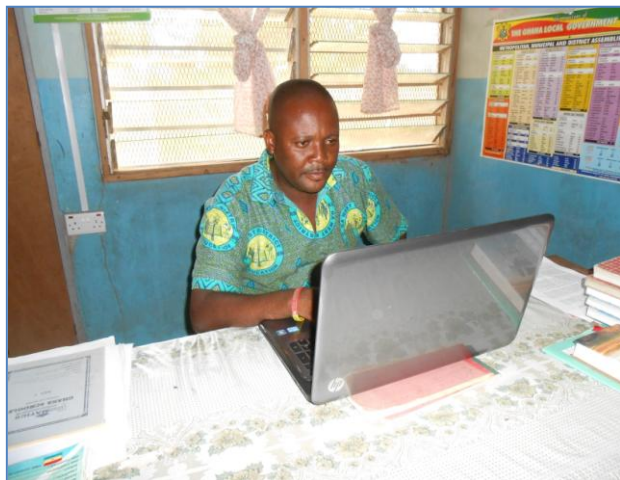


## VOICE FROM KATAPOR

### SCHOOL PROFILE



Katapor M/A Primary School is a public school in the Ga-West Municipality. It is located about 3km from Pokuase towards its west. The school was started as a community nursery with the assistance from the World Vision International (W.V.I) in March 1985. This nursery was housed temporarily at the premises of Katapor Good News Church.

In the course of time, the need arose for permanent structure to be built. As a result, a three classroom block, an office and a store were built in 1987. Furniture and teaching aids were supplied by (W.V.I). Later, the lower and upper primary blocks were also built with the assistance again from (W.V.I).

In 1992/93 academic year, the school was absorbed into the mainstream as a public school. Six trained teachers were posted to the school as well as some nursery attendants. In 2003/04, a staff bungalow was also built. The school has a big playing ground for co-curricular activities and also a well-spaced library which is shared with the Junior High School.

Currently, the school benefits from the school feeding program. It has been connected to the national grid as well, thanks to the school P.T.A and Open Learning Exchange (O.L.E) Ghana. This has helped in the teaching of I.C.T and in the usage of the equipment donated by OLE Ghana as part of the Ghana LITE project. Currently, the school has thirteen (13) teachers on staff (Kindergarten to primary six) and 312 pupils. Before the school joined the GHANA READS project being run by OLE Ghana, the number on roll was 243.

Again, OLE Ghana has started another project in the school dubbed "Ghana Reads " project is meant to improve upon literacy in the school. This project covers the whole school (ie) from KG-P6. This program is being carried out currently in 20 basic schools in the country. Katapor Primary is proud to be associated with the successful implementation of this program since it was used as a pilot school to learn lessons vital for the success of this new OLE Ghana program.

It is our hope by the end of this project, Katapor M/A Primary School will be one of the top most public schools in the country.

## VOICE FROM KATAPOR

### Teacher Preparation by : Lead Teacher



In this 21<sup>st</sup> century system of education, teaching is now the act of instructing the one at the receiving end. It means teaching should be "child-centered" rather than teacher talks-chalks system of teaching. Globally, the world is moving speedily from analog system of operation to digital of which teachers must be the core component of this change.

Gradually, the use of technology in teaching (instructing) and learning is gaining advance to its fullest. It makes pupils to develop critical thinking skills, the curiosity to learn, the attitude of research and understanding that learning is beyond what goes on in the classroom.

The question now is, are we prepared mentally, emotionally, psychologically and physically to carry out the tasks associated with 21<sup>st</sup> century learning? If yes, then before our pupils we are teaching today get to our age, they should be better than us otherwise, all our efforts are in vain. What this means is that all hands are needed on desk to develop the

educational system in Ghana to move it forward.

### KATAPOR FIRST COMMUNITY EDUCATION (by Coach).

The first community education took place on the 27th February, 2013, at Katapor M/A primary school premises with sixty participants. GHANA READS project was born due to the success story of the GHANA-LITE project of which Katapor M/A primary school was selected as a pilot school. Parents were informed about the GHANA READS project and its expansion to other twenty schools. They were overwhelmed about this success story and commended the GHANA-LITE team for good work done.

The Coach outlined the benefits of the Ghana Reads project to the pupils, the community and the nation at large. Parents were asked to encourage their children to read at home and handle the equipment and resources available with care to ensure sustainability. Parents were shown some of the items OLE had supplied to the school.

Parents resolved to do whatever was within their means to support the programme.

## VOICE FROM KATAPOR



### JOKES, AND RIDDLES

There lived a boy called Kofi. One day, he went fishing with his father. This was what happened between the boy and his father. Kofi "father the sea is boiling" because the father was ignorant about the scene, he called the fire service to come and protect the fishes from dying.  
(BY SARAH TETTEY) P4

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY.  
M-many people will die because of me  
O-others will suffer because of me  
N-nothing can be done without me  
E-everything is bought by me  
Y-yes I am the genesis and revelation of the world.

(BY CHARLES GIN) P6.

## VOICE FROM KATAPOR

- a) My father bought me a house with no door, no window and even myself I can't stay in the house but there is always people in the house.
- b) There are 66 people in a ship, if the ship turns upside down, how many people will be left?

### MY FIRST TIME OF USING THE TABLET.

I was very glad when I first saw, handled and used the tablet. I am sure it came at the right time because, I was planning to leave the school when the new learning materials were brought. The day our teacher brought the tablets to the class and explained how it is used, I realized that it is not difficult as I first thought. Learning now is a great fun on week days in school. Saturdays and Sundays are now my enemies because I would like now to be in school every day. **(BY EMMANUEL DAWUSU) PRIMARY SIX**



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