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Another great school year!

Primary school : Great assessment of school year 2015-2016

« The official planned program of teaching has been carried out at 100 % without any weariness in the whole classes.

Inspections with the aim of a close supervision have been carried out by the director of the school, the inspector in charge of the regional education for Abalak as well as the pedagogic advisor. During the year evaluations have been performed to reveal pupils with learning difficulties. For these pupils improvement sessions have been organized by their teachers during weekends. This school support program has allowed to raise the pupils' level and to get an important number of admitted.

The total results are as follows: 195 pupils are admitted in upper classes, i.e 91 % and 17 repeat. Most of the repeating come with us from outside; they have difficulties mostly in reading that is a prerequisite for acquiring knowledge in any school subject. With respect to the CM2 class, the reform of the secondary school certificate exam and the admission to the 6th class is on the way. The third evaluation was performed between June 13th and June 17th.»

Mouhamadoune Abdoussamed director



College High school: effective implementation of priorities

« I like and it seems to me natural to sum up in a few lines what was the year that comes to an end in the life of TANAT College-High school.

Since school start we have decided on priority axis the leading of which is to bring reforms, something new and put order in the school.

The first one being elaboration of the values of the school. This was a huge task but we succeeded thanks to the support of our friend partner TANAT.

Then we tackled the school rules. We have drawn up and finalized it in conformity with the laws in force. These reviewed and passed school rules have been introduced to the whole teacher team

Then a particular stress has been put to salute to the colors, that is to say pupils sing the national anthem. They have thought that this proposal was interesting and since then the anthem is sung class by class, every morning.

Another great fight we have conducted is the one of the struggle against the pupils and teachers' lateness. This fight has been won and the few remaining latecomers get penalty points out of their mark of discipline.

This year the college high school has enjoyed electrification, these are 16 solar panels which light the administrative block, the class rooms, the new computer room and the library.

Speaking about the library, it the biggest and richest of the all district. This library has come to relieve pupils and teachers wishing to make searches in all fields of knowledge. This is possible thanks to the great number of encyclopedia and dictionaries it contains.

These books which came from France, added to those already existing, make TANAT institution the best one as regards training equipment. The success of this school year which ended recently, the work accomplished, the school results are the fruit of a good cooperation and a good relationship. The school officials have spared neither their time nor their energy to the service of the school. We say to them thank you .

We also say thank you to you our dear partners of TANAT without whom all this would be but a dream. We wish that our friendship and our harmony move still further to the benefit of everyone . »

Hassane Moumouni Headmaster of College High school

Mouhamadoune and Almoustapha's training in Itec Boisfleury High School in Grenoble

During all the week from March 21st to March 25th 2016, Mouhmadoune, director of primary school and Almoustapha electricity and computer science teacher in college high school were trained in Itec Boisfleury high school in Grenoble. As for last year, this training took place within the frame of the partnership set up in 2012 between the both institutions. Once again it was a matter of practical training based on the example, Mouhamadoune and Almoustapha had the opportunity to experience in live the running of the high school through attending to lessons, to a school council and also talking with teachers, secretary's office, accountancy, the OGEC...

As can be seen on the photo, they even spent time in the reception with Mireille in order to fully understand the so important role of the welcome in a high school. They came back to Abalak with many new ideas and good practices to be set up to continue to improve the running of the TANAT school institution,



Mouhamadoune, and Almoustapha, with Mireille at the reception desk of ITEC Boisfleury high school.

thanks to the great spirit of openness, the great availability and the total cooperation of Itec Boisfleury high school.

A very positive experience thanks to the excellent welcome of the management and all the educational community of ITEC Boisfleury.

Sponsor a class or a pupil of TANAT school

Sponsorships are essential to provide scholarship to underprivileged children (pupil sponsorship) or to balance operating expenses of the school (class sponsorship). Tanat school needs you to receive more sponsorships and supports to offer more children the possibility to take in charge their future.



One of the cupboards « Encyclopedia and Dictionaries » of the new library

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- In late March, over 2 tons of books have gone to Niamey in a container. Then they were conveyed to Abalak in a truck. These are encyclopedia (Universalis and Britannica), school books, novels, magazines, dictionaries... Thank you to all of you who have allowed collecting all these books in very good condition, that build up a reliable library for the college high school.
- 60 classical, historical, documentary movies... have also been sent to Abalak and compose the base of a nice film library for college and high school pupils.



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Nadia's story: Is a child entitled to hold against his parents to have interrupted her studies?

Nadia, she is this child in question, has briefly gone over her story during an unexpected encounter in an hospital complex.

« In 1995, I was attending CE2 class. I had been always ranked first since CE1, I understand rapidly questions asked by teachers who appreciate my quick-wittedness. At each quarterly or annual term exam, I got presents (books, notebooks, pens...). I showed these presents to my nomadic illiteracy parents who replied that they would prefer the gift of a healthy goat or a young heifer.

In my wishes, I had always dreamed to work in a maternity hospital as a doctor, white coat dressed. I was so much keen to help my sisters, help my sisters... »

She uttered this sentence several times while sobbing then she resumed .

« Without my parents' fault, my dream would have come true since some of my fellows are already working for public administration, they have become useful for their country and their family. In reality without my consent, my family has thought it was worth giving me in marriage even though I was admitted to CMI class. According to our traditions and habits, a child is not entitled to disobey his parents. By that time my parents' sole concern was to find for me an husband born of a good family whereas my own wish was to pass the tests for the end of primary school.

Married when 14 year old, I gave birth with difficulty to a stillborn child what has left after-effects and now I am a fistulous woman. My husband has repudiated me, my life is ruined for ever. »

That is the sad story of Nadia , due to a failed schooling .

The ambition of the TANAT school institution is to contribute to put a definitive end to these traditions in order that young girls be able to continue studying as far as possible and achieve their dreams.

Girl's education changes life.

Alichina Kada censor, teacher of earth and life sciences

Tuareg's tales

The horrible

Once upon a time there was a rich man whose neighbor was poor. Every day, the rich had his meat cooked in his house. Every day the poor, attracted by the aroma, came close to smell better the nice scent. It made his mouth water. Someday, the rich caught the poor smelling the odor of the meat. He went and complained to the marabout and told him:

"This man has stolen my meat".

The marabout called the poor who refuted the charge:

"I have never stolen his meat, he said. But when he cooks his meat, I sniff its smell."

"OK, said the marabout. The judgment is completed. Stand up, he said to the rich, and give ten shots of stick to the poor's shadow."

"I do not understand this judgment" he protested.

"However it is simple, the marabout replied. This man did not steal your meat, he has only sniffed its smell. It is why he only deserves ten shots over his shadow".

The horrible stood up and went away ashamed .

The dune

By the end of a long day of a camel journey, when the sky adorned with its most beautiful colors, a Tuareg from Hoggar and his son set up their bivouac facing the immensity of desert, within the calm and mildness of the night that went down smoothly. Gazing into infinity, the tuareg began to speak softly as if he spoke to himself while watching his son sitting next to him... then he listened to the dunes that spoke between themselves, he who was used to hear them singing.

« «I feel sad » said a dune noticing that the other dunes were taller than it. "Dunes around me are so high, so beautiful and me, I am so little, so shaky". Another dune answered it: "Don't be sad. Your sadness exists only because you focus only on the appearance, you do not understand your real nature" "So I am not a dune?" "The dune is only a temporary appearance of your nature. In reality you are only sand" "Sand???" "Yes. If you understand that your nature is sand, you will pay no longer importance to your shape of dune and your sorrow will vanish »

According to "Tuareg tales, proverbs and riddles"

TANAT School

Faced with the condition of the educative system in the Abalak department of Niger, inhabitants gathered in 2008, within the ONODEP association chaired by the mayor Billou Mohamed Moctar, to open and manage a school from nursery to high school, with the support of the French TANAT association.

The TANAT education plan is:

- To welcome boys and girls, irrespective of social, cultural and religious background.
- To give the young entrusted to TANAT school on top of a sound academic education, human training to prepare them for behaving in life like trustworthy men and women.
- To foster a family atmosphere that allows young people to feel loved, accepted, supported and valued.