



Living Intentionally For Eternity

PROGRESS REPORT

ON

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/2024

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OVERVIEW

We have partnered with the leadership of Rollington Town Primary School via with the launch of our mentoring program, “LIFE Club”, which aims to provide a safe, structured and supportive environment for boys in Grades 4-6 at the primary/elementary school level. We partner with their teachers and parents/guardians to develop discipline, confidence and influence as they pursue personal growth, academic improvement and exemplary character. Through mentorship, education and various activities, we seek to inspire and empower our boys to actualise their full potential.

BACKGROUND

Growing up in the quiet coastal neighbourhood of Harbour View, St Andrew, co-founder, MarQ Johnson, struggled with low self-esteem which eventually spiralled into anger issues. Since his 20's, he has had a few mentors in various seasons of his life that have helped to shape the man he has become today. It is primarily for this reason that MarQ carries a personal sense of responsibility to play his part in shaping the paradigm, regulating the heart-posture and guiding the footsteps of the next generation, particularly boys and young men. As a recording artiste, transformational speaker, and philanthropist, he uses his music, messages, merchandise and mingles to “add his shoulders to the wheels” of youth mentoring, community transformation and nation- building to help create a better tomorrow.

VISION

Dream with MarQ and see what Jamaica and the Caribbean can become... he envisions growing communities of young people excelling in academics, arts, athletics, emotional intelligence, self-confidence and discipline, among other areas, as each generation plays active roles in developing the next. Just imagine what we can do together if only we unite minds and means for this lasting change.

LIFE CLUB ACTIVITIES DONE 2023-2024

Presentations	Kite Flying	Sip and Paint
Parents Day	Socials/parties	Popcorn and a Movie
Squad Training	Discussions	Competitions
Self Evaluations	Literacy Classes	Team Building Activities

Club Meetings

We conducted **LIFE Club** meetings 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm EST on Fridays from October 2023 through to June 2024. Each of the twenty-four (24) boys were assigned to one of three squads namely: Courage, Wisdom and Strength; each squad was supported by a senior student with the rank of Squad Advisor. Each squad comprised eight (8) boys who were assigned a rank, role and responsibilities. A typical **LIFE Club** meeting featured icebreaker(s), housekeeping matters, main activity (e.g. video presentation and Q&A, general quiz, indoor games, etc.) and light refreshment served at the end.

Club Meetings Gallery



Literacy Program

The club begun during a time of greater emphasis on literacy implemented by the leadership of Rollington Town Primary School and so we thought it fit to support this initiative by providing additional support to our club members. We began in January 2024 with a reading diagnostic assessment to determine the reading level of each boy registered in **LIFE Club** and those who performed below their grade level (grade 4), were enrolled. Thirty-three (33) sessions over four (4) months were conducted by our Literacy specialist, Mrs. Audrey Bromfield, Mondays to Wednesdays between 2:30 pm and 4:00 pm EST. Instructions were differentiated based on reading levels and learning style of each student.

Literacy Performance Analysis

Reading Levels	Reading Levels Before	Reading Levels After
Non-Reader	2 (18%)	1 (9%)
Pre-Primer	0 (0%)	1 (9%)
Primer	3 (27%)	2 (18%)
Grade 1	3 (27%)	1 (9%)
Grade 2	1 (9%)	1 (9%)
Grade 3	2 (18%)	2 (18%)
Grade 4	0 (0%)	2 (18%)
Grade 5	0 (0%)	1 (9%)

Summary

36% improved by one reading level i.e. 4 of 11 students

36% improved by 2 reading levels i.e. 4 of 11 students

72% showed improvement by at least one reading level i.e. 8 of 11 students

Benefits so far

We have received positive reports from teachers, other members of staff and students about the fruits of our partnership with the Rollington Town Primary School. Here are the main changes reported:

- Improvement in boys' attire, particularly on club days
- Reduction in fighting; no incidents reported some weeks
- Club members' unwavering enthusiasm about club meetings
- Improved literacy
- Greater sense of accountability by club members
- Additional presence of positive father-figure influence for the boys

Activities for 2024/2025

As we strengthen our partnership with the leadership and management of the host school, we continue improve **LIFE Club** and the joint impact on the students for the benefit of the students and, by extension, the community. Here are some of the activities we have in mind for this academic year:

- Motivational and empowerment sessions
- Community Projects
- Field Trips
- Artistic exposure
- Outdoor games
- Day Camps

Conclusion

Our partnership has been adding value so we continue to build our partnership with the leadership of Rollington Town Primary School,