

## JOKES, PUZZLES, RIDDLES

One day a man boarded a Taxi from Kedjebi to Jasikan. He was carrying a big loaf of bread in a polythene bag and placed it on seat beside him. The driver asked the man to pay an additional fare for the bread on the seat. The man got angry, ate the bread and said to the driver "Now give my stomach change"

- By Richard Darko (P6)

God is not MTN but he is everywhere, God is not Tigo but expresses himself, God is not Zain but made a wonderful world.

- By Emmanuel Kwao (P6)



Enthusiastic pupils exploring new ways of learning.  
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## ST. ANTHONY'S NEWS

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### St. Anthony RC Basic Has Seen a Face lift in Teaching and Learning.

St. Anthony R/C Basic School has seen a face lift in its quest to improve upon teaching and learning through the integration of Information Communication and Technology (ICT).Thanks to OLE – Ghana, a Non-Governmental Organization working to promote Quality Education at the basic level. OLE – Ghana rolled out a project known as the Ghana Read Project which is intended to improve upon literacy in the basic schools. OLE – Ghana is assisting St. Anthony R/C Basic to enhance the teaching skills of teachers and making the classroom fun by putting basic technology and quality open education resources as well as a Coach at the disposal of its pupils and teachers.

St. Anthony R/C Basic was established on the 24<sup>th</sup> September, 1996 as a private institution. On 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2002 the school was absorbed into the public system of the Catholic Education Unit.

The school has an enrollment of six hundred and fifty-five (655) pupils made up of three hundred and seventeen (317) girls with a staff population of twenty-one (21) teachers. The school also has four non-teaching staff made up of two teaching at the KG

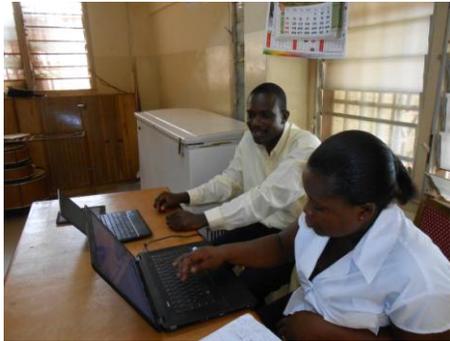


Mrs. Pearl Acquah-Aglona who is the head of the school, is particularly excited and grateful for having the project in the school. She believes the intervention (OLE-Ghana) was timely and that the project will help improve the literacy level of the pupils. She also believes that it will improve the enrollment drive of the school. According to her, integrating technology into teaching and learning enhances quick understanding of concepts and making learning fun thus pupils are able to retain whatever they have learnt.

Her exploration of the resources on the rasp berry pie (server) boosted her confidence based on the fact that the work of the teachers' will be enhanced and also makes their classroom activities flexible and easier.

## **Teacher Preparation by: COACH**

Teaching is expected to be a process whereby the teacher brings the learner and the subject together. Major stakeholders in the education fraternity are continuously looking for ways by which teachers can teach more effectively in order to increase the quality of education. However research has shown that in many of today's classrooms teaching and learning activities are more teacher centered than students centered. This is a concern for the Ghana Education Service. They believe this will not, and does not lead to effective teaching and learning for that matter quality education is compromised. There is the need for change!



The change being called for requires the creation of 21<sup>st</sup> century classrooms. In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, teaching is a constructive process where pupils are given quality access to information. We are talking about situations where the classroom environment becomes very active with various kinds of activities with the student being the focus of the learning taking place.

Introducing new approaches to effective teaching requires skills that will result in the creation of tools and documents that can help increase teacher productivity. Such skills include Technological skills, Critical thinking, Collaboration, and Active exploration. The question is, 'are today's crop of teachers well positioned to facilitate the kind of classroom instruction that will provide student centered learning environment?'

The Coach of the Ghana Reads Project in the person of Mr F. K. Binka, believes that with the right kind of training and the provision of resources, the right caliber of teachers needed can be produced to ensure that teaching and learning is improved.

The Ghana Reads Project at St. Anthony's R/C Basic is ensuring that the teacher is adequately prepared before entering the classroom to teach. The project also places at the disposal of the school a coach, technological equipments such as tablets, projectors, and a rasp berry pie(sever). Teachers are taken through planning sessions to enable them have firsthand experience before getting to the classroom



## **First Community Education Report by: HEADMISSTRESS**

### **- Introducing Ghana Reads Project to parents.**

The first community education program was held on Saturday the 16th of February, 2013. It was held during the school's Parent Teacher Association (PTA) meeting. This first program (forum) was used to officially introduce OLE Ghana (and the entire OLE network) as well as the Ghana reads project to the Nii-Boi Town community. It was also meant to kick start the community education component of the model project. It was addressed by the coach of the GH-Reads project in the person of Mr. Fred K. Binka in the presence of the Headmistress of the school, the PTA/SMC executives as well as the Assemblyman of the Trobu-Constituency.

The coach stressed on the relevance of the project as well as the community support needed for the sustenance of the project. The School Management Committee chairman emphasized on the need for the community members (parents) to capitalize on the opportunities presented by the Ghana Reads Project to educate their children. They were therefore entreated that the challenges lies on them as parents to rise up to the occasion and take charge of their children's education, and not to wait or count on help from afar.



## **TEACHERS WORKING ON TABLETS**

