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To Be Worldwide Newsletter

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Dear all,

Wouldn't it have been great if Covid-19 was less prominent in our lives, but as it is not so, we are learning to work and live with it. Fortunately all staff at our Centre have been vaccinated. And of course we hope that you are safe and in good health!

As you have come to expect from us, there is enough we would like to share with you. Juliana's wonderful story, how much progress she has made in 5 years. Our new Centre bus, to pick and drop off children and use for excursions once this is possible again, a very successful week long digital marketing program for 13 Alumni run by Emile van de Klok of Net4Kids, new colleagues to build our team and more!

We hope you enjoy reading the newsletter. Thank you for your support !!! On behalf of the team, please stay safe and healthy!

For regular updates on our work do visit our, Facebook page <u>https://www.facebook.com/tobeworldwide/</u>, website <u>www.tobeworldwide.org</u> and follow us on Instagram.



The children of the Nose for Plastic program, continue to practise what was learned during the program. **Recycle**, **Reuse** and **Reduce**. They take their own containers to the market to buy food instead of accepting plastic containers from vendors. They have recycled plastic into interesting, useful products for themselves and friends, such as a raincoat for their backpacks. All the plastic they collected has been picked up and will be sent to the recycling company Nelplast, who manufacture durable road tiles. They have also contributed to a change in behaviour at home....no more burning of plastic in their yards! We are very proud of them!



"We need to think about the future and the planet we are going to leave to our children and their children." - Kofi Annan



It is our pleasure to introduce you to **Bright** (left) and **James** (right).

Bright has joined our IT team as a Tutor. He has a lot of experience teaching at a school in our area. As a teacher he promoted the Centre to his students for many years and now he is part of that Centre!. He is also in touch with his old students who are our Alumni. James has joined our team to assist Doris with the educational activities. James joins us from Accra.





From A to Be Program - ToBe Bus

Thank you to all our sponsors for making this happen! We are very happy that we can now make sure some of our children do not have to walk long distances to visit the Centre and that we can make sure their trip is safe. The bus will run regularly to drop and pick up children, it will be used for our sports activities and for excursions. On behalf of **all sponsors** Mr. Pieter-Joep van den Brink, officially initiated the bus by decorating it with the magnetic **ToBe** stickers.









We are working on a new program STEM ...Science Technology Engineering and Math! A program that will complement teachings in school as well as the next steps, such as coding and robotics. We couldn't have asked for a better partner in finding resources for our program. Charles has built a wonderful company providing schools with curriculum based science packages and sets for extra curricular activities. Thank you for your wonderful work <u>https://thescienceset.com/</u>









Juliana received an e-reader from a sponsor because she wanted to read all the John Grisham books!

5 years ago Juliana came to our Centre and could not read at all, she hardly said a word. But it was clear that she was determined to learn! Now she reads John Grisham books and asks many questions! She also helps others to learn whenever she can.

Juliana is has set her sights on going to law school. So Proud of you



🔗 Digital Marketing Program

What an incredible week! **13 Alumni** joined a new intensive training session on Digital Marketing run by Emile van de Klok of Net4kids and supported by the Improved Finance team. As we were aware of how intensive the session was going to be, it was difficult to anticipate how many Alumni would certify themselves directly after the training and expected about 2 to do so. So proud of all of them..7 certified themselves directly after the training and another 4 followed within days. In order to provide a follow up to the program in the coming period, our former IT tutor and still part of the ToBe family Enoch, will work with Emile to support the group in advancing their skills....stay tuned!



Looking ahead..... more ToBe stories! Next steps in Digital Marketing, expanding our e-learning program, update on development of STEM program.

Thank you for you support!!!