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Student Voice!

"What stress you out about school?"

"Everything at school"
- Anonymous

"When no one listens to me"
- Hamid 5CB



"Math!"
- Jael 6FM

"Tests and homework"
- Abigail 11MO

"Homework"
- Hamza 13GL



"Nothing at all"
- Ms Leticia, School
Counsellor



"The subjects that I'm taking"
- Sheila 13AL



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Nelson Mandela

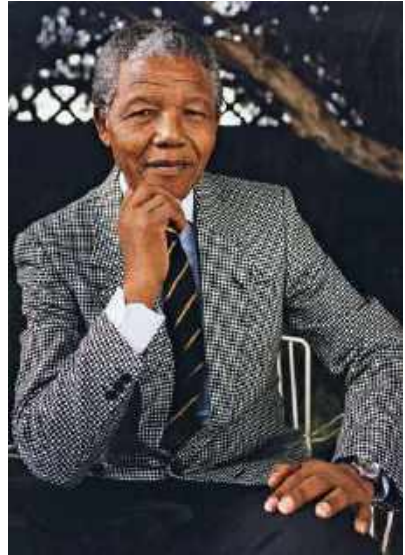
Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela was a heavily influential man in South Africa and around the world as well. He was an anti-apartheid activist in pursuit of eradicating the racial segregation in South Africa in the early 1990's. Nelson Mandela's efforts resulted in him becoming the first black president of South Africa and a recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize along with F.W. de Klerk who aided Nelson Mandela's cause with his support.

Nelson Mandela travelled throughout South Africa in order to spread his campaign and carry out non-violent means of protest against the discrimination laws subsequently making him a frequent target of the authorities. The authorities usually arrested anti-apartheid activist with the intent of solely harassing them

After the massacre of unarmed black South Africans by police forces, Nelson Mandela set his mind on sabotaging the South African Regime, so he went to Algeria for training in guerilla warfare and sabotage. Upon his return he was arrested shortly and tried for sabotage, treason, and violent conspiracy.

Nelson Mandela was found guilty and given a life sentence, but F.W. de Klerk released Nelson Mandela from imprisonment after 26 years from a

period of 1964 to 1990. In 1994 Nelson Mandela was elected as president, using such a platform he worked with F.W. de Klerk to improve living standards of the black population and eliminate the racial segregation, acquiring a Nobel Peace Prize in the process.



Nelson Mandela retired from presidency in 1999, and established the Nelson Mandela Foundation, where he carried out various types of social work. In 2004, Nelson Mandela retired from politics to enjoy the rest of his days with his family.

On December 5th, 2013, at the age of 95, Nelson Mandela died, leaving this world known as a great leader, an idol to many, and an inspiration to people around the globe.

Anirudha Chowdhury 11MO

French for Professionals

During the recent PTCs, on 21 October 2022, two parents asked: "What level does a student who takes French up to A level at RISU reach?" I responded to these parents briefly and I promised to give more details in the issue of Weekly Rainbow the 1st week of December 2022. Here it is.

When I answered, I took parents to "The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages". This is an international standard for describing language ability put in place by the Council of Europe. It describes language ability on a six-point scale, from A1 for beginners, up to C2 for those who have mastered a language (A1 – A2 – B1 – **B2** – C1 – C2).

When students finish A Level at RISU, they have Level B2 in French. They can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible and can take an active part in discussion in familiar contexts, accounting for and sustaining their views (**Speaking**). They can understand extended speech and lectures and follow even complex lines of argument provided the topic is reasonably familiar (**Listening**); they can read articles and reports concerned with contemporary problems in which the

writers adopt particular attitudes or viewpoints (**Reading**). They can write clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects, can write an essay or report, passing on information or giving reasons in support of or against a particular point of view, can write letters highlighting the personal significance of events and experiences (**Writing**). Briefly, they are independent.

And currently, the majority of International organizations require this very level B2 when they are hiring. These parents asked the question for a purpose. They are actors in the work world and they know the current place of languages on the work market.

I went ahead and gave the microphone to some professionals currently learning French and they said:



*My name is Anita Tibasaaga. I am a **communications and public relations professional**, with specialized training in international relations. I work with the **United Nations in Uganda**. My aspiration is to attain C-level certification and mastery of French. I love the language and the immense possibilities it brings; to be able to work with communities and professionals in many parts of the world, be immersed in and appreciate different cultures and to*

be part of a global community on the move. French is a crucial currency in the borderless world we live in and for me, it has made my possibilities for a better life limitless.

I am Dr. Kevin Mugenyi. A medical doctor by profession, with specialization in public health. I currently work for an international



non-governmental organization, whose geographic scope includes multiple francophone countries in Africa. There are multiple reasons why I chose to learn the 'langue de Molière'. I was always aware that learning this language would open a window to new cultural experiences while traveling to French speaking countries, as well as broadening career opportunities in a world where multilingual skills are more and more rewarded.



My name is Kokunda Patience, a Ugandan lawyer. I am currently studying the French B2 level, which is the upper intermediate level. I am passionate

about French, and I have studied it -- albeit intermittently -- since high school. I am attracted by the numerous opportunities presented by knowledge of the French language, the most important being the job opportunities in various French-speaking countries around the world.

I am a medical doctor, master in clinical psychology, a trauma counselor. I work with Médecins Sans Frontières and had been in over 10 countries serving humanity. I develop interest in French language especially spoken, as I have been limited in working in French speaking countries because of the language barrier. I do know that when I am able to understand and speak French, i can contribute more to humanity. As you may know, in Africa, there are many French speaking countries with either war or natural disasters but i can't easily work there because of the language barriers. Currently, i am focusing on psychological services to people in need.

- Emmanuel Ballah (Monrovia, Liberia)



My name is Brenda Nanyunja. I am a Ugandan Lawyer, particularly international law. I currently live in

Geneva, Switzerland. I have always been drawn to the French language due to the nature of my work since it's an international language but I never took an initiative to take it up. Now that I'm in a city where it's very relevant I decided to take it up. I am at level one. My progress is due to my very busy schedule but I hope to learn it to the level where I can use it in work which is mostly writing.

My name is Anna. I come from Uganda (Northern). I am currently working with Médecins Sans Frontières in Nigeria as a Midwife Activity Manager in the field.



Learning French for me has been solely for work initially but now I see the reasons are going to be more diverse than that. I look forward to speaking French soon in a French Mission with MSF.

Entering the core of the development sector, I failed to understand many formal French letters, especially formal communications at the governmental level as well as at the United Nations. To understand French-specific terms verbally was more complex. These hindered me to an extent from undertaking policy research in francophone countries in Africa where I mainly work. Now, I know.



- Yan (China and Germany)

I am a 32 year old Ugandan born, a medical doctor.



Why French after an 11 year pause? Three reasons come to my mind that can be summed up as for the better of humanity. How? Working in Mulago

accidents and emergency brought me in contact with refugees while a lot knew Kiswahili and could easily get a translator others knew French and it'd always be a disaster helping these. At UMC Hospital, I came in contact with expatriates who had a good command of French and not so good English. The one doctor with perfect French could not be in all places at all times. So having broken French was better than no French at all. Reading is the window to the world, and I love reading. I learnt along the way that learning a new language actually improves your brain function and there are opportunities beyond medicine in a consultation room. I look forward to impacting beyond a few thousand lives and this will require me having at least a proficiency of C1.

RISU's A level French students can further stamp their B2 level by sitting for DELF – DALF examinations offered by the French Ministry of Education and get a life qualification. A big thank you to all the above professionals who gave us permission to share their views and pictures: Merci beaucoup! Ich danke Ihnen vielmals! 非常感谢! Muchas gracias! Weebale Nnyo!

Pascal Ngona
French Subject Coordinator

RAINBOW CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 26th November saw the Rainbow Christmas Market take place again for the first time since 2019. It was a roaring success and we raised a whopping **6,400,000UGX!** Of the money raised, 2,754,500UGX goes towards the Rainbow Student Council initiatives and the rest will be donated to local charity initiatives, including buying wheelchairs to be given to local clinics. A huge thank you to everyone who joined us at the event, everyone who donated a raffle prize or items to be sold at the Student Council stall and everyone who helped out on the day.



Live music entertainment brought the spirit of Christmas to the day



We did all our Christmas shopping at the exciting range of different stalls



Santa Claus came to visit the Rainbow children!



Plenty of activities to keep all ages busy

After a rainy start to the day, we were very pleased when the sun came out! And with the sun came hundreds of children, parents and friends of the Rainbow community. With live music from the various school bands, friendly competitions in football and dodgeball, and even visits from the jolly fellow himself (Santa Claus), the Rainbow Christmas Market really was a fun-filled day for the whole family. Our younger children thoroughly enjoyed making use of the bouncy castle, and many of our older students and parents enjoyed the video game station.

The day ended with many lucky raffle winners who walked away with prizes ranging from free hotel stays, brand new mobile phones and even cash prizes!

All in all, a true Community event in true Rainbow style.



The day ended with 68 lucky raffle winners and smiles all round!



World Cup

Round-Up

Group Stage Review

The whole world's eyes are cast on only one place-Qatar, the venue of the ongoing football world cup. Like in the previous tournaments, this tournament has also delivered some mouthwatering moments-stunning goals, late time drama and also controversy. This further cements football's place as the best sport in the world.

The group stage had some very close and heated matches, from Japan scoring a controversial goal to win against Spain and top the group to Romelu Lukaku missing sitters against Croatia leading to Belgium getting knocked out, this World cup has not failed to deliver.

There have also been some notable surprises- Morocco and Senegal making the round of 16 over the likes of Germany and Belgium. And how could we forget South Korea's last gasp winner to put them through to the round of 16 over Uruguay. Certainly the group stage was fantastic but now something greater awaits us- the knockouts.



The Round of 16 Matchups -



Argentina, the Netherlands, England and France are already through to the Quarter Finals. Also, more matches were played on Monday (Japan vs Croatia and Brazil vs South Korea)

To sign off, this world cup has had a cracking start and we can only hope for more breathtaking moments.

Bivan Kumar Das 11 MO



Diary Dates

The following dates were shared with you today by email. Please note that I have added another event - a non uniform day on Tuesday 13th December. Please see details below:

Primary December diary dates

Friday 2nd December	KS2 (Y3 to Y6) Movie Night	3.30pm to 6pm 5,000UGX a ticket - to be brought to school in a sealed envelope with name and class on the front Age appropriate movie for Y3/4 and Y5/6
Wednesday 7th December	After school music concert ONLY for children who receive music lessons during the school day	3.30pm - 5pm Primary Music Room Refreshments will be served
Thursday 8th December	Last day of enrichment	
Friday 9th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity Play 'Whoops - a - Daisy Angel'	8.30am in primary basketball court (coffee and tea served from straight after drop off)
Tuesday 13th December	Whole School Carol Concert	2pm - 3pm We will join together to bring in the holiday cheer Parents - you are more than welcome to join us!
	Non uniform day (whole school)	Christmas themed non uniform day. 1000 UGX to dress up - money goes to Student Council
	U9G and U9B Football trials	3pm to 4pm - PE kit must be worn

Diary Dates

Wednesday 14th December	EYFS Exit Point (Safari dress up day)	All day - more information to come from the EYFS team
	U11G and U11B Football trials	3pm to 4pm - PE kit must be worn
Thursday 15th December	House Day (Secondary Sports Day)	All day (Primary pupils will be the audience at points throughout the day) All pupils and staff (Primary and Secondary) to be in House colours
	Class Parties	More information to come from class teachers
Friday 16th December	Whole School Assembly	10.30am - Secondary basketball court Parents - you are more than welcome to join us!
	School day finishes at 12pm	

Quiz Time!

1. Which country's flag is this?



2. Who founded KFC?

3. Which Premier League team last won the UCL?

4. Where is the 2026 football World cup going to be hosted?

5. Name this anime character:



6. Which game are these characters in?



Please send your answers to quiz@risu.sc.ug by 4:30 pm and the winner will receive a prize!

Last Week's Answers

Last Week's Quiz:

1. 25th December
2. B787
3. Jungkook, BTS
4. Poland vs Saudi Arabia, 2022 World Cup
5. Qatar
6. Ray Ban Aviators

Barber: what do you want?

He: idk, just do it

Barber: say no more



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.”

– Nelson Mandela