



# Term 1 News Letter 2020

## Important Dates

**Upper School Essay Competition Starts**  
03 February 2020

**Chinese New Year**  
25 January

**Valentines Day**  
14 February

**Monthly Test 1**  
13 to 21 February

**Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake Day**  
25 February

**World Wildlife Day**  
03 March

**Horse Show - Pangolin Stables, Notwane**  
07 March

**Commonwealth Day**  
09 March

**Parents Consultations & Reports to Parents**  
All Parents - 11 March  
Appointments only 12 March

**Sponsored Walk**  
14 March

**St Patrick's Day**  
17 March

**International day of Happiness**  
20 March

**Book Week**  
23 to 27 March

**World Poetry Day**  
24 March

**LEMS Spelling Bee**  
26 March

## 2019 PSLE

Legae English Medium School class of 2019 performed well in their PSLE examinations attaining a 100 % ABC pass. In total, the school had 86 students who were seated for the exam: 66 attained Grade A, 13 attained Grade B and lastly 7 attained Grade C. We at LEMS are extremely proud of our 2019 students and congratulate them on a job well done.

Legae is a mixed ability school, where the headmaster, Mr Ncaagae, asserts "at Legae, no child will be left behind!" In this vein we are preparing all students to be uniquely and globally skilled. Legae wishes the top performers and the rest of the 2019 candidates' success in their next training ventures.



**Part of 2019 Std 7 Bridging Course  
Getting ready for Form 1**

## WELCOME! WELCOME!

Legae English Medium School welcomes all our new staff and bid farewell to those who have parted with us. We are pleased to welcome you back to the 2020 school year! We would like to extend a special welcome to all of the new families joining LEMS this year and welcome back all of our returning families as well! Our goal at LEMS is to work together to provide our students with a rich learning environment. As educators, we need to discover how each child learns in order to differentiate our instruction to support their diverse learning styles. In a collaborative effort, we want children to thrive in all ways possible. Our hope is that all children will *LOVE* school as LEMS provides a learning environment that is positive, safe, caring, as well as a fun place to learn and grow.

## Mandarin Language in Legae

Legae Primary School signed a Memorandum of Understanding between the school and Confucius Institute at University of Botswana (CIUB) on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2019, which facilitates the development of the Chinese language and cultural programme across the primary school. The school in association with Confucius Institute at the University of Botswana (CIUB) offers Chinese to Standard 2, 3 and 4. Legae is the first, and currently the only school in Botswana to incorporate Mandarin (language and culture) into their curriculum.



**Chinese Lesson**

## Staffing:

**Welcome** Mr Sekokonyane of 3 Blue, Ms Odubeng of 4 Green, Mrs Rampart of 2 Yellow, Mr Bantusitse of Music, Ms Matshameko of 2 Red, Mr Mlalazi of 5 Blue and Ms Semauswane of ICT.



*Always be Aware of Your Environment*



**Std 7 Class of 2019: Graduation**



Legae Primary School congratulates Kgato Setlhaolo for representing the school and Botswana on the 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> of October 2019 at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual African Spelling Bee Competitions held in Jinja, Uganda. The competitions not only provide a valuable educational experience for your child, but also allows them to engage in healthy competition. The valuable learning outcome of Spelling Bee results in children gaining competency over their vocabulary and this allows them to excel at reading and writing. The ability to understand more words will allow your children to become literate and enjoy reading an extensive range of material.

In a nutshell LEMS aspires to moulding and producing students who are articulate in the use of English Language.



**Legae students performing Zambian Dance**



**Kgato Setlhaolo Days before her departure to Uganda**



**Class in Session**

**LEGAE 1<sup>st</sup> Our Children 1<sup>st</sup>**

### **ISASA**

ISASA (Independent Schools Association of Southern Africa) is the largest and most inclusive association of private schools with more than 850 member schools, including Legae English Medium School.

In late January 2020, the school was visited by the CEO of ISASA, Mr Lebogang Montjane and Ms Sandy Sagar, an executive committee member. The team was impressed by the progress and initiatives put in place to improve the overall performance of the school. Below is an extract from Mr Montjane’s message.

“Despite operating under ever more complex circumstances, it is gratifying that member schools continue to deliver a high-quality education to their charges” L Montjane ISASA.

ISASA will offer Legae an opportunity to learn new strategies, benchmark from only the best and training opportunities for our staff.



### **Care of Uniform and Belongings**

The school is inundated with lost and found uniform, especially school jerseys. Parents are urged to mark their children’s uniform for easy identification.

Parents should also teach their children how to take care of their belongings, ranging from books, uniform to lunch bags and boxes

### **LEGAE, All Inclusive School**

Legae English Medium School admits children from all walks of life and preaches the message of tolerance. Our children have different gifts, challenges and abilities.

The school through the dedicated class teachers are constantly monitoring performance and development of each child and are in constant communication with parents when the need arises.

The school together with the parents of special needs children are doing all that is necessary and possible to make sure that the children get the best quality education without hindering the learning processes of other children.

## TERM 3 ACHIEVEMENTS

- Collectively, LEMS performed well in Term 3 of 2019 across board. The Standard 7 PSLE students gave the school a 100% ABC pass rate.
- Our top Spelling Bee student Kgato Setlhaolo represented the school and Botswana nationally in Uganda at the 4<sup>th</sup> African Spelling Bee Competitions.
- The school introduced Mandarin into the curriculum and students continue to expand their education even on a global level.
- The horse-riding program has been extensively beneficial to our students as proven by our former student Aaliyah Moyo, who was a 2019 PSLE candidate. The student was among our special needs students who excelled with an A grade in her PSLE exam after being instilled with the concept of self-belief through the various programmes offered in Legae English Medium School. It is such testimonies which inspire and motivate us to work exceptionally hard and produce top notch results.
- The 2019 Prize Giving Ceremony and Christmas Concerts were a total success. All was in place, in time, orderly and well prepared for.



Aaliyah Moyo

### Monthly Tests

The 2020 MT 1 tests will start on Thursday 13 February 2020. The tests will not affect the afternoon programme. Remedial lessons and tests preparations will go on as usual. Parents are encouraged to communicate with class teachers to seek clarification on any issue relating to the tests.

### Parents' Consultation

Parents consultation will be on Wednesday 11 March 2020 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm

Please note that Std 1 children will not write MT1 as they have not covered enough material.



Outdoor Assembly



2019 Christmas Concerts: Noah's ark

**Always Do The Right Thing, Not Because Someone Expects You To, But Because You Know That It Is The Right Thing To Do**



**FROM  
HERE  
TO  
VICTORY**

**An investment in knowledge pays the best interest**

*"No other investment yields as great a return as the investment in education. An educated workforce is the foundation of every community and the future of every economy".*  
(Brad Henry)

Legae remains committed to protecting and growing your investment. Help us achieve this by constantly checking on your investment and providing feedback.

**LEGAE 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Recycle Reuse Reduce**

### 2019 PSLE OVERALL PERFORMANCE

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>86 students</b>	
<b>Grade A:</b>	<b>66 students</b>	<b>77%</b>
<b>Grade B:</b>	<b>13 students</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Grade C:</b>	<b>7 students</b>	<b>08%</b>
<b>AB:</b>	<b>79 Students</b>	<b>92%</b>
<b>ABC:</b>	<b>86 Students</b>	<b>100%</b>



**Children having fun on one of the school trips**

**Its not about being the best, its about being better than you were yesterday (unknown).**

### **A Healthy Child, A Healthy Mind.**

1. Teach your child about proper handwashing, especially after blowing his/her nose, using the bathroom and before eating.
2. Boost your child's immune system by making sure the child gets enough sleep, maintains a healthy diet, managing your child's stress and making time to laugh.
3. Teach your child healthy habits such as remembering not to keep touching eyes especially with dirty hands and refraining from sharing cups and water bottles.
4. Set good sleeping habits. Sleep is good for a child's physical and emotional health.
5. Be on the lookout for signs of anxiety and stress in your child and find ways to manage them.
6. Give your child a Brain-Boosting breakfast. A balanced breakfast with proteins, carbohydrates, minerals and vitamins will help maintain a steady level of energy the whole day.
7. Make kids school lunch boxes fun and yet healthy.
8. Give your child healthy after school snacks. Do not sacrifice good nutrition for convenience.
9. Choose the right school backpack/bag to prevent early onset of back problems.
10. Make sure that your child's hair is well taken care of. If left unattended, it may become a breeding ground for nasty undesirables.

### **Sports**

The school is doing very well in Chess, Football, Netball and Swimming. In an attempt to expose our children to more competitions, both local and international, Legae is a registered member of Botswana Primary Schools Sports Association (BOPSAA) and CHOPS Sports Association.

BOPSAA hosts local government schools' competitions, while CHOPS host private primary schools' competitions. Participating in both associations increases our students' chances of exposure.

In Term 1, we will see our students competing in Tennis, Chess, Cricket and Swimming. You are requested to encourage your children to take part in sporting activities. Please note, "Some of the many benefits of sport participation for children include reduced risk of obesity, increased cardio vascular fitness, healthy growth of bones, muscles, ligaments and tendons".

### **Fees**

Parents are urged to be Compliant (remember CALL to action?) and pay all relevant fees on time. Management has taken a deliberate action to remove children of all defaulters from class after a stipulated time.

To avoid embarrassment and painful penalty charges, let us try to meet all set deadlines. Remember, Legae 1<sup>st</sup>. Our child 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **2020 School Fees**

The school fees for 2020 are as follows:

Standard 1: **P8,850.00** (Eight thousand, eight hundred and fifty Pula) per term, which is **P26,550.00** (twenty-six thousand five hundred and fifty-five Pula) a year.

Standard 2 to 7: **P9,400.00** (nine thousand, four hundred pula only) per term, which is **P28,200.00** (twenty-eight thousand, two hundred pula) a year.

All other fees and charges remain the same.

**Legae supports the Cancer Association of Botswana (CAB) and Botswana Society for the Prevention of Cruelty Against Animals (BSPCA).**

