



Loving to Learn, Learning to Live, Living to Love”

BCS Team link February 2019

Christmas parties!

We had our annual Christmas party on 1st December...I know that seems early, but we finished school on the 5th December so there you have it. We celebrated with an amazing meal with so many choices all made by the staff and everyone was so dressed up. Some plates were covered with a selection of everything available, some were filled with chips and nothing else. Everyone ate their fill.

We then had a visitor from the North Pole...Father Christmas who delivered a gift to each person there. We sang some songs and had a good time. Then it was back to the dining room for desserts...and once again many choices.

We then had a Christmas celebration with our Senegalese staff on Sunday, 2nd December, where we again enjoyed a lovely meal. Some of the students served us and we enjoyed the company of our friends. Anne-Cathy shared her testimony of the last year and how she has seen God’s goodness and provision through her trials. We then had Senegalese music – drumming, lots and lots of drumming - and most of us danced together. We shared a great evening together.



Christmas Play

Aunty Ruth worked hard all term to help the Year 1-6 students prepare for the Christmas play: ‘Lights, Camel, Action!’. I am always so proud of how hard they try and how well they do. It was very entertaining and a great way to end the term. Thank you to all those involved.



Christmas Break

The Christmas break provides good opportunities to spend time with other staff members and to rest up and enjoy a different rhythm of life at BCS. Many people got away for some holiday time, others stayed at home resting, and others had visitors to entertain. It also gives us time to get some jobs done that cannot be done during school time. We were able to have Falcon Dorm painted and it is nice to see some colour on the walls.

We also had some time to prepare for our annual WEC Senegal (MEAO) Conference that was held at BCS from 2nd -9th January. We enjoyed a week of worship, fellowship and business meetings with the rest of our colleagues from the WEC Senegal Branch and the several visitors who came to help.

New term starting

Even though I enjoy the quietness of breaks, I enjoy it more when the students return and the school becomes lively again. This is the real reason that all of the staff are here, because of the students, so it is great to have them back. The term has started well and most of the students are happy to be back.

We received two new daily students, Lyric and Cy who are settling in well to the new surroundings and forming friendships. We also welcomed back Abby, who was away for on furlough. She is working hard to catch up on the missed work, but is enjoying being back. Please pray for the Year 11 students, as they come to the end of their IGCSE courses, for clear minds for revision and good work/life balance!



Update on Saly

Saly, one of our Senegalese workers has had an operation to remove a tumour from her neck on 16th January. She is healing well, but not back to work yet. Please pray for her complete healing and that she is able to regain her strength. She is still waiting on the results of the analysis of the tumour to see if there is any follow up treatment that is needed.

Praying for a fresh spiritual awakening at BCS

During the MEAO Branch Conference in January, someone came and spoke to me about 'spiritual revival' at BCS, including a quote from William Carey, "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God." What do we expect God to do in the lives of the children in our care? Do we expect Him to do great things? We do so much here already, but what are the 'great things'; the important things we should be doing? This spoke to me – I feel that God wants to do a new thing here at BCS.

I have also been reading 'Red Moon Rising' about the 24-7 prayer movement, which is inspiring (and reminding) me of the power of prayer. Prayer and spending time with God have to be priorities in our lives and we need to make space and time for this. We need to pray and keep on praying for a fresh spiritual awakening, in us, and in the kids that we work with. Can you pray with us for this work God is doing?

Ruth Priestley

Staff for 2019-2020

We have accepted some new staff for next year already and are excited to see what God is doing to put a new team together for next school year. But we also recognize that we need to be in prayer about this constantly. We rely on God to call people to this work. Therefore, I have attached our staff needs to your email, please use this to pray with us that the people God is calling to work at BCS will hear His call and answer with a firm YES!

Pray also for the current staff who do not know what they will be doing after this school year. Pray that God will show them clearly where He wants them and that they have the courage and support of their families to do what God is asking.

Praise the Lord, we have a couple that are willing to be the Principal next year. The Baarsens have offered to take on this role and after prayerful consideration, we have accepted their offer. We are excited to see how God has called them back to BCS and how they are willing to do what God has asked them to do. We can see how they as a couple can fill this position well and look forward to working with them in this capacity. Pray for the handover that they will have with Ruth and praise God with us for this provision!

Thank you for your prayers and support for BCS!

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