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Message From The Acting Principal

I would like to say a warm welcome to all GCU families and I hope you had a great holiday. We started the term with 'Inset Day' for teachers where planning was carried out and

responsibilities given to the teachers and staff based on the activities captured in the school calendar for the term. We had intervention classes based on the end of term 1 performance and target review meetings with the students. Our Mentor-Mentee programme has been outstanding as students have been having mentoring session with the assigned teachers. Students have experienced a lot of improvement in all areas of the school and the value added to them has been very glaring.

Students' notes were consistently checked by the subject teachers and the Mentors and 'Book Look' exercise were held in high esteem. We had Parents and Teachers Conference to discuss the progress that their wards were making and to crown it all, our first maiden Inter House Sports Competition took place with Green house emerging as the winner.

The presidential and gubernatorial election periods and times led to the innovation of online classes for two weeks and this has added another giant stride towards the delivery of 21st century learning.

We appreciate your unflinching support to our children and to the school and we pray that God will continue to bless you and make us all continue to shine as one.

It has been a rewarding term that has encouraged critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, problem solving and thinking out of the box for both students and staff. We look forward to more fun-filled moments as the new restored GCU journey to greater heights.

Thank you.

Mr. N.C Anumokwu

Acting Principal,

Government College, Umuahia.



2ND TERM HONOR-ROLL




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The second term 2022/2023 academic session was loaded with activities disrupted by holiday breaks caused by the 2023 elections. We appreciate our hardworking members of staff and also our excellent students for their performances in 2nd term examinations.

The benchmark of the school still remains seventy percent (70%) and this was met by most of the students. This benchmark remains constant and we assure you that we will always make learning more simplified and student-oriented.

Below are the three most outstanding students of the term:

NAME	CLASS	AVG.PT	POSITION	
Chimeremeze Godswill Ewa-Uke	7B	93.57	1 st	
Chigozirim Dominion Onyema	7A	89.79	2 nd	
Daniel Chimaobim Owen	7B	89.32	3 rd	

Big congratulations to them and their parents!!!



RESTORED MAIDEN INTER-HOUSE SPORTS COMPETITION

Before the grand finale, some indoor and outdoor inter-house games had taken place during the evenings of some weekdays and Saturdays. Some of such games included table tennis, discus, ayoo, chess and lots more.

The event on the main day started at about 1pm due to the emergency environmental sanitation in the state. After the opening prayer, the chairman of the event, Dr. Onwuchekwa Ralph-Iheke, together with the Acting Principal, Mr. Ndubuisi Anumokwu stood for the parade. The events kicked off, with the 100m race.

It was a memorable and fun-filled day for all present. At the end of the day, the results were announced.

Green house came first with a total of 9 gold and 6 silver medals.

Blue house came second with a total of 6 gold and 9 silver medals.





The importance of mentorship in an academic environment like GCU cannot be over emphasized. The mentoring sessions here in GCU have recorded great success since the beginning of this academic year as it has helped the students to connect more with their teachers and has helped to improve their academic, social and emotional lives. It is a process that will continue until the right attitude towards academics and life is fully instilled in the students.



Music and parade band



This term, the Music department was tasked with a very challenging activity which was to accompany the parade with the parade band. The parade band had to painstakingly prepare thoroughly for the inter-house sports competition which was to feature the parade competition. The band worked on both the slow and quick march sequence. The Music department also embarked on a project which was to have a video record of most of the songs practised by the students. Here is a link to view most of the works done by the students this year.





The quiz was held on Thursday 26/01/2023, from 16:30-17:30. A total of 24 questions were administered over two rounds. In round one, all the students participated to answer 14 questions (7 each). In round 2, two of the best from each house competed for honors in the remaining 10 questions (5 each). The maximum duration for each question was 2 minutes. It was a close contest. At the end of the quiz, house 1 emerged winners with 34 points while house two scored 30 points.



STUDENTS ON
INDEPENDENT
CALCULATIONS DURING
THE QUIZ

AKUKO IFO (IGBO FOLKTALES)

The Igbo Folktale emanated as a means of entertainment in the olden days, especially during the night of full moon. Our forefathers ever wise gradually modified it as a channel to teach Igbo culture and values to our kids.

Folktale is among the many topics learnt by the students here in GCU within these few months and through these stories, the students have been exposed to the dynamics of human characters, which they can relate with from the behaviours of animals in their stories.

For instance, the tortoise is known for its craft. The elephant is known for its insatiable appetite, while the lion is known for its bravery.

It has been an exciting learning experience and adventure here at GCU. We created an engaging learning environment and with your support, our children have substantially developed more skills, confidence and love for learning Igbo Language.

WORLD BOOK DAY



Every year, United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) observe World Book Day to shed light on the importance of reading. On this day, UNESCO encourages people to inculcate the habit of reading alone and with kids. UNESCO believes that “books have proved to be powerful tools to combat isolation, reinforce ties between people, and expand our horizons while stimulating our minds and creativity”

If there is a thing worth celebrating, especially in a garden of knowledge like Government College Umuahia, it must be books. Books are like the oil that lubricate the engine of teaching and learning. Books hold a vital place in the fabric of knowledge acquisition. Hence, it is worthy of celebration.

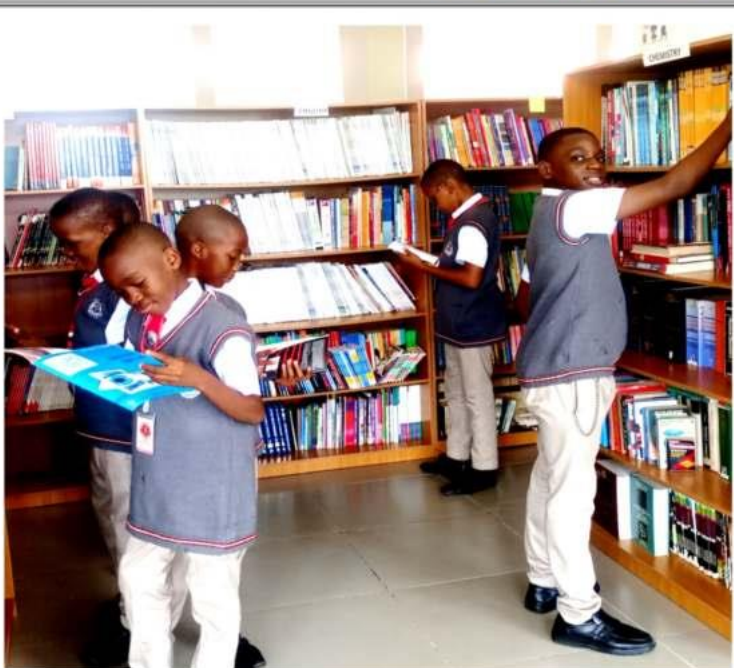


To this end, we the staff and students of GCU joined the rest of the world who hold books in high esteem to mark this year’s World Book Day. The celebration was garnished with a lot of activities and events which made it worthwhile.

Firstly, Mr Charles Olijji gave an overview of the world book day celebration and its origin. The boys performed a play titled “The Magic of Reading”, which was coordinated by Mr Olijji and Mr Augustin Bindop. Master Onyema Dominion performed a poem titled “The Magic of Books” by Charles Olijji while Master Nwankwo Samuel recited a French poem. There was a spelling bee in Igbo, coordinated by Mrs Peace Nwachukwu and English Language spelling bee coordinated by Mrs Vivian Onuoha.

The whole event was educative and informative. We look forward to celebrating the world’s books day next year, in a more exciting way; books deserve our recognition cum celebration.

“Some books leave us free and some books make us free.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson



AGAPE DAY



Agape is a word of Greek origin which means love, unconditional love. All around the world, the 14th of February is surnamed love day- Valentine's Day. Due to the diverging views of its origin, our focal point was on Agape.

The GCU community celebrated the day in mufti with a touch of red. It was an exciting moment to share with the GCu community the importance of agape.

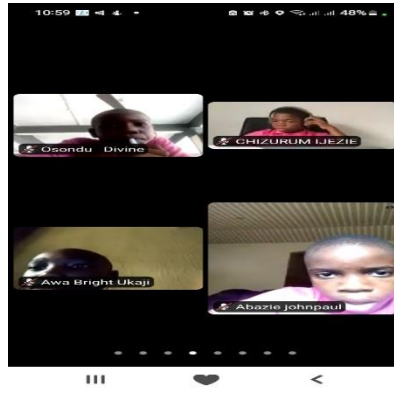
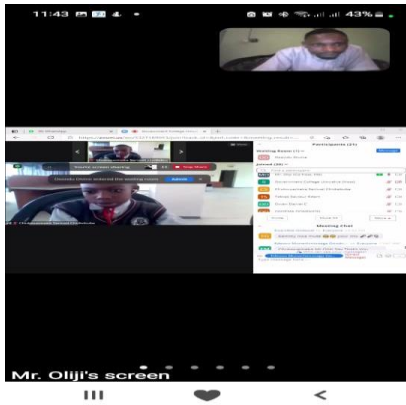
Mr Charles Olij and Mrs Peace Nwachukwu anchored the programme. While Mr Olij gave a brief overview of the historical background of Valentine's Day, Mrs Nwachukwu discussed agape from a Bible cum Christian perspective. The students and the audience asked questions and contributed to the discussion topic. Mrs Adora Ojo summarized the session.

At about 4 pm, the School Management together with two students each from Year 7A and Year 7 B went to an orphanage, Divine Mary Mother of Jesus at Ahiaeke, Umuahia, to celebrate the day with them as part of our community service and to teach the children to give to the less privileged.

Love is proven in giving; hence, they did not go without gifts. Love is the greatest force on the earth, whosoever desires power and control should think love, give love and receive love. The management of the orphanage gave the school some drinks and biscuits in exchange.

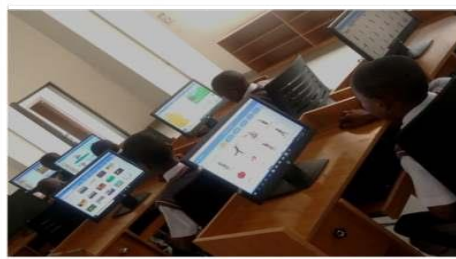


ELECTION BREAK AND THE ONLINE CLASSES



For the fear of unforeseen circumstances that might emanate during the Nigeria general elections, our students were engaged at home in a two-week online learning session with the teachers. This was beneficial in enhancing the computer skills of our students, and exposing them to many online based learning tools and resources.

Zoom application was used as the virtual conference platform, and the school learning Management System known as **e-school**, enabled the students to access learning resources, turn in assignments and concerns, get feedback from the teachers and also take online based tests.



Students in
coding
session

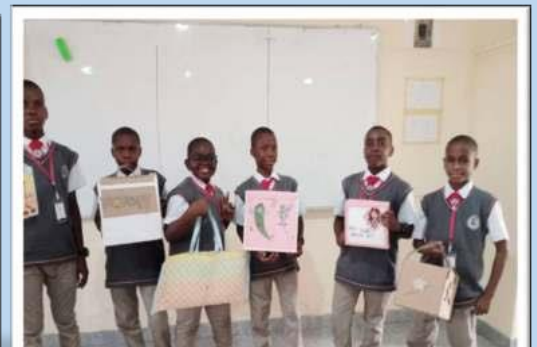
Additionally, the students in school are exposed to block coding activities. Coding fosters students' critical thinking skills, creativity, digital literacy, communication skills, and problem-solving abilities through programming.

GCU ART DESK

Art is life, or art is the meaning life has. Art gives us the medium by which we express ourselves to the world. Call it Drama, dance, music, literature or visual art which our discussion relies on; art is magical and its power is enormous.

In our previous publication, we promised to keep you updated on the progress our boys are making in harnessing their artistic potential. Many thanks to the Old Boys of GCU and the GCU management for their unwavering support in providing the art materials for the exploration.

The above are some of the artworks done by the students of GCU in term t



HEALTH TALK

On Monday 13th February, 2023, an old boy, Dr. GOC Okafor JP, FMCPH, who also is the school Doctor and Health Consultant spoke on 'Personal and Environmental Hygiene', breaking the health talk into segments ranging from care of the body, hair, teeth, nails, pubic hair, importance of hand wash and care of the environment.

He also buttressed the need for the boys to care for themselves in the Umuahian way. Personal grooming was and is a big deal and should be taken seriously. The students asked questions and got interesting answers. It was an interesting outing.



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RESULT CHECK

The term result is now available on our online school management system. Follow these steps to access the results:

- i. Go to: <https://gcu.sch.ng>
- ii. Click on **student portal**
- iii. On the login page, select student or parent category
- iv. Enter the student ID and password (as provided) where appropriate and click on Login. Successful login takes you to the student's dashboard.
- v. On the student's dashboard, click on check result
- vi. Next, select academic year >> term >> class >> level >> Generate You can view, download and print student's results

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

End of term two — Sat. April 22nd, 2023

Term three resumes on Sunday, 30th April, 2023.

Happy Easter celebration still,
From all of us at GCU.

