

Dear all, We hope you had a wonderful summer! It was a busy one for us at To Be Worldwide, with the I Want To Be Program, a Chess Program, volunteers etc. But more about that in the next newsletter. We would now like to take you through the first 6 months of this year. With support of our sponsors, we were able to offer another Alumni financial support through the Alumni Support Fund. The Reading Club has developed into a substantial program providing hope to children otherwise left behind in the crowded classes of the public-school system. Our implementation of the phonetic reading system is also gaining momentum in the schools we work with. We hope you enjoy the newsletter - **Nellie**



Phonics gaining momentum



To Be Worldwide organised an open day for the teachers of the schools we work with (located 50 meters from the Centre). They were shown around and experienced the daily activities. They were impressed by the additional books and numerous resource materials, added since their last visit.

Aisha Mohammed, is a teacher at one of the schools. She teaches English Language in class 1 and has put forward some of her students for our **Reading Club program**, where they receive extra attention in developing their reading skills using the phonetic reading method. She has clearly seen the progress this method can achieve.

Recently the British Council of Ghana started a phonics program for teachers of the public schools in the Western Region of Ghana. Aisha is one of several teachers in the Takoradi Metropolis who are going through this programme to master phonics teaching in order to roll it out to other schools as well. Aisha comes to the To Be Worldwide Centre in Takoradi three times a week to use our resources to prepare the lessons for her class. It is our pleasure to be able to support her with our knowledge, resources and educational materials, as it is our mission to impact the schools in our community and to help children improve their reading skills. - *Written by Doris Agra*



Alumni Fund expands it's reach



We would like to introduce **Naomi Mensah** to you! With the structured support from our sponsor for the Alumni Program, we are now able to offer a 2nd Alumni financial support to complete a program of their choice. Naomi is a 2nd year nursing student. She has recently concluded her clinicals and will start her 3rd year in August. Thank you AKBH!

Takoradi Statistics

2018 New registrations Library: 489

New registrations Computer: 170

Total Books Borrowed: 912

* additionally 400 students followed computer classed during school hours



Workshop “Making your own Cartoon”

Now that was a fun, creative and challenging workshop! First we watched a cartoon called “**Bino & Fino**” by a Nigerian artist. Using that as inspiration, we ask the children to work in groups, think of a short story, each one of them to draw a part of the story and at the end put the whole story together. The children were totally free in how they wanted to approach the assignment. It was wonderful to see how much fun they had and how easily they were able to agree on the roles each of them would take in order to make a fun cartoon! Of course all the handwork was rewarded :-)



There was enough material to use



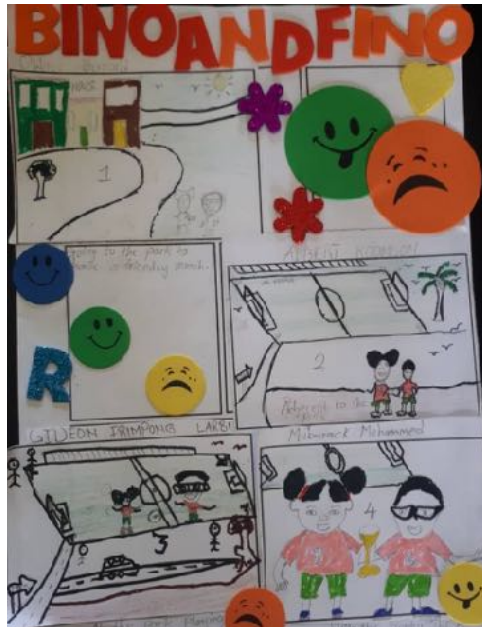
So focused!!!



Who does what?



Putting the Cartoon Together



The end result



Congratulations! First prize :-)



Thank you!

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Meet Zuleha - by Doris Agra



Zulehatu Diuri is 11 years old and currently in class 4. When she first joined the Reading Club, she was ready to learn, albeit she encountered some challenges. Zuleha is a peculiar girl and has a special mind of her own. She learns to read at her own pace. Although she is easily distracted and her mind wanders from time to time, she has made some commendable progress. There are days when she catches up so fast, but other times she is unable to remember anything at all. She is aware of this challenge (as are her teachers at school) and she makes the effort to come to the centre to read every day.

Zuleha has grown to take charge as a natural leader in the Reading Club. If she arrives first after school, she makes sure to come for our boxes with the reading resources and arranges for all the groups. Though she has a quiet personality and shy demeanour, she does speak up when ruffled. She is now able to speak up about her likes and dislikes and has gained much confidence. It has been good to see how she has grown in other areas than just the Reading Club.

Zuleha likes to draw and colour. At school she likes mathematics and creative arts. Her favourite food is Banku with Okro stew. Zuleha lives close to the Centre. Her elder sister Zeinabu has also benefited from the reading club program.



The New School Fundraiser

Such a wonderful event organised by Sammelie, Valerie, Babette en Marije, students of **The New School**, to support To Be Worldwide's plans to build a new classroom. We are very grateful for the substantial amount raised! 🙏 Thank you to everyone who made this possible and Thank you to Your Excellency, Madam Ambassador for Ghana to the Netherlands, **Mrs. Sophia Horner Sam** for being there.



Cape Coast Statistics

New registrations Library : 197 New registrations Computer : 60 Total Books Borrowed : 981