



It's half term already and it seems the term began just a week or two ago. The term has been filled with various activities starting from the National Day Celebrations to World's Teachers' Day, book launch by the students of Corona Secondary School, Agbara, hosting of APEN, Association of Private Educators in Nigeria among others.



Some of our teachers and management Staff were recently in Kenya to attend this year's Conference of Association of International Schools in Africa, AISA

The Education Department is relentless in the quest for continuous improvement and has introduced professional development strategies into the schools. This programme is aimed at effective staff development and ultimate improvement for Schools.

The Executive Director's address to the teachers on World Teachers' Day is inspirational and worthy of mention. As part of the celebration, parents came in and took charge of the classes for the day, this was termed 'Job Shadow' The parents were made to have a feel of the teaching profession while teachers were feted to a sumptuous meal and celebration cake. The Central office was not left out of the celebration.

Visit the [Features page](#) on our website as we bring you the *Grandparents Angle*. Also watch out for Corona Model Teacher of the Year and more.

Activities of the Corona *i-Teach* still continue. The pioneering set of the scheme share their experience as the scheme unfolds.

These and many more in this edition. Happy reading.

### Quotable Quote

***In Education, Nothing Works  
if the Students Don't***

Donald E. Simanek (1936)

American Physicist, Educator,

### Executive Director's Message to Teachers on World Teachers' Day

Dear Colleagues,

Here we are again; World Teachers' Day! A day set aside to celebrate the teaching profession and to honour and appreciate you, our teachers.

There is a lot to thank and appreciate you for. Children come into school technically illiterate and leave at the end of their time with us, world class citizens. They can and do excel anywhere they find themselves.

You are worthy role models. The impact of a good, dedicated and committed teacher cannot be underestimated.

Those of us who have watched the 2005 movie "Knights of the South Bronx" will agree with this.

The movie was inspired by the true-life tale of David MacEnulty, a dedicated elementary-school teacher who inspired his inner-city students by teaching them the game of chess. He was middle-aged and unemployed and had lost motivation in life when he started teaching. His students – most of who did not really care about their education – not only turned into chess champions but developed self-esteem and excelled in their careers after leaving school.

How did David MacEnulty achieve this? David MacEnulty as mentor and teacher extraordinaire provided a catalyst, motivating children to excel at chess and apply their newly acquired self-esteem to other aspects of their lives.

" (Robyn Cohen on [www.chessaleeinlondon.wordpress.com](http://www.chessaleeinlondon.wordpress.com)).

He didn't give up on his students; rather he continued to motivate them and brought his non-teaching experience and his talents to bear on his work in the classroom. He improved the lives of his students.

THIS IS WHO YOU ARE! We see David MacEnulty in you.

Have a good day.

Best regards,

**Olufunto Igun**

# TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION



Cutting the Celebration Cake by Teachers

October 5th was set aside for the celebration of World Teachers' Day all over the world. Our Schools joined millions of people to celebrate the teachers.

Parents took charge of the classes for the day, this was termed '**Job Shadow**'. It allowed parents to have a feel of the teaching profession. In their own style, they welcomed the children to school, and ushered them into their various classes.

Parents also conducted the assembly, taught and managed the classrooms.

Teachers on their part marked the day in a relaxed mood; sharing work experiences in a small get-together with cake and refreshment provided by the Trust Council. Staffs at the central office were not left out of the celebration. They also had food and cake.

**It was indeed an exciting experience for everyone.**



Parents Take Charge of Classes During ' Job Shadowing'



Teachers Having fun Dancing



Felicitation at Central Office

## Corona School Hosts APEN 2011

Corona Schools' Trust Council hosted the Association of Private Educators in Nigeria (APEN) Conference 2011. The event took place recently in Corona School, Gbagada. The Educational Administrator, Mrs. Maureen Ihonor received the delegates and welcomed them on behalf of Corona Schools.

The focus of this year's conference was to educate parents on character traits to instill in their children before age seven.

The Guest Speaker, Mrs. Bridget Itsueli, Chairman, Primary Schools Advisory Committee Corona Schools Trust Council, spoke on children learning to obey authority by age seven. She explained the various stages of child development, and how most children develop to a point where clear instructions, as well as reasons for instructions can be understood.

The moderator, Mr. William Pope, Principal, Grange School, Ikeja agreed with the speaker as he advised parents to be firm and not allow children to take them for granted.

There was an interactive section where parents and teachers shared their experiences. At the end of the programme, participants were urged to pass the information to others.



Mrs. Bridget Itsueli Addressing the audience



Faces at the Seminar

## Pupils from Corona School, Lekki Visit Head Office



A Cross Section of Pupils, Teachers and Trust Council Management Team at the Central Office, Ikoyi

As part of academic activities lined up for the term, the Class 1 pupils of Corona School, Lekki recently embarked on a one-day tour to the Council's Head Office at Ikoyi.

management and its operations.

Received by the top management staff of the Council, the pupils were conducted round the offices to meet with managers, who explained management role in ensuring hitch free learning environment in the schools.



Pupils at the Executive Director's Office

## Corona Teachers' College Corner

Teachers' College has commenced classes in its 1st Term Training Programme.

Some of the courses offered so far are on; **Setting up an Ideal Pre-School Learning Environment** and **Integrating Technology Across the Primary Curriculum**.

Watch out for the following courses; **Educating Modern Day Pre-School Children**, **The Excellent Teacher— Understanding the Principles of Modern Classroom Practice** and many others

Visit [Corona Teachers' College page](#) on our website for detailed information on the Training Calendar.



Class in Session



Hands on Learning

## 'Looking Out of the Window' by Daniella Okon

Daniella Okon is a Class Six pupil of Corona School, Lekki. Below is the way she views life as expressed during her interview with the Head of School recently.

*Looking out of the window is an idiom; in that sense it is looking at life beyond the four walls of your house. Literally, looking out of your windows for example, could be when you are in your car and you look out of your car window you might see a child walking to school, and in another sense it could be finding out what people want e.g. the late Steve Jobs; Steve Jobs realized that so many people would like to send text messages while driving but they can't do two things at a time so he invented a phone you can talk to.*

*You can't look out of the window, and then sit down, cross your legs, fold your arms and do nothing about it, you need to think out of the box, so the knowledge you now have would be useful.*

*Looking out of the window is important for people who want to be successful or help people because that way you know what people need, and that way you don't spend your time making what the masses don't require at that moment.*

*Looking out of the window is an important skill that should be possessed by everyone so that we can all help the world and be useful to our generation and those yet unborn.*

## Corona Sends Drivers for Training

Twenty-two (22) drivers across Corona Schools have been sent on training for School Bus Drivers' Programme organized by Lagos State Government, recently at the State's Drivers' Institution, Oshodi, Lagos.

The two-day programme gave the drivers opportunity to learn more skills on safety precautions while driving, particularly when children are on board.

At the end of the training, Certificates of Participation were issued to the participants.

## Corona Schools Participate in 2011 Robotics (Lego) Competition



All the Corona Schools joined six other schools in the 2011 Robotics Competition that took place recently at the Oriental Hotel, Lekki, Lagos. The Robotics Competition is a

Corona Pupils Displaying their Robot Lego Olympia contest where children design robots that help improve lives. It is the first of its kind in Nigeria.

In the Open category, Corona School, Apapa was recognized for performing brilliantly in the task of designing a robot that was able to fix a broken dam during flood. Other Corona Schools also built robots that perform one task or the other.

The objective of the competition as explained by the organiser, Lego Education Mindstorm Nigeria, is to show the world that Nigerian children can successfully compete on high level of Science and Technology, Engineering and Mathematics; similar to what happens in Asia, America, Europe and other developed countries.

“It is a mind storm development in our education which helps students in the application of Science, Information and Communication Technology (ICT)” says the organiser.



Pupils at Work

The programme was quite an interesting experience as participants developed skills while still having fun.



## Corona i-Teach Trainees Laud Management over Scheme



As the Corona i-Teach Project gets to its 4th month, the Graduate trainees have expressed their satisfaction over its unique project of 21st Century Teachers’

Training Scheme.

The participants, who described the scheme as “expository, engaging and value-driven, specifically commended the school management for the capacity building initiative.

One of them, Adeiye Oteju who happened to be an alumnus said the values held by Corona years back, are what helped the school to maintain its status as a world class institution. These values, she affirmed are what Corona tries to instill in the trainees, so as to become inspirational teachers.

In another perspective, Gbenga, also a trainee, appreciated the management, in his words, “ the programme of i-Teach is an eye opener that is beyond teaching career, rather, it impacts us for life proper and leverage us above every other job seeker out there”.

Collectively they thanked the Corona Schools’ Trust Council for giving them opportunity to be part of the training, while they urged Nigeria Government and other private firms to join in the quest of making teaching an enviable career.

