



## Mid Bloom Newsletter

9<sup>th</sup> February, 2017

### KEY FACTS TO NOTE

**A Good Man Lives On!**

**Lifeforte International Schools now a member of CIS**

**Extension Classes 2017**

**Seminar on Intelligent Machines – Highlights**

**Inter-House Athletics Competition**

**Japan 2017 Highlights**

### NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of our Chairman, CEO and Board of Directors, we thank God for abundant mercy and grace granting us a smooth start to the New Year and Bloom term of the 2017/2018 session. We have prepared a midterm progress report of your child's/ward's work. The scores recorded in this report are based on overall assessment from class exercises, tests, assignments and projects done so far. We strongly encourage you to review and discuss your child's/ward's work with them during the mid-term break.

### RESUMPTION

The mid-term break lasts for one week. Students are expected back in school on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2017. We appeal to parents/guardians for their usual cooperation in ensuring the punctual return of their wards as this term is particularly short.

### A GOOD MAN LIVES ON!

With hearts filled with gratitude to God for a life well spent, the entire Lifeforte family hereby announce the transition of our father, grandfather and great grandfather - Pa Joshua Babatunde Johnson. Pa Johnson is the cherished father of our Chairman Pastor Olubi Johnson. We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation of the worthy example set by Grandpa Johnson by inviting you to take a short journey with us into the history of Lifeforte.

The Lifeforte vision was birthed out of a desire to bless, to reach out a helping hand to lift a young woman out of poverty unto gainful employment. This desire was in the shape of a Day-care Centre. Back then, Pastors Olubi and Sarah Johnson could see no means of fulfilling this desire and so turned to Grandpa Johnson. Grandpa Johnson lauded the idea, readily provided the funds needed and with the wisdom and foresight of an elder saw even then beyond a Day-care Centre to what Lifeforte has become today.

He paved the way for what is now an enduring legacy indelibly etched in the foundations of the Lifeforte Organisation.

Our times are in the hands of our maker - God. Grandpa went home to be with the Lord on the 1st of February, 2017, at 85, a date that coincided with the wedding anniversary of the Chairman and CEO. From a divine perspective, we rest assured that this great man's transition on this special day of Pastors Olubi and Sarah Johnson's life is a stamp of approval that he is with the Lord and a memorial to celebrate his life of giving and good works to establish a legacy.

We praise God, Grandpa;

- Finished his course and ran a good race
- Left by God's grace a good legacy of the union of Pastor Olubi and Sarah Johnson, a union that has impacted and is still impacting lives to the glory of God
- Was a sent one, an Angel of mercy and God gave him a perpetual memorial
- Grandpa's works praise Him at the gates and follow him - his support of Lifeforte and investment in God's cause, Scripture Pasture Christian Centre

We celebrate the life of a great, good man and follow after his example of mercy, giving and faithfulness.

### **INVITATION**

Dearly beloved parents, there are no formal invitation cards. Please honour us with your presence as we invite you to support the Lifeforte visionaries – our Chairman and CEO at Pa Joshua Babatunde Johnson's funeral ceremonies which comes up as follows:

Wake keeping – 2<sup>nd</sup> of March, 2017

Time – 5:00 pm

Venue – Harbour Point, Victoria Island, Lagos

Colour Scheme – Purple

Funeral Service – 3<sup>rd</sup> of March, 2017

Time - 10:00 am at Hoares Memorial Methodist Church, Yaba, Lagos

Reception follows immediately at Harbour Point, Victoria Island, Lagos

Colour Scheme - Gold

### **LIFEFORTE NOW A MEMBER OF CIS (COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS)**

Lifeforte International Schools has become a member of the prestigious Council of International Schools (CIS) as we continue to partner with like-minded educational institutions to provide world class global educational training. We look forward to the wonderful opportunity as members of this association to contribute to others, learn from them and to grow together as one family.

### **EXTENSION PROGRAMME**

The extension programme for students in Grades 9, 11, 12 and A levels begins on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2017. The aim of this programme is to give teachers adequate time to prepare students for their imminent external examinations. We encourage parents of students in the classes involved to work with us to ensure that the students get the most out of this time. Parents should please note that;

- NO EXEATS will be issued for the purposes of the Easter holidays. Students will be expected to remain in school for this period.
- Food items, money, mobile phones, electrical appliances, technological or digital devices of any sort are not permitted.

### **ENTRANCE AND TRANSFER EXAMINATIONS 2017**

The Lifeforte High School entrance and transfer examinations towards the 2017/2018 academic session was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January, 2017 at six centres across the country – Abuja, Lagos, Port Harcourt, Warri, Ibadan and Enugu. Our gratitude goes to God and to all our highly esteemed parents for the goodwill, good name and favour enjoyed by the school all over the country and beyond Nigeria! We graciously welcome all our new parents to partner with us as a family to raise this next generation as a glorious seed destined for greatness.

#### **INTELLIGENT MACHINES AND THEIR APPLICATION: A SEMINAR BY PROFESSOR PHILIP OGUNBONA**

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017, the Lifeforte community had the privilege of a seminar held by Professor Philip Ogunbona. Professor Ogunbona is a classmate and childhood friend of our Founder and Chairman Pastor Olubi Johnson. He is an eminent Computer Engineer and Artificial Intelligence expert who holds several patents in multimedia technology. The key idea behind the seminar was to create awareness about intelligent machines (that can learn), how to build them and their various uses. An inspiring success, the simplified technical seminar whetted the imagination of all in attendance and drew salient contributions from our distinguished Chairman and CEO, Pastor and Pastor Dr. Mrs Olubi Johnson who passionately encouraged every student to embrace Mathematics! The session ended with the entire audience chorusing 'Maths is simple, Maths is my friend'.

#### **MENTORING DEPARTMENT**

The mentoring department swung into motion to ensure that identified challenges of students as shown in the Genesis results were duly addressed. Mentors reviewed last term's results with their protégés noting subjects that require special attention at extra lessons. Senior students were also encouraged to list specific topics they found difficult and these are being addressed by teachers during extra lessons. A stricter approach to ensuring completion of notes has also been implemented and is assisting students to maintain the full complement of all they have been taught in class.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS FROM SCHOOL TOUR TO JAPAN**

Our trip to Japan last December was memorable and very exciting. Our contingent, led by our indefatigable CEO, Dr Mrs Sarah-Olubi Johnson arrived in Tokyo via Doha and was treated to a warm reception and sumptuous dinner at the elegant Hilton Tokyo. Each day started with a lavish buffet breakfast followed by an itinerary for the day and on the first day, our group visited the iconic Tokyo Tower with the imposing statue of Buddha, the Imperial Palace and the Meiji shrine. Tokyo Disney Wonderland was next and our students had a fun-filled time with the Christmas shows and thrilling rides! Our experience of Japan would not have been complete without a ride on the famous bullet train. We took the 'Nosomi' to Kyoto and were treated to a breathtaking view of Golden Pavilion (Kinkaku-ji). We also visited the popular Nishijin Textile factory where we watched an elegant kimono show where models showed off exquisite (and expensive) kimonos. The Kyoto Railway station is a railway museum that houses everything from old Japanese locomotives to sleek bullet trains and mirrors Japan's growth into a technological super-power. Our visit to Axis International School in Tokyo was very refreshing and gave our students the opportunity to exchange culture and knowledge with Japanese teenagers; it was a great time together and we found it hard saying goodbye! Our visits to the colourful Kabuki show, National Museum and shopping malls followed in quick succession to bring our tour of the Land of the Rising Sun to a close. '*Arigato*' (thank you) to Mummy CEO and her team for sweet memories! Don't miss December 2017!!!

#### **CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

##### **INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS COMPETITION**

This year's annual Inter-house Athletics Competition was a huge success. It was held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017 with the four houses —Sarah, Ruth, Daniel and Paul competitively participating to vie for the numerous medals and trophies at stake. All field events(Jumps, Javelin, Discus and shot- put) as well as long distance races(800m, 1500m, 3000m and 5000m) had been wrapped up a couple of days before the event, leaving individual sprint and relay races, march

past and cheerleading events for the final day. On the medals table, Daniel House marginally took the lead this year with a gold medal and four (4) silver medals.

The march past set the tone for what was a very competitive day with Daniel House clinching first place in the event with very few points ahead of Sarah House while keeping Ruth and Paul Houses on their toes. The spectators were then treated to a beautifully coordinated calisthenics display exhibiting the flexibility, coordination and athleticism of the students as the camera drone flew across the length and breadth of the field capturing breath-taking moments in the course of the event. The races followed in quick succession putting everyone at the edge of their seats repeatedly amidst suspense and loud cheers while brief medal presentations by parents were held in between these races to reward winners of events already concluded.

The annual Novelty match between parents and teachers was hilarious fun. Our dear parents won the game by a lone goal after an expert penalty kick taken by our Chairman Pastor Olubi Johnson amidst vocal support from parents in the stands. Six mothers competed in the keenly contested Mothers' race; Mrs Abisola Olabiyi and Mrs Onyinye Ezenwoko clocked the best times!

The results were announced by the Executive Director of Mentoring and Child Support as the ultramodern Sports complex was encapsulated in palpable tension. It was truly a remarkable victory for Daniel House more so that Ruth House had maintained first place for two consecutive years. Daniel House emerged winner with 14 gold medals, 19 silver and 9 bronze medals edging out Ruth House by 8 silver medals. The best senior athletes were **Ephraim Ogbeifun (Ruth)**, **Krystal Eimujenze (Daniel)** while **Enrico Pamatigan (Daniel)** and **Doz Chibuokem (Sarah)** were the best junior athletes

#### **MORNING ASSEMBLY**

At Lifeforte, we endeavour to entrench and embed in our students, a culture of excellence, not only in academics, but also in other spheres of life to ensure they become well-rounded individuals. They are always encouraged to participate actively in innovative and engaging out-of-class learning activities which take place during morning assembly. These activities provide a unique platform for the children to learn new things which remain indelibly imprinted on their minds. This first half term, we put together various and exciting learning activities such as Get Your Grammar Right, focusing on the appropriate use of punctuations, What Do You Know (Arts Edition) and Spelling Bee Competitions for both senior and junior categories. In one of the 'What Do You Know' editions which was tagged 'Almighty Edition', students were randomly asked questions drawn from the sciences, arts and the social sciences and those who were able to provide correct answers were immediately rewarded. This was done to stimulate and motivate a keen desire to learn amongst students.

In addition, students had a presentation on Lifeforte Learner Attributes. These attributes, in line with the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cambridge Learner Attributes are designed to help students have a 21<sup>st</sup> century learner mindset, preparing them for both the rigours of academic life while in school and the challenges in the world at large. In line with this, the Lifeforte learner is expected to be confident, engaged, responsible, creative and reflective. Also, students participated in the presentation of 'The News', a weekly Lifeforte news presentation from the news desk. This presentation provides a platform for students to develop their public speaking skills and also keep abreast of all the latest developments in the country and on the international scene.

To bring the half-term to a close, the students were treated to a thrilling and didactic movie entitled '**Life of a King**'. The movie is the true story of Eugene Brown and his one-man mission to give inner-city kids of Washington D.C. something he never had— a future. He discovered a multitude of life lessons through the game of chess during his 18-year incarceration for bank robbery. After his release and re-entry into the workforce, Eugene developed and founded the Big Chair Chess Club to get kids off the streets and working towards lives they never believed or imagined they were capable of achieving given their social circumstances. From his daring introductory chess lessons to a group of unruly high school students in detention to the development of the Club and the teens' first local chess

competition, this movie reveals his difficult, inspirational journey and how he changed the lives of a group of teens with no endgame. The movie emphasizes having enduring hope and goodwill in the potential of children.

#### **INTERNATIONAL DAY**

A welcome avenue for our students to learn about and imbibe values from diverse cultures and peoples all over the world, this programme is designed to have a competition format that encourages collaboration and individual engagement as each grade in school is tasked with portraying and interpreting the national character of a specific country. We look forward to an exciting time as the countries take it to the wire; **Cuba** (Grade 7), **Argentina** (Grade 8), **Kenya** (Grade 9), **Cambodia** (Grade 10), **Sweden** (Grade 11) and **Ukraine** (Grade 12). We appreciate the strong support offered by parents to all our children as we anticipate an exciting trip around the world! Thank you so much.

#### **PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING BILLS**

We encourage parents to pay all outstanding bills on or before resumption from the half-term (18<sup>th</sup> February, 2017)

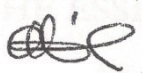
#### **GENERAL**

Parents/Guardians of students in grades 9,11 and 12 should please ensure that their children/wards return to school with their grades 7, 8, 10 and 11 notes respectively in addition to their current notebooks). These are essential for good success in the Mock and Final examinations.

Finally, we implore parents to monitor what their children/wards read or watch on television or internet. Please ensure the continuous trend of daily prayer and reading of the word of God. Take an interest in; what they choose to read, TV programmes/films they watch and their internet and social media activity. It has been observed that themes promoting violence, immorality, ungodly values/beliefs and unwholesome language are being presented as harmless fun in the guise of children and teen programmes. Our children are destined and chosen for greatness. Let us play our part in safeguarding the great destiny God has for our precious seed.

May God bless you all.

Love from us all – Lifeforte family



**Grace Aina (Mrs)**  
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