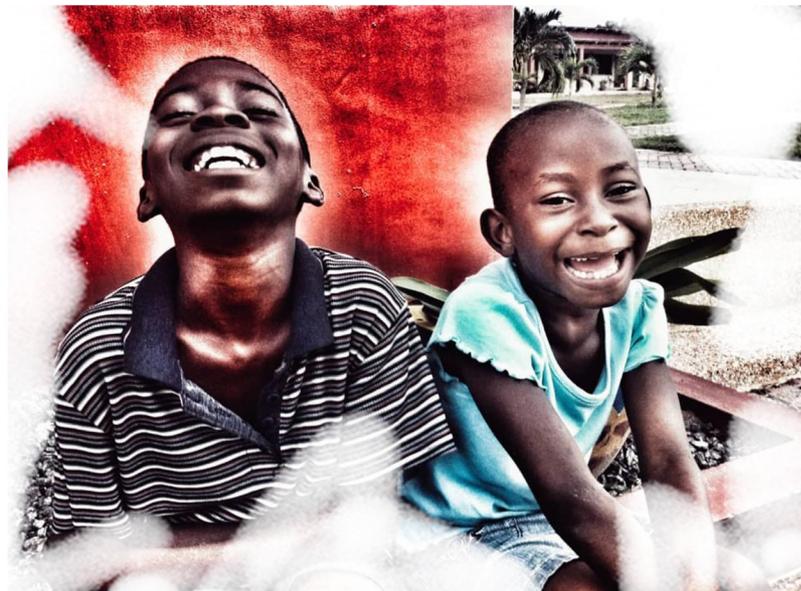


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## GENERAL NEWS

Kinder Paradise developed its new Strategic Plan (2019-2023) and has 4 Strategic Directions:

- #1 - Promoting child rights and protection in surrounding communities
- #2 - Improving standards and procedures in our children's home and train others in good practices
- #3 - Improving reintegration processes with children and their families
- #4 - Practicing inclusive education in KP's education programs

## DRAMA ON CHILD RIGHTS AND CHILD PROTECTION

Under #1, approx. 1,500 students were reached with a sensitization program in nine public schools in 2018. The main focus was to educate the children on safe and unsafe touches and the need to seek for help when abused.

At the beginning of this year, the "Obaale" Drama group which is specialized on this topic performed in all the nine schools.

Mr. Lomotey, the founder of "Obaale" who is also the drama coach was very instrumental in the success of this program and we say THANK YOU Mr. Lomotey for your contributions. We also extend our appreciation to the head teachers of the nine selected public schools for their support and participation.



## ANNUAL STAFF MEETING - SPECIAL AWARDS FOR LONG SERVING EMPLOYEES

The Annual Staff Meeting at the end of 2018 came with great excitement as Kinder Paradise awarded long serving employees and those who had gone the extra mile during the course of the year, which included preparations towards our 20th anniversary in October 2018. Rewards went to 6 employees for 5 years and above service, 2 for 10 years and above, 2 for 15 years and above, and 1 for 20 years of service. We say well done and „Ayekoo” to Caroline Kumi, who was with Kinder Paradise since its beginning, and for her dedication to work, as well as to all other employees who received special awards.



## NEWS FROM THE HOME

Malik



The Accra Zoo was visited. For all of the girls and boys it was their very first time that they have seen some animals from that close. The children were curious about watching different kind of monkeys. They took their time to observe the animals, like a crocodile and a huge turtle. Especially the little ones were excited to see the hyena whilst it was walking alongside the fence. The highlight of the excursion was to feed Malik the Camel.

The children and some of the youth also had the chance to spend a day at the Aburi Botanical Garden.



## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AND FELDENKRAIS

It has always been our dream to assist children with special needs on an individual basis. Thanks to some volunteers to Kinder Paradise who happened to be occupational therapists (OTs), a network was developed to provide the Home with OT volunteers on a continuous basis. It is a great joy to see children making progress who prior to the therapy had not been making notable strides despite all efforts. It makes such a difference! In April, the work of the OTs was complemented by a special treat – two Feldenkrais instructors visited and made it a happy experience for staff and children alike, to learn how to feel every muscle in their body, and how to relax them. We are grateful for this wonderful experience.

## DAY CENTER NEWS



The year began very slow. Initially only few children attended the Day Center because many had travelled to their villages during the Christmas holidays. Currently 69 children who live with their parents within or outside of Accra are being supported in school by the Day Center. In collaboration with the Day Center, officers of the Department of Social Welfare (DSW) have started visiting those parents who shun their

responsibilities, and talk to them about the importance of monitoring and morally supporting their children in school. Grupo de Habla Hispánica de Ghana continued their faithful support by visiting the Day Center regularly and interacting with the children. Other volunteers engage the children in arts and educative activities. An officer from DSW also comes regularly to engage the children in producing bead necklaces and earrings. New activities have been added, like tie and dye, and soap making. The children are very excited about the new activities and are taking keen interest in them.



## NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL



Primary 4 and 5 embarked on a field trip to Adzen-Kotoku to observe how domestic waste is converted to compost for crop production. Nothing goes waste unless we fail to manage it. Education on facts is key! Junior High School visited the Parliament House in Accra to observe parliamentary proceedings. They had opportunity to interact with MPs and were advised to work hard and take their studies seriously. Like every year, Kinder Paradise School took part in the Circuit Marathon for Basic Schools in the Ningo-Prampam District. There were about 140 boys in the boys' category and 140 girls in the girls' category. The best boy from Kinder Paradise placed 7th while the best girl placed 4th. In order to make our Career Day more interesting, people from a variety of professions were invited – Police, Cosmetology, Pharmacy, Nursing, Banking, Health Information – and talked to the whole student body on their career prospects and the educational and professional training possibilities.

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