



July 21, 2023

END OF THIRD TERM NEWSLETTER FOR 2023/2024 ACADEMIC SESSION

Dear Esteemed Parents/Guardians,

It is with great pleasure, as we bring down the curtain on the third term, to appreciate God for bringing us successfully to the end of this term. It is also with great pleasure that we extend our profound and deepest appreciation to you, our highly esteemed parents/guardians, for your immense support for our programmes/activities throughout the term, which did make learning worthwhile for our school children. Your cordial relationship with Management, members of staff and your resilience in coping with challenges thrown up by our programmes/activities as well as your observance of our values is immeasurable. Let us now take you through some of the mechanism that always make learning worthwhile in our school system.

THE MONTESSORI TEACHING METHOD

The Montessori method of instruction remains the bedrock of the school for the making of the total child. It is a method of educational instruction which encourages independent learning and development of children's fine and gross motor skills. It develops children's senses of orderliness and coordination in preparation for greater performances in the school and life beyond the school. It is a method that kills the traditional rote learning which is highly deficient and does not meet the learners' and societal needs.

SECURITY CONSCIOUSNESS

Security is everyone's business; it is always said. Here in Patricia Montessori Nursery and Primary School, Asaba, security is of essence to us, taking into consideration the unpredictable security challenges around our nation today. Therefore, we urge parents and guardians to be more vigilant with the security of their children/wards on their way to school and back home from school. In the school, we emphasize security alertness among our teaching and none teaching staff with due consideration for our school pupils. To enhance the security of our school pupils, the School Management has already introduced an early warning security software mechanism known as *Fradora* with which the security of every child shall be tracked on arrival to school and departure from school.

OFFICIAL RESUMPTION AND CLOSING TIME

The school resumes daily (Mondays to Fridays) at 7:45 AM and closes (Mondays to Thursdays) at 3:00 PM. Fridays' closing time is 1:00 PM. The school's gate is normally shut at 8:15 am and pupils are not allowed into the school premises after the gate is shut, except with cogent reasons. Parents/guardians should also note that there is a penalty for late picking of children from the school premises. Late picking of pupils from the school premises 30 minutes after closing attracts a fine of Two Thousand (₦2,000.00) Naira only.

NEATNESS

Pupils are expected to dress neatly to school in the appropriate uniform of the day. The main school uniform, which goes with a red tie, a brown Cortina and white-socks, is worn on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursday. The sportswear, which goes with a white Canvas and white socks, is worn on Tuesdays and Fridays. No pupil is expected to appear in school not dressed in the school's specified school uniforms or looking unkempt. Boys are expected to keep their hair neatly cut low; while girls are expected in school with the weekly prescribed hairstyles. It is compulsory for all pupils to come to school with table napkins, child size table knives, spoons, forks and bibs (for children in the nursery section) in observance of right eating etiquettes and avoidance of getting stained while feeding.

DISCIPLINE

Discipline is key to societal and self-development. Expert psychologists have always identified four major roles of inculcating discipline in children by parents/guardians. These roles include instructional role, rebuke role, exhortation role and educative role. The instructional role includes teaching children to behave well and organize themselves properly in public; be early and timely to appointments and daily tasks; and speak in decent language at all times. The rebuke role includes admonishing them when they portray laziness; when they appear dirty; when they become insolent; when they speak foul and improper language; when they participate in unsolicited discussions; when they become proud and talk back at elders in anger; and when they are noticed becoming spendthrift and cannot control their appetite. The exhortation role includes when they do well in their given tasks and assignments; when they are properly dressed and speak well in public; when they speak well of their school and teachers; and when they expressed Godly values. The educative role includes teaching them how to live honest life; how to live comfortably among other people and be fair and show concern; how to love their school, teachers and those in authority; how to plan for their future, pass their exams and develop their career depending on God.

SUMMER CAMP 2023

To usher our pupils into the first term (2023/2024 academic session), the Patricia Montessori Nursery and Primary School, Asaba shall be organizing a One-Month Summer Camp activities. These activities shall commence on July 24, 2023 and terminate on August 25, 2023. Focused activities shall include sensorial activities such as music and dancing; practical life activities such as catering, self-care and care of environment; cultural lessons in botany, zoology, history, arts/crafts and languages; mathematics, German and handwriting. All activities shall run from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (Mondays to Fridays).

TEACHERS' APPRECIATION WEEK

The School Management has set aside three days (Tuesday, October 3, Wednesday, October 4 and Thursday, October 5, 2023 as teachers' appreciation days. Our amiable parents/guardians are at liberty to appreciate teachers for their commitments to educating their children/wards.

INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Patricia High School, Asaba is one of a few private secondary schools in Delta State that offer both local and international programmes with full accreditation.

• CAMBRIDGE PROGRAMMES

Patricia High School, Asaba was granted full accreditation by the British Council as a Cambridge Associate School to run Cambridge Lower Secondary Checkpoints, Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education [IGCSE] and Cambridge International Advanced Subsidiary. For further enquiries, call +2347032311356 /+2349030002676.

• OSSD

Working in partnership with the Brock Academy, Canada, Patricia High School, Asaba has secured the license of the Ontario Ministry of Education, Canada to run the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) in Nigeria. The Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) erases the Canadian foundation programme expected of foreign students seeking admission into Canadian universities and colleges and gives access to direct admission into major universities/colleges around the world, especially Canadian universities/colleges including the University of Toronto, University of Manitoba, York University, Trent University, Brock University, University of Ontario Institute of Technology, University of Windsor, University of Alberta, University of Cagliari, Prince Edward Island University [PEI], etc. With the OSSD, there is no need to worry about getting admission in these universities and colleges after the completion of the programme in Nigeria. Even those with the intention of pursuing permanent residency in Canada don't need to worry. The OSSD will validate their Canadian travel documents. We therefore encourage parents/guardians to take advantage of this opportunity to enroll their children/wards for the OSSD programme at Patricia High School, Asaba. For further enquiries, call +2347032311356 /+2349030002676.

• SAT

We are also proud to announce herein that Patricia High School, Asaba has also become a centre for the prestigious Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) for students seeking admission and scholarship into US universities. At the moment, admissions and coaching classes are ongoing. Students who participated in the SAT last year came out with fantastic grade. For further enquiries, call +2347032311356 /+2349030002676.

• GLOBAL SCHOOL CONNECT PROGRAMME 2023

The Patricia Group of Schools, Asaba has joined the *Global Schools Connect Programme* of the Sydney Russell School in the UK with the objective of immersing its students/pupils in a new culture of academic excellence, personal development and enrichment. With this programme, our students/pupils will be able to meet a wide range of people through the Global Schools Connect Exchange programmes (people with different backgrounds, some of whom might become lifelong friends) which is one of the main benefits of taking part in the Global Schools Connect Programme 2023. The first phase of the exchange programme between Patricia Group of Schools, Asaba and Sydney Russell School in the UK took place in June this year. It witnessed the students/pupils of the school travelling to join their counterparts in the UK. The school has introduced a saving scheme for parents/guardians towards the next phase of the programme for convenience in payments of fees. For more information on this saving scheme, please call +2347032311356 /+2349030002676.

• GCSE SUMMER CAMP 2023

The King's College GCSE Summer Camp 2022 in Bournemouth, UK was indeed a huge success. It saw four students and two management officials from the Patricia Group of Schools, Asaba on the trip to the UK in November, 2022. The students on the trip caught up in their GCSE (General Certificate of Secondary Education) subjects through the trip and had real fun with great outdoor activities over there. Fantastic outdoor activities such as raft-building, orienteering, bush craft, camp building, volleyball game as well as field trips and visits to local places of interest made the summer camp worthwhile to remember. At the moment, registration for the King's College Summer Camp in August 2023, which promises to be of greater experience and fun, is ongoing. We, therefore, urge parents and wards to secure a place for your children and wards for the King's College August GCSE Summer Camp. For more information, call +2347032311356 /+2349030002676.

FIRST TERM (2023/2024 ACADEMIC SESSION) EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Educational activities already lined-up for first term 2023/2024 academic session include *Nigeria Nostalgia* (focusing in the vogue of the 1990s), *Sugar Free Week* and *Telling the Nativity Story* (a Christmas season event) and a collage of other knowledge based activities.

FIRST TERM (2023/2024 ACADEMIC SESSION) SCHOOL FEES

School fees remain the major source of funding of the school programmes/activities. Therefore, parents/guardians are urged to make the payment of their children's/wards' school fees a priority. It should be noted that all school fees are expected to be paid on or before resumption. Below are the schedules of tuitions for each class for the first term.

CLASSES	TUITIONS	BANKS	ACCOUNT NAMES	ACCOUNT NUMBER
CRECHE	₦40,000.00	FirstBank	Patricia Group of School, Asaba	2010964091
KG 1 - 3	₦70,000.00			
BASIC 1 - 5	₦70,000.00	GTBank	Patricia Educational Institute, Asaba	0032290201
BASIC 6	₦85,000			

FEES FOR SCHOOL BUS SHUTTLE SERVICES FOR FIRST TERM (2023/2024 ACADEMIC SESSION)

School bus shuttle services are available, but optional and operated outside tuitions. Parents/guardians are expected to make reservation with the payments of fees on or before the resumption of each term to be fully booked for the school bus shuttle services. The table below contains the fees for the shuttle types.

SHUTTLE TYPE	FEES	BANK	ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT NUMBER
ONE-WAY-SERVICE (To or Fro)	₦50,000.00	GTBank	Patricia Educational Institute, Asaba	0032290201
TWO-WAY-SERVICE (Okpanam Road Axis)	₦80,000.00			
TWO-WAY-SERVICE (School Boy - Ibusa Road Axis)	₦80,000.00			
TWO-WAY-SERVICE (Other routes)	₦70,000.00			

FIRST TERM (2023/2024 ACADEMIC SESSION) CALENDAR

WEEKS	DATES	ACTIVITIES	GIRLS' HAIRSTYLES
1	Monday, Sept 11 - Friday, Sept 15, 2023	Resumption/Teaching	All Back Weaving
2	Monday, Sept 18 - Friday, Sept 22, 2023	Teaching	All Back Weaving
3	Monday, Sept 25 - Friday, Sept 29, 2023	Teaching/ Nigeria Nostalgia	One Shuku & Front
4	Monday, Oct 2 - Friday, Oct 6, 2023	Teaching/First CA Test	One Shuku & Front
5	Monday, Oct 9 - Friday, Oct 13, 2023	Teaching/Sugar Free Week	Horse Tail
6	Monday, Oct 16 - Friday, Oct 20, 2023	Teaching	Horse Tail
7	Monday, Oct 23 - Friday, Oct 27, 2023	Teaching/Mid-Term Break	Heavenly King
8	Monday, Oct 30 - Friday, Nov 3, 2023	Teaching	Heavenly King
9	Monday, Nov 6 - Friday, Nov 10, 2023	Teaching/Second CA Test	Two Shuku
10	Monday, Nov 13 - Friday, Nov 17, 2023	Teaching	Two Shuku
11	Monday, Nov 20 - Friday, Nov 24, 2023	Teaching	Clap & Front
12	Monday, Nov 27 - Friday, Dec 1, 2023	Flip Teaching	Clap & Front
13	Monday, Dec 4 - Friday, Dec 8, 2023	End of term Exams	All Back Weaving
14	Monday, Dec 11 - Friday, Dec 15, 2023	Preparation of exam results / Telling the Nativity Story / Vacation	All Back Weaving

ADMISSION INTO THE PATRICIA HIGH SCHOOL

Admission into the Patricia High School, Asaba is ongoing and parents/guardians encouraged to register their children/wards. They should note that pupils of the Patricia Montessori Nursery/Primary School, Asaba are given 10 percent discount of the total enrolment fee on admission into the Patricia High School, Asaba.

MAJOR EVENTS/ACTIVITIES OF FIRST TERM

1. Resumption: Monday, September 11, 2023.
2. Nigeria Nostalgia: Friday, September 29, 2023.
3. First CA Test: Monday, October 2, 2023 - Friday, October 6, 2023.
4. Sugar Free Week: Monday, October 9, 2023 - Friday, October 13, 2023.
5. Midterm Break: Thursday, October 26 & Friday, October 27, 2023.
6. Second CA Test: Monday, November 6, 2023 - Friday, November 10, 2023.
7. Flip Teaching: Monday, November 27, 2023 - Friday, December 1, 2023.
8. Examination: Thursday, November 30, 2023 - Friday, December 8, 2023.
9. Compilation of Exam Results/Telling the Nativity Story: Monday, December 11, 2023 - Friday, December 15, 2023.
10. Vacation: December 15, 2023.

We look forward to seeing you again next term. God bless you!

Signed: Management