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What is happening to the Monkey Park?

We heard that the Monkey Park is going to be sold to the Americans to build a new Embassy there. Is that really true? This is what we read in the Point Newspaper:

A press release by The Gambia Environmental Alliance (GEA) says that the building of the new US Embassy will not affect the Monkey Park. The Americans say that they will provide new fruit sources and water supplies to the animals living there. Their new embassy will not reach the beach area, therefore the movement of the people within the beach area will not be disturbed. The GEA made it clear that it will not compromise with the objective of protecting any sacred land which serves as home for the wild animals.



The tourist expert also highlighted the important loss of tourist attractions in The Gambia.

We, the students, have to watch closely if they are going to keep this promise in preserving the Monkey Park so that our children can still see and learn and enjoy Our Nature.

The new plants

By Bintou Cham

New flowers have been planted by the grade 5 students. We should grow plants in our school and take care of it. Mr Darboe the grade 5 teacher, had asked the students to to grow seeds of pear and other flowers for two and half month. They were given a dateline for submission. He gave it to them as an assignment. He also talked to master and Mr Cham about it. So Mr Darboe continuously used to ask the students, how they are taking care of the plants and reminding them about the due day for submission. When the day came closer which was on the 1st of December, they planted the seeds.



The purpose of presenting the plants in the school was

because they discussed the importance of plants in our society or environment.

Then they decided to choose the school to plant the trees and flowers, because they have seen that the school environment needs to be decorated to make us

interested of growing flowering plants and the pears. The kids volunteered to provide the seeds of the pears.



Marokey Jallow interviewed the NEW AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE TEACHER



MAROKEY: Good day Mr. Sanyang.

MR SANYANG: Good day and how are you?

MAROKEY: I'm fine, thank you. Are you happy to join the great Wannsee family?

MR SANYANG: Yes, off course I am very happy to join the family of great Wannsee.

MAROKEY: What are your aims and objectives as the new agricultural science teacher here?

MR SANYANG: I have well wishes for each and every student of Wannsee to see them achieving better result during their school career so that they can become great leaders in the future.

MAROKEY: For how many years have you been in the field of teaching and do you love teaching?

MR SANYANG: I have been teaching for 20 years now because of the love and passion I have for teaching. If not I would have gone somewhere else.

MAROKEY: What do you dislike about students and how would like them to stop it?

MR SANYANG: Things that I dislike about student could be many, one of which is unseriousness because a better result could be achieved through seriousness.

MAROKEY: What do you like about students and how would like them to continue doing it?

MR SANYANG : I like those who are hard working and committed towards their work and I would like to seize this opportunity to ask all the students to take their work seriously.

Marokey: What is your own view about teaching?

MR SANYANG: Teaching is a noble job. If you do it with seriousness god will pay you at the end of the day, nobody can pay the teachers except Allah .It is we the teachers that teach the lawyers, presidents, doctors etc.

MAROKY: Do you like the way we operate in great Wannsee school?

MR SANYANG; Ah yes I do. Simply because the school is well organized and I think the administration is doing their work properly.

MAROKEY: Can you please tell me some of the schools you have been teaching in before great Wannsee?

MR SANYANG: I started at lower river region(LRR) a place called NIORO JATTA BASIC CYCLE from 2004 to 2006. Then I was moved to BOIRAM BASIC CYCLE SCHOOL as a vice principal till 2008. After I became a principal in the same school. In 2010 I was moved to SANBANG in NIAMINA WEST where I stayed for only ONE academic year. Then I was moved to SUKUTA UPPER AND SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL from 2011 to 2022 as a senior teacher of grade 7 and at the same time the head of S.E.S and Islamic studies department. In 2022 academic year I was promoted by MINISTRY OF BASIC AND SECONDARY EDUCATION(M.O.B.S.I) to SENIOR MASTER (SM) and I am finally now in GREAT SUKUTA WANNSEE BASIC CYCLE.

MAROKEY: Thank you Mr Sanyang, this will be all and am sorry for wasting your time.

MR SANYANG: Oh no, it was not a waste of time and I even enjoyed it.

Fatou A. B. Bojang, an exstudent and a lioness of Great Wannsee

Fatou A.B Bojang came to Wannsee in grade 4. In grade 5 she went to Victory Gospel School in Bakoteh. But she decided to come back to Upper Basic in Wannsee where graduated. After went to Nusrat Senior Secondary school. After High school she proceeded to university to study medicine.

In 2022 she became a candidate for the presidency of GaMSA, the Gambian Medical Students' Association . She won the election and is now president of GaMSA.

This is another success story of one of our exstudents,



Visitors from Germany

In November a group of seven Germany social workers came to visit our school. They came to our classroom and attended our English, science and S.E.S classes. On the second day we did some activities with them for thirty minutes which included looking at the map of the world and locating Germany. They also told us about the population of Germany which is about 80 million people (Gambia has 2 million people).

The press club members had an interview with them:

Press Club: How do you see our school environment?

Visitors: The environment of the school is very good the way they build the classes, the cleanliness of the school and it is very quiet.

Press club: What inspired you during your observation?

Visitors: The lesson was quite interesting, the students were all paying attention to the teacher and we learned a lot .

Press Club: What's is the work of the social group?

The work of the social workers is to help young girls and boys who come to Germany leaving their parents in the Gambia and many other countries. We have helped many refugees who came to Germany. But we advise you, the Gambian's hope, to study here and work in your country as good citizens.

Press club: What help would you like to give our school?

Visitors: We promise to help you with many things like providing a school garden and other things.

Press Club: Thank you very much and see you guys again!



BY FATOU DAMPHA AND BINTA MANNEH

A WANNSEE SUCCESS STORY



Dawda Bojang was a student of Great Wannsee school. He attended the school from grade 1 to grade 9. He was the first head boy of lower basic. After completing grade 6 while we did not have an upper basic school he and his friends went to Sukuta upper and senior secondary school to continue their education in grade 7.

But the following year in 2013 great Wannsee also started its upper basic. Dawda convinced his colleagues to come back to grade 8 in Wannsee in the afternoon. He was once again appointed as the head boy of great Wannsee in their grade 9. Unfortunately they were not registered to the examination council so they went back to Sukuta upper to do their Gambia Basic Education Certificate Examination (G.A.B.E.C.E). He came out first out of 615 students with an aggregate of 9. Then he proceeded to Nusrat senior secondary school to study science.

From Nusrat he went to the university of the Gambia(UTG) for one year. Fortunately he got a scholarship to study engineering in Dehli, India.

This year he became a candidate of 2022 in the election of the Gambia students Union in India. He won the election and is now the president of The Union.

So you see Education is not MAGIC All Education needs is HARDWORK DISCIPLINE and RESPECT because these are the MOST IMPORTANT KEYS TO SUCCESS.

By Adama Bojang

OUR VISIT TO THE MUSEUM

BY MARIAMA S CHAM



We departed from the school at 8:30 and reached Banjul at 10:30 where we found a kind woman called Jainabad Jah. She welcomed us kindly and happily.

She said the museum was built in 1985 by the British. There are many ancient instruments found in the museum. Some examples of those instruments are as follows: the mortar and pestle which were used for pounding, a weaving machine used for weaving cloth like dara faano or fataro. There is also a wooden bowl which was used for eating, a clay pot used for treatment of fever. The guide said that they put three jujus inside the bowl and made their nasoo which they drank and took bath with it and became fine. There is a traditional lantern called fanaar in Wolof which normally comes out during Christmas, also some masquerades like agugu, zimba etc.

Some photos of mayors which were called chairmen then are hanging on the walls. I.M Gaba Jahumpa who was the chairman of Banjul in 1959 is there. He spent only one year as the chairman and also P.O Semega Janneh who ruled for six years from 1960 to 1966, P.S.O JENG who ruled as a mayor of Banjul.

We also saw pictures of the king fahad mosque of Banjul and other pictures of important buildings in Banjul e.g. the police headquarters, social security and finance building, the Banjul magistrate court, the Albert market of Banjul etc.

Some colonial street lamps which were lighted with kerosene put on at night around 7A:00pm are exposed. There was no electricity, so they used those lamps and hang them on trees around the kiffen roads and in the morning they will be put off. According to the guide those lamps stayed for about hundred years , since 1912 up to date they are kept in the museum.

The GAMBIA NATIONAL ANTHEM

For the Gambia our home land
We strive and work and pray,
That all may live in unity,
Freedom and peace each day,
Let justice guide our actions,
Towards the common good,
And join our diverse peoples
To prove man's brotherhood.
We pledge our firm allegiance,
Our promise we renew;
Keep us, great god of nation
To the Gambia ever true.

THE NATIONAL PLEDGE OF THE GAMBIA

And what it means:

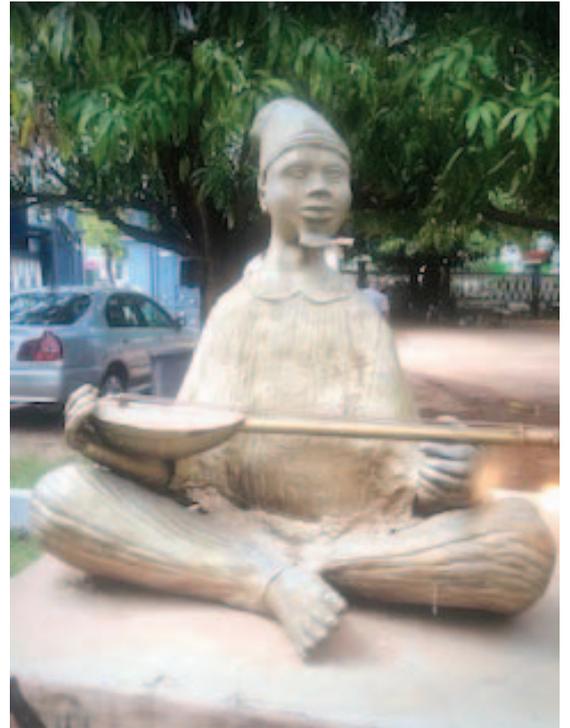
The combination of government and the people working together in unison and harmony will lead us to achieve the progress that we all desire.

We must stand together as one people with one goal and move forward as one nation.

For if we insist on pursuing our personal goals without keeping our collective objective
And responsibilities in mind,

Then indeed we shall be divided and divided we shall fall.

Let us renew those promises we make to ourselves and to our country at the time of independence as enshrined in our national Anthem.



Grade 9 GABECE results 2022

By Asiatou Manjang

I asked Master what he thinks about this year's GABECE results of grade 9 and this is what he answered:

I was very happy when our grade 9 students came out with such outstanding results. The most impressive one was Kumba Gaye with aggregate 9 , the highest aggregate of her class.

But even the last person who scored aggregate 34 had a reason for her poor results because she was not well during the examination. Anyway, all our students passed the exam, that is very satisfying.

For our present grade 9 I can only advise them to take their education very seriously and read very much either here in school or at home, especially boys. Their minds are always on football to an extend that they can't have time for their books. That is not good for them.



Two happy grade niners.

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” (Nelson Mandela)

How to keep our school environment clean

By Fatou e. Cham, grade 6 (Mr Jammeh's class)

In our school compound we have got now two types of dust bins and each one has its function. One is for plastic only and the other one is for paper and other rubbish.

We did this to prevent chemicals in the air. We should not burn plastic because the smoke from it is very dangerous and can even cause cancer. But the paper can be burned in our school.

So let us remember that and put our rubbish in the right place.

After the plastic containers are full the donkey cart comes and takes them away. We do not know where they take it.



Master introduced new dust bins.

Keeping our environment clean is very important, because it can prevent diseases such as Malaria.

It is a deadly disease that can kill people within days or even hours. Let us try to prevent this and keep our environment clean. Do not urinate in the wayside and after eating don't throw your paper in the street. Just go to a dust bin and throw it there. And don't throw dirty water by the side it can cause pollution and even malaria.

Let us try not do all those things and keep our environment healthy and clean.

A Question for all our readers: Where do the donkey carts take our plastic waste? Can you answer that?

Bringing up Ciarah

By Bintou Cham

Once upon a time there lived a young man whose name was Abdourahim. He had been sick for more than three months and his condition was becoming worse. For himself he was not worried, but as days passed he became more and more anxious about his only daughter, Ciarah, who was only 12 years old. All of his thoughts were about her future. He laid on the bed staring at the ceiling, thinking back to the time in his life when he had been happy and full of hope. But when Ciarah had been 5 years old, her mother Neneh, had been killed in a car accident. When Ciarah's mom had passed away Abdourahim's world had been changed completely. He had gone through the most difficult period in his life trying to bring Ciarah up alone. He doubted if he would succeed in his task, without the support of his friend, Ousman, who had already died.

A man who had shared his happiness and sorrow, Ousman would have taken care of Ciarah after the death of Abdourahim. But he also had died, and now Abdourahim needed someone capable and honest to whom he could entrust the care of his daughter.

Abdourahim remembered his promise to Ousman. They both had looked to the future and vowed to seal their friendship through their children, Samba and Ciara. In spite of Ousman's death, Abdourahim considered that he was still bound by his promise, that Ciarah would marry Ousman's son Samba. God was the witness to the agreement. But Abdourahim knew that he would not live to see the day when the dream he had shared with Ousman would be fulfilled. So Abdourahim sent his beloved daughter Ciarah to go and call Ousman's wife Isha.

He then told her about his agreement with Ousman and Isha agreed.

When Isha left Ciarah came in and asked her father about his conversation with Isha. Her father told her about the promise to his best friend and that they had made an promise that his son will marry you.

"My dear daughter, I hope you also agree to my statement."

"I am the only daughter you have and I will always listen to you and do what ever you ask me to do, if it is a good idea", said Ciarah.

Later Abdourahim started coughing and Ciarah went to bring a cup of water from the fridge, but while he was drinking he died suddenly. Ciarah started to cry and she went to seek help from Isha.

Isha ask her: "My dear daughter what happens to you? Why are you crying?"

"M-m- my f-f-f-father d-d-died!"

"WHAT!" Shouted Isha. Seven days after the death of Abdourahim, Isha decided to take care of Ciarah. Few years later when Ciarah was 25 years old she got married to the oldest son of Ousman and Isha, Samba. On the day of their marriage Ciarah wished that her dad was alive to witness this grateful occasion of their lives. Everyone in Samba's house admired her.

One year after the marriage, Ciarah gave birth to twins, a boy and a girl. The twins were given a name of Zakaria and for the girl Sophia. The family of Ciarah and Samba lived a very happy, lovely and simple life.



Wolof wisdom

Jagal nit ki napp moo gen di ko may halis.

INTERVIEW WITH THE NEW HOME SCIENCE TEACHER by Bintou Cham

BINTOU: Good morning Aunty Binta, and how are you?

AUNTY BINTA: Good morning, and I am fine thank you.

BINTOU: I am here to ask you some questions.

AUNTY BINTA: okay

BINTA: Can you please tell me something about yourself?

AUNTY BINTA: My name is BINTA CAMARA and I am a teacher. I did my (HTC) at Gambia college from 2013 to 2015 then I proceeded to the university of Gambia(UTG) to study biology and chemistry from 2018 to 2022.

BINTOU: Can you please tell me more about your educational background?

AUNTY BINTA: I did my both lower and upper basic at St Theresa's and there I did also my senior secondary school.

BINTOU: Why did you choose to come to our school?

AUNTY BINTA: I selected your school simply because the students are disciplined and the high standard of the school.

BINTOU: What challenges did you face before and after becoming a home science teacher ?

AUNTY BINTA: Before becoming a teacher I faced some financial challenges and also doing things on time was a problem because of domestic work at home. After becoming a teacher I have had problems with some students finishing their practical on time and I had to sit and assist them.

BINTOU CHAM: For how long have you been teaching?

AUNTY BINTA: I have been teaching about seven years now.

BINTOU: What advice do you have for us the students in terms of building a bright future?

AUNTY BINTA: My advice to the students is to do their homework at home not in school and study hard so that they can have a brighter future.

BINTOU: My final question is: are you comfortable with the students in class?

AUNTY BINTA: Yes I do like it.

