



The Yuletide is here again and the festive mood creates moments of excitement and ecstasy for everyone. The schools and offices are glowing with the colours and feel of Christmas. One can not help but feel the yearning for Christmas.



This edition of our newsletter features some of the major activities of the Trust Council during the past term. A most memorable outing was the dinner held in honour of Ambassador Aduke Alakija as double celebration of her 90th birthday and retirement as a Trustee of the Council.

Corona School Apapa emerged winners of this year's edition of the Inter-School Quiz Competition.

It was a most enlightening experience for our teachers who attended the AISA 2011 Conference in Kenya. We trust that the skills and knowledge acquired from the various work shops and school visits will be transferred to their various undertakings, particularly in the classrooms.

Following the inauguration of prefects in some of our primary schools, a Prefects Leadership Summit was organised for prefects across all the schools.

Enjoy the reading as we bid goodbye to year 2011 and welcome year 2012 with great hope for a better world.

From all of us, we say Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. Remember to make 'SMART' resolutions. Have fun and enjoy the holiday.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

### COMING UP!

**Corona Alumni Dinner:** Friday, 23 December 2011

Venue: Four Points, V/Island, Lagos (go Dutch)

**Staff Day:** Saturday, 14 January 2012

Theme: The Beauty and Diversity of the Nigerian Culture

### Glamour as Corona fetes Ambassador Alakija



It was a night of pomp and glamour as the Corona Schools' Trust Council held a dinner in celebration of Ambassador Aduke Alakija's 90th birthday and retirement as a Trustee. To grace the occasion were Trust Council members, the Management Staff, family of the celebrant and friends of Corona. Ambassador Alakija turned 90 and retired as a Trustee earlier in the year after serving on the Corona Schools' Trust Council for 52 years. She served selflessly both as a Chairman and a Trustee.

The Chairman, Corona Schools' Trust Council, Mr. Adedotun Sulaiman along with other Trust Council members, praised the nonagenarian for her laudable contributions to the successes recorded in the schools in the past years.

The Executive Director, Mrs. Olufunto Igundun said the occasion was a landmark in the history of Corona Schools' Trust Council as it coincided with the State Governments' approval to develop the Lekki School permanent site at Abijo, Lekki Epe express way.

Ambassador Alakija thanked the Trust Council and everybody present for the gesture and promised her continued support of the Corona vision. She counseled Trust Council members to continue to champion activities that will serve the community in accordance with the Corona vision.



Presenting gifts to the celebrant

## Accolades to Ambassador Alakija

*"She was a member of the Corona School family for 52 years. She was a very diligent Trustee and Chairman. I mean, it's not easy to spend 52 years of your life on a cause. She left us a Corona we are all proud of today"*

- Chairman, Trust Council, Mr. Adedotun Sulaiman

*"I have always adored her. She is very firm, whatever she does, she is very thorough".*

- President, Board of Trustee, Prof. Oyin Elebute

## Corona Inter School Quiz Competition Apapa School Emerged Winner



This year marked the 8th edition of the annual Inter School Quiz Competition. The Competition was held on

Thursday, 17 November 2011 at Corona School, Victoria Island.

The objective of the quiz competition, according to the Chairman, Corona Schools' Trust Council, Mr. Adedotun Sulaiman is to instill team spirit in the children and prepare them for life which he said is all about competition.

The competition was among all the five Corona Primary Schools and questions were drawn from four key subjects areas; Mathematics, English, Sciences and General Knowledge. Each School also participated in an impromptu speech while the Secondary School took part in the speech segment, representing the four school houses (Crane, Heron, Kingfisher and Weaver House)

At the end of the four rounds, Apapa School emerged the overall winner with a perfect score of 48 points. Victoria Island followed with a score point of 40, Ikoyi School took the 3<sup>rd</sup> position with 36 points while Lekki and Gbagada Schools tied for the 4th position with 32 points.

Corona Secondary School was ably represented by the Head boy, Nosagie Asaolu who analysed the 'Unique Selling Point (USP) of Corona.' The Head girl was represented by two students who spoke articulately on Corona Schools Trust Council as a 21st Century Institution and emphasised the E-learning scheme.

It was indeed a great success .

## Prefects Leadership Training

The Prefects Training for this year was the first to be delivered in-house by Corona Schools' Trust Council. Hitherto, the training had been outsourced.



Prefects from all the five Primary Schools were in attendance and they came with much excitement and zeal to learn. It was indeed refreshing to see the prefects display such eagerness to learn and excel.

The programme was detailed and cut across all aspects of leadership skills development. The Executive Director, Mrs. Olufunto Igun, the Educational Administrator, Mrs. Maureen Ihonor and the Heads of Schools were in attendance to support our young leaders.

## Staff Development

### AISA 2011 Conference

Twenty five of our teachers and administrators attended this year's Conference of the Association of International Schools in Africa, (AISA) held in Nairobi, Kenya.

The aim of the conference was to address professional and personal development needs of teachers and administrators in a bid to put new knowledge to work to facilitate student learning.

The conference continually connects members to the latest information, ideas, resources and services in education. Participants had opportunity to meet their colleagues across the continent on a professional and social level. Different workshops were held for Teachers, School leaders and Business Managers.

A number of presentations and case studies were posted electronically, providing benefit to a wider scope of staff unable to attend.



## Drivers In-house Training



In a bid to instill high standards and professionalism in drivers the Trust Council recently, organised training for Central Office drivers on “**Drivers’ Professionalism and Etiquette**”.

The facilitator, Mr. Isaac Adetunji who is the Purchasing Manager, charged the drivers to always present themselves in a professional manner that will identify them as staffs of the organisation. He also counseled them on driving etiquette and the need to obey and maintain traffic rules.

Speaking at the training, the Human Resource Manager, Miss Ngozi Ebo stressed the importance of personal hygiene and tasked them to be formal in their dressing, carriage and personal approach.

At the end of the training, participants shared personal experiences and tips on how to deliver better services.

## Apapa School at a Glance

Corona School Apapa has continued to be a beacon of excellence over the years in every area. Pupils have represented the school in academic, sporting, and other activities and they have not failed to deliver success. Corona School Apapa has a team who have worked unrelentingly to help achieve our goals over the years. Listed below are a few of their achievements

On 13<sup>th</sup> of May, 1989 Corona School Apapa participated in the Inter-City Sports Championship and emerged as first place team.

In the year 1990, the school attended a choral competition organized by the Musical Society of Nigeria (MUSON) and came second.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of July, 2001, Apapa School also participated in the Mathematics Olympiad Competition organised by Mathematical Association of Nigeria and emerged first position.

On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005, Apapa School participated in the Ballet and Festival Dance competition, winning the first prize.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2007, three of our pupils represented the school in Junior Achievement Art Competition and they did very well as one of them, Irenitemi Famadewa emerged second, winning a cash prize of 30, 000 naira. That same year the Corona School PTA organised an Inter-schools football competition amongst all Corona Schools and Corona School Apapa came third in the junior category.

In 2008, Corona School Apapa participated in the Corona Schools Trust Council Inter Schools’ quiz competition and emerged first overall, also winning the first place in the Science Category of that competition.

In 2008/2009 session the Head Boy of Corona School Apapa, Obinna Umeh emerged overall best in the Loyola Jesuit Entrance Examination, winning a scholarship. That same year, Obinna also emerged first place in the primary category of the Lagos State Mathematics Olympiad competition.

In the 2010 Corona Schools Trust Council Inter schools’ competition, Apapa School emerged first in the Science and English category. That same year, Corona School Apapa came first out of eleven international schools that participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Inter schools Mathematics quiz Competition organised by Scholastic Hall.

Still maintaining the culture of excellence, on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2011, Apapa School came first in the Inter School quiz taking the lead in all the categories- English, Mathematics, Science and General Knowledge. In the same competition, the school came third in the Impromptu speech.

## PICTURE SPLASH

2011 Annual Inter School Quiz



Victoria Island School, 2nd position

Ikoyi School, 3rd position

Faces at the dinner

