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English course report 2023

THIS English course ran from October to December 2023 and took place in the old St Andrew's nursery school near St Andrew's Anglican church, Nachingwea, Tanzania. Two teachers taught in this class, Kevin John Bushiri and Augustine Olaf. Kevin has sent the following report which we reproduce in his own words:

The English course included 45 pupils where by 31 were girls and 14 were boys. The Stapleford Link sponsored 40 pupils in the following division. 30 were girls and 10 were boys. Five pupils in the following division were sponsored by the Nachingwea Link, three were boys and two were girls.

The following were success that has come from this English course that took place at Old St Andrew's nursery school.

Success of the English course

1. Meeting with parents

We had meeting with parents as we always used to call meeting. The meeting helps us (teachers) to establish relationship with parents and telling them what it takes so as the pupils can succeed in this three months English



Judith Mwambagi (who took first position) answers question in one of our teaching sessions.



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course. We identified academic and social challenges and the ways to solve them for the present and future academic and social lives of the pupils.

2. There were no truants

This class was quite different with the other previous classes pupils attended the all two sessions per day. This showed us how well parents understood us and gave us great cooperation in making sure that their children attend in all two sessions in all days.



Pupils show their happiness after receiving their last tests' results in their third and last month of December 2023

3. All pupils completed English course successfully

The good cooperation we got from parents made uniqueness of this English course. In this course all 45 pupils who started English course completed it successfully. That means no one dropped out from the course. Also there is no pupil has got under pass marks. There are no class had ever done like this before.

4. Answering three tests

We prepared three tests within three months. This means one test every month. English tests were divided into two types which were written English tests and spoken English tests. Ninety percent of our pupils answered well in



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their tests as we will show in next pages. We always make sure that we build the strong base in writing and speaking English language that will help them to grow well in their secondary education level.



The competitive class gives joy to teachers

5. The great competition among pupils

This English course has great academic competition among pupils. We teachers used some strategies to create competition among pupils like giving sweets after every successfully completion of the task including attending class in the whole days of the week. The passing marks difference between one pupil and another is very few. No one has failed in general marks. That means there is no pupils got below 150 marks. This is good sign for their future.

6. Giving rewards

Giving rewards is our culture in order to motivate our pupils. This year we also practiced our culture. We gave rewards to those top three pupils who performed well in this 2023 English course who were Judith Mwambagi, Rose Oliver, Safina Abdala and Sharifu Nasoro who took the same number three.

7. Sponsoring ten boys

This English course included ten boys who also sponsored by the Stapleford Link. The change was done after receiving instruction from the



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Boys follow the teachings and answer questions in one of our class sessions

Stapleford Link. This was positive change as girls also got academic challenges from boys and they all stretched themselves to show their mind ability and they passed their tests with high marks that we teachers used as example that girls have the same mind ability as boys.

8. Sponsorship from the Nachingwea Link

The Nachingwea Link decided in the meeting to give fund for sponsoring five pupils to learn English language as our contribution in this project. Those pupils were Rita Juma and Fikira Mohamed are girls while Ramadhan Abdul, Nseya Boniface and Ezekiel Apollo are boys.

Conclusion

We all together worked hard to make dreams of these pupils being true. They also worked hard and put great effort to understand the language which it will be the great help in passing their secondary school examinations and in their normal lives after school. We are always happy when pupils accomplish their English course because we know that we have increased people who understand this international language. That will be easy to follow the God's command comes from Proverb 4:13 'Take fast hold of instruction, let her not go, keep her, for she is thy life'

Thanks a bunch, Kevin John Bushiri, teacher and report writer