



NEWSLETTER

From The Headmaster

Well done to all our students for making such a positive start to the new academic year.

Congratulations to our new Head Boy and Girl in both Primary and Secondary school. Working alongside them will be our newly appointed school ambassadors. I am confident that they will make a positive contribution to the whole school.

My outlook on life is to have a positive *MINDSET* and a *CAN DO* attitude and I am hoping to bring these qualities to LPSS. The school has developed from a small group of families into a large group of families with one clear vision. That vision is to be the best we can be and with a positive mindset we will achieve that goal.

This term within the school we have launched our "2020 Vision" project to set the tone for the New Year ahead. The year 2020 will see our first year 11 students taking IGCSE Cambridge International Examinations. (C.I.E.). This is a fantastic achievement for LPSS since its conception in 2002.

Plans are in place to secure a separate secondary school building for our senior students and we have many exciting times ahead. I encourage you all to support LPSS and give us the momentum to become a school that will deliver a full and rounded education that delivers for you and your child.



I look forward to working with you all.

John.

Quality Assurance at LPSS

I am the new quality assurance manager for teaching and learning and I am here to ensure that the school delivers quality education which is comparable to the UK.

I have been working in the UK for 11 years as a mathematics teacher with an additional 7 years experience at international schools. I will be performing lesson observations and monitoring students work to ensure they are receiving effective feedback.

I have already started visiting classrooms and next week I will start shadowing pupils so your children can expect to see me in lessons. I am very much looking forward to being part of the LPSS community.

Alexander Thomas



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Head Pupils



SECONDARY

Trisha & Gabrielle
Head Girl &
Deputy

Drupad & Anu
Head Boy &
Deputy



PRIMARY

Prisha & Atarhe
Head Girl &
Deputy

Shikhar & Tobiloba
Head Boy &
Deputy

First Assembly

The children enjoyed the first assembly with the new head teacher. It was a whole school assembly and the new school heads and ambassadors were announced. Congratulations to the newly appointed leaders.



School Ambassadors



Sonam, Many, Adem, Tamilore,
Leonadis and Masouda

SECONDARY



Giselle, Ifunanya, Eiman, Olisa and
Karla

PRIMARY

Squad Trials

Congratulations to everyone who made the school team. This week's trial results have been posted on the notice board. Trials continue at training times. Please note Tennis training is from 7am-7:45am.



House Points

Congratulations **Normans** 66 points
Romans 57, **Vikings** 54, **Saxons** 48

From the School Business Manager

Registration for after school clubs is ongoing.

Make payments and send advise by e-mail to Bursary@lagosprep.com.ng with a list of the clubs chosen for your children.

Birthday Policy

"Children celebrating their birthday are welcome to bring along a cake and small party bags to share with their classmates, **if you wish**. Please ensure all items are brought to the School Office before 11.00am (not to the classroom). Parents bringing birthday cakes are also expected to bring in serviettes, paper plates and a table knife.

A camera can be brought in and handed over to the class teacher to take pictures, which will be returned at the end of the day. Candles and matches are not permitted for safety reasons. It is customary for every child to bring in a book on their birthdays and present it as a donation to the school library and we are proud to acknowledge all birthday contributions in our weekly newsletters."

(From the LPSS parents' handbook)

Thank you



New Parents Cocktail

Date: Tonight

Time: 6pm



Michaelmas Term Diary

30 Sept	Independence Day Assembly
1 Oct	Independence Day (School closed)
18 Oct	Parents' Conference (School closed to students)
21-25 Oct	Half Term (Sports Clinic)
1 Nov	Black History Assembly
16 Nov	PTA Fun Day
29 Nov	Last After School Club
3-7 Dec	Exam Week
10 Dec	LPSS Christmas Carols
11 Dec	Maths Day
12 Dec	Class Parties
13 Dec	EYFS/KS1 Production Last Day of Term (School closes 12:30pm)

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Historical Association prize winner to pupils:

Don't let telephones destroy your skilful activities

Amali Mucheke was a pupil at the Lagos Preparatory and Secondary School, Ikoyi, Lagos, from 2014 to July 2019. She recently won the Historical Association's Historical Fiction Prize in London. She spoke with DAYO OJERINDE in an interview.

I congratulate you on your achievement. How did you get to know about the competition?

I got to know about the Historical Fiction Competition in 2016 from my History teacher, Mrs Barrett. I had previously sent my work three years ago but it did not get to the judges in London. This year's event was my second opportunity to try my hand at the competition. All the entries were submitted by my school, Lagos Preparatory and Secondary School.

What attracted you to literature? Does it mean you want to pursue a career in writing/literature?

My mother, a freelance journalist, was (and still is) part of my inspiration for this piece of writing.

As I watch her hard work and dedication towards her work and generally her writing, I'm inspired to be able to produce such a good piece of

work that will be read by others.

Also, I just love composite writing. It is a way for me to express my ideas in a broad manner and to share my work with others. I would love to pursue literature in the future although it is not the main career I want to pursue in the future (but for now I am too young to decide).

I would love to continue writing historical fiction in the future and encourage other people with a wild historical imagination to do the same. I also read a lot and my father has a large collection of books from which I borrow.

Your story titled, 'Freedom for All,' based on colonial Nigeria won the prize in your category; what was the rationale behind the story?

My story, 'Freedom for All,' was inspired by the Black History project I

had done for the school assembly, which talked about how much of a struggle it was for Nigerian politicians and heads of state to gain independence for the country. I have lived in Nigeria for five years and just wanted other people to understand how I saw the independence of Nigeria – from the palatable meals to the attacks from the foreigners. Not everything is accurate, but it's what I see through my eyes.

How do you feel winning the award, and what are your plans to ensure that you continue winning?

Winning the award was a surprise to me, and when the news was broken to me, I was very glad. I am also happy that as I move to a different environment, I think I have left a mark in the school and in my life. I will continue to write works of literature in school and recreationally. I will also get into more competitions and build my confidence

so I am able to showcase my work to others.

What is your advice to other pupils of your age, especially on using their spare time for something productive?

For all the children and teenagers reading this interview, my advice is never to give up. Don't give up when you're down. Don't back down when you've lost. Just keep going. And hard work pays off.

I spent hours trying to perfect my story (and much credit to Mrs Barrett for helping me through this journey). Although it isn't perfect, it was worthwhile. If you want to pursue something, stick to it. It may not be what everyone else is doing but it will be what you want to achieve.

So, remember, never give up. Don't sit and watch netflix or use your phone through the night; try and do something that you can use as a skill in the future.