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Important Dates

Saturday 25th September
Thursday 30th September
Friday 1st October
Monday 18th – Friday 22nd October (inclusive)

Parent Information Morning 9:30am
Independence Day Celebrations
School Closed
Midterm Break



**What an ABC week we have had...
Awesome... Brilliant... Child-led**

**The progress we have made at the
new site and the connection between
the teachers and your children has
been phenomenal.**

A fabulous start indeed!

IEYC/IPC

This thematic aspect of our curriculum stands separate from the core subjects; Literacy and Numeracy and kicked off mid-week. It has been interactive and fun and the children are clearly inspired to learn. All children in the EYFS are learning about family and friends whilst the Primary children are exploring a unit called "Brainwave" at differentiated levels.

PE Uniforms/Library Bags

As per the WhatsApp sent home yesterday, please do name envelopes when sending in money for PE t-shirts, shorts and/or joggers making it clear what exactly you wish to order. Class Teachers will liaise with Mrs Naomi and we will endeavour to send PE kits home by the next day. The same system will apply to ordering Library Bags (apologies that last week we mentioned the cost as N3,000).

Library bags cost N4,000

PE Uniform SHORTS/T-SHIRT set cost N4,000

PE Uniform JOGGERS/T-SHIRT set cost N5,000

T-shirts individually cost N2,000, shorts individually cost N2,000, joggers individually cost N3,000.

ID Tags/Car Stickers

Thank you for your patience as regards boxes being opened and our server being set up. This has caused a little delay with printing ID-tags so we thank you for clear communications in the interim re driver and nanny pick up. We are now ready to start printing and preparing ID-tags so please send in passport photos to Mr Salami via nislict@nislago.org.

Please also make mention to him if you require a car sticker which helps our security to identify you as an NISL family.

Daycare/Pre-Reception ASAs

As mentioned previously we will start our Daycare provision and Pre-Reception Activities (optional) after school on Mondays-Thursdays next week as of the 20th. Our sign-up and payment system has been going well and some Parents have asked if payments can be made on Monday morning. Mr Kehinde will be at the gate Monday morning 7.50am-8.15am to accommodate this request.

Rationale Behind Staggered Pick Ups

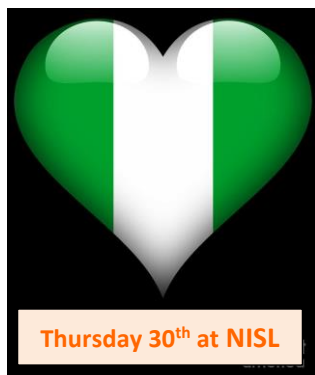
A few Parents have asked for an explanation, and we have noticed some “early birds” at the gate after school, so we wanted to remind all about the reasons behind asking children to wait for older siblings. Of course, COVID compliance and staggered pick up was a concept that came about originally because of the virus we all faced globally but then due to new site relocation and calendar adjustment we lost some weeks of the curriculum. We therefore decided to use the staggered timings to our advantage and lengthen our day per key stage adding back some lost curriculum time. Please do not request at the gate for older siblings to be called for if coming to school for the younger ones early; we ask that in fact the younger ones wait (either in class, with you at the gate or in your car).

All teachers are now getting into routines and know which children are waiting for older siblings.

Communication Books

You will notice in Year 1-6 next week and in Groep 4/5, children will be coming home with personalised and pioneer communication books, tailor made for our school. Reading records will now fade out and the communication books will be used for signing after reading, notes regarding homework and reminders to each other. Not only a two-way channel between home and school (Parent/Teacher) but also an excellent tool to promote independence for and by the children themselves. This initiative came about due to Parent recommendation last year and is evident of the fact that we are receptive to advice as a school. Many thanks for the suggestion.

Independence Day



Our host country is soon to celebrate 61 years of independence and we prepare to raise the flag and sing patriotically our anthem with pride. As the country marks the actual date Friday 1st October as a public holiday, we will celebrate at school on Thursday 30th October. This year, as we adjust and settle to the new site, celebrations may feel minimal compared to usual years. Please bear with us and know that we will still cover some history and fun facts with the children. We ask that the entire NISL family, staff and children alike, come to school in Nigerian attire. Parents dropping off at the gate are welcome to dress up too although again this year, we cannot invite you in – sorry. Nearer the time we will also provide sign up/food lists so that families can send in dishes from various States. The children traditionally enjoy a spread of food (Bubble Buffets) and we would like to continue that this year with your support.

Pick up times will remain the same on Thursday 30th October.

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