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Assembly after Term 1 exams

RUMBEK-April, 2024: After three months of dedicated learning, students at Abukloi Secondary School recently completed their term 1 examinations, spanning from April 29th to May 10th, 2024. A total of 673 students sat in the examinations, showcasing their academic progress and understanding of the curriculum.

Following the exams, students eagerly anticipated a two-week holiday, which commenced on May 10th and will conclude on May 27th, 2024. During this break, they students will have the opportunity to relax and spend quality time with their families. The Abukloi Foundation extended its warm wishes to the students safe and enjoyable holidays, emphasizing the importance of balancing academic endeavors with personal well-being.

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Abukloi suspends classes due to heatwave.

RUMBEK -March 18th, 2024: The impact of climate change on the continent and the global community is an undeniable and alarming. It can be seen and felt every hour and day. For the first time in history, South Sudan, we experience extreme weather in February just a few days after opening school.

Following the advisory guidelines from the Ministry of environment and subsequent joint statement by the ministries of education and health urging the schools to temporarily shut down schools because of this unprecedented and unfriendly weather, we briefly suspended our classes for two weeks.

1st Abukloi Secondary S alumnus graduates from St Lawrence University, Uganda.



Marial Malei Dhuol, Abukloi Alumnus

Kampala, Uganda-February, 2024: Marial Malei Dhuol, a student who had his secondary education laid in Abukloi Secondary School from 2015 to 2019 was among the three hundreds and seventy-six students who graduated from St. Lawrence University in Uganda, recently. He studied business administration, majoring in accounting and finance.

Mr. Malei becomes the first alumnus of Abukloi Secondary to graduate from university. The Abukloi family cherishes and celebrates this academic milestone. We congratulate him on obtaining his university degree, and most important, we wish him all the best in his next endeavors.

Addressing Inflation's Impact on Students' Feeding Program



Rising inflation in South Sudan has sharply increased food costs, affecting the feeding program at Abukloi Secondary School. To tackle this, Abukloi Foundation is starting to grow its own food to ensure a steady supply of students feeding and reducing dependency on external markets.

During this transition, there is a need to continue purchasing food to meet students' nutritional needs. However, donor support is crucial to bridge this gap and ensure no student goes hungry.

By investing in sustainable agriculture, Abukloi Foundation addresses rising food costs and builds a resilient future for the school community and create a sustainable feeding program for Abukloi Secondary School.

Abukloi Foundation Expands Team with Agriculture Officer and School Nurse



Mr. Peter Wade, Agriculture Officer



Miss. Rebecca Yar, School Nurse

RUMBEK-February, 2024: Abukloi Foundation is excited to announce the addition of two key team members: Mr. Peter Wade as Agriculture Officer and Miss Rebecca Yar as School Nurse. These hires reflect the foundation's commitment to both agricultural development and community health.

Mr. Wade, with his expertise and experience, will oversee all agricultural activities. He is tasked with planning and implementing sustainable farming practices, ensuring that agriculture remains a stronghold in the community.

Miss Yar joins the team as School Nurse, bringing her healthcare skills to support the health and well-being of students, teachers, and the broader community. She will be an instrumental in addressing health needs and fostering a culture of wellness.

These new recruitments underscore Abukloi Foundation's mission to promote a thriving and healthy community. We warmly welcome Mr. Wade and Miss Yar and look forward to the positive impact they will make. Together, we can achieve great things.

10 years Anniversary Highlights: Heart touching Speech of Dr. Margaret Kutz:



Rumbek – February, 14th 2024: "When we started the Abukloi SS in 2013, we didn't know what we were doing". Rev. Dr. Margaret Kutz speaks of her first classroom experience with students in 2013.

"My children at home in the US call me Mama. At the United Methodist church, Virginia, they refer to me as Mama. Here in Rumbek, South Sudan, you call me " Mama Abukloi." It's an honor for me. I thank God that I'm the mother of all.

Ten years ago, Beverly and I both came to South Sudan to start a school. She was 75, and I was 65 years old. We had no idea what we were doing. We never operated a school before. But many people helped us including Sister Orla from the Loreto school. They taught us how to

teach. Students themselves helped us also.

We had two classrooms that we borrowed from the Comboni school. We thank them for those two classrooms. Teacher Beverly taught sciences and mathematics. I taught Geography, English and C.R.E

We spoke English. And students spoke English but we would not understand each other. So, we quickly hired South Sudanese teachers who speak English in the way South Sudanese learners would understand.

And then, Angelo Mangar Maker shared the idea with so many. The seed that God planted in and then shared by Angelo with so Many, is now the dream that belongs to everyone in Rumbek, South Sudan.

I thank everyone for being here today.

It's good to be here to celebrate with you.

God bless you all."

Revd. Dr. Margaret Kutz is the former president of the Abukloi board of directors. She was one of our first two American teachers to teach in a class in 2013. Most importantly, she sponsored and took Angelo Maker, the founder of Abukloi to school in early 2000s. For this, she is referred to as the mother and founder of Abukloi foundation.

She made these remarks on the Abukloi's 10th Year Anniversary Celebration held on 14th February 2024 in Rumbek.



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