30pm
Afterschool:	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Pathway Programmes:	4:00pm – 5:00pm
Pre-Late Pickup:	5:00pm – 6:30pm
Late Pickup (With Penalty)	Every 30 minutes after 6:30pm

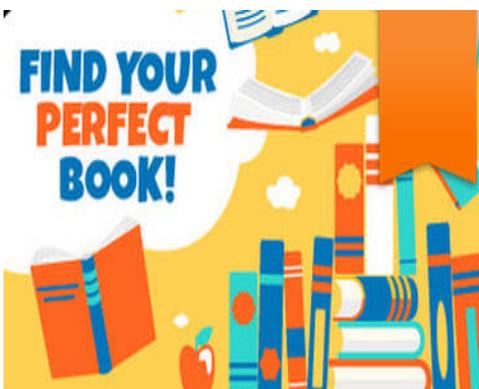


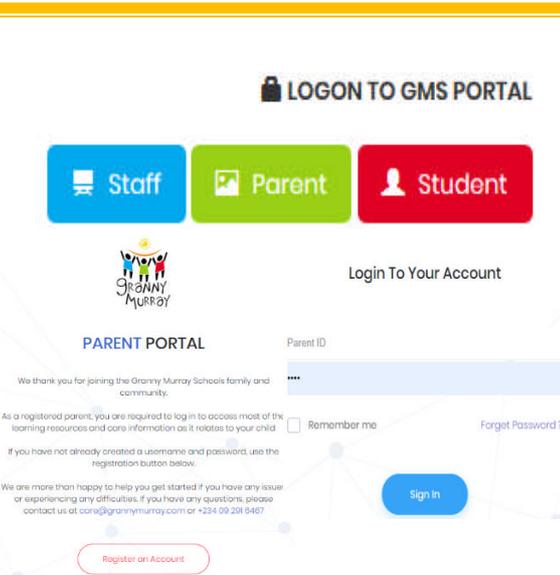
TO THE BOOK FAIR AND BEYOND

The reading skill is the foundation of every child's ability to function properly in our ever-changing society. While working through our theme, the GMS think-tank sought out authors (Dr. Seuss, Roald Dahl, Enid Blyton and so on) who keep themselves abreast of the importance of constantly changing times and their modifying influence on readers, especially children and youngsters. In the light of this, parents are encouraged to shop in the book fair. Parents are advised to buy books that are seldom found in bookshops and among vendors; for their children and you may wish to also donate to the school library, to promote life-long experience of use of library

DATE: Thursday & Friday, 5th & 6th March 2020

VENUE: School Playground





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 Two: School Opens	06/01/2020
Pupils Parliament Begins	13/01/2020
Pupils Parliament Ends	17/01/2020
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	19/02/2020
Excursion and Field Trip	19/02/2020
International Mothers Language Day	21/02/2020
Presidents Day	21/02/2020
World Book Day	02/03/2020
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
International Day of Happiness	20/03/2020
End of Term Two Assessment Begins	20/03/2020
End of Term Two Assessment Ends	23/03/2020
World Water Day	22/03/2020
End of Term Carnival	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.

For general enquiries, feedback, comments and observation on this newsletter, please contact as follows

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Thank you.

For: Granny Murray Schools Management

Mr. Ayodele Zakariya'u

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