



# THE ROMAN RIDGE SCHOOL

## Christmas Term 2011—Newsletter

Issue 1

### 'O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL'

On the evening of 10 December 2011, our Choir and Drama Club performed A Christmas Nativity Story - directed and conducted by Mrs. Mabel Addo, Mrs. Elsie Kumar and Mr. George Edzie. The programme began at 5pm, with a Meet-and-Greet and some light refreshments, followed by the Lighting of the Christmas tree at 6pm courtesy of our Reception pupils. The String Quartet from the National Theatre Symphony Orchestra then entertained our guests with a musical interlude before the TRRS Choir and Drama Club took to the stage. They impressed the audience with their musical talents and touching portraying of the Nativity story. Afterwards, the audience gathered to enjoy a spectacular fireworks display and 'A Taste of Christmas'. Congratulations to all pupils involved on a job well done, as well as a special thank you to our Parent planning committee and all those who generously supported this event.



### Message from the Principal

Our pupils have enjoyed a busy and successful term; full of new challenges and discoveries.

We are pleased to share some our experiences with you, through this newsletter, and thank you for taking an interest in our accomplishments and achievements!

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year, filled with good health and prosperity! We look forward to welcoming you back to school on 9 January 2012.



### BOOK FAIR

In line with our continued efforts to promote positive Literacy habits in our pupils, TRRS held an end of term Book Fair, to encourage pupils to stock up on reading material for the Christmas Holidays! A wide variety of books for all ages and tastes were on display and students, teachers and parents alike enjoyed the opportunity to peruse the great selection of books available. In lieu of rental charges, all book vendors are asked to make a donation of books to our school library.



### TRRS SCHOOL CLINIC

Since October 2011, the professional medical services provided by our School Clinic have been delivered by the dedicated nurses and staff of Citadel Clinics. A special thank you to Dr Frederick MacPalm (TRRS Parent) for working in partnership with us to ensure the highest level of health and safety for our pupils.

### Valerie Mainoo

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## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY—KWAMOSO

3rd October 2011 was UN World Habitat Day. To mark the occasion our TRRS Habitat for Humanity chapter ventured to Kwamoso in the Eastern Region for a one-day build. Habitat for Humanity is an internationally recognized, non-profit organization that builds decent and affordable shelter for those in need. 25 TRRS Senior School students carried bricks and mixed cement in an effort to help construct housing structures for members of the Kwamoso community. Thank you to Mr. Waze and Mr. Duku for accompanying our students. TRRS is grateful to Habitat for Humanity Ghana for recommencing their activities after a period of hiatus and we are thrilled to resume our participation with this very worthwhile cause. We encourage more of our students to get involved with Habitat for Humanity, and our other community service programmes, so they may experience the fulfillment that comes from helping others.



## BEHAVIOUR POLICY

This term, TRRS introduced a comprehensive Behaviour Policy, which outlines our expectations of students in demonstrating self-discipline, respect and sensible behaviour at all times. It also informs parents of the behaviour management techniques and strategies we employ and clearly outlines consequences for breaches of discipline. In addition, this policy identifies the role of parents and teachers, as partners in upholding TRRS standards of conduct. Every parent has been asked to review the Behaviour Policy with their child and submit written confirmation that they have understood their part in maintaining our high standards of behaviour. Thank you very much for your continued co-operation and commitment to helping us maintain a focused and disciplined school environment that is conducive to learning.

## FOOD & CLOTHING DRIVE— TESHIE ORPHANAGE



The Girls' Club is comprised of girls in the Middle and Senior Schools, who are committed to serve as positive role models for all girls at TRRS. Through various campaigns and events, the Girls' Club seeks to empower girls and build up their leadership skills; encouraging them to become the strong women leaders of tomorrow we desperately need. Previous projects include a fundraiser for victims of the Japanese floods last year. This term, The Girls' Club chose to raise awareness and offer support to the Teshie Orphanage, which helped to teach our students more about the importance of community service and true spirit of Christmas. They collected food, clothing and toys, for donation to the orphanage in December 2011. We are proud of our girls and hope to continue supporting this very worthy cause!

## SPORTS DAY @ EI-WAK STADIUM

The race is on! Which House will claim the trophy this year – Bears? Hawks? Sharks? Cobras? This year's inter-house sports competition was the most exciting to date! Pupils from Class 3 – Upper 6 assembled into their Houses and competed in a variety of track and field events, with Reception – Class 2 pupils in attendance to cheer their House to victory!. Our returning champions—Sharks, took home the Trophy for the 4th year in a row and it was a fantastic time had by all. Thank you to Mr. Amedume, the PE Department, our Teachers and parents for their support in making this a memorable event!



## TRRS SUPPORTS NICOLE'S HELPLINE FOUNDATION

Nicole Lomo-Mainoo was a beloved TRRS student, who tragically passed in June 2010 due to complications from Type I Diabetes. In her memory, her family has created *Nicole's Helpline*, a charitable foundation that seeks to raise awareness about Type I & II Diabetes and to provide a support network for those living with diabetes and their families. TRRS is a proud sponsor of *Nicole's Helpline* and is committed to ensuring Nicole's legacy lives on. In collaboration with *Nicole's Helpline*, TRRS Teachers and Nicole's classmates (our graduating U6 class) came together on 19 November 2011 to support Sunny FM in screening over 600 young people for diabetes. The programme was a tremendous success and our students were commended for their professionalism and organisational skills on radio. Please note that in February 2012, TRRS plans to host a Sponsored Walk to raise awareness about Type I & II Diabetes and to raise funds for *Nicole's Helpline* and the commendable work that they do.



## STREET SOCCER NIGHT



The Roman Ridge School held a very successful Street Soccer Night Tournament on the 5th of November. Both Middle and Senior Schools were invited to enter into the competition. Teams from various schools in Accra also joined in the event. The event was generously sponsored by Wire Weaving and Puma. Winners received prizes from Puma, including soccer balls, shin guards and gloves. The Street King of the tournament was awarded the Champion's Football Boot. Thank you to our Prefects, who took the lead in organising this event, in an effort to raise money to support their upcoming Prom (June 2012). Due to the success of this event, there are plans to host a day Street Soccer event for the Junior School next term.

## VISIT TO THE WESTERN REGION

Between the 11-14 December, our Science and Social Studies Departments hosted an educational tour of the Western Region for 21 of our Sixth Form students. The trip afforded these students the opportunity to visit the various forts and landmarks built by the Europeans, and investigate the reasons for their construction and their role in the colonisation of the Gold Coast. Science students visited the Ankasa Forest Reserve and were able to study its ecology and remarkable biodiversity. They also paddled canoes to visit Nzulezu, the famous village on stilts, and relaxed on the beaches of Axim. Though the journey was long and they returned exhausted, it was a memorable experience. What a wonderful way to celebrate the end of exams and begin the Holiday Season!



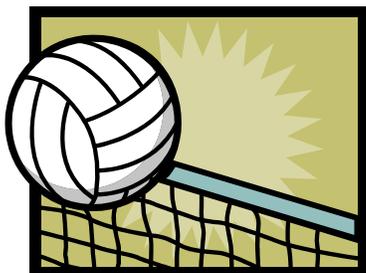


## CL. 2 REMEMBRANCE DAY FUNDRAISER

On 11/11/11 at 11am, Class 2 pupils commemorated a special Remembrance Day service in honour of Ghana's fallen soldiers, who sacrificed their lives to fight for the peaceful world we enjoy today. This special event built upon their History lessons about the World Wars. A representative of the Veterans Association of Ghana (VAG) visited the class to explain the history of the conflicts and why poppies were chosen as a symbol of hope. Pupils also laid wreaths, presented their poems, stories and thank you messages during the service, to show their appreciation for our veterans' ultimate sacrifice. Class 2 pupils also organised a very successful poppy awareness campaign at TRRS, raising 668.60 Cedis, which they officially presented to representatives of the VAG. Well done!

## TEACHER OF YEAR—MRS. QUAI COE

Our TRRS Teacher of the Year for 2010/2011, Mrs. Love Joyce Quaicoe (Principal Teacher and Head of Social Studies) travelled to the United Kingdom for a 3 week, all expenses paid, working holiday in late—October 2011. She toured numerous independent and state schools in the South West and in London. During her trip she was reunited with our founding Headmaster, Mr. Geoffrey Allen, who kindly organised for number of school visits for us. TRRS is fully committed to supporting our teachers to grow and develop their professional skills to continue to meet international standards of teaching and learning. Congratulations to Mrs. Quaicoe on her well deserved award.



## ISSAG VOLLEYBALL COMPETITION @ SOS

On 29 Oct 2011 our Boys & Girls Volleyball teams competed in the International Schools Sports Association of Ghana (ISSAG) tournament at SOS Hermann Gmeiner College in Tema. Our Boys team made it to the semi-finals, taking a commendable 4th overall position out of 8 schools. Our Girls team also put forth a tremendous effort and placed 5th. Well done to all!

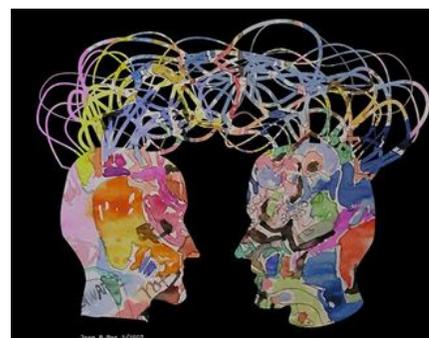


## FEYENOORD SOCCER CLINIC

Our Junior School pupils were thrilled to participate in a one day football clinic for TRRS students hosted by Feyenoord Soccer Academy at Gomoa Fetter in the Central Region. Our boys and girls worked with professional soccer coaches and learnt simple ball control techniques and other key skills. They even had a chance to play a simple match with the professional players at the academy! Senior School are scheduled for their football clinic in Easter Term.

## PARENT—SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

TRRS is committed to promoting a close working partnership between parents and the school through frequent communication. We believe that parent feedback and support are an integral part of offering a successful and educational programme for our pupils. We encourage parents to visit with their child's teacher before or after lessons and you are also welcome to make an appointment through the Main Office. Please also make good use of our communication systems and forward any comments, queries and concerns to [feedback@theromanridgeschool.com](mailto:feedback@theromanridgeschool.com).





## CLASS 3 VISIT TO ELITE DENTAL CENTRE

To extend and enrich their Science lessons on 'Teeth and Healthy Eating', our Class 3 pupils visited Elite Dental Centre in Abelemkpe in December 2011. This excursion allowed pupils to reinforce their knowledge about dental anatomy and the importance of maintaining good oral hygiene. They enjoyed a comprehensive tour of the entire facility, sat in the dentist chairs and even got new toothbrushes! Thank you to Dr. Nordor (TRRS Parent) for hosting this memorable school visit.



## DROP OFF & PICK UP ZONE

TRRS has recently constructed a Drop-Off/Pick-Up zone in front of the Main Gate, which has helped to ease school traffic in the mornings and evenings. Parents are reminded that this area is for quick drop-off/pick-up only— parking is strictly prohibited. We also urge parents to exercise caution and drive safely. We expect that all drivers will prioritise the safety of our pupils at all times.. Please do not cross lanes of traffic, make U-turns or cross other cars when attempting to drop off/pick-up.



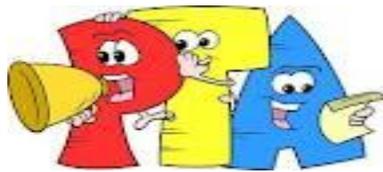
## UNIVERSITY EXHIBITIONS & VISITS



This term, we invited representatives from renowned tertiary institutions, both international and local, to meet with our Senior School students, to provide them with useful information about the services, facilities and programmes these various schools offer. We hosted American universities, such as: Bryant, Tufts, Vassar, Brandeis and Loyola Marymount,. From the UK, we welcomed the University of Nottingham, London Metropolitan and Middlesex University. The University of British Columbia (UBC) from Canada also met with our students, as did representatives from Ashesi University. In addition, our Sixth Form students visited the Council for International Schools (CIS) College Fair hosted by Lincoln Community School, where they were able to collect information and meet with representatives from over 18 American universities, such as Colgate, Columbia, Cornell, Davidson, Hofstra, Michigan State, University of Chicago, University of Tampa, and many more!

## TRRS PTA NEWS

This term has been busy for our PTA! Over the Half Term break, PTA provided grilles to cover the open gutters in front of our Class 5 & 6 blocks and we are grateful to them for their assistance in this project. Recently, our PTA has also organised for all members of our Teaching and Ancillary/Security Staff to receive a gift package this Christmas to thank them for the work they do to ensure our children receive the best possible care. On behalf of our members of staff, thank you for your kind generosity and Merry Christmas! Please also take note that the Annual PTA Easter Bazaar is tentatively scheduled to take place on Saturday 24 March 2012. It is surely going to be an event to remember and we look forward to seeing you there! Lastly, as you may already know, Mrs. Irene Asare has recently resigned as our PTA Chairman, for personal reasons. Elections to appoint a new Chair will be held at the PTA General Meeting on 18 January 2012. Any candidates are encouraged to send an email to [pta@theromanridgeschool.com](mailto:pta@theromanridgeschool.com) expressing your interest in standing for election. A list of nominees will be circulated by email in due course.



## COMING UP NEXT TERM...

- ◆ Snr Football Clinic at Feyenoord
- ◆ Prefect Selection
- ◆ Nicole's Helpline Sponsored Walk
- ◆ ISSAG Basketball & Handball Tourney
- ◆ PTA General Meeting—18 Jan 2012,
- ◆ Pre-Mock Exams (F5 & U6) Feb 2012
- ◆ Mock Exams—March 2012
- ◆ Jnr School Street Soccer Tournament
- ◆ Middle School Mastermind Quiz
- ◆ PTA Easter Bazaar—24 March 2012
- ◆ Student Talent Night—30 March 2012

**...And much more!**