

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Together we can bring joy and education to the children of Nigeria

RECOGNISING SUPER READING MENTORS

We launched both Reading Made Easy workshops and our 'Super Mentor' teacher incentive scheme in all 10 schools in October 2021.

The Reading Made Easy pilot kicked off with Book 1A being distributed to 300 participating children, also across 10 schools. Workshops will be held in each school by Christianna Foundation facilitators every 3-weeks. Teachers will observe the workshops and continue to support children in practicing the skills learnt in between workshop sessions.

The first awards for the incentive scheme were awarded in December, just ahead of the Christmas holidays. Teachers were awarded based on a points scheme where points were awarded to teachers for: 1. Support in increasing awareness of the benefits of reading. 2. Support in increasing access to books. 3. Support in encouraging positive behaviours around reading. 4. Support in increasing motivation to read. 5. Support in increasing confidence to read. 6. Help to increase literacy skills and 7. Encouraging parents and community involvement in reading. Seven teachers received ₦5000 and a certificate acknowledging their efforts supporting children with their reading.

The introduction of early phonics readers, or levelled readers, into the Book Box Library Club collection was proving to be a successful move. The effectiveness of these books was highly noted when a teacher, Mrs Abiodun, called to beg us to start giving her Basic 1 class the Hen And Friends series by Jolly Phonics. We tested the series in her class and now many of her pupils are capable of reading the Hen And Friends books.

