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By knowledge we serve*

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Highlights of this Newsletter include celebration of Nigeria's Independence, Children's Day football match, seminar on growing up responsibly, reading promotion events, and outreach to prisons.

Nigeria's Independence: Lost and Regained



Children's Centre marked Independence Day 2015 with a talk and interactive session by Prof. Onwuka Njoku of the Department of History and International Relations, explaining how Nigeria lost and regained independence. Prof. Njoku freely shared his vast knowledge in a way that was very accessible to children. Thanks also to UWA President, Prof. Ify Achike for arranging Lion FM radio publicity, organizers Ngozi Osadebe and Ezinne Njoku and members Beatrice Ewah, Chika Madumere, and Elizabeth Babarinde for their assistance with this event. The day ended outside with joyful free play on the playground.



Posing on the tortoise



The two teams lined up



Prof. Achike kicks off



And the match is on!

Children's Day Football Match 2016

For Children's Day 2016, the University Primary School and Graceville Primary School played a well-attended match at the Children's Centre field on May 28, 2016. After the match, won by the University Primary School, UWA President Ify Achike gave a football to each school.

Growing Up Responsibly

A seminar on “Growing up responsibly,” sponsored by UWA patron Pharm. Chinelo Ozumba (center), was held for University of Nigeria Secondary School students on October 27, 2017. Prof Agwu Ekwe Agwu (right) of the Faculty of Agriculture delivered a dynamic talk on “Responsible living,” covering family life, body changes, peer pressure, drug use and digital wellness.



World Book Day Celebration of March 1, 2017

Children’s Centre celebrated World Book Day in collaboration with the American Corner, Enugu. Committee members shared stories with children in nearby primary schools and briefed other schools, including CAVTSN for children with special needs, on promoting literacy. Reports were relayed to Profs. Nancy Achebe and Felix Ekere at the Lion FM radio station, while Tony Izuchukwu led LIS students on a march to create awareness around campus.



Centre for Academic and Vocational Training of Special Needs Children (CAVTSN) celebrating World Book Day with creative activities

Nsukka Prison Literacy Workshops

A team consisting of Grace Onyebuchi, Elizabeth Babarinde, Tony Izuchukwu, Ify Obim and Yemi Fagbemi coordinated with Welfare Officer Joseph Onah in conducting literacy activities for inmates every Wed. beginning in Feb. 2017 and continuing into 2018.



Creating comic books to develop literacy skills

Writing pocket book biographies in pairs

Literacy Training Workshop for Prisons in Anambra State, Held in Awka Oct. 16-18, 2017

Children’s Centre collaborated with Libraries for Literacy Foundation in organizing a 3-day training workshop for welfare officers in charge of prison libraries and librarians in Anambra State. Workshop organizers were Virginia Dike and Maureen Okpala, with CP Nwakeze and Emmanuel Nwangene coordinating for the Nigerian Prisons Service, while Grace Onyebuchi, Ngozi Osadebe, and Anthony Izuchukwu served as resource persons. The focus was on teaching the trainers how to use comic book creation as a tool for developing literacy and entrepreneurial skills among inmates. This approach to literacy development will be applied in the 4 Anambra State prisons early in 2018.



C.P. Nwazeke addressing the worshop



Grace Onyebuchi explaining final write-up

COMIC WRITING WORKSHOP Awka Prison, Oct 16-18, 2017



Creating bookmarks



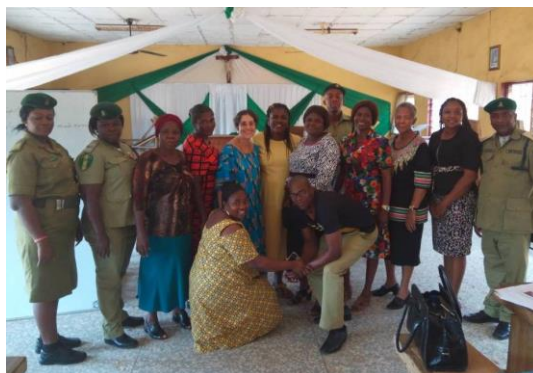
Interviewing for pocket biographies



Nwangene explaining to Henry



Virginia Dike & Maureen Okpala present certificates



Group Photo



Ngozi Osadebe checks facials



Interviewing for biographies



Examining comic books w Grace



Examining comic books w Ngozi



Tony & group examine comics



Tony guides on drawing



Participants hard at work on final write-up of comic books