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**Dear all,**

It has been wonderful to be able to work with the children at the Centre without COVID restrictions. We have seen children return to the Centre in their numbers. Priscilla has done a wonderful job in taking over from Doris. She has built a strong bond with the children.

During the last 6 months of the year, we have been able to resume a lot of our great programs, such as our Chess Program, Digital Marketing, and the Nose for Plastic Program. We have also continued our Skill-Building workshops for our Alumni and will share some of the wonderful Impact Stories about their progress with you.

**We hope you enjoy reading the newsletter.  
On behalf of the team... Thank you for your support!**



**It is with pride that we share Benjamin's story with you.**



## Proud of Benjaminina!

"12 years ago, I walked into the Centre, totally computer illiterate, and armed with a desire to read any book I could get my hands on. The Centre gave me my first leadership role (the Library prefect) and gave me access to the thousands of books that kept me occupied my entire childhood.

It was also at the Centre, that I discovered Carolyne Keene's "The Nancy Drew Series" that fueled my love for crime and law. Now, I'm a student at the Ghana School of Law, where I have picked up another leadership role, and I am 8 months away of from being called to the bar.

Thank you TobeWorldwide, for creating a haven for the 10 year old girl with the biggest dreams and absolutely no capacity to purchase books to read"



## Chess Club is Back

In our search for a new Chess Club teacher, prompted by Mr. Hazel's return to his hometown during Corona, we could not have wished for a better outcome!

2 of our Alumni, who themselves learned to play chess at the Centre when it was introduced by Philip Sower, offered to take up the role of teaching the children. Janet and Munira are doing a wonderful job!

We are also supporting them to continue to develop their own skills by offering to enroll them in tournaments.



**"Education is the key to unlocking the world, it is the passport to freedom"**

- Oprah Winfrey



# Digital Marketing Program

We ran another very successful week-long Digital Marketing session in October. Emile van de Klok took the team to the next level.

During the session, our sponsor Improved Finance ran a workshop about being pro-active...well Isaac took that to heart. Meet Isaac and have a look at his website; <https://ikayconnect.mystrikingly.com> We may be very close to taking steps to set up a social enterprise with Alumni who are very talented.



# Tablets for home use

More than 15 tablets are now available for children to use at home. We will continue to expand this program with your help. Initially the program was developed to give children, who were out of school during the COVID pandemic resulting in learning deficits, the opportunity to catch up on their schoolwork.

Bridging the learning deficit remains one of the main goals, but we are also using participation in the program for motivational purposes. This helps children take those next steps in their development. Being able to practice curricula based content in the safe environment of the Centre or home contributes to the confidence in the classroom.



# Learning made fun!

Across the different programs, including the Basic Computer Skills program, we are using Kahoot <https://kahoot.com/> to make learning more fun! Kahoot is a way to test knowledge in a Quiz format.

The team also creates regular quizzes on all sorts of topics to help the children learn and enjoy themselves while doing so.

Access to the Kahoot platform also gives the team access to quizzes already developed by other teachers and ready to use. Additionally, it offers templates with known visuals such as those from Disney, making it all more appealing. We also use Kahoot in the Tablet Program setting quizzes to complete at home.

**"Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world."**

- Nelson Mandela.



# Nose for Plastic

Yes! Our second Nose for Plastic program, the program about the impact of plastic on the environment is taking place as we speak. We have added a new component! Children will collect plastic that will be bought by a recycling company in Takoradi.

All proceeds will go into each child's piggy bank. Introducing them to the concept of saving. Priscilla has a background in financial education for children and has made wonderful piggy banks for the children.

The piggy banks will be part of a new Financial Savvy program we are developing.



# Life at the Centre

There is so much to report on, we could fill pages. But what better way than to give you a glimpse of daily life at the Centre.

Learning about electrical circuits in a fun way



Building together



Just having fun together



# Looking Ahead

We will have more impact stories to share with you, also in video format, meet the Digital Marketing team and we look forward to having our sponsors visit the Centre and engage with the children.

Let us know if you would like a personal update



Let's have coffee



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