

## A sixth great school year !

### Activities and assessments of the end of school year



### Education plan under improvement

The institution is growing up and it has seemed important to begin to work on a rewriting of the pedagogical plan.

The fields covered by this plan are the following :

- Quality of the teachers' performance
- Culture of social and humanist mind
- Culture of responsibility and wisdom
- strictness
- to keep alive a family atmosphere.

Transverse values to these fields still need to be deepened : kindness, honesty, solidarity, strictness, respect, freedom, work and at last responsibility and autonomy.

A great dynamics of the management and the teachers that should be achieved during next school year for a daily implementation in primary school, college and high school and also for a broad diffusion in Abalak and on TANAT website.

In full match of interclass football championship



While waiting for the results to the admission to 6th class and overall to secondary school certificate, these few extracts of the teachers' reports evidence activities and assessments of the end of school year :

**CI** : « We carry out many training and practicing sessions on a song connected to peace that we shall sing in front of parents on the day of the school party. »

**CP** : « With all these difficulties (Boko Haram, electricity and water cuts), we have succeeded in achieving the program... For the party, we are preparing a theater play on paludism. »

**CE1** : « Pupils' level has well improved during second semester. »

**CE2** : « Each desk accommodates a boy and a girl!... The class will produce to the party its play on the citizenship issue. »

**CM1** : « The program is finished and now these are revisions: pupils are improving. »

**CM2** : « All of them have an acceptable level. It is uncommon to notice a pupil from TANAT making a big mistake in writing. The pedagogic counselor said that some CM2 pupils had really a very good level. »

**6<sup>ème</sup>** : « weather conditions during which the tests have been carried out ( this year later further to Ministry decision) were very hard due to heat. »

**5<sup>ème</sup>** : « Results are improving. The class was ranked third in the interclass football championship »

**4<sup>ème</sup>** : « First of her class : a girl! The class was ranked second in the interclass championship ! »

**3<sup>ème</sup>** : « Credibility and honor of the institution rely almost entirely on their admission to secondary school certificate... Pupils always keep high morale. We trust in them since we know their abilities. They are champions in the interclass tournament ! »

**2<sup>nde</sup>** : « starting this school year !"... Pupils have enjoyed sport equipments and overall library supplies (Books, dictionaries, scrabble...). This jewel is of the utmost importance ».

### Training in France : Already the first results!

Mouhamadoune, Director of primary school and Hassane, Director of Second and High school came in last April for a training session to the ITEC-Boisfleury high school of Grenoble, a partner of Tanat. The goals were numerous : management, teaching skill, education, discipline...

As soon as they were back, they have shared their experience with the teachers.

Mouhamadoune has arranged tests sessions for teachers to improve further the quality of teachings and to better detect pupils having difficulties in order to set up a more efficient help.

So as evidenced by Ghissa Hamed Alykil teacher of CM2 : « Pupils have made progress this semester thanks to improvement of my pedagogy further to the feedback the director gave me. This feedback applies to exchanges in the same fields that he had the opportunity to receive in France last April. »

And in High School, Hassane asserts : « This training in France has allowed us to study the way of teaching, the techniques of managing pupils, the school problems... So, I



Mouhamadoune, Director of Primary school and Hassane, Headmaster of College-High school flanked by the direction of ITEC-Boisfleury High school of Grenoble

felt the necessity for each pupil to have a book per subject. As a result, this makes our presentations in class easier and allows us to save time and to devote to revisions, exercises and so on..."

A very positive experience that bears already fruit thanks to the excellent welcome of the direction and of the whole educational team 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 ( teachers' wages... ) 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.



Mouhamadoune Abdoussamed  
director of TANAT primary  
school

## Mouhamadoune coordinator for the cen- sus

Niger renews its electoral list before the general elections of 2016. Thus a campaign to take the census of people old enough to vote is in progress in the country.

Mouhamadoune Abdoussamed director of TANAT primary school has been requested to be the coordinator in charge of the census for the borough of Garhanga near the Abalak one.

It is an important responsibility that evidences the trust that the authorities grant him and shows his very good image as school director in the area.

The process selected for the census is the house to house one, with the compulsory physical presence of the people to be taken in census.

The absence of family heads during working hours does not make easier census agents' task.



Primary school leaving after lowering the flag

## Heat and difficult conditions in Abalak

The heavy heat that has been prevailing in Abalak since a few months and life conditions are very difficult for pupils.

« Work conditions do not leave us unmoved : as soon as the morning cool is over, door and windows of classes are widely opened. The more time elapses, the more one can hear here and there the noise of torn papers, sometimes to wipe them on face (to dry sweat), sometimes to blow air along body.

The hours that last after 11.30 a.m are the most difficult to bear for pupils : heat rise bothers pupils, clothes stick to backs, throats dry fast. There is a constant stream of people coming in and out , one for drinking water, the other to spit, the other to breathe some air...

« Sir, it is warming up, it is hot today" can we usually hear, actually we sweat ourselves as them.

Even though other districts of Niger have already received their first rains, in Abalak, it

is still expectation with sand winds, hot air and their consequences : meningitis, breathing ailments, asthma ...

Fortunately in TANAT secondary and high school, no pupil has been sent to hospital nor even affected by meningitis that has claimed several victims in other districts of Niger. Other occurrences do not ease life:

- repeatedly electricity cuts in the city sometimes for three consecutive days.
- Water shortage. The tap of the college-high school has not felt any drop of water since the month of April.
- Mourning atmosphere that prevailed all over the country after the loss of soldiers on Boko Haram front.
- The closure of some school institutions due to meningitis epidemic. »

Alichina Kada Mathematics and Life and Earth Sciences teacher

## Tuareg proverbs

The story in the evening by the fireside of tales and proverbs has always played a major role in transmitting the tuareg culture.

You will find below some examples of this wisdom :

*Who delays until tomorrow, meets misfortune on the path.*

*Necessity is stronger than pride.*

*When you travel, take two bags with you : one for giving, the other for receiving.*

*Do your life by the sweat of your brow.*

*Two male camels do not go into the same herd.*

*Sun (truth) is greater than palm of hand.*

*If your wife is seeking for another man's love, break off.*

*So long a winter night may be, sun follows it.*

*The one who loves you, even it is a dog, you will also love him.*

*Reasoning means chains for cowards.*

*A single hand, if it has not its sister, whatever it does, will not untie a double knot.*

*The one who ties a rope around his neck, God will provide him somebody who will pull it.*

*Palm of hand does not overshadow sun.*

*The hand that you cannot cut, kiss it !*

*Move away your tents, move your hearts closer.*

*If you choose a friend, choose the one who excelles you.*

*Patience generates wealth.*

*Spend the day under sun, shadow will seem good to you.*

*A kind word reimburses debt.*

*All that stagnates will be no longer valid.*

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### 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 Mo-hamed 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.