



SONBEAM PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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OFF AYOOLA DRIVE,
NEW BODIJA,
IBADAN.

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INTRODUCTION

The desire for the nurture of a complete child, morally, mentally and spiritually, led to the founding of Sonbeam Preparatory School. We aspire to fulfil this desire with the help of God by working in close partnership with parents / guardians of pupils put in our care.

We aim at inculcating the love of God and respect for fellow human beings as soon as the pupils are put in our charge. Each pupil is given the opportunity and encouragement to develop his/her full God-given potentials at Sonbeam Preparatory School.

It is our prayer that the radiance of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ will shine on pupils, parents, teachers and all who come to be associated with the school.

You are welcome to Sonbeam Preparatory School. We are looking forward to a memorable and rewarding period of togetherness.

Management.

SCHOOL MOTTO.

Your Light Shall Be The LAMB Rev. 21:23

SONBEAM PRAYER

I ask God, that I may receive from Him, all wisdom and spiritual understanding required for a full insight into His will, so that my manner of life may be worthy of the Lord and entirely pleasing to Him.

I pray that I may bear fruit in active goodness of every kind and grow in the knowledge of God.

Col. 1: 9-10.

SCHOOL FLAG

The school flag is crimson red, representing the cleansing blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The school crest is in the middle, and has a lamp, the Holy Bible and a Lamb to guide our path to God. The School motto is written in the banner below the crest.

HOUSES

There are four houses in the school. Pupils are distributed into houses on admission. The naming of the houses is predicated largely on that beautiful passage in I Corinthians chapter 13.

1. Faith House: Colour – Green

Logo: Rom. 5:1 Therefore, being justified by faith, we have PEACE with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. Hope House: Colour - Yellow

Logo: Rom. 5:3 Let us even exult in our present sufferings because we know that suffering trains us to endure, and endurance brings proof that we have stood the test and this proof is ground of HOPE.

3. Charity House: Colour - Blue

Logo: I Cor. 13:4-5 CHARITY suffers long, and is kind; CHARITY envies not; CHARITY vaunts not itself, is not puffed up. Does not behave itself unseemly, seeks not her own, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil.

4. School House: Colour - Red

Red stands for the redeeming BLOOD of Jesus

Logo: I John 1:7 The BLOOD of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

SCHOOL ANTHEM

Sonbearn glo-ri-fied you shall be,
In the years that lie ahead,
All our love to you we pledge,
We'll keep our faith, we shall loyal be.

Sonbeam sanc-ti-fied you shall be,
Living in our hearts for aye,
Guide us keep our minds for thee,
As we do grow up day by day.

Sonbeam ra-di-ant you shall be,
And shall shine through all our land,
Brighter than the sun you'll be,
For your Light shall be the LAMB.

Music and first two stanzas by Dr. A. Osho Department

of Linguistics and former organist, Chapel of the
Resurrection, University of Ibadan.

Last stanza by Dr. A. O. Obajimi

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL

Sonbeam Preparatory School was nurtured into existence by Sonbeam Preparatory Class. It was in 1978 that God sowed that seed in our heart. On September 15, 1978 Saka Agbaje Preparatory Class was opened at the basement of our family house at 24, Saka Agbaje Street, New Bodija, Ibadan. The foundation class was made up of five primary six pupils from different schools around Bodija. The aim was to prepare these pupils, through after-school classes, for the common entrance examinations into Federal and State Secondary Schools. God blessed the effort and within six months, we were implored to widen the scope of the lesson to include other classes.

As pupils graduated into secondary schools, some parents again appealed to us to broaden the scope of the classes to accommodate secondary school pupils. By 1986, classes were operating from primary up to JAMB Level. The basement could no longer contain interested pupils. So we had to move to a hired apartment at 7, Moremi Road, New Bodija, Ibadan. Consequently, the name changed to Sonbeam Preparatory Class. It was from this hired apartment that God provided our present permanent site, which we moved into on September 15, 1992. By then, the building was yet to be fully completed.

When it was partially completed in 1993, the preference was still for the traditional after-school classes. A big question then arose: What should be done with the edifice in the mornings? Hiring it out was out of the question. Locking it up in the mornings would be both stupid and wasteful.

This was how God led us to set up Sonbeam Preparatory School, the aim of which is to give a complete basic and Christian oriented education to pupils that should prepare them for a successful and fulfilled life. When we wrote the name of the school on the wall, a lot of people were quick to tell us that the signwriter mis-spelt the name. It took us a lot of effort to impress on

them that our “Beam” is brighter than that from the Sun since its source is from the only begotten Son of God — Jesus Christ.

The Nursery section was opened on September 27, 1993 with five pupils. Our daughter, Feyi Obajimi, who was then waiting to gain admission to the university, was the first teacher. Surprisingly by the end of the 1993/94 academic session, the enrolment had increased tremendously. By the following session, the Oyo State Ministry of Education, having been overwhelmed by the existing infrastructure and facilities, approved the school as a full-fledged Nursery and Primary School. This enabled us to graduate our first set of finalists of six pupils in 1995.

As the fame of the school spreads all over Nigeria and beyond, there arose a need for boarding facilities to accommodate pupils from far away places. A boarding facility was accordingly put in place in September 2005.

Also, parents are requesting that we upgrade the school to include a secondary section. We are looking up to the Lord. Where He leads us we will follow.

With profound thanks to God, we see the little seed sown in 1978 blossoming into a pleasant sapling. This is the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. Our rosy vision for the school is captured in the last verse of the school s anthem:

Sonbeam ra-di-ant you shall be,
And shall shine through all our land,
Brighter than the sun you’ ll be,
For your Light shall be the Lamb.

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DAY-CARE SECTION

A day care section was opened in the school in 2013 for babies and children up to two years old. The section is well equipped and managed by trained nurses.

PRE-PRIMARY SECTION

According to the National Policy on Education, Pre-primary Education refers to the care and instruction given in an educational institution to children aged 2 to 5 years prior to their entering the primary school. Pre-primary education is sometimes called kindergarten.

The kindergarten, German for “children’s garden” dates to the early nineteenth century. Friedrich Froebel, a German teacher and writer, believed that young children’s native abilities would unfold naturally in an atmosphere of guided play, self-directed activity and learning by doing.

In accordance with the objectives of pre-primary education as outlined in the National Policy on Education, we at Sonbeam aim at:-

- (a) Effecting a smooth transition from the home to the school;
- (b) Preparing the child for the primary level of education;
- (c) Providing adequate care and supervision for the children while their parents are at work (on the farms, in the markets, offices, etc);
- (d) Inculcating social norms;
- (e) Inculcating in the child the spirit of enquiry and creativity through the exploration of nature, and the local environment, playing with toys and engagement in artistic and musical activities, etc;
- (f) Teaching co-operation and team spirit;
- (g) Teaching the rudiments of numbers, letters, colours, shapes, forms, etc. through play; and
- (h) Teaching good habits, especially good health habits.

At the pre-primary classes, we work together with parents to lay the foundation from which children entrusted to our care will grow into happy, self confident and well-adjusted individuals. We start by emphasizing the traditional skills of social readiness and then gradually super-impose on this the readiness skills in language, reading, writing and mathematics. Our three classes at this level consist of Nursery, Kindergarten one and two.

PRIMARY SECTION

Our primary section runs from class one through six. Strictly, we place pupils in Classes where they can cope with what is being taught, irrespective of the age of pupils or, as in the case of transfer pupils, the classes they were in their previous schools. Any pupil that is thus temporarily demoted by this placement is returned to his right class as soon as the initial deficiency has been corrected.

BOARDING SECTION

For the convenience of parents and guardians with busy and time demanding schedules, or who live far away from the school, or outside the borders of Nigeria, a boarding section was opened in the school in September 2005. Many parents/guardians especially those living in Europe and America have appreciatively enjoyed this facility as their wards had the opportunity of learning how to speak, write and read the Yoruba language as well as blending into the cultural life in Yorubaland.

LINKAGE PROGRAMME

The school believes that the best way to learn a new language is by speaking it. With an increase in interaction among nationals in the ECOWAS sub-region, the need for mass literacy in French and English becomes imperative. To this end, the school is looking forward to establishing an exchange programme with a French speaking primary school in Benin Republic or Togo.

During summer each year, a limited number of pupils will undergo a six-week exchange programme with emphasis on French for Sonbeam pupils (or English for pupils from partner school).

THE NOTICE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS.

Parents/ guardians are:

- i. Requested to cooperate fully with the school authority in ensuring punctuality, regular attendance at school, satisfactory conduct and the personal cleanliness of their wards.
- ii. Strongly advised to provide all essential school materials for their children throughout the session.

School fees are to be paid latest by the first week of each term. .
- iii. Advised to pay periodic visits to the school to familiarize themselves with the Head Teacher and pupils' class teacher.
- iv. Requested to sign the pupils' report cards and return same promptly, paying special attention to the column on attendance, punctuality, conduct and progress.
- v. To take note that it is mandatory for them to attend open day and PTA meetings punctually when called.-
- vi. To be responsible for damages done to school properties by their wards.
- vii. To collect their wards promptly from school at closing time as late collection will attract a fine.
- viii. To note that the after school coaching class conducted in school is NOT compulsory for any pupil.
- ix. To note that the hiring of any of the school's teachers for the private coaching of a pupil at home should be done with the knowledge of the headmistress.
- x. To note that the original question papers of primary 5/6 pupils at external examinations for which they are coached by the school must be submitted to the school immediately after the examination.
- xi. Holidays not formally announced by the school are not valid. When in doubt, consult the headmistress.

THE P.T.A

Experience has shown that best results are obtained from pupils when there is an effective co-operation between parents, teachers and the Management of the school. To effect this, an active parent-teacher association (PTA) is in place in the school.

Membership of the executive of the association is at the discretion of the school's management. Attendance at the once-a-term PTA meetings is mandatory for all parents.

COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

Any problem occurring in the school that gives a parent / guardian cause for concern should be discussed immediately with the class teacher of the pupil / ward.

If a satisfactory response is not obtained, the headmistress should be informed immediately. In the very unlikely event that a satisfactory response is still not obtained, the issue should be raised at the PTA meeting.

Problems are better aired as early as they are discovered. Pupils will not be victimized in any way.

The aim of the school is to make parents feel comfortable about bringing problems to the attention of staff. We ensure that full confidentiality is always maintained.

EXTRA — CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

(a) The Brownies

The enrolment ceremony of the Brownies of Sonbeam Preparatory School took place in the school hall on the 27th of November, 1997. Thirty- one girls were enrolled during the investiture ceremony, which was presided over by Mrs. Ige, a former Oyo state Commissioner for Girls Guide.

Many parents, teachers and well-wishers were also in attendance.

(b) The Cub Scout

Prior to the formal establishment of Cub Scouting at Sonbeam, the School's management sent a teacher Mr. J. Osundara and an assistant Mr. Rotimi Obajimi for an orientation training at Molete Scout Camp from 12th to 19th April 1996. The investiture ceremonies at Sonbeam took place in the School Hall on the 31st of May, 1996. Presiding at the august ceremony was the then Oyo State Boys Scout Commissioner, Dr. A. Oshin. At the occasion, Sonbeam Cub Scout was named the 22nd Pack of the Ibadan North Local Association.

The Scout and Brownie Movements have a programme of activities and fun for boys and girls aged 6-11 offering them the opportunity to:

- (i) Work and play with other children,
- (ii) Become responsible and self-reliant,
- (iii) Acquire skills in hobbies and hand crafts,
- (iv) Enjoy games and outdoor activities like camping,
- (v) Learn how to be helpful at home and elsewhere.

C. The Press /Literary and Debating Society

The Society was established in 2001 and is aimed at building pupils' confidence and fluency in spoken English and introducing them to elementary journalism. Members meet on Thursdays. At the meetings, they discuss current National and International issues and the history of different nations. The pupils also practise newscasting. The society organizes debates, written composition and quiz competitions for pupils. The society gives news to the whole school once a week or periodically

D. The Drama Group

The group was inaugurated in 1999. The aims and objectives of the group are to:

- i. teach good morals to pupils and viewers through drama.

- ii. give pupils the opportunity of expressing themselves clearly and confidently in public.
- iii. make pupils responsible by assigning to them parts be committed to memory in drama pieces.
- iv. teach pupils the spirit of team work.

E. Excursions

The School organizes excursions, on a routine basis, to important historical, cultural, commercial places of interest, not only locally or nationally but also internationally.

F. Music

Music as well as fine art is given a special attention in our regular curriculum, most especially in the pre—primary section.

However, for parents who desire and can afford it, private music lessons can be arranged for pupils in the playing of the piano, trumpet, recorder and the guitar.

G. Swimming

Swimming with a trained and experienced coach is one of the important extra-curricula activities organised by the school.

H. Cultural Day

This takes place at a prefixed day once every year. This is to expose pupils to the different cultures of our land.

GALLERY



The Front View of the School



The Boarders' dining room



The Play garden



Students at the ICT room



The Students at the Music class



Students at the library.



The Creche



A day out of School at Trans Amusement Park



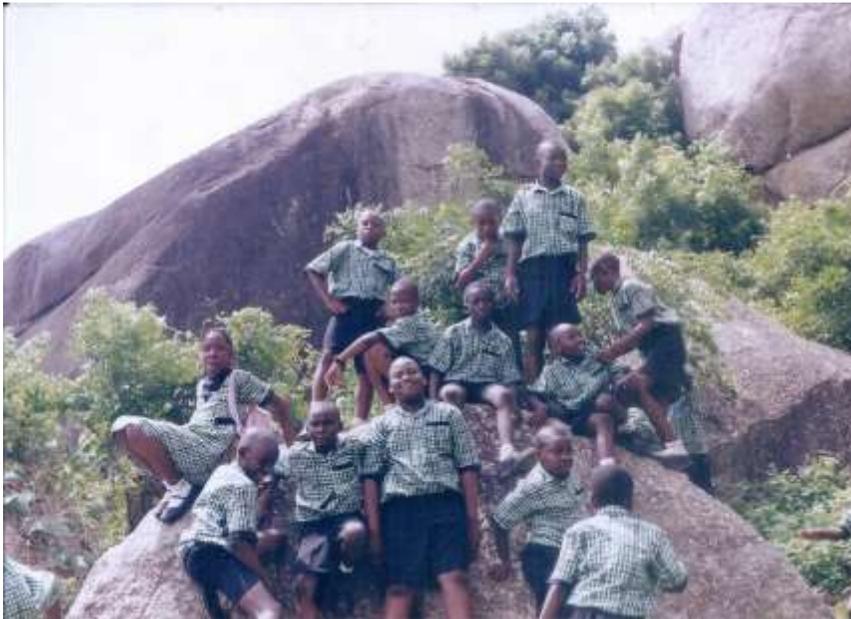
Students' samples at the Fine Arts class.



Students on Excursion trip at Erin Ijesa Water fall, Osun State



Cultural Night at Erin Ijesha Water fall, Osun State



Students on Excursion to Olumo Rock



Students on Excursion to Ibadan Airport



Boys' Scout Troop