



Create a Difference

DAYSTAR FROEBEL AND MONTESSORI SCHOOL (DSMFS)

SECTOR 5G, MILLENNIUM CITY KASOA, CENTRAL REGION – GHANA
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24th May, 2024

Dear Cherished Parent / Guardian,

NEWSLETTER

Imagination does not become great until human beings, given the courage and the strength, use it to create.” “Our care of the child should be governed, not by the desire to make him learn things, but by the endeavour always to keep burning within him that light which is called intelligence.” -Quote The Absorbent Mind Maria Montessori

*In **DSMFS**, each child is guided on their path of development by producing a prepared environment which nurtures the mind, body and spirit of the child. We also engage our children to work in harmony, and encourage them to exhibit integrity, respect, honesty, excellence, responsibility, professionalism and ensure safety in all they do. And our parents form an integral part of our children’s success in school and our operations, we encourage our parents to get actively involved in the activities of the school that are held throughout of the year. **We believe that together we can create a difference.***



*It feels so great to be back to school, and we are happy to welcome each and every one back to school for the second term of the 2023/2024 academic year. A warm welcome to all our cherished parents and guardians especially our new parents joining the Daystar Froebel and Montessori School, DSMFS community, with great joy we say **akwaaba**.*

Academics - Overview

This term will span 12 weeks, from 14th May, 2024 to 1st August, 2024. It is the third term of the 2023/2024 Academic Year.

The programme outline for the term: See attached as Annex A.

School Programme:

The Cadet Training is still a mandatory extra curriculum activity in the school. This covers our children in Kindergarten Two (2) to Basic Eight (8), DSFMS Parliament remains the same. The Music tuition is still a learning area in DSMFS.



WEEKEND SCHOOL: *The weekend school has started.*

SPELLING COMPETITION: *Intra-Classes and Inter-Houses quiz competitions begin this term.*

UCMAS: *The UCMAS programme continues, parents who have ward(s) in K.G to Basic 8 and have not yet signed their ward(s) unto the programme are welcome. Parents are encouraged to engage the School Administration with their proposed payment plan to enable the School meet its obligation to the UCMAS.*

STATIONREY: *The school still runs the Catalyst system. The system is now such that the children in Upper Primary would now use the note one (1) book and all assignments would be written on the board for them to write as done last term. The Kindergarten classes 1&2 have been taken off the Catalyst System as part of the restructuring program at the Pre-school.*

Homework and Project Work: *At DSMFS, we believe homework and project work contributes towards building responsibility, self-discipline, and lifelong learning habit. Our homework and project works are mainly brainstorming, challenging and relevant which helps the child to be critical thinker and develop problem solving skills. On that note, parents should be expecting their ward(s) in Basic 1-7 to come home with homework daily and on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for Pre-school. Please help us push this agenda by assisting our wards to do their homework, and reporting to the head teacher if your ward does not bring homework.*

LIBRARY BOOKS: Shared Reading *continues among learners of Kindergarten and Lower Primary. This is an interactive read aloud where the students join in or share the reading of a book while guided and supported by the facilitator. Details has been communicated on the parent platform. Leisure and extensive reading is still encouraged in DSMFS; children visit the library to borrow a book each week to sharpen his or her reading skills.*

GOOGLE SERVICES: *An account has been created for each child to be able to access homework, project work and others online. Parents are entreated to guide and assist their ward(s) as and when online assessment is given. It is also within the time line of the school to have online(**zoom**) lesson for our absentees (pupils). To join the class. Update would be given on the Google services.*

SCHOOL FEES: The school has available flexible payment plan, a three-part payment plan for our parents. Parents are kindly to know that payment can be made directly to the DSMFS Administration Officer, or into mobile Money Account (**0244695092** – Jocelyn Emma Ackon) or through the **BOA Pay Link**.

DISCOUNT PACKAGE (3RD CHILD DISCOUNT)

The school continues to extend to parents its 50% discount on tuition on the 3rd child. However, terms and conditions apply.

RENDERED SERVICES: DSFMS admits babies from 6 months, we are open for registration into our Infants and toddler Rooms, Pre-school (Nur. 1, Nur. 2 KG. 1 AND KG. 2) and Basic School (Basic 1-7). Kindly contact the Administration for further details.

We wish to inform parents that canteen and transport services remain optional. The transport fees is now **GHC690.00**, want to make it flexible for all

SCHOOL BUS: Our school bus is in full operation and ready to serve you better.

Punctuality plays vital role in the development of our children. We humbly recommend that parents who do not patronize the bus should endeavor to bring their ward(s) to school on time and those who fall on the school bus should also endeavor to release their ward(s) on time at the vantage points agreed on to avoid lateness.

SOCIAL HANDLES: Our social media handles such as Facebook and Twitter are very active and management would like to entreat his cherished parents and guardians to visit, like and share our posts.

STAFF: To strengthen management team, DFMS has employed a Pre-school head in the person of Mrs Cecilia Annor, a new French facilitator I the person of Mr. Francis Hounkanli and a new bus attendant in the person of Mrs. Abigail Benyi.

COMMUNICION: The school contact number is **0302904465** and **0277209085**. The parent WhatsApp information platform will continue to be used for dissemination of information; parents who are not on the platform should kindly see the P.T.A. Chairman or come to the administration office to be added.

Kindly contact Mrs Okrah, Sir Jonathan or Miss Christiana should you have any issue concerning administration. See attached as Annex B. for more details

Yours faithfully,



Jonathan Affo-Odoom
Head Teacher



Annex A.

DAYSTAR FROEBEL AND MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Create a Difference 2023/2024 ACADEMIC CALENDAR – NURSERY/KG/BASIC

CONTACT WEEKS 12			THIRD TERM – 2023/2024								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
MAY 2024			JUNE 2023			JULY / AUGUST 2024					
EID-UL-ADHA (17 th JUNE)			MID TERM BREAK (21 st & 24 th JUNE)			VACATION(1 st August)					
55 Contact Days + 2 Mid-Term Break + 1 Public Holidays + 27 Vacation Days = 85 Days											

PROGRAMME FOR THIRD TERM

WEEK	DATE	ACTIVITIES
1	14 th – 17 th May	Children report for term three (3)
2	20 th – 24 th May	Photo shoot: I survived my first week
2	24 th May	Newsletter
5	10 th – 14 th June	First Assessment Test (CAT 1)
6	17 th June	Eid-ul-adha
6	19 th - 20 th June	Inter-Houses Sports Festival
6 & 7	21 st & 24 th June	Mid-term break
8	1 st – 5 th July	Second Assessment Test (CAT 2)
9	11 th \$ 12 th July	Open Day
9	8 th – 12 th July	Revision Week
		Parent Teacher Conference
10	15 th – 19 th July	End Of Term Examination (CAT 3)
11	22nd – 26th July	Marking and Filling of Report
12	1 st August	Graduation /Vacation Day – Thursday, 1st August
		Next Term begins – 10TH SEPTEMBER, 2024



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15 May, 2024.

IMPORTANT UPDATE ON COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

Dear Parent / Guardian,

We believe you are in good state of health. As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance communication between the school and parents /guardians, we want to inform you about the appropriate channels for reaching out to us.

While the PTA WhatsApp platform serves as a valuable tool for certain updates and announcements, **we kindly ask that for individual queries, concerns or feedback regarding your child's academic progress, well-being, or any other school related matters, you communicate directly with us through the following channels.**

- **Email:** You can reach us at admin@daystarmontessori.edu.gh for prompt response.
- **Phone:** Contact the school office at **0277209085** during office hour.

Principal @ **0544199141/ 0207357616**

Head teacher @ **0244181724 / 0534950638**

Administrator @ **0545548895**

We will be happy to assist you with any concerns you may have.

- **In- Person Meetings:** If you prefer face-to-face discussions, please schedule an appointment with relevant school personnel through the office.

Kindly note that any concerns that do not pass through these afore mentioned channels may not receive the appropriate attention or address. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

The Principal