

7th new school year - 375 pupils !

Ranked first for the secondary school certificate in Tahoua district

Almoctar Abdourahmane pupil of third class of Tanat college came first for the secondary school certificate exam in the district of Tahoua (Niger is subdivided into 8 districts, the one of Tahoua being third as regards population)

Reaching an average of 15,93, he got three marks ahead the following pupil in the Abalak region. Given this outstanding result he was successful to pass this summer the entrance examination of the first ranking high school of Niamey which grants free schooling to the most brilliant high school students of the country.

One week before the new school year, HE Issoufou Mahamadou President of the Republic of Niger invited Almoctar to the presidential residence for the " ceremony of the excellent ", as were also received all the new pupils admitted to the first ranking high school of Niamey.

Congratulations to Almoctar and also to the teachers of Tanat college.



Almoctar Abdourahmane

Results of the 2014-2015 school year

Once again, all CM2 pupils are admitted in 6th class. The teaching team of primary school may be really proud of this faultless record for the 5th consecutive year.

Concerning the secondary school certificate, 24 pupils out of 41 have been admitted. It is a very good result compared to the national average, however the headmaster and the college teachers have already taken action to improve such result this current year.

Mobilization for girls' education

« Let us join our forces to enable all girls to have a fair access and without any restriction to a quality basic education with same chances of success.

Girl's education changes life »

On October 1st, the day of the new school year, it is this text that all the teachers of primary level in Niger have received on their mobile phone through SMS coming from the Ministry for Primary Teaching, Literacy, Promotion for national languages and civic education. They are requested to write this text on the blackboard in their class and to give it a priority during this school year which begins.

This national call does nothing but reinforce our effort to obtain as soon as possible the boys/girls parity in Tanat institution.



Mouhamadoune Abdoussamed Director of TANAT primary school to the blackboard of his CM2 class

Party for the new school year



Raising the flag at the beginning of the school party on October 10 th

For this new school year, TANAT institution now welcomes 375 pupils, starting from CI (the high nursery school) to the 1st class.

A great party for new school year was organized on Saturday October 10th by the primary school. After having sung the national anthem of Niger during the raising up of the flag, pupils performed in front of their parents educative plays on paludism and citizenship; a song relating to peace was sung by the pupils of CP.

Priorities for the school year 2015 - 2016

The management of TANAT institution met at the time of the new school year to fix priorities.

1- Supervision between pupils :

In college - high school, pupils of 2nd class help the weakest pupils of 3rd class. Moreover, a tutor will systematically take care of newcomers.

In Primary school, works in group will be set up to develop solidarity between pupils.

2 - Quality of presentation and of writing

Stress will be put on writing in all classes of primary level and in college- high school a mark for presentation will from now on be added to each homework .

3 – Discipline

As everywhere, maintaining discipline in college- high school requires permanently efforts from the management team. The school rules will be updated and enforced with great severity.

4-Cutting down repeating classes :

Some classes count a number of pupils higher than the one we aim to : 30 for CI, CP and CE1 or 35 for other classes. This over number is mainly caused by the fact of repeating. This is due mainly to pupils coming from outside, who from now on will have to pass tests before their admission. Moreover support lessons will be arranged on Saturday morning for all levels of primary school.

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.



The new administrative block with its canopy equipped with solar panels

Solar electricity in college-high school!

Sixteen solar panels will allow at last having electricity in college-high school. They make a canopy on the administrative block that was achieved for the new school year.

During the numerous heat periods, pupils will be able to take benefit of fans put in all class rooms and the institution will now be able to acquire personal computers and multi-media means in order to improve the quality of teaching

News

Kaloula the keeper of primary school has left ; he is Abdoulaye so called « Aballa » who replaces him.

A new woman teacher Zahra has joined the primary school where men-women parity has now been reached within the teaching team.

Alichina, teacher of SVT (Earth and Life Sciences) in the college and author of the so lovely stories of this newsletter has been able to take back his job after the stroke he faced in June, from which he has well recovered.

Exchanges in writing with classes of the Bayard Institution in Grenoble are still going on and moreover 3 classes of TANAT will take part to a joint exhibition of pupils' drawings organized within the frame of the event "Africa moving ahead" in Vincennes (France) in April 2016

TANAT school teaches peace in Abalak region

ONODEP Association which manages Tanat school entered into a significant project for training to cope with conflicts without violence and to enhance peace culture in Abalak region.

This project financed by the High Authority for Peace Consolidation in Niger in conjunction with European Union is made up of two actions which are carried at the same time during one year :

Action 1: Development of a lasting peace culture : 6 organizers equipped with motorcycles go to the 48 schools and 3 colleges of Abalak and its region to conduct 4 pedagogic paths developed by the Peace School of Grenoble. :

Path 1 : to allow children to place themselves towards others, to accept and respect them .

Path 2 : to show the difference between opinions, prejudices, rumours, generalizations and the dangers of such simplifications .

Path 3 :to show that mockeries, insults... are not harmless behaviours and generate consequences towards others.

Path 4 : to understand the source of conflicts and the best way to solve them.

Action 2 : Strengthening the ability of mobilization and plea of forces of civil society on prevention and management of conflicts : consultants from Niger specialized in peaceful management of conflicts conduct 6 seminars of one week each with 25 participants.



Ghissa Hamed Alyakib, coordinator for the project, near the panel signaling the project office

Tuareg tale : the ostrich and the hedgehog

Tuareg tales often present animals : the most frequent are the jackal, the hyena and the bus-tard; some stories are not without link with the Fables of La Fontaine.

At that time the hedgehog went and see the ostrich to tell her that he will beat her if racing together ; the ostrich could not realize that the hedgehog was able to run as she .



Schoolgirls draw for the event « Africa moving ahead » in Vincennes.

« All right , she said , tomorrow , at sunrise and till sunset , we shall race , you and me.» The hedgehog went away and gathered his companions ; when they turned so numerous that nobody could count them any longer , he told them : « You are going to scatter all along the race itinerary and each time the ostrich will pass close to one of you and will say :

« Hedgehog ! » he must reply : « I am still there , you loose your time ! » The next day the hedgehog raced with the ostrich ; this one ran, ran until being out of breath , but each time she was calling the hedgehog , the latter always replied along her : «You are loosing your time !» .

Then she ran still faster, but the hedgehog was still there . Finally, when the ostrich was dried out , about to die from thirst and tiredness, she gave up the race and lied down on earth.

This is how the hedgehog defeated the ostrich at race.

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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 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.