

# Happy Kids School launches library in classroom project

MANAGEMENT of Happy Kids School has launched a new project christened 'Library in Classroom' to improve the reading culture of its pupils.

The school created mini libraries

in classrooms where children could easily get a new book and read during their free times.

The project seeks to bring libraries closer to children and create flexible schedules for pupils to access books at any time and espe-

cially during their free periods.

Madam Femina Nartey, the Chief Executive Officer of the school, said the classroom library would be piloted for pupils in kindergarten two to primary three and after a term, the school would

expand the project to primary four and six.

She said all Junior High School students from primary would use the school's improved library.

Madam Nartey said reading was important because it helps the students to gain knowledge on issues of interest, build their vocabulary and as well make them confident.

"Reading gives you all the imagination of the world, it helps you to analyse issues and make meaningful discussions," she added.

She appealed to parents to read with their wards, encouraged them to develop the habit of reading and also asked them to summarise the book to them.

She urged parents to take their children to bookshops and allow them to select the book of their choice, so they can appreciate the benefit of reading.

Madam Nartey encouraged the children to cultivate the habit of reading to improve in their academic activities.

She said current studies on literacy had confirmed that the more contact children have with books, the better readers they become, adding that school libraries are the usual reading places for pupils.

"Libraries today are more than repositories for books and other

resources. Libraries play a key role in shaping a growth mindset and developing solution-oriented generation.

When pupils' interests taper off, the classroom library will also be a good corner for teachers to rekindle pupils' energies and engage them in a reading and sharing session."

She called on publishers, parents, past students and the public to support them with varied books that can hold children's interests to improve the quality of the classroom libraries.

Mrs Gladys Afrique Ahali, the Chief Executive Officer of Literacy Resource Institute, said the library was a heartbeat to every community that offer support to teaching and learning.

She said the reading project would instil in the students the culture of reading and upgrade their knowledge in variety of issues.

She urged parents to create a book shelf for their wards to serve as alternative for not watching television or playing games.

Some of the past students of the school advised the students to eschew all acts of indiscipline and learn hard to justify the investment made on them. - GNA

• Mad Nartey.

