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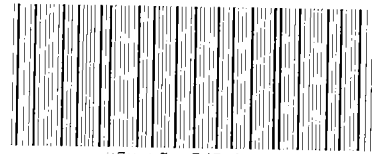
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DEDICATION

With hearts full of joy and gratitude, we proudly present this book. We dedicate this book to our beloved school, Mufnaj International School, and our dear parents, who always believe in us. May it forever be a beacon of creativity, learning, and growth. May this book inspire and nurture the creative spirits of our fellow students and readers. We are proud to be the authors of this book!

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The journey has culminated in a resounding success, and we proudly present our masterpiece, "Mufnaj Creative Horizon" 1st Edition. Our pain has transformed into a purpose, a purpose we celebrate today. This marks the beginning, and we look forward to the next edition, which will feature our local dialect and cultural artifacts, Insha-Allah.

Thank you all. Shukran lak.

FOREWORD:

All praise be to Allah Subhanahu wata'ala, who in His infinite mercy, brought us to the successful completion of the 1st edition of the "African Children Write Series" organized by Uncle Focus Educational Consult (UFEC) in collaboration with Mufnaj International School.

It warms my heart to see our students from middle to upper basic levels unleash their writing talents in the African Children Write Series project. Involving children in writing is crucial, as it allows them to share their ideas, stories, and imaginations with others and recognize themselves as writers. A sense of authorship begins with living with awareness that significance is not found but grown. This project has empowered Mufnaj students to cultivate their significance in writing, understanding that writing is not a daunting task but a creative process.

"Mufnaj Creative Horizon" is a remarkable collection of short poems and stories written by approximately 47 students aged 11-15 (Primary 5 to JSS3). This book is a must-read for parents, teachers, and aspiring young writers, offering a unique window into the minds of Africa's future leaders, thinkers, and creatives. By reading and engaging with their work, we gain insight into the perspectives and experiences of young Africans, witness the vibrant creativity and talent that exists within our communities, support the development of writing and literacy skills in our youth, celebrate the diversity and individuality of our students' voices, and inspire and motivate others to pursue their own creative endeavors.

This book serves as a tool for parents and teachers to nurture the authors, believing in their work, and drawing lessons, ideas, and inspiration from their stories. By celebrating and acknowledging them as authors, we can help them grow into accomplished writers, equipped to make meaningful contributions to our world.

Director
Mufnaj Intl School
Binta Inuwa (Ummu Mufnaj)



INTRODUCTION

The African Children Write Series is the brainchild of the vision of the exceptional Uncle Focus Educational Consult(UFEC Ltd.) Creative Team. A consultancy firm that seeks and works tirelessly towards bringing credible, measurable and workable innovation and creativity to education in Nigeria, Africa and across the world. Through several trainings, researches, consulting, projects etc across rural and urban communities and among both private and public schools across Nigeria and Africa.

As an organization, our immense drive for child and basic literacy development is second to none. It is out of this drive that we conceived, designed and are implementing the African Children Write Series. We believe that children, to become academically, intellectually and socially independent, must be able to read and write and interpret and communicate information effortlessly either in written or spoken form. Hence the birthing of the project African Children Write Series. A project which seeks to mould children writers and creators and carve out young authors from among the teeming younger generation.

I must sincerely appreciate Hajiya Binta Inuwa (Ummu Mufnaj) the Director of Mufnaj International School, Tudun Wada, Kaduna State, Nigeria for embracing the project and ensuring that it's brought to fruition by partnering with us on the project.

This is just the beginning. The beauty of the project is not just in its ability to mould exceptional writers and authors, help children and teenagers with their literacy development processes even at young age but also in its flexibility towards continuity and sustainability. Mufnaj International School has adopted the project and will continue to run it in-school year in, year out every academic calendar year. We call on more schools, school owners, stakeholders, NGOs, the government etc to key into the vision by partnering and collaborating and supporting us - Uncle Focus Educational Consult(UFEC Ltd.) in pushing this project across board towards helping the younger generation stand on their feet academically, intellectually and socially.

I remain yours in service for positive change,

Ziniyet Godwin Hilary
Founder, Executive Director, UFEC Ltd.

Abdallah Aminu

Biography

Name:
Abdallah Aminu

Class:
Basic 9

Date of Birth:
4th May, 2009

Age: 14

Gender: Male
Section: Secondary

Author's academic
quote:
*"I am a product of
education".*





THE MEAN GIRL

There lived a girl named Aisha. She was a student in an Islamic school a very beautiful girl. But her beauty did not resemble her character. She was mean to everyone that come her way except her friend Zainab.

One day, she was transferred from her school to my school Mufnaj International School and she was alone without her friend Zainab. But her character never changed. She was mean in the class that no one wants to be her friend. She tried to be a friend to Fatima but Fatima refused. Fatima hated anyone that is mean. So Fatima told Aisha that her character was very bad that was why nobody wanted to associate with her. The only condition to make friends was change in attitude and character.

Aisha took time to think about what Fatima told her. She cried and regreted all her bad actions and the way she treated her mates badly. She ran to Fatima and told her that, she was sorry about all her bad behaviours and promised to be a changed girl. Never to repeat any of her bad behaviours.

Aisha became everybody favourite friend and Fatima became her best friend.

Ahmad Ibrahim Bala

Biography

Name:
Ahmad Ibrahim Bala

Class: Basic 9

Date of Birth:
17th December, 2009

Age: 13
Gender: Female

Section: Secondary

Author's academic quote:
"Learning never ends,
keep learning".



HONESTY

Amina was ten years old in primary five. Her parents always told her that honest is a good virtue, her father always explains to her the truth at all times set free, no matter how long it may take.

From Amina early age, she understood that an honest child is trusted by his or her parents. She did her best to make herself a trustworthy person to the people around her.

Amina had two friends at school, there are Zarah and Zainab. She and her friends were very close and are always together, in school and during break hours.

One day, Denis lost his lunch money in the class, Amina had seen the exact money he descripts to the class with Kabir. Deep down her heart she was disturbed, at first, she became scared and skeptical, what if you're wrong Zainab said, Zarah was not interested to respond to the conversation because she was a close friend to Kabir it seems unfair to her, accusing him for a crime like that.

Amina went out and later returned with the school principal who came to investigate Kabir. One of the school teacher went to Kabir and search him but found nothing. When the principal and the teachers were about to leave the class. The principal asked the teacher if he had checked Kabir bag, at that very moment Kabir looked so scared.

The money was later found in his bag and was confirmed that Kabir parent do not give him money to school. he only brings food to school. Amina was relief of the trouble in her heart.

Aisha Yakubu Aliyu

Biography

Name:
Aisha Yakubu Aliyu

Class: Basic 8

Date of Birth:
1st June, 2012

Age: 12

Gender: Female

Section: Secondary

Author's academic quote:
A good name is far better
than silver and gold.



MY MOM, MY EVERYTHING

How do you find the energy mom?
to do all the things you need to;
To be a teacher, a nurse and counselor to me

How do you do it all mom?
To be a chauffeur, a cook and friend.
Yet find time to be a playmate.
I just can't comprehend!

HOW I SPENT MY LAST HOLIDAY

My name is Aisha Yakubu Aliyu. I attend Mufinaj International School, I am in JSS 1. The holiday was quite interesting, I didn't want it to end. I was excited about the holiday because it was also my aunt's birthday.

We had a lot of fun and varieties of food to eat. Most importantly, it was Independence Day, there was a lot of visitations, weddings, eating and drinking.

Amina Ayuba

Biography

Name:
Amina Ayuba

Class: Basic 9

Date of Birth:
29th September, 2010

Age: 14

Gender: Female

Section: Secondary

Author's academic quote:
In order to succeed, your
desire for success should
be greater than your fear
of failure.





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ABOUT MY LAST HOLIDAY

When it was time for our one-month holiday, I was thinking of how to spend the holiday wisely. I knew the teachers were planning to give us essay writing so I planned my holiday.

When the holiday came, I did some research on my topic and I learnt so much. My essay was so good that the teachers were happy with me.

That was how I spent my last holiday.

AN ADVENTURE TO THE FOREST

Once upon a time, there lived an adventurous girl. She was so good at discovering treasures that she discovered a magnetic rock.

She was in an adventure club. One day, they set out on a journey to discover new things. They kept looking and one by one, they got tired and started giving up. But she continued searching, and she saw a dinosaur tooth. They took it back to her school and kept it in the museum. She received an award.

TIME

My time is my future.

My time is as precious as life.

As important as water

Time waits for no one in life

No one can do without time

Without time, the world would come to a stop!

HOW A BEST FRIEND SHOULD BE

Once upon a time, there lived a girl named Amina. She was in primary five. She didn't have a best friend. She kept thinking of the kind of best friend she should have.

She decided to ask her father about the qualities of a best friend. Her father said, "She should be understanding and be a good adviser".

When she clocked sixteen, she found a best friend just like her father described.

BORN TO AVENGE

Once upon a time, there lived a girl named Anika. Her parents were killed by her uncle for money. The more she grew, the more her heart was filled with anger and revenge.

When Anika came of age, she started plotting to kill her uncle. Then, she went to class one day and the teacher said "If someone offends you, do not take the law into your hands. Involve the police instead. Police is your friend".

She thought hard about it. Then she gathered useful information and reported her uncle to the police and he was sentenced to a **hundred** years imprisonment. She then understood she was not meant to get revenge but to get justice.

Aminatu Adamu Muhammad

Biography

Name:
Aminatu Adamu
Muhammad

Class: Basic 9

Date of Birth:
28th December, 2009

Age: 14

Gender: Female

Section: Secondary

Author's academic quote:
"When you are educated,
the nation is also educated."



THE SAD TEDDY

There lived a teddy. He was always sad because nobody wanted to buy him. Then one morning, a little girl stopped and looked at the teddy. "Mummy look!", she said, "that's the very bear I've always wanted". "Not today, dear" her mother sighed. "I've spent too much already, besides, it does not look new. He has lost the buttons on his shirt". The teddy watched them sadly as they walked away.

The next day, the girl came back to buy the teddy and took it home. "This is my home," she said. "I know you've always wanted a home too". The girl sat down with the teddy and sew its buttons.

"Now, you will look smart all buttoned up". She smiled "I've always wanted a friend. You're my friend now".

"Me too!" sighed the teddy, and cuddled in for a big hug.

THE THREE WISHES

Once upon a time, a man and his wife lived beside the forest. They were woodcutters. Every day, they went into the forest where they worked long and hard. They cut down trees, cut them into logs, and carried them home to sell for firewood. But no matter how long and hard they worked: they did not earn enough money.

One day they were working in the forest, and they noticed a huge oak tree. "That tree is so big that we can get many logs from it, we could make a lot of money," said the wife.

The man raised his axe and swung at the tree, but a woman appeared and begged them not to cut down her tree. They were shocked and decided to leave the tree alone. The woman then asked them to go home and think of three wishes and she will grant them.

They were both thinking about money on their way home. When they got home, the husband said "I am very hungry, I will like to eat some bread". Immediately, he saw a big loaf of bread on the table.

"No!!" the wife screamed, "you wasted one of our wishes. That bread will stick to your nose.

Immediately, the bread stuck to his nose. They tried and tried to remove it but to no avail. So, they had to wish for the bread to leave his nose. They ate the bread sadly because their three wishes were wasted.

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DO NOT BE GREEDY

Once upon a time, there lived two animals, a rabbit, and a lion. One day, the lion went to the rabbit's house, he was very hungry. He saw rabbit cooking. The rabbit said, "Mr. lion, will you join me for lunch?". The lion agreed. After some time, the rabbit said "Mr. Lion, please wait while I go get spoons in my neighbor's house. I boiled ten yams for both of us". When rabbit left, lion went into the kitchen and counted the yams. They were eleven. He decided to eat one. He forgot the yam was still hot and it burnt his mouth. Rabbit started laughing and said, "I only wanted to test you. So, you are greedy". The lion was ashamed of what he did.

THE POOR MAN

Once upon a time, there was a poor man named Abdul. He had a wife and two children, Zainab and Musa. Their father goes out every day to look for food for his family.

One day, he went to the river to catch some fish to sell. He caught a big shark and took it to the market to sell. Nobody wanted to buy it. Saddened, he took the fish home and asked his wife to prepare it for the family to eat.

The wife cut the shark and saw a small diamond in it. She showed her husband and they were amazed.

"What if I had sold the fish, I could have lost it!" he said.

They sold the diamond and they became rich.

FASTING

Fasting is depriving yourself from eating until the sun sets. It makes people draw closer to Allah.

There are some prayers to be performed before and after breaking a fast.

People go to pick up the Quran to read. After reading, they stand up to pray before going back home.

Huraira Ahmad Abdullahi

Biography

Name:
Huraira Ahmad Abdullahi

Class: Basic 8

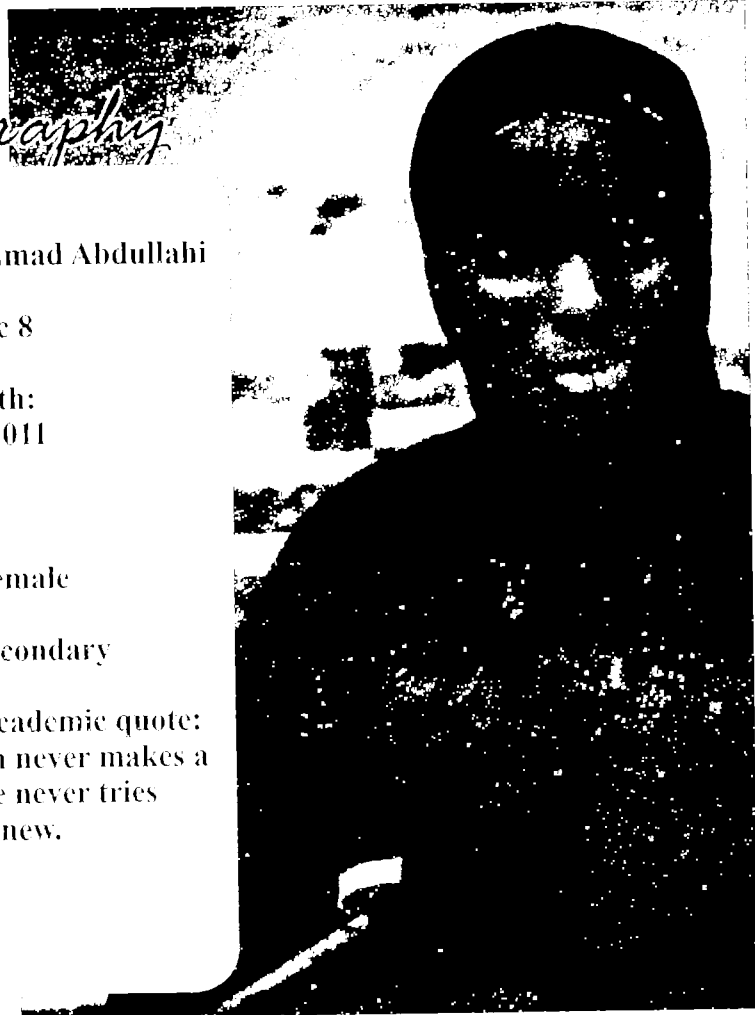
Date of Birth:
5th April, 2011

Age: 13

Gender: Female

Section: Secondary

Author's academic quote:
If a person never makes a
mistake, he never tries
something new.



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MY LAST HOLIDAY

My name is Huraira Ahmad, I am eleven years old. The name of my school is Mufhraj International School.

What is Holiday? Holiday can be defined as a measured time from the school or companies' management for students or workers to rest.

My last Holiday started Monday 3rd October 2022.

Firstly, I woke up in the morning, brushed my teeth, performed ablution and prayed my Subh prayer. I then took my bath, put on my cloth and went to the parlour to read. When I finished reading, I watched movies.

The next day, my parents woke me up to take my breakfast, then my father took his bath and went to work. My mother and I were watching television. Later in the evening, we started preparing dinner. When we finished, we ate it and slept.

THE TWO BEST FRIENDS

There lived two girls named Aisha and Zainab. They were best friends. They were in the same class in the same school. They also lived close to each other. People would often think they were twins. They were both beautiful and tall but Aisha was more intelligent than Zainab.

One day they were walking by the roadside, when a car hit Zainab and ran off. Aisha quickly took her to a nearby hospital. The doctor checked her and said it was a serious accident that required a surgery. Aisha ran to Zainab's house crying and told

her parents what happened. They followed her to the hospital and saw Zainab lying helplessly. They didn't have enough money to pay for the surgery. Her father went to borrow some money. When they finally got the money, they booked her surgery.

The surgery was not successful because infection had already spread to her lungs. Zainab died. When Aisha heard this, she fell and died too.

FASTING

What is fasting?

Fasting is the abstinence from foods and drinks from 5am to 7pm. Fasting is performed in the month of Ramadan.

Fasting helps people to stay in peace with one another. When fasting, one must not insult or fight.

Fasting starts from 5am to 7pm which is from Subh to Magrip. You can break your fast with dates, fruits or tea.

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Nabeelah Shireen Tijani

Biography

Name:
Nabeelah Shireen Tijani

Class: Basic 7

Date of Birth:
2nd April, 2013

Age: 11

Gender: Female

Section: Secondary

Author's academic quote:
Knowledge is the key
to success.



KINDNESS IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS

Once upon a time, there lived a man named Ade. He was a poor but kind man. Everybody loved him in the village of Chikum. One day, on his way to his farm, he saw a beggar talking to himself "please help, I have, I have no food, no house and no property of my own. Ade felt pity for the man. He decided to give the man all he had even though he didn't have much. The beggar was very happy. Ade went to his farm and worked very hard for some time. The beggar whom he had helped followed him to the farm offering to help "you helped me and now I will help you". The beggar worked long and hard on the farm. When Ade arrived his farm the next day, he was surprised to see his crops all golden and ripe for harvest. He was very happy. He looked for the beggar wondering what happened in his farm but he never saw the man nor found any answers. Ade sold off the crops became very rich and lived happily ever after. Ade still wonders about the beggar that changed his life.

LAZINESS KILLS ALL

A long time ago, in the animal kingdom there lived a monkey named Ili. The monkeys and all the other animals hated her because she was very lazy and since nobody did anything to challenge her, she became lazier.

One day, the king summoned her to the palace. She went thinking it was for something good. But she was disappointed.

"Why are you lazy Ili? Do you think this kingdom is a joke? I will send you to the dungeon if you don't get on your feet and do your work." The king warned.

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Ili fearlessly replied "if I have to work, then you should work as well? The king was very angry and sent her out of the palace.

The next day, Ili went to her friend miss giraffe and said to her "Why do you work for the king, I mean all the animals work in this kingdom except the king. He stays in his cool palace eating the food that other animals work so hard to provide, while you are all here suffering like slaves." the giraffe thought Ili had a point so they both went about spreading the word and all the animas decided not to work again. Until one faithful day everybody was hungry and

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THE FAIRY'S BIRTHDAY

Once upon a time, in the land of the fairies. There was a ceremony to celebrate the birth of a fairy. Her parents named her happiness because the fairy was always smiling. The fairy grew very fast she wanted to host a very big party for her 18th birthday. The day finally came with People coming from far and near. both fairies and non- fairies attended her birthday party and everybody who attended were very happy. But happiness was not happy. She was sad because she thought they all came to have fun and not because they cared about her. while she was brooding over this her mother came and saw her sad, she asked her what the problem was and she told her. Her mother said "what if they came to have fun, you should enjoy yourself as well.

The end.

Ruqayyah Salihu Ibrahim

Biography

Name:
Ruqayyah Salihu Ibrahim

Class: Basic 7

Date of Birth:

12th June, 2013

Age: 11

Gender: Female

Section: Secondary

Author's academic quote:
Academic is Power.



THE GAME

In a faraway land. There was a game that was played by kids, the kids names were James, Jack, Bella and others. They would train and train until night time. Jack had an older sister, her name was Zoey. In that game they would kill people not knowing that those people were real. The owner of the game used them to win wars. Until one day, Jack found out and was so sad about the people that he killed. He told others about what he found out.

The next day, they all went to the owner of the game and all the teachers involved in it and killed them. Jack went back home and told his mother and sister. He did not have a father because his father died.

And in that game a lot of innocent people died, he swore never to kill again.

Amira Suleiman Soba

Biography

Name:
Amira Suleiman Soba

Class: Basic 8

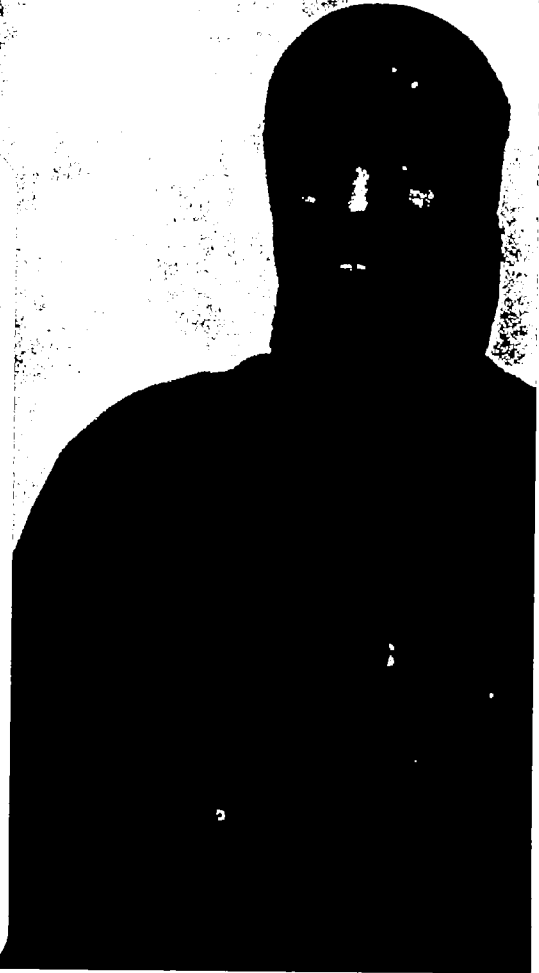
Date of Birth:
25th September, 2011

Age: 12

Gender: Female

Section: Secondary

Author's academic quote:
Education is the weapon
you can use to change the
world.



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LIFE IS NOT EASY

Characters

Musa Zee Aisha Halima
Abdul Ahmed Najib Nurse
Sani Bashir Doctor

Scene One

(It is Monday morning. Mr. Musa was preparing to go work. Mrs. Aisha, his wife was sleeping not feeling well and the children not dressed to school)

Mr. Musa: Aisha! Aisha!! What happened to you?
Mrs. Aisha: Nothing, I woke up with stomach pain. I am not comfortable.
Mr. Musa: When did it start?
Mrs. Aisha: I noticed it yesterday morning. I thought it was nothing serious.
Mr. Musa: Have you gone to the hospital?
Mrs. Aisha: No! I haven't.
Mr. Musa: What about the children?
Mrs. Aisha: Halima can dress them.
Mr. Musa: (walks to Halima's room) Halima?
Halima: Yes Dad.
Mr. Musa: Your mother is sick, so you have to dress up your siblings and prepare food for them.
Halima: But we have no food in the house.
Mr. Musa: Oh! Allah help a poor person in Nigeria. This kind of life, no food, things are hard. Everything is going bad. Allah help us.
Halima: Ameen. May Allah help us, let me go and dress them.
Mr. Musa: What about the food?
Halima: Don't worry dad, Allah is with us.

Scene Two

(Mr. Musa exits the house. Then he saw a man in a big car)

- Mr. Musa: Who are you and what do you want?
Bashir: Hi, My name is Bashir, I am Mr. Abdul's driver.
Mr. Musa: You mean my brother Abdul?
Bashir: Yes.
(Mr. Abdul came out from the car and hugged him)
Mr. Musa: May Allah be praised. You are back.
Mr. Abdul: What happened?
Mr. Musa: We are struggling for food; my wife is sick and the children, school fees is not paid.
Mr. Abdul: Don't worry my brother, all will be fine. Where is your wife? let us take her to the hospital.
Mr. Musa: (He took him inside the house) Aisha! Here is my brother Abdul, Allah has brought him back to us.
Mrs. Aisha: Welcome. How are you doing and your family?
Mr. Abdul: Thank you. We are all doing great. How is your health? And where are the children?
Mrs. Aisha: Halima is inside dressing them for school I am fine now. Just having stomach pain. I need to go to the hospital.
Mr. Abdul: (smiles) Okay, lets have the hospital do a checkup on you. (Bashir brings the car).
Mrs. Aisha: Thank you very much for coming to

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- Mr. Abdul: salvage this situation. Life has not been easy for us. (They entered the car)
- Mr. Abdul: But wait, what about the children, let me give them some money so they can get something to eat in school. (He called Halima loudly) Halima! Halima!!
- Halima: Yes! Uncle.
- Mr. Abdul: Take this money so that you can eat something in the school.
- Halima: (Smile) Thank you uncle. You are just like a water that wash away dirt.
- Mr. Abdul: You are my family; I have to do everything to make my family better.
- Halima: Thank you.
- Mr. Abdul: You have to hurry to go to school so you won't not be late.
- (He enters the car and Halima goes inside the house with a smile on her face)
- Najid and Sani: Halima! Be fast, so that we will not be late to school. (They walk out of the house, off to school)

Scene Three

(Mr. Abdul and Mr. Musa were discussing about Nigeria problems, changes and solutions. While Mrs. Aisha was sleeping)

Bashir: (with a low voice) we are here sir.

Mr. Abdul: So fast! Okay let us go in.

Mr. Musa: (He woke her) Aisha we are in the hospital.

Mrs. Aisha: Okay, let us go in.

Mr. Abdul: (To the nurse) Good morning, we need to see the doctor.

Nurse: what is the problem?

Mr. Musa: She is having stomach pain.

Nurse: Okay, fill this form.

Mr. Musa: Okay, let me fill the form. (he fills the form) Can we see the doctor now?

Nurse: Yes, You may. (She takes them to the doctor's office)

Nurse: (To the doctor) Sir, you have a patient.

Doctor: What is the problem?

Mrs. Aisha: I am having stomach pain and sometimes I vomit.

Doctor: have you undergone any test before now?

Mrs. Aisha: No.

Doctor: Okay, let us run all the tests for you. The nurse will lead you to the laboratory. And you have to wait for the results.

(The test results are handed to the doctor)

Nurse: Mr. Musa, the doctor wants to see you in his office.

Scene Four

(Halima and her siblings Najid and Sani were on their way to school. One of Halima's friends, Zee, sees her and her siblings, she tells the driver to stop and take them all to school. And they are mocked for not paying their school fees)

Halima: Thank you Zee. We appreciate you.

Zee: You are welcome. You are not looking good, what is happening to you?

Halima: It is a long story. I hope things will be better for my family soon.

Zee: It will be better okay. Allah will make it better.

(In the school, the students and pupils are outside for school fees drive)

Sani: Why did we come to school? After this long journey we are still going back home. What is our daddy doing?

Najid: Sani! Don't say that. We are not going back home.

Sani: Are you blind? Those of us outside are going back home. We are not going into the class.

Halima: Both of you need to keep quiet. Our mother is not feeling fine, daddy is confused about the whole situation. There is no food at home. Can't you just be quiet if you cannot pray for the situation to change.

Sani: I am sorry for what I said. I am not happy been laughed at because of school fees.

Halima: Sani! I understand. Everything will be fine.

Mr. Ahmad (The school administrator): Those of you standing outside should go back home until your parents pay your school fees.

Najib: Home we go. Should we trek or take keke?

Halima: we shall take keke.

Mr. Ahmad: Halima, Sani and Najid. Don't go. Your school fees have been paid.

Halima: How?

Mr. Ahmad: Go to your classes and relax your mind.

Halima: How did it happen? Hmmm! Again, may Allah be praise.

(The school activities end and they run back home to ask how the magic happened)

Scene Five

(At home, the peace and happiness returned.)

Mrs. Aisha: Welcome back from school. I hope you all had a nice a day in school?

Halima: Yes! But can you explain the magic that happened this morning in school. We were about to come home before Mr. Ahmad called us back to go to our classes.

Mrs. Aisha: Oh! I understand. It is your father and your uncle at work. Your father will be getting a better job to take care of us from now on. Your uncle is our answered prayer. And you are expecting a baby brother or a baby sister.



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Halima: I am happy for you Mum. Thank you for everything.
May Allah keep you and dad for us.

Sani: Ameen. Mum is there food in the Kitchen? I am hungry.

Najid: Sani! You are on point. Kitchen we go.

Mrs. Aisha: Smile! And say these words of prayer. May Allah
continue to supply all our needs and protect us from every evil
and dangers.

Halima: Ameen.

The End.

Umar Habib Kabir

Biography

Name:
Umar Habib Kabir

Class: Basic 8

Date of Birth:
11th October, 2011

Age: 13

Gender: Male

Section: Secondary

Author's academic quote:
Hard work pays all the
time.



MY HOLIDAY

My name is Umar Habib Kabir. The holiday was a lot of fun and adventure for me. My parents took my siblings and I out for a nice retreat. Indeed, I call it a retreat because it was full of intellectual games, varieties of main meals, snacks and small chops. It was my first time seeing and tasting some of the drinks. I had an exciting swimming experience with new friends I made. If not for school and acquiring knowledge, I wished the holiday would not end because my mum was giving us assorted meals and treats at home.

ABDULLAH FOR RICE AND BEANS

Abdullah likes food more than his life. His favorite food is rice and beans. Once Abdullah sights rice and beans, everything about him changes.

Rice and beans serve as a motivation for Abdullah. With it, you can get his attention in school, at home and even in Islamic school.

MY SCHOOL

My name is Umar Habib Kabir. I am fourteen years old. I am in JSS 1 at Mufnaj International School. My best subject is Mathematics.

Mufnaj International School is the best school in Kaduna. Teachers do their best to ensure that students learn effectively. The environment is very conducive for learning. I love Mathematics because my teacher uses a very interesting teaching aid to teach us. I am always happy when our mathematics teacher comes to the class.

Though I am still a child, I look forward to my children attending this same school because of the motivation to learn here. I am proud of my school.

HAPPY COUPLE

Once upon a time, there lived a man and woman. Every day, they went to their farm where they worked long and hard. They also cut down trees in the forest, cut them into logs, and carried the logs home to sell for firewood.

One day, the man asked his wife "are you happy even though we do not have money?". She replied "of course, we don't have all we want, but we have what we need". The man was very happy to hear that.

Musa Yusuf Ilyas

Biography

Name:
Musa Yusuf Ilyas

Class: Basic 8

Date of Birth:
6th January, 2009

Age: 15

Gender: Male

Section: Secondary

Author's academic quote:
Fixing the world with
my pen .



MY MOTHER

My name is Musa Ilyasu. I am 10years old. I live at NN Bukar Madu Street, Kaduna. I love my mother very much. My mother's name is Amira Muhmmad and she is 40years old. I live with my mother. I love her so much because she loves me and doesn't want any harm to come to me. She makes me happy all the time.

I love my mother very much because she wants the best for me.

MY FRIEND

My name is Musa Ilyasu. I am 10years old. I am in Mufhaj International School. I live at NN Bukar Madu street, Kaduna. I love my friend.

My friend's name is Umar Habib. He lives at PRP Unguwan Sunusi. We attend the same school. We live peacefully with my friend and we love each other. He likes eating rice and beans. He like to play with everybody but when he gets angry, he doesn't listen to anyone.

He also loves his mother very much and he does not make her angry because she loves and cares about him. He is respectful and likes colour black. He hates stealing. I love my friend very much.

THE TWO BOYS AND A LION

Once upon a time, there were two boys who lived in the bush. A lion also lives in the same bush. One day, the lion was hungry and went searching for food. He came by where the boys were sleeping. The lion growled, startling the boys. They both took to their heels. After some time, they began to get tired but they kept running until they got to some hunters who had been hunting the lion for days. The boys were grateful to be delivered from the lion. They followed the hunters' home.

Abdulgafar Nasir Muhammad

Biography

Name:
Abdulgafar Nasir
Muhammad

Class: Basic 8

Date of Birth:
16th August, 2009

Age: 15

Gender: Male

Section: Secondary

Author's academic quote:
Through education, I will
uplift the nation.



THE LION AND THE MONKEY

Once upon a time, there lived a lion in the forest. He was hungry and went in search of food. He caught an elephant and ate it.

The following day, the lion was hungry again and went in search of food. This time, he caught a Zebra and ate it.

The next day, he was hungry again and went in search of food. He caught a monkey. The monkey escaped and went to report to the king of monkeys. The King started plotting on how to kill the lion.

The following day, the lion went out in search of food and the monkeys killed him.

My Last Holiday

My last holiday was in Kaduna. We went to city park. We ate different types of snacks and we played football.

My friends and I swam in the swimming pool. After we finished swimming, we came out and took pictures in our swimming gears.

We rode on some toy horses and it was fun. We went back home after so much fun.

Mahmud Nura Sani

Biography

Name:
Mahmoud Nura Sani

Class: Basic 8

Date of Birth:
17th January, 2008

Age: 16

Gender: Male

Section: Secondary

Author's academic quote:
Learning is the best way
to achieve success.



THE CAT

Once upon a time, there lived a boy whose name was Ahazi, he was so wicked and mean. Most times, he does unthinkable things.

It was 17th October, 2019 on a Monday at Mufnahj International School. Ahazi tried to make me kill a cat but I refused because it was one of our teacher's pet so he went ahead and killed the cat and he accused me of killing the cat.

While the investigation was ongoing as to who killed the cat, the teacher started singing the song he sings to the cat often. Suddenly, the cat sprang up and went to snuggle in on the teachers legs as if to confirm to him "I'm alive!".

Unknown to my teacher, that cat had nine lives and doesn't die easily.

MY MOTHER

My name is Nura Sani. I love my mother because she is the best thing that ever happened to me, my dad and siblings. My mother is a woman of integrity, a woman of substance, and an embodiment of wisdom. In fact, I call her a wise woman because today, my dad, siblings and myself are standing tall, courtesy of my mother. When we all felt like giving up, she gave us hope and reasons to smile again.

Most importantly, when my dad lost his job, my mother helped him to get back on track again both financially and otherwise. In my next world, if given the opportunity, I will still choose her as my mother.

MY BEST FRIEND (MOHAMMED)

My best friend is Mohammed. He loves food a lot and can do anything for food. There was a day that we had food shortage in the house and my friend visited.

We were served food, just a meal, but Mohammed asked me to give him my food so that he would be satisfied in return I asked for his inheritance, because of his gluttony, he agreed.

Today, my friend is poor and I'm rich, courtesy of his inherited gift.

MY SCHOOL

I love my school because of the structures. In the primary section, there are five classes, a play class, and a beautiful garden for sightseeing and playing. Most importantly, the Senior Secondary Section consist of the science and art classes, thus, the teachers in Murafaj International School are so zealous, loving, and caring thereby motivating learners.

THE DAYS PAST

Once upon a time, there lived a boy called Ahmed who wanted to be the first boy to visit the moon, so his father paid lots of money to ensure that he goes to the moon. Ahmed was very excited and wanted telling his friends about his visit to the moon but his father asked him not to.

While earnestly waiting for the day to come, They were all were engrossed in the hustle and bustle of travelling to the moon that they did not realise when the day had passed. When Ahmed found out, he was furious and locked himself up.

Raihana Tukur Abba

Biography

Name:
Raihana Tukur Abba

Class: Basic 7

Date of Birth:
26th June, 2011

Age: 13

Gender: Female

Section: Secondary

Author's academic quote:
Success is achieved by
hard work.



THE BAD MOM

Once upon a time, there lived a woman called Mary. Mary is a stingy and selfish woman. She is so selfish that she leaves her three children hungry. She would eat to her fill and not care about them.

When the village knew about this, they decided to stop selling anything to Mary to teach her a lesson. One day, she went to the market to buy foodstuff but nobody sold it to her. She stayed hungry for two days and then went to beg the chief of the village. She promised she will change and start caring for her children, then the chief asked the villagers to forgive her.

ABOUT MY HOLIDAY

I traveled to Abuja during my holiday. By the time I arrived, it was quite late, so I slept that evening.

The next day, my sister, cousin, and I went to Central Park Abuja. My sister paid for us to use the playground and play virtual reality.

We had a lot of fun, and had some popcorn with soft drinks.

After some time, we booked a bolt car and went home.

That was how I spent my last holiday.

Harun Sani Abubakar

Biography

Name:
Harun Sani Abubakar

Class: Basic 7

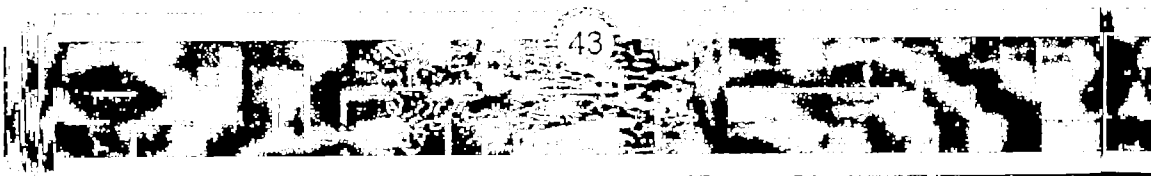
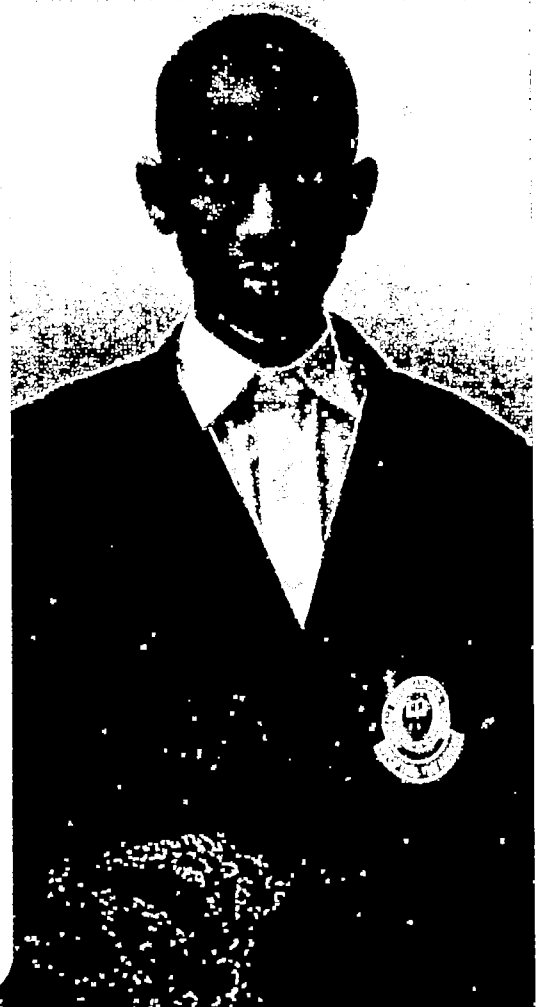
Date of Birth:
20th November, 2012

Age: 13

Gender: Male

Section: Secondary

Author's academic quote:
Education is the passport
to the future.



MY LAST RAMADAN

Ramadan is one of the pillars of Islam and the importance of Ramadan is to remember Allah morning, afternoon, and night. The month of Ramadan is the month of forgiveness. In this month, Muslims are expected to fast.

ABOUT MY FRIEND

The name of my friend is Abdulwaris Kabir Matazu. He is dark in complexion. He is tall. His best color is yellow. My friend is very handsome.

His best food is yam. He likes sweets and chocolates. He loves to play football and handball.

Fatima Umar Kwajaffa

Biography

Name:
Fatima Umar Kwajaffa

Class: Basic 7

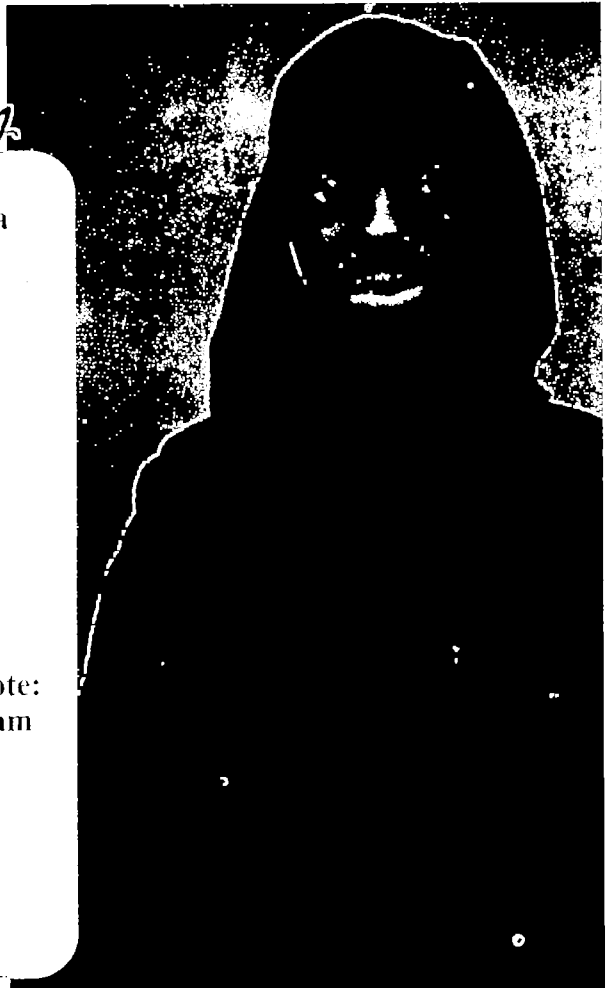
Date of Birth:
12th April, 2012

Age: 12

Gender: Female

Section: Secondary

Author's academic quote:
Through education; I am
the Pride of my Time



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ADAM'S LAZINESS

Adam and Khalil are the two sons of Mallam Isa; their father is well known for his devotion to Allah. Khalil is just like his father; he loves the ordinances of Allah and makes time to meditate on his Quran.

Mallam Isa's devotion to Allah did not stop him from working hard. Mallam Isa's commitment to Allah and his work did encourage other people to be like him, but Adam was the opposite of his father and brother. He could spend his day without helping out with the house chores.

On November 7, his name appeared on the NYSC posting list, and he had to leave for service. Adam's first week at the place of his assignment was unbearable for him. His father was pleased that he was posted far from Kaduna, where he couldn't receive help.

BE HONEST

Ada and Bolaji are good friends in school. Ada is smart and intelligent, while Bolaji is reserved.

The two friends did something so bad one day that the teacher had to inform their parents. Bolaji's parents were surprised by their daughter's laziness towards her education. Mr. Kenneth Zubairu narrated the incident that conspired between them. He said he repeatedly reminded them of the final day to submit their assignments. After they all gave him their books, he confirmed the accurate number, only to find out that Bolaji and Ada had not done their assignment. After hearing all that Mr. Kenneth said, Bolaji and Ada's parents requested that the school deal with them accordingly.

THE DECEPTIVENESS OF APPEARANCE

Mr. David is a difficult man to understand. He has many principles that makes it difficult for his students to play around him. Some students have wondered how his children cope with him at home. To his children, I imagined him to be a sadist. All the awful comments about him are because of his rigid disciplinary methods with students.

In the beginning of the new term, Mr. David was announced as the form master of my new class. The whole class was so displeased that we had even planned to write to the school management secretly because of the stories we had heard about him.

Week 11 had been scheduled for the students' week. The school had informed all class heads to work with form masters to come up with activities that would be fun.

Margret, our assistant class head, told us to give up on the fun-filled events because Mr. David wasn't going to support our activities. Some students advised us to lie against him so we could have him fired.

On Tuesday morning, Mr. David came into the class to observe. "Hard work pays," he always says. H.W.P. was the coded language used to talk about him. After his advice, he asked us what we intended for the week and made schedules for our rehearsals.

The student week turned out to be fun, but when Mr. David was invited to the principal's office for questioning, it

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dawned on us that we had lied in a letter about him. On hearing it, we became remorseful. Our class was summoned by the principal, who was furious at the allegations. We confessed to the principal to fix the mess we had gotten Mr. David into. We realized later on how much Mr. David had loved us.

UMARU THE SELFISH FRIEND

Umaru and Sani have been longtime friends; they shared the same birth year. Many of their classmates' marvel at how Sani tends to cope with Umaru's disregard for other people. One day, Umaru was asked to inform the entire class to submit their assignments online, but he refused to do so and instead submitted his own. When the teacher noticed that the number of assignments was low, he was angry and felt disrespected. When the whole class got to know that Umaru was given the information and refused to announce it, they became angry at him.

BANWA

Once upon a time in Banwa village, Nassarawa State, Zaki Ibrahim instructed his people not to allow non-indigenous people to settle in their village. When his late father was king, he did the same, but his people rejected his counsel.

In the wisdom of the king, he paid farmers double the amount of their farm produce. After a long period of time, issues were brought to the palace from his people concerning settlers who came from other villages.

The Banwa people began to murmur amongst themselves, blaming each other for what was happening to them. Peace was no longer an experience like before. The people began to realize that their settlers were not ready to wait for harvest time to steal from them.

When it became unbearable for the villagers, they cried to their king, and the women poured out their hearts, saying, "Our children cry day and night for food." Mama Oseshi, the woman leader, added, "Our men can't work as they used to," and the king could no longer continue to hear them lament. He ordered that there be a census, and every house would be given enough food to sustain them until the rainy season approached. When the people heard it, they shouted their approval, and the king ordered that before nightfall, people who were not from their hometown were to leave, except if they would pay tax to him. The people rejoiced and left with their bounty gifts.

Muhammad Abdulkadir Mitubi

Biography

Name:
Muhammad
Abdulkadir Mitubi

Class: Basic 9

Date of Birth:
2nd November, 2009

Age: 14

Gender: Male

Section: Secondary

Author's academic quote:
"Learning never ends,
keep trying".



THE GIRL I SAVED

Once upon the time, there was a special child I once noticed on the street begging. She sounded intelligent but why will her parents abandoned her to herself. I observed her presence in the particular spot for a period of time.

One day, the day I will never forget when I saved her from the hands of street spoiled boys. She was involved in an argument with these boys and they bounced on her with slaps and beating. I stopped them and told them she is my sister and I will not allow them to harm further. I was scared but I made up my mind to save her from their attack. They refused and asked for money if they will let her go. I agreed and gave them the money I was having on me. With that, I ended a session of sound beating on an innocent girl.

I looked and pitied her. She thanked me for my assistance and promised to keep herself from trouble for which she is not a trouble maker. I asked of her parents or relatives. She said, they are dead and she lives with her uncle down the street. I asked her to avoid any spot or gathering of spoiled boys on the streets.

I always make time to see her and to encourage her. The name of the girl I saved was Amina Ayuba.

**MY DEAREST CHILDHOOD FRIEND
-ABUBAKAR DABO**

The name of my childhood friend is Abubakar Dabo, he is my age mate since we were five (5) years old. We were true friends more like brothers it has been twelve (12) years together. And we are still friends.

I am becoming who I am today because he is there as my best friend and will live to celebrate him.

The footballer I am today was influenced by his skills and passions. Insha'Allah, I will achieve my dream as the best footballer in the continent of Africa and the World at large

Aisha Ado Ali

Biography

Name:
Aisha Ado Ali

Class: Basic 7

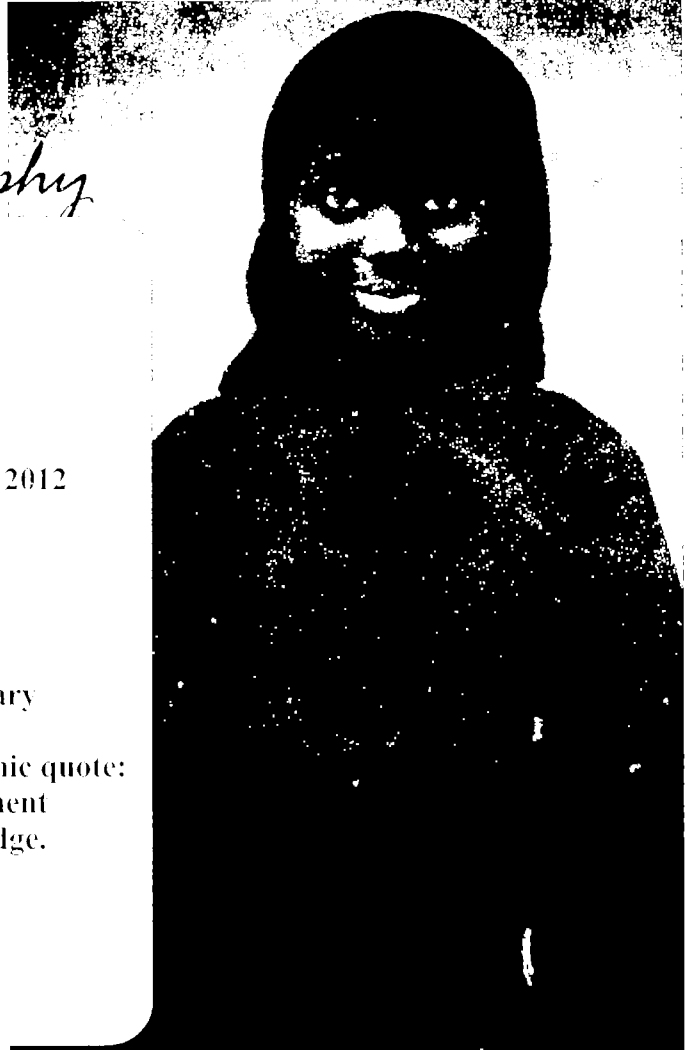
Date of Birth:
24th September, 2012

Age: 12

Gender: Female

Section: Secondary

Author's academic quote:
Spiritual upliftment
through knowledge.



THE OLD WOMAN

There lived an old woman in a small village. She was always sitting by the road side and taking alms. Some people would however shout at her.

One day, she saw people working together and asked them to help her, they said, "you are a very bad woman, how can we help you. She was hurt by their response. She saw a young girl coming towards her "Please help me with anything you have. I am a poor old woman. The young girl had only a little money for her transportation but she gave the old woman the money to feed hence, postponing her trip. The old was touched by the girl's kindness.

The old woman bought the food and water and ate together with the girl. They talked at length. The young girl was about going back to the house to face her parents. The old woman held her hands and told her that she is a good girl. That she will not lack anything again.

The old woman gave her the money back and promised to support her in all her education. The young girl was happy that she helped the old woman.

Abdulazeez Ilyas Shuaib

Biography

Name:
Abdulazeez Ilyas Shuaib

Class: Basic 7

Date of Birth:
13th March, 2013

Age: 11

Gender: Male

Section: Secondary

Author's academic quote:
Our freedom is guarantee
through education.





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MY TEACHER

My teacher is one of the smartest people I know
My teacher is my second father
My teacher is a simple man
Oh!! My one and only teacher
My teacher knows a lot of educational things.

MY BROTHER

My brother is as handsome as an angel
As humble as a kind human
As cunning as a fox
As brave as a knight
As cute as a rabbit

MY FRIEND

My friend, my friend
My friend is as soft as a rabbit
As stubborn as a monkey
As loud as a whistle.

MY FATHER

My father is the king of mathematics
My father helps in many of my projects
My father is the king of my heart
My father is as rich as the ocean water.

MY MOTHER

My mother is as sharp as a razor

As beautiful as a peacock

As brave as an explorer

As fast as a cheetah

As experienced as an old woman

Hafsat Falalu Abubakar

Biography

Name:
Hafsat Falalu Abubakar

Class: Basic 7

Date of Birth:
22nd January, 2013

Age: 11

Gender: Female

Section: Secondary

Author's academic quote:
If education is expensive
try ignorance.



THE INTELLIGENT GIRL AND THE JEALOUS GIRL

Once upon a time, there lived a girl named Khadija. She was the best student in her class. Everyone liked Khadija except Ella. Ella was very jealous OF Khadija. Teachers and students didn't like her because she was envious and came to school dirty every day.

One day, she went home telling her mother that Khadija beat her up. Her mother came to school to report the issue to the school authority. The school authority investigated the issue and found out Ella lied, so they punished.

MY LAST HOLIDAY

i spent my last holiday in Kaduna. During that period, my grandmother broke her leg and it made my mother cry a lot. I also cried and prayed for my grandmother. My teachers came to visit her.

I read my books and my Quran. My grandmother was operated on, so I was always with my mother in the hospital. After her operation, I ate Amala and Egusi soup with my grandmother. My dad visited her and gave her some beverages and bread. My mum stayed with my grandmother in the hospital until she was discharged her. That's how my holiday went.

THE MAGIC CHAIR

Once upon a time, there lived a woman who used to go to the bush to collect some wood, fruits, and vegetables.

One day, she went to the bush, and she saw a chair. She wondered who owns the chair. The chair was unique and golden in color. Then the woman took it to her house and kept it in her store. The chair stayed there for years.

Then one early morning, she brought out the chair and sat on it. She said to herself "let me go and prepare pepper soup". As she got to the kitchen, she saw an already prepared pot of pepper soup.

She soon realized that the chair grants its owner's wishes and that was how she lived a fulfilled life.

THE LAZY GIRL

Once upon a time, there lived a lazy girl who doesn't help her mother. Whenever her mother asks her to do chores, she refuses, saying that she is tired. Her younger sister, Teny, was a good and hardworking girl.

One day, they both went to the palace. They saw seven fairies. The fairies asked them to clean up six rooms but the lazy girl refused. Her sister, Teny, cleaned everything. When she was done, the fairies asked her to enter the seventh room and pick whatever she wanted. She picked plenty golds and diamonds while her sister cried home because she was given nothing.

ABOUT MY SCHOOL

The name of my school is Mufnaj International School. It is located at Gamagira road opposite Ungwan Sumusi. The gate is painted ash and white. We have twenty teachers in our school and we have a playground.

We have sports activities. We also have a computer laboratory and an administrative office. My school is neat and beautiful. There are Islamic morals too. We have two sections, the primary and secondary sections. We have a nice toilet and kitchen.



Abdulwaris Kabir Matazu

Biography

Name:

Abdulwaris Kabir Matazu

Class: Basic 7

Date of Birth:

16th March, 2012

Age: 12

Gender: Male

Section: Secondary

Author's academic quote:
A life without education is
like a book without content.



THE DOG AND THE TORTOISE

There was a time when the dog believed he was the fastest animal in his village. This made the other animals angry. Often, he would snatch their food and run away.

One day, tortoise challenged him to a race. The dog was laughing and saying how can the slowest animal run faster than me, he laughed and accepted the challenge to spite tortoise.

The night to the race, the tortoise went to the bush where the race will take place. He went with a big bone and dropped the bone along the track.

On the day of the race, the race began. They started running, when the dog reached the middle of the race, the smell of the bone caught his attention he traced where it came from and found a big bone since the tortoise was far behind, he decided to enjoy his bone meal. However, the He totally forgot about the race because of the bone.

The tortoise passed him. While he was there struggling with the bone, the tortoise won the race.

The title of the fastest animal was given to the tortoise.



Aisha Amal Ibrahim

Biography

Name:
Aisha Amal Ibrahim

Class: Basic 5

Date of Birth:
22nd September, 2012

Age: 12

Gender: Female

Section: Primary

Author's academic quote:
A great mind born to
educate the world.



THE MAN IN THE DESERT AND A DOG.

It was a sunny day in a desert. A man had got lost in the desert. He was thirsty because he had drunk all his water. The sun shone bright and hot.

"What will I do?" thought the man. He started pondering how will he get water in a desert. Wondered, If I could find a well. So, he started looking for a well but he could not find one. He said to himself "I will not give up, maybe if I try again, I will find a well. So, he continued to look for a well. It took him a long time to find a one.

He started thinking how to draw some water from the well then, he got an idea. He jumped into the well and the well which was deep, when he got to the bottom, he drank as much water as he could, he kept drinking until he was full. When he got out of the well, he saw a dog panting and looking for some water. He looked at the dog and decided he would go back to the well and get some water before it dies of thirst. The man went back in and filled his trunk with water. He climbed back carefully so that he should not spill the water. When he got to the top, he gave the dog some water. The dog regained its strength. He thanked the man who was shocked to see a talking dog. As a way of showing his gratitude, the dog helped the man find his way back home.

THE WOMAN CARELESS RESCUER

A woman was walking on the street when she found a kitten, she carried the poor animal. The kitten thought that the woman would adopt her as a pet.

When the woman reached home. She locked the kitten in a room. The kitten still thought that she will get some food but long and quietly but the woman brought nothing nor did she

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check on the kitten. The abandoned kitten spent long dark nights hungry and alone, she grew weaker and weaker by the day. Even though she could hear the shuffling sounds of the woman's feet, the woman never for once checked on her. One day, the woman remembered the kitten, she rushed to the room and opened it, but only the lifeless body of the kitten was left.

CHICKEN BREAK OUT.

There was once a poultry farm and the chickens lived in fear of humans eating them. One day, the chickens gathered in a secret place and thought of a plan to make peace with the humans. So that the humans would stop eating them.

The first chicken said, "we should go to the humans and tell them they should stop eating us.

The second chicken said, we should just give up.

The leader of the chickens said, we should escape from the farm. Everyone agreed with the leader's plan. On the day they had planned to escape, the chickens had built a plane. Everyone got in the plane, the plane was so big that all the chickens fitted just fine. As the leader was about to get in the owner of the farm came out and discovered that all the chickens entered a big plane and where about to take off.

The leader hurried in the plane before the owner could catch him. They started flying but the owner caught one of the legs of the leader of the chickens. All the chickens tried to pull their leader but the human was too strong, so then the leader scratched the human's eyes. The human started rubbing his eyes, then he realized that he was falling while the chickens flew away to their freedom.

THE HEAD GIRL

In a school called Mufnaj International School. A girl named Aisha was named Head Girl. She was a brilliant girl.

However, since she was made the head girl, she had suffered bullying from other pupils.

Many believed she could not manage the position well.

One day, she decided to stand up for herself. She reported the pupils that bullied her and was asked to punish them accordingly. She did so and has since then become tougher and unafraid. She has also gained the respect of the pupils. She is after all able to manage her position.

Amatuljaleel Hassan

Biography

Name:
Amatuljaleel Hassan

Class: Basic 5

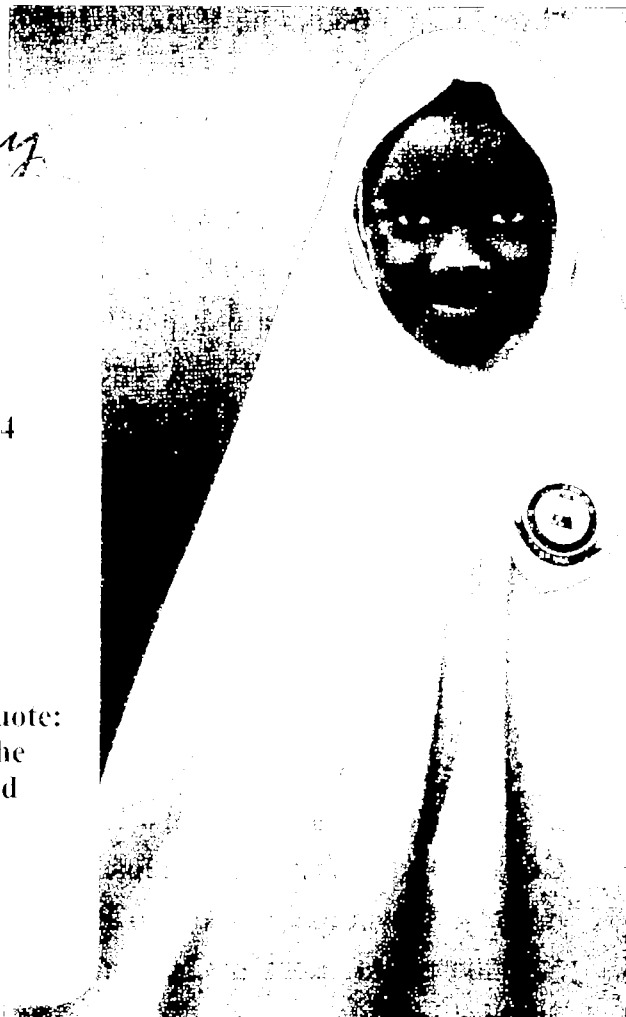
Date of Birth:
30th November, 2014

Age: 10

Gender: Female

Section: Primary

Author's academic quote:
I am a born writer; the
world will be educated
through my works.



THE BEAUTIFUL DREAM

There lived a good girl named Aisha. Aisha's father had died. She wanted to someday become a professor. Her mother had said, "stop saying that.

Why? Aisha always wondered.

"I told you, I do not have enough money to send you to school"

One faithful day, her mother sent her to the river to fetch some water. She met a man. He told her that he needs some water. She gave him the water and he washed his car. He gave her the bucket, he followed her to their house. He told the mother that he wants to help them. The mother agreed and the man sent her to school.

After some years, she became a professor and told her mother. She said, "mother, I told you that I wanted to become a professor. Today, as you can see me, I am a professor.

THE FOOLISH DONKEY

There lived a farmer called Sani. Sani is a farmer and a salt seller. Before he reached the place to fetch the salt, he must cross a river. Sani had a foolish donkey.

One day, when Sani was on his way coming back with his donkey. The donkey sat down at the bank of the river.

Sani started to knock his head and the donkey started to cry, hee hee..



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When they reached home, Sani left the donkey at home. The donkey started to chew the pillows and jumped on the beds and cushions. When Sani's wife came back from her friend's house with her friend, Sani's wife opened the door. She saw the donkey had scattered the room. When the donkey came out from his hiding place, She flogged the donkey. Sani came back from the market. His wife started to insult him that he is a big fool. He regretted his action for keeping the donkey in this wife's room. Out of anger, Sani slaughtered the donkey and make pepper soup and ate the foolish donkey.

Fadila Abdullahi Musa

Biography

Name:
Fadila Abdullahi Musa

Class: Basic 5

Date of Birth:
18th September, 2012

Age: 12

Gender: Female

Section: Primary

Author's academic quote:
My mind will make the
world a better person.



THE BAD FRIENDS

There lived a girl called Ana. Ana lived alone, she ate alone, she did not go to school. And all her family members died in an accident. She was the only survivor. So, one day, she was walking on the street, she met a girl walking with her mother. Ana asked the two of them; please, can you help me with #100.00? The mother felt the agony of the girl. Ana pleaded with the girl to be her friend forever and ever. The mother gave the girl some money to buy good clothes and other things. Ana was happy getting the help of that kind. The girl's name was Zara.

Zara was not happy with the mother for taking care of Zara as a sister. Ana did not know that Zara hated her so much. They went back home together. That day Ana ate good food and slept in a neat room and well-dressed bed. When they woke up in the morning, they ate their breakfast together and the mother travelled.

Zara did not give Ana any food in the afternoon and in the evening. Ana was not happy with the way Zara was treating her. Zara told Ana to pack everything that belonged to her to leave her mother's house. Ana cried and left the house.

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The mother returned from her journey to ask of Ana, Zara said, she went out. The mother waited for her to return Ana was not back. She asked Zara, where did Ana go? This time with a shout. Zara said, she asked her to leave the house and never to return.

The mother was disappointed with Zara's character. One day, Zara will need the help of others and she may never get it, because she was not a good friend to Ana. The mother went after Ana and built a small hut for her and Ana appreciated the mother and lived happy alone.

MY MOTHER

She was here;

She was there.

She was where you wished her to be.

She was smart;

She was kind,

She was honest.

And very thrifty too.

She was ill,

She was dying.



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She knew all these;
And she behaved strong,
My excellent mother,
She was my mother.
She is my mother.
And my mother will ever be.

THE HONEST GIRL

Once upon a time, there lived a girl named Sidney. Sidney is twelve years old. The name of her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Nelson. Sidney was the only child of the family and Sidney was a very good girl. She obeys the rules and regulations of her house. In school, she always comes first, she is the only good girl in her class. One day, Sidney's parents traveled to London on a vacation and they took Sidney to her cousin's house to spend some weeks there. Her aunty was a very wicked woman, she hated Sidney and Sidney did not know that her cousins wanted to steal the things she brought. When Sidney went to bed, her aunty and her children beat her up then Sidney was in tears. She said, "what was my offence?"

The following morning, Sidney did all the chores in the house. Her breakfast was delayed and she did not complain about the ill treatment. She was waiting for her parents to return.

After some days, Sidney's parents finally came back and she was very happy. Sidney told her parents what her aunty and cousins did to her. Sidney's parents became sad and Sidney said she wouldn't stay with any family member again in her life.

Her parents apologized and promised not to leave her to stay with any relations again. They will go with her to every vacation from now on.

Fatima Yusuf

Biography

Name:
Fatima Yusuf

Class: Basic 5

Date of Birth:
16th February, 2012

Age: 12

Gender: Female

Section: Primary

Author's academic quote:
My future starts from now.
Education is the future.



DON'T COLLECT THINGS FROM STRANGERS

There was an old woman who lived in a city called Kiri. She is an old woman with a wicked heart. One day, she was going back home from the market and she saw a beautiful young boy. The name of the young boy was Umar. His parents warned him not to collect anything from strangers. The old woman gave Umar some apples. The boy did not know the old woman and he did not know that the old woman was very wicked. The old woman poisoned the apples. Umar collected the apples and ate the apples not listening to the warning of his parents. Umar complained of stomach ache and after a while he died.

The old woman was happy in what she achieved. Umar's family cried and warned other children not to collect food or other items from strangers.

THE GIRL

The girl is beautiful;
The girl is light,
Like the sun rise, the girl shines.

The girl is chubby,
Like a plum.
She is amazing,
The pride of her parents;
The pride of her school.

The girl is the image of beauty,
The girl is no one else.

Huwaila Nasir Suleiman

Biography

Name:
Huwaila Nasir Suleiman

Class: Basic 5

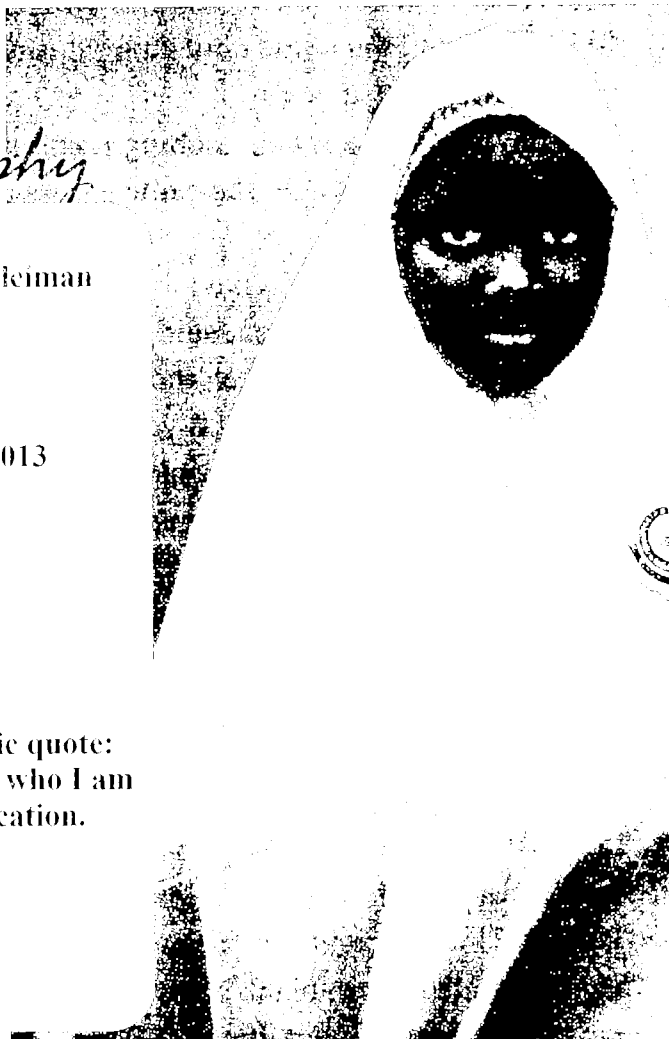
Date of Birth:
30th November, 2013

Age: 12

Gender: Female

Section: Primary

Author's academic quote:
I am conscious of who I am
now through education.



THE SPOTTED COW

There was one a rather a vain cow. She was plain white with two nice curly horns. She thought she looked rather nice but she did wish she could have some nice black spots over her back. There were no spotted cows in the field at all, and the white cow thought it would be grand to be the only spotted cow.

One day, when she was munching long juicy grass that grew all over the hedge, she came across a small pixie in a black paint pot.

“What are you doing?” asked the cow.

I'm mixing my black paint, said the little fellow. I'm the pixie that paints the spots on the lady birds, you know.

Oh! said the cow. “Well, will you paint some on me?”

Yes! If you give me a nice drink of milk. Said the pixie.

In a long line stood about twenty lady birds with bright red backs and no spots. The pixie neatly painted seven black spots on each red back, and the lady birds flew off in delight.

“I don't mind doing that, said the cow. “You can find a tin mug and milk some of my creamy milk into it for yourself”

“I'll just finish these lady birds first said the pixie, and he turned back to his work. In a long line stood about twenty lady birds with bright red backs and no spots. The pixie neatly painted seven black spots on each red back and the lady birds flew off happily.

THE ISLAND

Wave of sorrow,
Do not drown me now:
I see the Island,
Still ahead tomorrow.
I see the Island;
Its sands are fair
Wave of sorrow,
Take me there.

Ishaq Muhammad

Biography

Name:
Ishaq Muhammad

Class: Basic 8

Date of Birth:
8th June, 2010

Age: 14

Gender: Male

Section: Secondary

Author's academic quote:
Time is precious don't
waste it.



MY MOTHER

My mother is beautiful
My mother is soft.
My mother is nice to people
My mother is great.
My mother is cool.
Nobody can replace my mother.
My mother is my sunshine
My mother is my light.

MY FATHER

My father is handsome,
My father is nice.
My father is smart,
My father is cool.
My father is strong.
Nobody can replace my father
My father is my shade.

MY BROTHER

He is smart,
He is great.
He helps me with my assignment sometimes,
He is nice to me.
He loves my mother and father,
He is handsome.
My brother is my friend and light,
I love my brother.

Ismail Nasir Muhammad

Biography

Name:
Ismail Nasir Muhammad

Class: Basic 7

Date of Birth:
20th January, 2011

Age: 13

Gender: Male

Section: Secondary

Author's academic quote:
Parents efforts on education
shows that education is life.



THE STRENGTH OF A MAN

A being called man,
who works so very hard,
Equal to a lion.
In him a good father:
Who said you must to go to school?
Must you lazy and no said no work?
Must you wait for a government job?
Hard work is a strength.
A labourer's strength is a gift.
His works feed his family.
The strength of the man!
Is the strength of his family.

THE WORLD IS A TEST

I Ismail!! sat down and think deep.
Why the morning and the night?
Why the work for daddy?
Why the domestic work for mummy?
Why reading and writing for me?
Or why school for me?
Indeed!! The world is a test.

Jafar Bilyaminu

Biography

Name:
Jafar Bilyaminu

Class: Basic 8

Date of Birth:
2nd April, 2012

Age: 12

Gender: Male

Section: Secondary

Author's academic quote:
I am a gift to the world.



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MY FORM TEACHER

My name is Jafar Bilyaminu from Basic 8 in Mufinaj International School, Tudun Wada, Kaduna. I am writing a composition on the topic "My Form Teacher".

The name of my form teacher is Mr. Zachaariya. He is Yoruba by tribe from Kwara State. He is twenty-eight years old. He is short in height, slim in body size and dark in complexion.

His favorite food is amala and ewedu soup, and his favorite colour is black. He is a sport lover especially football. He can let go his meals just to watch football. He likes to pray and fast. He likes to solve mathematics for he is a good mathematics teacher.

I like my form teacher because he loves fasting, prayers and giving alms known as charity to the people. One of his dreams is to build a big mosque and make the world a better place for people around him

MY MATHEMATICS TEACHER

A subject that deals with numbers,
Letters treated like numbers,
Given to us as mathematics,

Through, my mathematics teacher.

Numbers are friendly.

Numbers are loved.

Numbers are life.

Numbers are part of me.

Mathematics and My teacher.

The two now one,

All in me.

I love mathematics.

Because of my mathematics teacher.

Suhaila Abubakar Muhammad

Biography

Name:
Suhaila Abubakar
Muhammad

Class: Basic 5

Date of Birth:
17th October, 2013

Age: 11

Gender: Female

Section: Primary

Author's academic quote:
My life starts from now.



THE JEALOUS CLASSMATE

Once upon a time, there was a girl named Aisha. Aisha was a beautiful girl and she was intelligent. In her class, her best friend was Zara. Zara was beautiful like Aisha. They behaved like twins.

One day, in the school, a new pupil came to the class. She cannot read, write and spell. She was jealous of Aisha and Zara because they can both read, write and spell. The new pupil did all she could to hurt Aisha and Zara. She looked for opportunity to punish the two friends but no way. One Thursday morning, after sport activities. The pupils were running back to their class rooms, using the stairs. The new pupil pushed Aisha that she missed her step and dislocated her left ankle. Aisha cried and cried. Zara was angry with the new pupil and made up her mind to revenge.

The teachers punished the new pupil and asked Aisha and Zara to forgive her. They forgave her and encouraged her to face her studies.

Zainab Yahaya

Biography

Name:
Zainab Yahaya

Class: Basic 5

Date of Birth:
6th September, 2013

Age: 10

Gender: Female

Section: Primary

Author's academic quote:
To be happy through
education.



THE CAT

I have a cat
The name of my cat is Miew Miew
My sister loves the cat
And calls it Mood.
As a moon and star of hers

My cat walks like a queen in my city
And my life
She is white and beautiful
She is fluffy and kind.

THE DOG

I like to think my dog winter soldier
though black and brown
he is tough and faithful
The name of my dog is Wof Wof.

My sister calls it Sun
He brightens our day
Like a king in my house
My dog is beautiful and brave.

THE RAT

I saw a rat
In my house and in school.

There is a rat everywhere
And it's an evil rat.
My mother killed a rat.
My cat killed a rat.
I dislike rats, my father sets a trap for rats.

Muhammad Salim Nasir

Biography

Name:
Muhammad Salim Nasir

Class: Basic 7

Date of Birth:
10th March, 2012

Age: 12

Gender: Male

Section: Secondary

Author's academic quote:
Education is a lamp light
to greatness.



"MY BROTHER"

My brother is a good boy-
My brother is responsible.

Who is this my brother?
My brother is respectful,
my brother is kind.

My brother is- hardworking,
My brother is the best.

I love my brother!

Ramla Idris Muhammad

Biography

Name:
Ramla Idris Muhammad

Class: Basic 5

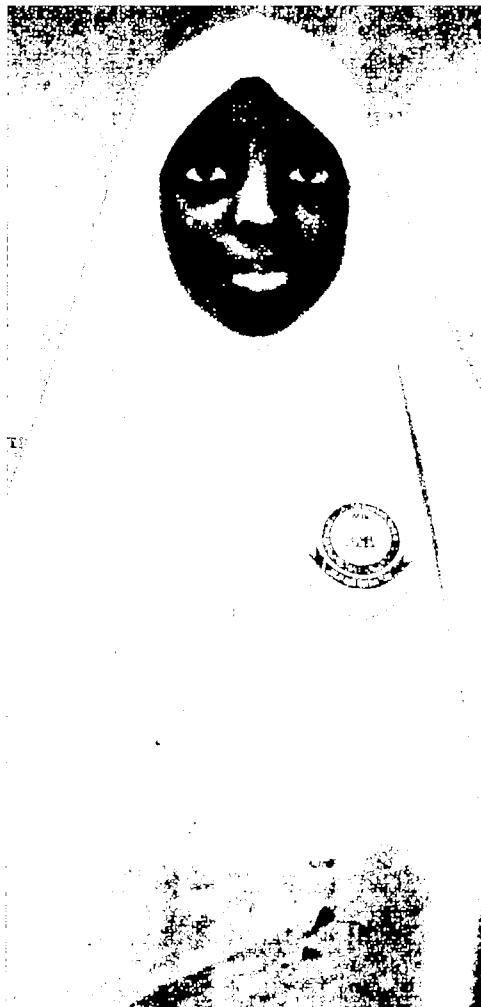
Date of Birth:
10th September, 2013

Age: 11

Gender: Female

Section: Primary

Author's academic quote:
Success is a way of life.



THE WISE BOY

Once upon a time, there lived a boy named Alamin. The boy was very wise. He lived with his small sisters, Amina and Aisha. One beautiful morning, a witch turned into an old woman and visited the wise boy. The boy looked at the old woman and smiled. The woman gave the boy water to drink. The boy didn't refuse to drink, but he asked the old woman to drink the water before he drinks. The boy made the witch scared, and she ran away. She also turned back into the same witch she was.

Morals: Never accept collect things from strange people.

BE PATIENT

There lived two good friends, Obi and Tola. They loved each other very much. They were very poor, and they both wanted to be rich. So, Obi also made new friends. His new friend advised him not to steal but to start selling bread. However, nobody came to his shop, so he started stealing with his bad friends. Meanwhile, Tola became very rich. When Obi heard about Tola's wealth, him and his bad friends decided to steal from him. However, when they went to Tola's home, they were caught by the guard and taken to the police. They were beating very much.

Moral: Be a patient Samaritan

THE STRENGTH IN ME

Once upon a time, there lived a girl named Atalanta. She was a very brave girl. One day, an evil king hosted a fight because he hated Atalanta. She went to the king and asked if he was going to participate in the war. The day came, Atalanta and her friend Jessica were ready for the great fight. The king took Atalanta's mom and put her on top of a mountain surrounded by fire. Jessica tried her best to climb the mountain, but she couldn't, so she sat down, feeling hopeless. Atalanta stood up, held her friend's hand, and said to her, "Never give up." With these words, courage filled her. They went to the top of the mountain and saved her mom.

Moral: Never give up, no matter what happens.

THE TOY

He has a toy
It name was toy
He likes his toy

He plays with toys
He dresses his toys
He loves his toys

Abdulkareem Muhammad Ilyas

Biography

Name:
Abdulkareem Muhammad
Ilyas

Class: Basic 5

Date of Birth:
10th December, 2012

Age: 12

Gender: Male

Section: Primary

Author's academic quote:
I want to make the world
a better place.



THE LION AND THE CAMEL

A long time ago, there lived a lion in a large forest, he had three friends. They were the Fox, the Wolf and the Crow. Every time the Lion went hunting, his friends would wait for him until he finished eating. If the Lion remained some food, then his friends will eat the remaining food.

One faithful day, a traveler went through the forest with some camels. While he was passing through, one of the camels wandered away and found itself in the lion's den. The camel wondered, "where am I? The Lion said to the camel don't be afraid. The Lion went closer to the camel.

They became friends and they lived happily ever after.

Ni'imah Sadiq

Biography

Name:
Ni'imah Sadiq

Class:
Basic 5

Date of Birth:
16th October, 2013

Age: 11

Gender: Female

Section: Primary

Author's academic quote:
Education is important
and essential.



A BIRD

A bird, a bird, a bird-
is a beautiful creature.

It has two wings which it uses to fly.

A bird flies and flies without a destination-
I love birds!

THE PRINCESS PARTY

Once upon a time, there lived a princess named Firdausi in Kano State. It was Firdausi's party, and she wore a very beautiful green and white dress. The party cake was big, and they cooked a lot of food, snacks, and drinks. During the party, a thief came in, and all the guests were scared. However, Firdausi said that Allah would save them, and the thief ran away without stealing anything. The party was celebrated happily and peacefully.

Moral: This teaches us that praying to God is good.

Maryam Ilyas

Biography

Name:
Maryam Ilyas

Class: Basic 5

Date of Birth:
11th July, 2013

Age: 11

Gender: Female

Section: Primary

Author's academic quote:
Education is the key.



A WOMAN AND THE DOG

A very rich woman once had a stray dog living with her. One day she bought some fish to prepare a meal, the dog smelled the fish and traced where she had kept it. The dog ate all the fish. When she came back and did not see the fish. She knew what the dog had done. she was very angry; she beat the dog.

THE GIRL AND THE FROG

Once upon a time, there was a girl who lost her way, she could not find her way home. she then saw a frog, the frog is very hungry. she plucked a mango and gave him. The frog ate the mango and showed her the way back home.

THE CAT AND THE RAT

Once upon a time, there was a cat that lived in the bush, she was very hungry and did not have the food that she will eat. Then the cat sat down and saw something like rat, the cat crouched quietly after it, when the rat thought the cat had disappeared, it stopped to eat, then the cat pounced on it and that was the end of the rat.

Rudaina Salis Bashir

Biography

Name:
Rudaina Salis Bashir

Class:
Basic 8

Date of Birth:
8th August, 2011

Age: 12

Gender: Female

Section: Secondary

Author's academic quote:
*The beautiful thing about
learning/knowledge is that
no one can take it away
from you.*



FLORA AND CROWN

Once upon a time, there lived a girl called Crown. She was beautiful and respectful. She lost her mother at a tender age.

Her father decided to marry a second wife. Her stepmother was a very wicked mother. She had a daughter named Flora.

One day, she gave Flora a bottle of acid to pour on Crown's face to make her ugly. Flora told her mother she will do no such thing. But the mum insisted.

One day, Flora called Crown; "Crown, come here and assist me wash my clothes in the bathroom." She went to Flora's room and started washing the clothes.

Flora came inside and closed the bathroom. She threw the key to her mother through the window. She opened the acid and poured it on her face. She shouted, "Mummy, Mummy". Her mother opened the bathroom and saw her daughter in pains. "Oh, my daughter, my only daughter. I cheated myself".

BERA'S CO-WIFE

Once upon a time, there lived a man called Ade. His wife's name was Bera. She was a good and kind woman.

One day, her husband came home and told her that he wanted to marry a second wife. Bera told him "God bless your marriage".

After his second marriage, he stopped staying with Bera completely. Every day, he was in Hera's room. Bera was so sad. Hera, the second wife, always disrespected Bera.

One day, Hera went to the magic man with her little daughter. She told him she wants her co-wife to leave the house forever. The magic man told her that if she gets back home, she should call her co-wife's name twice and if she answers, she will come out of the room and never come back again, but if she doesn't answer, Hera will leave and never come back again. When

she got back home, her child ran into Bera's room and told her "if my mother called you, don't answer" and went out.

After a while, Hera called her "Bera, Bera", she didn't answer. Then Hera left the house and never came back again.

MY LAST HOLIDAY

It was a bright day; I was so happy. I went to the bathroom, took my bath and brushed my teeth. I bathed my siblings, went to the dining table and ate my breakfast.

I went to my father to ask permission to go to his brother's house but he said, "No, we're going to visit our mother's family".

We entered the car and went to my maternal aunt's house. Then my father and big brother went to the mosque.

At my aunt's house, she served us some food and drinks. When my father came back, he said we are going to our grandmother's house. My aunty gave us some sweets and chocolates to take along with us.

We went to our grandmother's house and had fun there. We also took foods and meat home. It was an amazing holiday.

THE BAD GIRL

Once upon a time, there lived a bad girl called Mira. She was a bad girl because she had bad friends. One day, she visited one of her bad friends called Elsa. She told Mira "Let's go and drink alcohol"

They drank all through the evening. She came back home and when her parents were scolding her, she used a knife to stab them both and they died.

THE WICKED TEACHER

There lived a teacher called Mr. Wola. He was the principal of Mufnaj International School. The teacher was so wicked and would beat students for no reason.



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A new girl called Rakisa enrolled in J.S.S. 2. She was intelligent, obedient and good looking. Mr. Wola fell in love with Rakisa on the first day he saw her. Rakisa never knew because she took Mr. Wola as a teacher and principal.

One day, Mr. Wola came into J.S.S. 2 and started general beating. When it came to her turn, he skipped her seat and flogged others. All the students, including Rakisa, were surprised.

One day, Mr. Wola was at the gate waiting to flog latecomers. Rakisa was among the latecomers. He flogged everybody except her. He then told her, "I love you, that's why I can't beat you". The Director overheard him and he was summoned to the admin block. The Director sacked him immediately and suspended Rakisa for two weeks.

All the students were happy and impressed that Mr. Wola would no longer be a terror to them.

THE FOOLISH GIRL

Once upon a time, there lived a girl called Lara. She cannot speak English because she never goes to school.

One day, she climbed an aero plane. She sat close to an Arabian man. The air hostesses came to ask what each person would eat. Everybody told them what they wanted. When they got to the Arabian man, he said "nothing". Lara was asked and she said nothing too. She thought nothing was a special food for the Arabs. They served all the passengers except both of them.

When they came back to take the plates, Lara said "please if there is no nothing, even if it's rice and beans, I want. I'm hungry!"

Abdulmalik Ayuba

Biography

Name:
Abdulmalik Ayuba

Class:
Basic 8

Date of Birth:
28th August, 2012

Age: 12

Gender: Male

Section: Secondary
Author's academic quote:
Whatever the mind of
man can conceive and
believe, it can achieve.



MY FATHER

My father is like the king of England.
He is helpful to so many people.
He is as kind as can be.
My father is as smart as a fox.
He has one of the best jobs in the world.
He is as brave as a knight.
My father is as sweet as a lollipop.
My father is as truthful as a messenger of Allah.

NIGERIA

A gigantic nation.
A nation with the independence to rule themselves.
A nation with different beautiful tribes.
Nigeria, my fatherland,
A country as beautiful as a peacock
A country as white as a cloud.
A country of peace, honesty and truthfulness.
Nigeria, my country.

THE POWER OF KINDNESS

There lived a boy whose name is AJ. His mother died at childbirth so his father got married to another woman and left for another country. AJ grew up with an animal named "the rabbit," and because of his kindness, animals used to come to him. After some years, he was told that his father was still alive, so he packed his bags and set on a journey to find his father. He passed through a forest, and he was going on the journey with his rabbit, he passed by a lion's den. The lion attacked him, but when he looked at the lion, the lion stopped and withdrew from him. He climbed on the lion's back, and they started running. The lion took him to the mountain, and the lion told him that the country was behind the mountain, but he was not able to climb it. Then he saw a goat climbing the mountain he asked goat to help him and the goat helped him climb the

mountain. That was how he went on an adventure to a country in search of his father. Finally, he got to the country's border in the forest and met other animals that also helped him find his father. He finally met his father in the country, and they lived happily together.

MY FOOD

My food is as nice as a friend.
As colourful as a rainbow.
As refreshing as a water.
As delicious as honey.

MY TIME

My time is going faster than a Bugatti.
More precious than Diamond.
More valuable than my pet.
My time has a mind of its own

Halima Idris Muhammad

Biography

Name:
Halima Idris Muhammad

Class: Basic 9

Date of Birth:
3rd June, 2010

Age: 14

Gender: Female

Section: Secondary
Author's academic quote:
To educate and inform the
youth of Nigeria. And
also, be a known and f
amous writer.



AISHA THE DOCTOR

Aisha is the first child of Mr. Amir Garba's second wife. Her mother died during childbirth. The account of Aisha's birth says that Aisha was a lucky child; she would have been stillborn if not for Allah's intervention after all the medical efforts failed. Her father had told her how candles were used in the labor room since the hospital had no adequate electricity supply.

Aisha grew up with her stepmother, Mama Safiyu; the woman was so wicked to Aisha that she blamed Aisha for the death of her mother. Aisha's father added other wives after the demise of her mother. Those wives competed with Mama Safiyu, Ummi, and Safina; the youngest wives did not also care for Aisha.

Every day after hawking "Geda," Aisha hurries to the end of the road close to her house to read. She occasionally borrows newspapers and health magazines from her friend, who sells "awara," to read. Whenever she comes back without enough sales, she is beaten by Mama Safiyu. Mama Safiyu often focuses on reasons why Aisha would have to prioritize bringing her money over going to school. When the pressure became unbearable for Aisha, she ran away from the village.

At Aisha's maternal home, they accepted her and took care of her. When she was asked to apply for the course of her choice, she chose medicine.

"I want to save the lives of people," she said. Aisha was sponsored all through her studies. She graduated as the best student and the government offered her a job in the state capital. Aisha went back to her father's house, but nobody could recognize her because she had changed a lot. When it became known to all of her father's wives they couldn't hold back their tears.

AISHA THE FASTING GIRL

Aisha is Mr. and Mrs. Bello's only child. She was raised well, not a spoiled brat. Aisha is well known for her honesty; like any devoted

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Muslim, she dedicated herself to life.

Aisha was with her family in a commercial bus traveling to the eastern part of the country for a wedding. They didn't travel out of Kaduna before the vehicle was stopped. Her parents and the entire party were carried away, except for Aisha.

Soldiers arrived at the spot immediately after the kidnapers had run off. They took Aisha with them.

The silence in the house made Aisha cry day and night. When she couldn't bear it anymore, she engaged herself in a fast, believing in the mercy and love of Allah. On the fourth day of her fast, Allah granted her request. The news came that everyone who had been kidnapped that day was mysteriously set free. The kidnapers dropped them off at a village. It was the villagers who helped them find their way to town. When the soldiers learned of the kidnapers' route in the bush, they went after them.

Aisha family valued fasting more than they had done when they heard that the kidnapers were under the custody of the Nigerian Army.

ALHAJI KWATAU

Umaima and Mufeedah are two best friends who attended the same school. They lived on the same estate, and their parents are school owners.

One day, Alhaji Kwatau went to seek admission at Mufeedah's mother school, Fahma International Academy. The school management decided to demote Alhaji Kwatau's child because he was not intelligent, but Alhaji refused when he heard the news. When it became difficult to convince them, he went with a huge amount of money to see the school director. Alhaji was embarrassed and sent out of the office by the school's security. He became angry and threatened to destroy the school.

When Umaima's mother heard about what happened between Alhaji and Mufeedah's mother, she quickly told Mufeedah's mother to report it to the police. Alhaji Kwatau once filed a false complaint against her school; he almost made her lose students. On hearing this, Alhaji was arrested.

The charges against Alhaji were further investigated and

discovered to be true. His friends tried to take the case off, but Allah exposed Alhaji's secret plan to kidnap Mufeedah's mother.

NAIMA THE ABUSED CHILD

Mr. and Mrs. Mohammad had been married for so many years. They had just welcomed the arrival of their second child, a girl they named Zara. Mr. Mohammad's wife, was surprised that her second child was a girl; she had always wanted a boy, she began to act resentfully towards the child.

Mr. Mohammed is a brave, hardworking, and devoted Muslim. He devoted himself to the fathering of the girls, but his wife Zara was always awful to her second child, Naima. Her consistent behavior made her husband send Naima to boarding school. Naima was not allowed to come back home during the holidays. Her father insisted she stay with his relatives. He visited her as often as he could.

After spending about 8 years with her paternal relatives, she insisted on coming home to see her mother when she arrived, she found out that she had a baby brother. A lot has changed around her, but her mother still looks at her with disdain. It went from one spanking to another. One day, Mrs. Zara punished Naima to the extent that she couldn't stand properly. After unsuccessful attempts to contact Mr. Mohammad, neighbors on the next block called the police to report the incident.

At the police station, Naima sat down at the counter to receive medications. As Mr. Mohammad arrived, he cried helplessly when he saw how battered and abused his daughter looked. He was not ready to remain a fool, so he denounced his marital vow to his wife at the station. He took all his children and drove away after sorting out the case with the police.

Mr. Mohammad later got married again. The woman loved the children, and Allah added three more children to their family. Mr. Mohammad never expressed sadness or fear for Naima and the other children in the care of their stepmother.

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TIME

Time is valuable; it is as essential to life as water.

Time moves like a floating river.

It doesn't stop.

It keeps moving through and through.

When time stops, everything ends for any man.

Ummul-Khair Jibril Ahmad

Biography

Name:
Ummul-Khair Jibril Ahmad

Class:
Basic 9

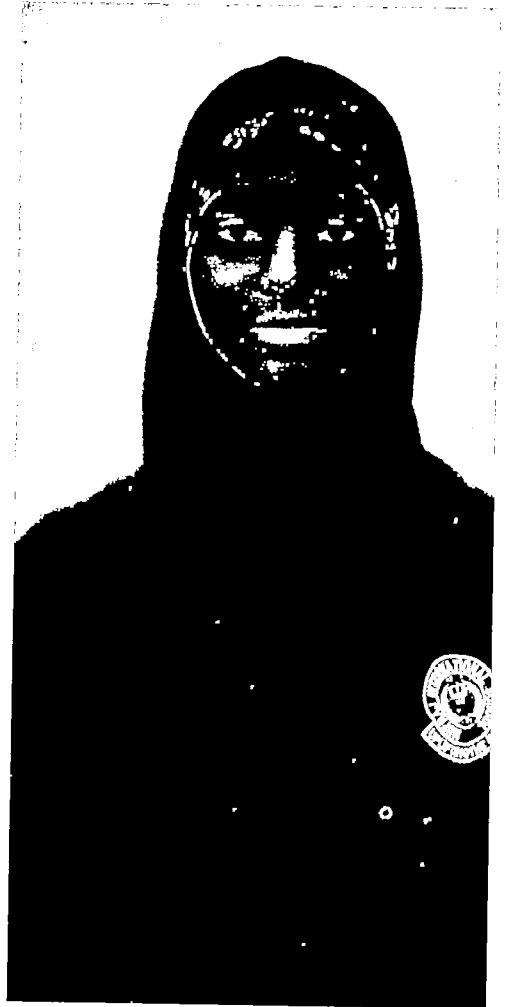
Date of Birth:
26th June, 2010

Age: 14

Gender: Female

Section: Secondary

Author's academic quote:
Education bears two
abundant fruits:
consistency and
hard work.



MY SUBJECT CHALLENGE IN SCHOOL

Math!! Math!! Math!!
In it so much diagrams
Scary like the lizard I dislike
Math!! Math!! Math!!
This math makes me use my brain.
I never get a mark in math.
I would love to learn it
in more practical ways.
Math!!
The more I try, the more I cry.
The subject I find puzzling
with a formula set like a lizard
It crossed like a river.

THE CAT AND THE DOG

There were two friends, the cat and the dog. They lived peacefully and were happy.
One day, the cat told dog that they should go to the market and buy some bananas.
The dog said to the cat, "Okay, my friend." They both went to the market and bought some unripe bananas.
Dog said "cat, let's put it in a pot when it's ripe, we can eat it.
Ok my friend, I am going home bye.
Four days later, the dog was waiting for the bananas. The dog went to the cat's house. The cat insisted that it should complete the fifth day before they checked it, he said it would be ripe tomorrow.
Next day, the dog went to the cat. He saw the cat eating the bananas. The dog was upset by the cat's deception, and he said, "I am not your friend anymore," and the dog went back home bitter and angry.

Khadija Usman Nasir

Biography

Name:
Khadija Usman Nasir

Class: Basic 9
Date of Birth:
4th February, 2011

Age: 13
Gender: Female

Section: Secondary

Author's academic quote:
"Learning never ends,
keep learning".





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NIGERIA

Nigeria is our fatherland and our home.
Nigeria, we love with all of our hearts and all of our might.
Evergreen Nigeria,
We flag prosperity,
Despite our brokenness, we flag that hope of peace,
Nigeria remains blessed forever.

Khadija Ilyas Shuaib

Biography

Name:

Khadija Ilyas Shuaib

Class: Basic 9

Date of Birth:

21th September, 2010

Age: 13

Gender: Female

Section: Secondary

Author's academic quote:

"We can eradicate poverty through education".



THE INNOCENT WIFE

There lived a woman named Rizfa. She was an innocent, calm, and honest woman. Her co-wife Nana accused her of adultery which made their husband to send her out of his house. It was on a rainy night. Nana was happy.

After Rizfa left the town, she went to a distant place and started a business that made her rich. After many years, she came back to the town where she once lived with her husband and built a big house. At that time, her husband had suffered so much loss and had become poor.

One day Rizfa saw her husband on the street begging for money, then she said to him, "Khalil, what has happened to you?" He could not look at her face. Rizfa asked him to follow her. At her house, she offered him food, and then he told her all that had happened to him. Nana stole his money and ran away with another man, who was the father of all her children. She also sold his properties, and after he spoke, Rizfa swore to him that she never committed adultery. Nana made all the lies against her. When he heard all the words she had spoken, Khalil burst into tears. "I will never forgive Nana for destroying my life," he cried in regret.

THE TRUTH

It is often said that education ranges from the simple to the complex. Anaku is a very intelligent student. Ever since she joined our school, she has always emerged as the best student at Azil International School. Anaku has represented the school in international competitions and came out on top.

In our new class, things have changed a lot. We have new students as well as staff. Anaku had many students to compete with. During the break or any spare time, she would sneak into the library. With Anaku's extra efforts, she still finds it difficult to top the class. Ezene became her top competitor all of a sudden. The new girl's score in core subjects was not close to Anaku's, yet she was the favorite of Mr. George, our headteacher.

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The school Director could not believe it when Anaku was not among the students representing the school at the state science competition. Mr. George confirmed that Ezene was the most outstanding student for the task. At the competition, our school did not perform well for the second round. The school Director was disappointed. Mr. George promised that he would ensure that the school wins the next four mathematics competitions.

Extra classes were scheduled for students who were interested for the next competition. At the end, Mr. George selected Ezene over Anaku to represent our class again. The school director was in doubt of Ezene's credibility, so she asked Mr. George for the script of the entire class that sat for the tutorials for the competition. Mr. George was not aware of what the director needed the script for. When she examined the scripts, she found a foul play in the scoring of Ezene and Anaku. When the Director summoned Mr. George, he couldn't deny his corrupt practice as it was brought to light. He confessed that Ekene's parents had bribed him to gain favors on behalf of their daughter. The case between Mr. George and the school management spread out, such that many parents began to ask questions about the integrity of our school. The school reported Mr. George and Ezene's parents to the police.

Zainab Musa

Biography

Name:
Zainab Musa

Class: Basic 9

Date of Birth:
27th August, 2011

Age: 12

Gender: Female

Section: Secondary

Author's academic quote:
"The gateway to success
is by obtaining knowledge".



ZOE AND THE LITTLE KITTIES

In a small city called Yollahoma, there were four little kitties, namely, George, Mold, Lara and Lib. After their mother gave birth to them, she grew sick in the winter and died. The four kitties cared for themselves. After a while, George, went out hunting and never returned home. The rest of the kitties went out searching for him.

They have heard fascinating stories about the outside walls that separated them from humans but had never seen them. When Faith saw the walls, she stood in admiration of the bricks that the walls were made of. Mold and Lib kept on walking, talking about the lights that brightened the whole city in the dark.

After a long time spent in the city, they became dissatisfied with themselves because they let the beauty of the city distract them. The night was far from over, so all they could do was sit and wait for the morning light.

In the early hours of the morning, the sound of the bells woke them up. They ran in different directions searching for the sound, but they couldn't find it. A young girl, Zoe, stood looking at the three kitties as they followed the waves of the sound. Reaching close to the kitties, she knelt down to pat their backs. The newly formed friendship gave them food. She took them to her house to get fed before leaving. When they entered, they found George playing on her sofa in the living room. The four little kitties leaped for joy and lived with Zoe happily ever after.

RAMADAN GIFT

Ramadan Gift! The end of every Ramadan comes with a gift for me. My parents usually surprise me or sometimes seek my opinion about what I want. The month of Ramadan happens to be my best month because I made my request known to Allah.

During the 8th day of Ramadan, my parents dropped me off at Ungwan Rimi with my cousin, who recently moved to Kaduna. I met Bilkisu; she is very beautiful, charming, and playful. We blended so quickly that it appeared as if we had previously lived in the same yard. The western life of "Oyinbo" was glaring all around her. Her caregivers forced her to wear the "Ijab." Bilkisu frequently sneaks into her room to eat chocolates; I couldn't tell the rest of the family because I knew she'd grow to dislike me.

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After Maghrib prayers, Bilkisu told me how she had been pretending ever since Ramadan started. I looked at her, unsurprisingly. "Allah has made fasting an obligatory act of worship for Muslims." I continued unashamedly, "Bilkisu, in this period we fast for Allah's sake and not because our parents ask us to." We sat down in silence for some moments. "I wish I was never willful and mischievous at the same time," she replied. I went closer to her as she opened the Holy Quran, and I read slowly, "then complete the fast until the sunset." Her head was downcast while she forced the words affirming Allah's command. "I've been wrong all along," she admitted.

After my conversation with Bilkisu, my parents called to know about my Ramadan and what I had wanted, as we were left out for two days. I have had a better gift already; Bilkisu affirmation of Allah's command became my best gift ever. My father insisted I share the gift with him, but I was not going to. That Ramadan was the best I'd had in years. We fasted and prayed together with her faithfully for the remaining days.

ADA THE DISRESPECTFUL GIRL

There lived a girl named Ada. She was disrespectful to her teachers and parents. Ada was often seen going out of the staffroom, every student could confirm she had done something bad to her teacher or classmate. Every week, her parents were invited to the school.

One day, Ada's mother, Mrs. Obiora sent her on an errand. On her way, she met a woman who pleaded with her, saying, "My daughter, could you please help me carry those bags?" "No, I can't help you," Ada said, resentfully looking at the woman. The woman looked at her and couldn't believe the words that came out of Ada's mouth.

After Ada had done all that her mother had sent her to do, on her way back home, she was knocked down by a tricycle. The driver ran away immediately, and Ada sat down alone, helplessly crying out to passersby for help, but everyone ignored her.

When her mother arrived, she took her home and cared for her. After then, she told her that "being a disrespectful girl was what made people ignore her." Ada cried and resolved in her heart to respect, love, and cherish the people around her. Ada went out in the early hours of the next day to apologize to her neighbors, and she also wrote a letter to her teachers apologizing for her previous behavior.

DELE THE HERO

Once upon a time in Ogunle village, there was a big tree that is believed to have swallowed everyone who went close to it. Everyone was so scared that nobody could try climbing the tree.

Many generations have come and gone, but no attempt has been made by strong men who have emerged from the village and neighboring villages. One day, a man who had been sent out of his village was passing by and heard of the mysterious tree. He told the villagers that he could climb the tree. On hearing him, the villagers who saw the mark of a banished man said to him, "We will not allow you to die in our land; take your things and journey to a better way to end your life."

The man refused to listen, so he was ignored by the villagers, who concluded he was a madman. The man climbs to the top of the tree and cuts down every branch that opens up to swallow the villagers. The people in the village hailed him and asked him for a proper introduction at the king's palace.

The king, having heard what had happened, gave him a new name, which made him one of them in the village. Dele the Hero became so popular not only for destroying the mysterious tree but also for winning wars for them. He died fighting for Ogunle village. When the news of his death spread in the surrounding villages, all the wars were stopped. Dele the Hero is still mourned in Ogunle.

FRIENDS FOR LIFE

Faith and Happiness are good friends: they do things in common. One day, they had a misunderstanding that results in a malice. Days turned to weeks since the two besties stopped talking to each other.

The dispute was so obvious that the entire school noticed it, and gossip had it that Faith was so proud to apologize to Happiness. Kabiru Musa, one of their classmates, took the bold step to confront them about their outstanding beef. The two friends kept on blaming each other for their misconduct. Kabiru had known them for so long; he is among the group of students in the class who knew Faith and Happiness from nursery and are still attending the school. He became tired of their excuses.

Early in the morning, before everyone had arrived in the classroom, he wrote these words on the board: "Best friends don't fight to stay apart for so long." The writing on the board at first went unnoticed by the entire class, but Kabiru had planned it out with a few friends. When Faith walked into the class,

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the boys stood up with this inscription on the cardboard: "BEST FRIENDS DON'T FIGHT TO STAY APART FOR SO LONG." They shouted it out loud. Happiness, seeing what was happening, rushed out to her friend, embracing her so tightly. "I have missed you so dearly, my friend.

IBRAHIM ON THE HILLTOP

Ibrahim is a naughty boy. He bullies the children around his area, and nobody wants to be his friend.

One day, a woman came to Ibrahim's house to meet with his parents. She informed them of their son's awful behavior towards her child. She said, "Ibrahim mercilessly beat up my son because he stepped on his pen," as she was furiously talking. Ibrahim's mother begged the woman. In the presence of the woman, Ibrahim's mother told him not to repeat such behavior. He promised them that he would change.

As time went on, Ibrahim was on his way to the hilltop when he saw some children who had pretended not to have seen him. So, he claimed the hilltop and found a hiding place; from there, he shouted out loud, and when they heard the awful sounds, they became so scared that they ran away.

Reaching home, Ibrahim told his mother what had happened earlier on. Hearing him speak, she stopped him, saying, "You can't go ahead and bully people because they wronged you." Ibrahim left after his mother told him how bad his behavior was and went straight to the children to apologize. Ibrahim's apology made them friends.

SCHOOL

I love school with my whole life,
It makes children confident and hardworking.
It exposes them to know so much about life.
Those who reject her live-in ignorance,
They strive to fit into the outside world.
The knowledge she gives is important and precious as gold.
I love her with my life.

Fatima Aliyu Ibrahim

Biography

Name:
Fatima Aliyu Ibrahim

Class:
Basic 9

Date of Birth:
30th September, 2010

Age: 13

Gender: Female

Section: Secondary
Author's academic quote:
"When you put your heart
and mind to do something,
you will achieve it".



ZINAT AND HER STEPSISTER

There lived a girl named Zinat. She was 19 years old. Her mother died two months ago. Every day, her step sister would get up in the morning and ask Zinat to make breakfast. Zinat soon fell sick but she didn't tell anyone. She did her house chores and she to her room to lay down. She was helpless. Her stepmother came inside the room and asked, "What is wrong with you?" Zinat replied, "My stomach is paining me." Her stepmother said let's go to the hospital. They went to the hospital, where she was given medication, and they came back home. Her stepsisters said, "Mom, where have you been?" Her mom said we went to the hospital. Zinat was very sick.

The next day, her sisters called her to come and do her work, but she said to them, "I have not recovered yet, and you are asking me to work," she said she would not do it. One of her stepsisters slapped her, Zinat started to cry. She went to her room. The next day, she started her work. She finished cooking and they all ate. They went to the shop to buy some food stuff. A man saw Zinat, and he really liked her. He came to their house and sat down with her stepmother. The man was rich; he said he wanted to marry her. She agreed to it, and after a few months they got. They had a beautiful daughter.

A JOURNEY TO THE VILLAGE

Mr. and Mrs. Solade had two children, their names were Bola and Dola.

Bola is a good girl; she helps her mom with the housework.

It was a cool evening when their father returned from work. He said to them, "We are going to the village because your aunty is getting married, we leave tomorrow, so go and get ready now.

The next day, they took their luggage and left. They met two women on the road, and they stopped and decided to give them a ride in their car.

After driving a few kilometers, the two women started causing chaos in the car, so Mr. Solade asked them to get out. One of the women said, "we'll take your car now. They brought out guns. "Okay, calm down. Mr. Solade said. "We are going out now. Bola was so scared she fainted. nobody noticed her.

They asked Mr. Solade and his family to come out of the car and they all began to walk on foot into the forest. Mr. Solade noticed Bola's absence he asked where Bola was, and his wife became more terrified realizing Bola wasn't with them. "Oh my God, what can we do now?" "Where will I go and find my daughter now?" The mother fainted.

That was when the two bad women left them and ran away, thinking Mrs. Solade was dead. Her husband fanned her with his cloth; that was how she woke up. They went to the car and found Bola with the policemen on patrol; the police had earlier asked Bola what had happened, and she told them. The police cautioned them to be careful about who they helped on the road; that was how they continued their journey to the village.

THE BEAUTIFUL GIRL

There lived a beautiful girl named Anissa. Everyone in society liked her and many men have asked her to marry them. However, she has always refused. One day, a snake disguised as a man came to ask her hand in marriage. He had a lot of money. She accepted his proposal, and they married the following day. He took her home to his village and removed his clothing, then turned into a snake again and hung her on a tree. She cried out and called for help, but nobody was there to help her.

A man who loved her and wanted to marry her happened to be passing by and heard her cries. He helped her and called her parents. Her parents came and saw their daughter hanging from the tree and wept. After a while, the snake man came back and saw her parents. The snake man then ran away. The man who had helped save her later married her and they had a child.

THE BOY WANTS TO LEARN ENGLISH.

There was a boy, whose name is Jafar, he wanted to learn English. One day he was walking in the village when he heard someone say, "I was the one." He mastered it, went a bit further, and again heard somebody say, "Who killed him?" He mastered it again. He went further; he heard somebody



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say "no problem," and he mastered it again.

He went further; he heard some people talking; they said who killed him, then the boy said, "I was the one who killed him."

The police came and said we're taking you to jail, and the boy said no problem.

They took him to jail.

THE TWO BEST FRIENDS AND THE WICKED GIRL

There were two friends named Mufeedah and Manecrah. Their friendship was so strong that they can't live without each other; they were classmates. In their class, there was a wicked girl called Mia. She was so wicked that she couldn't see them together. One day, when she called Mufeedah to the toilet to give her a book she punched her in the face.

And they started to fight. She hurt Mufeedah so much. So Manecrah said, "I have to do something about this." When she got back home, she told her mother all about what happened. She said, "Mummy, Mia don't want to see us together, Mummy." I really hate her, but her mother said it isn't good to dislike somebody; just calm down, we will go to Mufeedah's house, and I will talk to her parents.

Mia came back to school the next day, and she was suspended from the school for one week by the principal.

After Mia served her one-week suspension, she came back and apologized to all those that she had offended. They forgave her, and they became good classmates.

Muhammad Jamal Tijani

Biography

Name:
Muhammad Jamal Tijani

Class: Basic 9

Date of Birth:
9th February, 2011

Age: 13

Gender: Male

Section: Secondary
Author's academic quote:
"Education is the gateway
to success".



AGBO THE CROWNED KING

A prince was sent out to live alone until he learned what it is like to be poor. This was because his parents were so scared that when he succeeded them, Agbo would be unfair to his people.

He was adopted by a poor family. The family works on their farmland to earn a living. The boy grew up to be the nicest person in the kingdom.

One day, after helping an old man clear his farm to get paid, the old man said to him, "Now you know how to treat people well." Agbo did not understand the man's words. Then the old man cast a spell on him to remember what he had done in the past, and he was crowned king of the lost city.

THE SUPER BOY

Part 1

[A long time ago, John lived in a small village near the Kasah River. He was an honest and good boy. His family was poor, but John never gave up on himself. One day, when he went to fetch water, he saw a glowing stone.]

Stone: John, John, come here.

John: whoa! *[Apparently surprised]*, what are you?

Stone: I am a space device that can change you and give you superpowers.

Don't be afraid; you can rely on me.

John *[confused]*: Why should I trust you?

Stone: Let me show you *[Stone touched John's chest and he suddenly became a strong boy.]*

Stone: Evil forces are coming; get ready to fight.

John *[Laughing]*: Why will I fight? I can hardly kill a fly. You are making a mistake. *[John went straight away in his direction, ignoring the stone, but the stone followed him.]*

[Three days later, the evil forces came to earth. When he saw what evil was made of, John believed Stone. John was transformed because he already had super abilities. The stone stood by him as they fought for a long time and won.]

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Part 2

[After the battle, John thought that the evil forces were gone for good; it was just the beginning. Three weeks later, more powerful evil forces descended on Earth.]

Stone: I am running on very low power; I need to charge before Sacox and his men arrive.

John *[Sounding confused]*: Who is Sacox?

Stone: He leads the evil forces.

John: So, how do I charge you?

Stone: It is simple: I only need a little connection with electric power.

[John ran to his grandmother's house and brought with him a lantern.]

Stone: How do you intend to use this? *[John was busy attempting to connect the lantern with Stone.]*

Stone: The lantern can provide you with power.

[Stone was fully charged after a few hours.]

Stone: Thank you John.

[Sacox, the evil man, arrived, and John saw the man behind the army he had once fought.]

John: Why are you here?

Sacox: I am Sacox, the ruler of the earth. I am here to destroy the earth, and nothing can stop me.

John: *[With boldness]* Well, I am here to stop you.

Sacox: Then you shall be my first meat. *[John draws out Sacox and his men to the cave in the mountainside.]*

[As they all entered the cave, Stone rushed out and covered the entrance. There were explosives that were set by John as he was instructed by Stone. Fire consumed Sacox and all his men.]

John: Stone! Stone! *[John knelt down, screaming in tears]*

[The next day, when John went there, their stone was not there. He found his grandmother's lantern in front of the entrance of the cave where Stone was. John entered the cave and found that Sacox was burned to ashes.]



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THE FASTEST MAN

There was a group of people walking through an electric company. One of them, Jerry got electrified and was admitted to the hospital. When he woke up, Jerry was confused about his location. He was told about what had happened to him. The treatment was successful, but the doctor was unable to specify the specific side effect.

Two months later, Jerry was taking a break when he noticed a group of thieves being pursued by some men. When he saw it, he ran as fast as he could, and a strange electric power was activated. He began to run so fast that only his shadow could be seen. He caught the thieves without stress.

Jerry took advantage of his electrified body and became an athlete. His athletic prowess was known all around the world. He was nicknamed Flash.

Muhammad Sani Bilyaminu

Biography

Name:
Muhammad Sani Bilyaminu

Class: Basic 9

Date of Birth:
26th January, 2010

Age: 14

Gender: Female

Section: Secondary

Author's academic quote:
"Consistency and hard
work define success".



MALAM SAMBO

Malam Sambo bought some oranges on his way back home. on his little journey, he saw a small pearl in nearby village on the mountain top. He went back home thinking about the village and asked his wife, " I want to travel to the nearby village and know more about life," she agreed. The following day, he went to the village, where he planned to spend three days. The forest in that village was out of bound for humans. Malam Sambo, however, went into the forest. On his way there, he saw an old woman who told him not to go into the forest, but he refused and didn't care. He saw a hut. Next to the hut was a terrible stone with a pot on it. Inside the pot was a lot of blood that was burning without firewood or coal.

Malam Sambo was so shocked and scared by what he saw that he shouted when he turned around and saw the old woman he had seen when he was coming into the forest. She turned into a mighty python snake; she was out to suck all his blood, so he shouted "Lailahaillah." She turned back into a woman and closed her eyes. She shouted, "Ahi!" Wawusuka, calling her Jinn and devils. Then Malam Sambo escaped and went back to his village bear-footed and without his bicycle. His wife asked him what happened; he narrated the whole scenario to her, and she prayed for him and thanked Allah for returning her husband safely.

NIGERIA

Nigeria, My blood vest.
Working together is the key.
Nigeria, my native country.
Our future is you and me.
Agriculture is our wisest pursuit.
They have accepted that we know.
All around the world, her name is known.
Nigeria, my native country.

MY MOTHER

My mother was my first life.
My first hospital.
My first house.
My first vehicle.
My first happiness.
My first restaurants.
My first bank.

MY BEST FRIEND

He is as calm as a tortoise.
He is as brilliant as a wild cat.
He is as friendly as a dog.
He is as tall as a Carmel.
He is as tubby as a paper.



ABOUT THE BOOK

"Mufnaj Creative Horizon" is a remarkable collection of short stories and poems written by approximately 47 students aged 11-15 (Primary 5 to JSS3).

This book is a must-read for parents, teachers, and aspiring young writers, offering a unique window into the minds of Africa's future leaders, thinkers, and creatives; by reading and engaging with their work, we gain insight into the perspectives and experiences of young Africans, witness the vibrant creativity and talent that exists within our communities, support the development of writing and literacy skills in our youth, celebrate the diversity and individuality of our students' voices, and inspire and motivate others to pursue their own creative endeavors.

This project has empowered Mufnaj students to cultivate their significance in writing, understanding that writing is not a daunting task but a creative process.