



# DWON OTINO

*"Lifting Every Voice"*



News Letter Issue No. 6 August 2010

*"Man balu me ABICEL i dwe me Aboro 2010"*

## **INSIDE THIS ISSUE:**

**Letter from LICHYGAO**

**Interview by young Journalists**

**Stories**

**Poems**

**Facts on violence against children**

**Your Letters**

**Message from adults**

**Answers to your problems**

**Painting competition**

**Crossword puzzle**

**Games**

**Young Artist Corner**

**READ your rights at the bottom of every page.**

You have the right to good quality education  
*"Atin acel acel tye kede twero me kwan aber"*

# INTRODUCTION

## Letter from LICHYGAO

Dear Readers,

ACU keenly accepts the facts that raising a child is not a small task that is why Dwon Otino Magazine has come to play a role. The magazine is an excellent resource for any parent who wants the best for his/her child. Each magazine addresses a specific human right and aims to sensitize children and give them guidance in abuse cases that may have happened to them or to people they know.

Every term, we engage children in relevant discussion and important issues concerning their wellbeing. Topics such as getting kids to talk, helping kids handle stress, memory improvement, play games, drawing together, health and nutrition are some of the issues that we explored that foster good morals and help them develop their linguistic skills. Each article is written with the parents in mind. A unique aspect of Dwon Otino Magazine is that each article is colored coded with respect to all age group and the contents are partially produced by children and mixed with child-friendly professional contributions from various agencies like Raising Voices with facilitation and support from War Child Holland.

Dwon Otino Magazine is something no parent should be without. It will aid you in raising your kids to be happy, successful and healthy.

Here again is our sixth issue of our magazine. You can see all your thoughts and expectation on why children dropout of schools. You can also learn from each other by exchanging experience. Have fun

Thanks

**Adicho Bernard Isaac**  
Chief Executive Officer

You can also get **Dwon Otino Magazine** on

facebook

ACU will be celebrating its 5 years in publishing Dwon Otino Magazine under the theme **“Lifting Every Voice”** in March 2011 so you need to be part of the event.



You have the right to live with a family which cares for you  
“Itye kede twero me bedo ipaco ame omari iye”



# Work of Journalist from the Field

**Dwon Otino journalists interviewed Tino Susan who dropout of school due to hardship she experience from home**

**Journalist:** What is your name, age and where do you stay?

**Susan:** My name is Tino Susan and, 14 years old. I stay at Akia in Lira

**Journalist:** Why are you doing this work yet your age mates are in school?

**Susan:** She broke down in tears. After a while, she started narrating how her step mother made her left school. "My step mother used to release me late every morning to go to school and she said am just wasting time and money on my useless education" Susan explained. I also get a lot of punishment from teachers when I reach school late, she complained. Susan told us that when she comes back from school in the evening, she finds a lot of work waiting for her. And to make it worse, she said, she is the only child in the family of two step mothers which makes them (*step mother*) work with her like a slave. However my relationships with my father worsen that made me look for my divorced mother.

**Journalist:** Now that you are with your mother, do you think your life has changed?

**Susan:** No, but however the hardship, harassment and tortures that I used to experienced from my step mothers has stop.

**Journalist:** How about school?

**Susan:** Am not schooling since my mother cannot afford the basic requirements for my education. Instead I joined my mother in the stone quarrying business for survival.

**Journalist:** Do you think the work you are doing is good for your health as well as your future?

**Susan:** NO, but since it's hard to get what to eat, put on and medical treatment incase am

sick, am doing this work. Am also trying to raise some little money which can take me back to school next year

**Journalist:** Don't you feel cheated in terms of what you get and the labor you use?

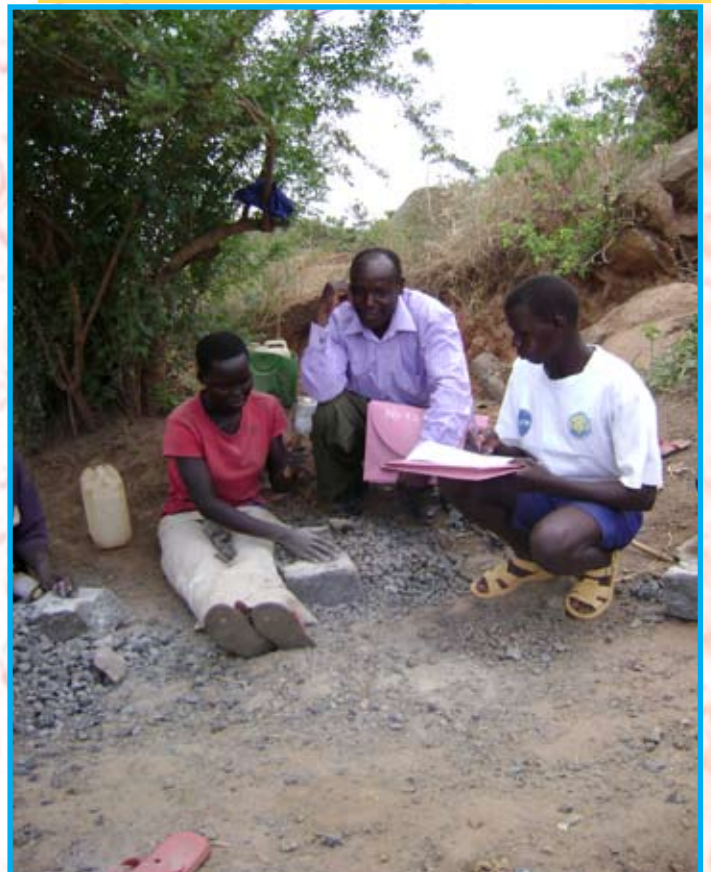
**Susan:** We are cheated because a heap of aggregate we are paid 1,500/= yet it can take you 1 day to make a heap but since there is no option, I have to do it like that.

**Journalist:** Now that you are much interested in studies but you don't have anybody to support you, how are you going to overcome this?

**Susan:** I will continue to this work in the evening and on weekend to help me get some money and I also appeal to whoever has a heart to support me to help me so that I complete my studies because my ambition is to be a nurse.

**Journalist:** What message do you have for the readers of Dwon Otino magazine especially children?

**Susan:** Please my age mates, remain and stay in school, education is your wealth. To the parents, continue supporting the education of your children they are the long term investment you have.





# STORIES AND POEMS

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic violence! Domestic violence!  
What a harmful hinders you are  
You are separating us from our parents,  
You make our parents neglect us, you make us drop out of school,

Domestic violence!, Domestic violence!  
Our parents are separating because of you.  
Parents are quarrelling and using abusive languages to us because of you  
Parents! Be faithful to your partner and concentrate in educating us

*Obonyo Dickens (13), P6 Amononeno P/S*

## ONYWALWA

Onywalwa ojoni onywalwa  
Iweko wa iyak bala alek toke  
Pingo imiyo wa owoto icukul abongo  
Buk, alam kede uniforms.

Onywalwa ojoni onywalwa  
Imiyo wa yec akato gufu wa oko  
Idio wa ipoto bala obedo dyang pur  
Omiyo kwo wa obale atek

Onywalwa ojoni onywalwa  
Wun I pwodo wa apwoda ka obalo  
icukul dang opwodo wa ka obalo.

Onwongo kong ibot nga  
Onywal kede opwenye wa wan omito mar.

*Julu Jennet (13), P.6 Agweng P/S*

## MAY GOD FORGIVE

Two of my sisters died in the mysterious ways because of poverty during child birth, no good medical services were provided. I hope that now that peace is prevailing, more hospitals will be built in Northern Uganda with better medical facilities and free treatment for those who can't afford to go to private clinics. Also I ask God to help me in my studies to become a doctor and rescue the live of others especially pregnant mothers. I pray for two orphans of my sisters to grow up and become important people in the community. May God forgive, Rest the soul of my two sisters in eternal peace till we meet in the glory.

*Tino Sandra (11), P.5 Tee Yao P/S*

## KWAN

Kwan Kwan Kwan  
Imiyo akok pat  
Koko na lit kato rem nywala oko  
Kom kwan

Kwan Kwan Kwan  
An onywala gita en ogeya maki  
Onywala mito ni alub mitigi  
Onywal ineko wuno ayim wa pingo?  
Kom kwan

Kwan Kwan Kwan  
Pii anyima, amiti dok I cukul  
Pyen kwona bino bedo ayot  
Kom kwan.

*Acola Harriet (14) P6 Coorom P/S*

STOP CHILD  
ABUSE

CHILDREN ARE  
CRYING

*Akello Miriam,  
P.6 Alebtong P/S*



Children display their message for peace

## Bad language

Parents use bad languages on us, especially girls who have big breasts. They say that it is better for us to get married instead of wasting time going to school

*Adong Monica (13), P.6 Abia P/S*

You have the rights to choose your own friends as long as it is not harmful to others

"Itye kedo twero me nwongo awoti teki pe kelo peko/rac bot jo okene"

# CEKO KEDE LEMO

## AFRICA

Dear citizens of Africa  
Leaders and generations of Africa  
Parents and teachers of Africa  
Let stop child abuse  
Let stop sexual abuse  
Let stop violence against children  
*Alwedo Sharon, Abolet P/S*



*When children study under the tree, their mind and attention are always diverted to the surrounding*

## WAR CHILD

Oh War Child!  
You have done good things in this world  
You have done good things to children  
You have done the best things  
Oh war child

War child!  
We can't thank you for what you have done  
To the children of Uganda  
You gave us books, colours, playing equipments  
And many more  
You made us know our rights and responsibilities  
You taught us how to protect ourselves from abuse  
You cared for us more than our parents  
oh war child,

War Child  
We pray God should bless and thank you on our behalf that you continue working to protect us children

*Akao Marion (12), P.5 Ayamo P/S*

## FACTORS THAT MAKE CHILDREN VULNERABLE TO DROPTOUT OF SCHOOL

**POVERTY:** Poverty often forces children to accept hazardous work.

**INEQUALITY OF GIRLS:** When girls are treated badly at home, they may turn to dropout of school who promise a better life.

**LOW SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:** Uneducated children have few opportunities for their future.

**LACK OF BIRTH REGISTRATION:** When children do not have a legal identity, it is easier for them to dropout because they may either be too big or small for the class.

**ARMED CONFLICT:** Children may be abducted or forced to participate in the violence.

**DEMAND FOR CHEAP LABOUR:** The motivation for profit might contribute to exploitative and hazardous work.

**TRANSACTIONAL SEX:** Norms which allow sexual exploitation of children without punishment increase vulnerability.

**COPORAL PUNISHMENT:** Teachers give children a lot of punishment when they misbehavior

## PREVENTION

Starting in the home, with the family and community as the first line of response, **Ugandans must address the negative attitudes, customs and practices which promote child dropout.** Abuse will continue when families use children as domestic servants, and when children are sent away from their families as a survival strategy due to conflict or other crises.

**Elected leaders, teachers, religious leaders, police and children must also work together to create safe and prosperous communities.**

- Children need access to essential services.
- Families and communities need knowledge, skills, and resources to identify and respond to child protection problems.
- Development of partners need to involve and empower families to generate ideas and promote positive and viable livelihood activities.

You have the right to give your opinion and for adults to listen and take it seriously

*"Itye kede twero me miyo tami wek dano otego winy te niang iye"*



## "RAISING VOICES CORNER"

**Raising Voices works to prevent violence against children at home, in school and in the community in Uganda. We have talked to many children and adults in Uganda about violence against children. In this section of the magazine, we would like to share with you what they said to us.**

Hello children, welcome to the fifth part of the Preventing Violence against Children Forum. In this issue we shall be looking at physical violence and especially corporal punishment at school and at home. Big words! Not so? But before you read further, I want you to ask your friend if they have ever experienced corporal punishment. Has it ever happened to them, how did it happen, who did it to them, and what did they do? By the way, what kind of corporal punishment did they experience?

### Does it happen to children like me?



### I have a question.....



Children we talked to said that corporal punishment involves things like caning, slapping, or beating with a hand or stick, shoe, belt, wooden spoon and other objects. They also give other examples such as kicking, shaking, or throwing children, scratching, pinching, burning, pulling ears, washing children's mouth with soap, or forcing them to swallow hot spices. Corporal punishment is a form of physical violence that involves the use of physical force to cause some degree of pain or discomfort.

## What do you think?

What are we teaching our Children.....



No one is allowed to punish you in a cruel or harmful way

"Pe oyeyi ngatoro me miyo wu pwod iyore me gero ame kelo awano"



# "RAISING VOICES CORNER"

## Voices on Violence Why does it happen, teacher?

"The teachers beat me again in the morning," Juma told his friend. I was five minutes late and tried to explain that I had walked from far but he does not listen. "He beats students everyday!" He says it will teach us to be more disciplined but what can you do if you find many people at the well when you go to fetch water and wash dishes before you come to school?

"Yesterday that same teacher came half an hour late for his lesson." His friend added, "and then he beat us two strokes each for 'making noise' while he was not in class." "Do you think teachers ever get beaten for coming late to teach their lesson?" Juma asked, jokingly.

"Ah you are dreaming my friend. There is one rule for children and another for adults. Don't you know that by now?" his friend asked. "It is not that I want the teacher to be beaten, I just want everyone to be treated fairly," Juma clarified. "Our teacher beat a boy so hard that he had scars all along his legs. The teacher said that

it would teach him not to repeat the same mistake again," his friend narrated.

"What was his mistake?" asked Juma, curious if he had made that mistake too.

"He did not know the answer to a question that the teacher had just asked," His friend replied.

"There are some good teachers you know," Juma reminded his friend. "Yes, like our Maths teacher who tries hard to encourage students. "We need more teachers like her,"

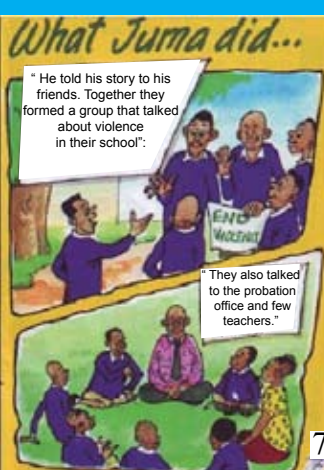
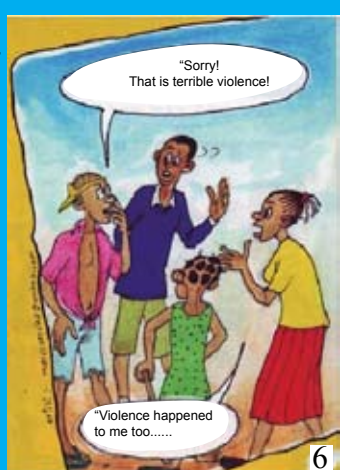
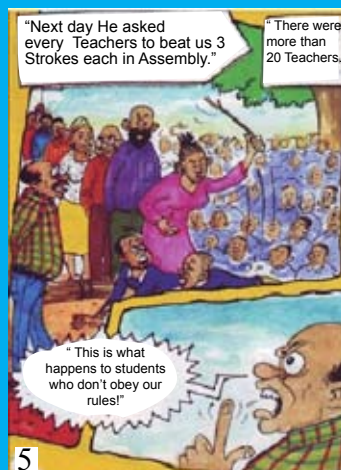
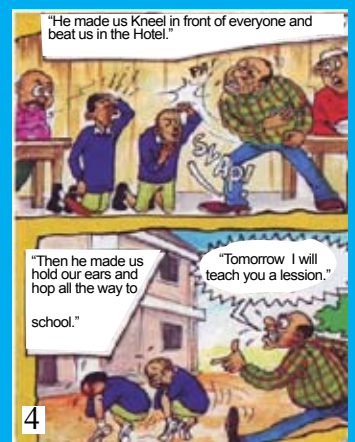
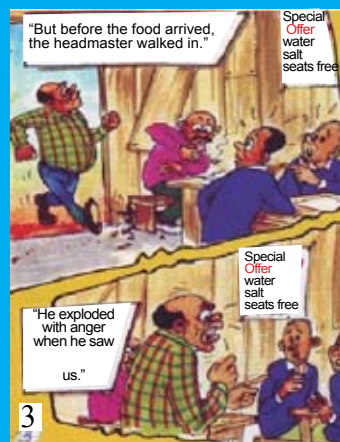
his friend said. "But why do many of them keep beating us like that? His friend asked.

They both sat in silence for a while and then his friend said, "May be because they can.

Who will stop them? Everyone knows that we are just children and big people can do what they like to us because they believe that they are more important compared to children."

"Do you believe that?" Juma asked his friend. "It doesn't matter what I believe. What matters is what teachers and other big people like him believe."

In a study completed recently, more than 90 percent of adults said that they used physical or emotional punishment to cause change of behavior. However, more than 50 percent of these adults said punishing children like this did not result in a change of behavior.

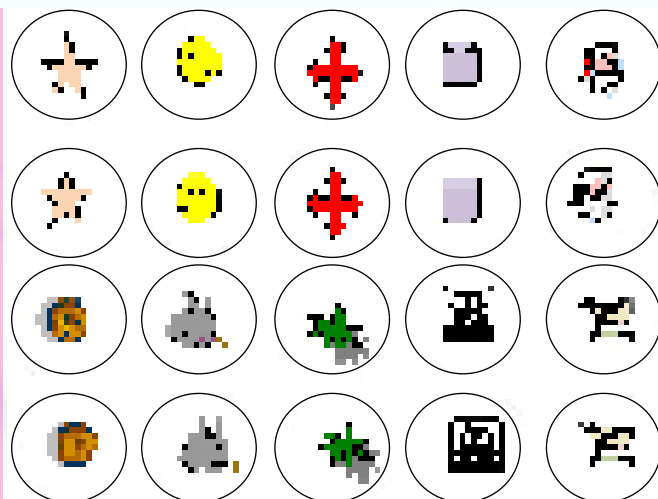
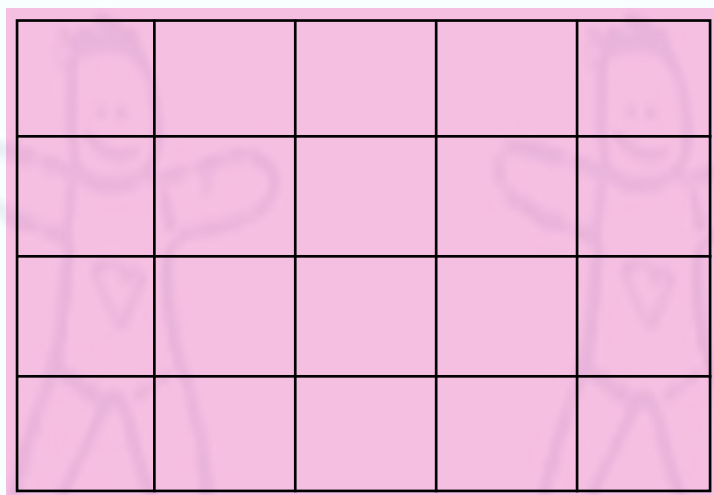


No one is allowed to punish you in a cruel or harmful way

"Pe oyeyi ngatoro me miyo wu pwod iyore me gero ame kelo awano"

# 'MEMORY Game'

The players can be from 2-6 people. The aim of the game is to be the player who finds the most matching pairs



## Materials

- 1 Playing surface with 20 square
- 20 memory tokens (bottle tops)
- Two tokens must have similar signs from inside and the back of all tokens should have the same colour

## Rules

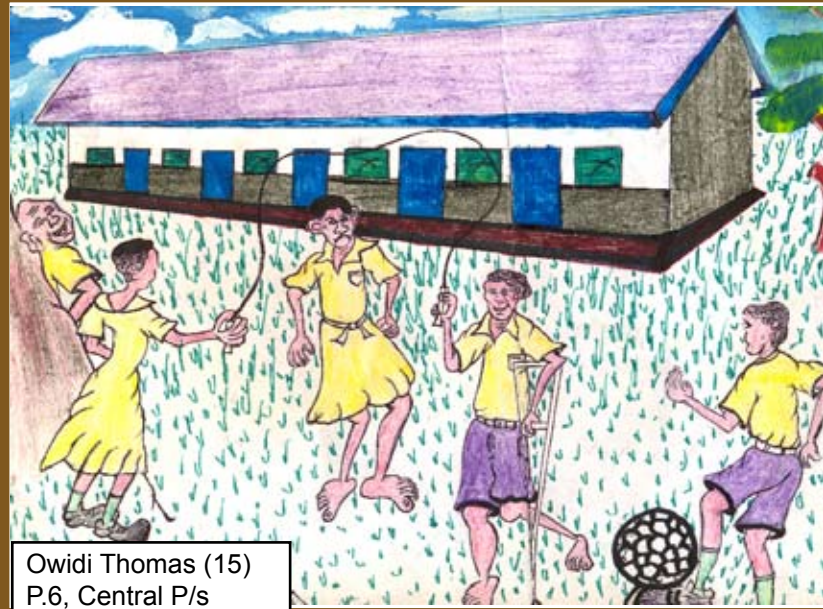
1. Turn over the memory tokens so that the pictures are not seen. Mix them and arrange on the playing board, 1 bottle top in each square.
2. Select one player to begin she/he should turn any two tokens, leaving them in their original position on the board
3. If two tokens do NOT match, the player turns them face down again in their original position and the next player takes a turn.
4. If the two tokens DO match, the player takes them and continues by turning over two more tokens. The player continues until he/she does not make a match.
5. Play continues clockwise until all the matching pairs have been found. The player with the most matching pairs is the winner.



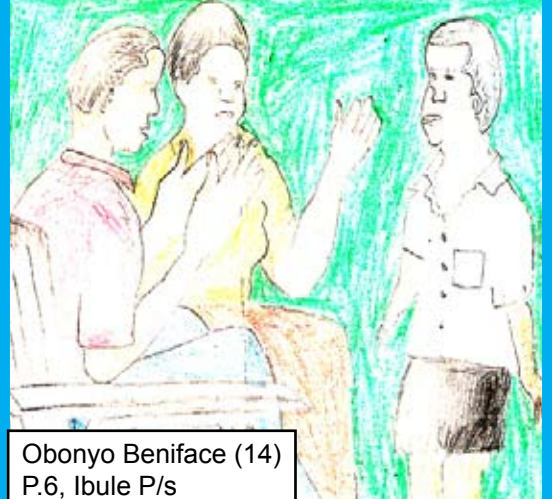


# Young Artist Corner

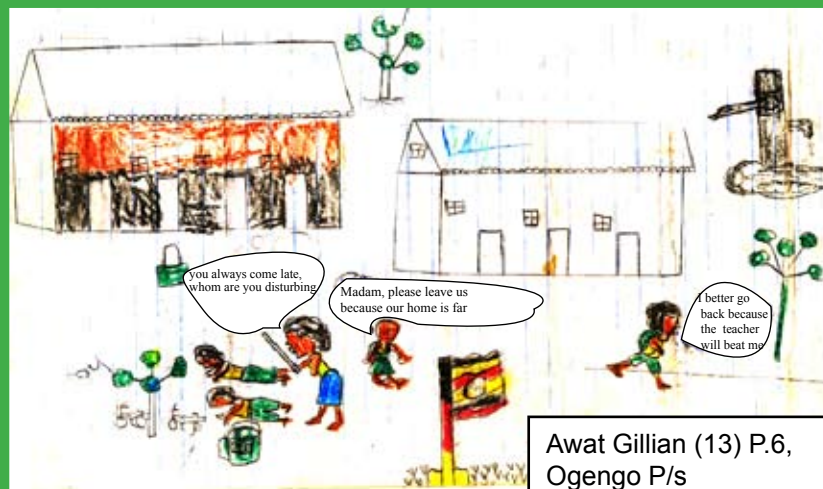
## "Gwic Ogoc Atino"



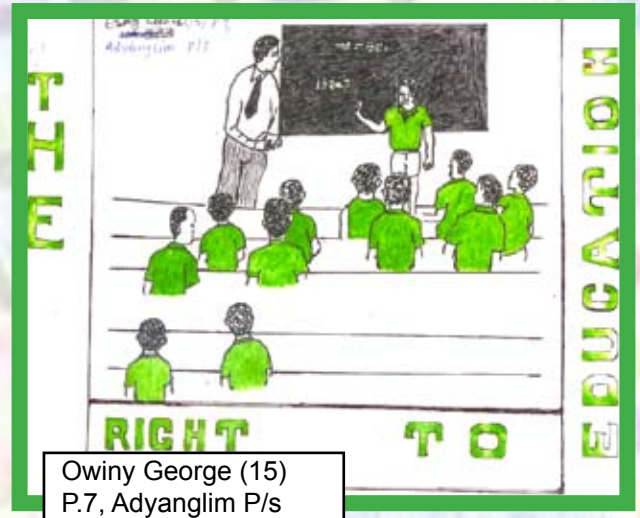
Owidi Thomas (15)  
P.6, Central P/s



Obonyo Beniface (14)  
P.6, Ibule P/s



Awat Gillian (13) P.6,  
Ogengo P/s



Owiny George (15)  
P.7, Adyanglim P/s



Okweny Isaac Bob (10)  
Ayamo P/S. P.6

You have the right to live with a family who cares for you

"Itye kede twero me bedo ipaco ame omari iye"



# YOUR LETTERS

## HIV TESTING IS GOOD

HIV/AIDS is a big challenge to us, it has killed our parents leaving many of us with unavoidable responsibilities, forcing us away from school. Therefore the gov't should sensitize our parents to go for HIV testing and counseling, the government should also provide adequate ARVs to the infected parents so that they may have a prolonged live to care for their children.

*Lucy Akullo, Alela Modern*

## MITO JAMI APOL

Gin amiyo onyira weko kwan obedo gin magi;

Me acel onyira mito jami apol miyo owobe bwolo gi kede jami abeco

lyonge gin te yac oko te tunu naka iweko kwan.

Me aryo onywal miyo otini mako tic apol atekateka naka miyo otino weke kwan oko.

*Acola Harriet, P.6 Coorom P/S*

## REMAIN VIRGINS

Dear children,

Let's remain virgins since fornication may get us pregnant, arrested and force us out of school. Please remain in school so that you can enjoy more than you expect of these world. Study hard education is the key.

*Okello Emmanuel, P4 Oloro High P/S*

## LWORO DWONG BOT WA

Kwaca woto bot gamnete ni omyero yab cukule apol me wek cukule bed acegi kede otino. Gamente dang myero lweny atek ikom kop me kwalo otino pien omio otino tye adoko alwor me wot icukul kun otamo gini ni okwal otino twero kwalo gi oko. Apwoyo

*Eoro Lamex, P.6 Green Amononeno P/S*

## LISTEN TO ADVICE

My fellow girls, am very sorry I did not listen to your advice I will not do it again. I got pregnant when I was in P.4 in Agweng Primary School. I felt so bad about it, my boy friend tried to make me abort but I refused. My parents were not happy with me, I was sent away from home and his parents accepted me to live with them but my parents later accepted me back home and they are willing to pay my fees this makes me happy.

*Adur Daphne, Agweng P.7*

## I LOVE MY PARENTS

I always help my parents with simple domestic work before I go to school. Back from school, I get my supper then go to bed. My parents always encourage me to study hard and advice me not to stay with bad group if I want to become a good citizen in future. I love my parents because of this and I wish other parents could treat their children the way my parents treat me!!

*Etime Andrew (11) Abolet P/S*

## PE IDI WA

Onywal wa, wek wunu onyira kwani pe idi wa inyomere con, pien wan obedo anyim me Uganda.

Wan omio kwan pe nyomere con.

*Amongi Janet (14) P.6 Amononeno P/S*



Youth making a blanket with a local handmade machine



# WARAGANI

- Dear Girls,
- Don't be deceived by sugar daddies, they will impregnate and dumped you and eventually you leave school. Avoid indiscipline cases to stop being chased from school.

**Ayugi Oliver (14) P.6 Coorom P/S**

## REPORT ANY CASE

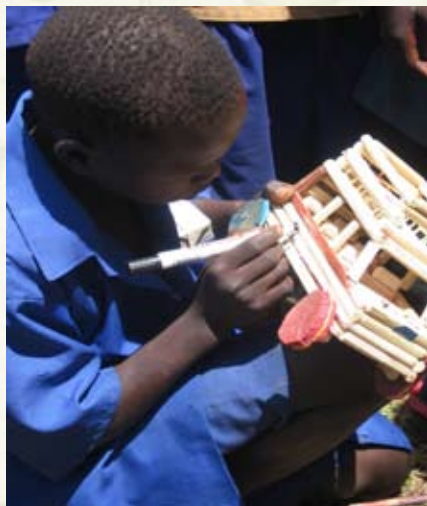
Poverty leading to lack of scholastic materials like book, fees and pens, Sexual abuse like forced marriage, rape leading to early pregnancy. Domestic violence denies you happiness among your friends. Boys and girls should not be afraid to report any case of sexual abuse to child protection committee for easy and fast handling.

**Obolla Eunice, P.6 Ayamo P/S**

## GIVE US LOVE

Dear everyone, On behalf of all children in northern Uganda, I would like to wish all children a happy holidays, have a smiling faces, love and care through out throughout this period. May the good lord guide you as we say NO to child abuse.

**Acur Bosco Dagama (13), P.5 Ogengo P/S**



## THANK YOU

Dear editors of Dwon Otino magazine, I would like to thank you for bringing us these magazine, it makes us reach our parents, leaders and government on child related issues, it has made us know our responsibility. I also advice you to continue bringing the magazines to direct us on a brighter future.

**Apio Lydia, P.7 Opem P/S**

Dear Parents,

Love us and safeguard us from all forms of abuse

**Pule Martin (14) P.6B Amononeno P/S**

## CAN LIM

Gin omio onyira tye ame aweko kwan oko pien onywal okene ka can lim omako gi gengo anyira gi oko iwot I cukul me wek gi nyomere pi miyo gi lim. Onywal okene ka tye kede anyira apol cwalo ka acel keken I cukul, Eka jo okene myero konye itic pacu. Dong akwayo onywal me miyo anyira kwan pien gin obedo anyim me lobom wa

**Odok jimmy, P.3, (11) Agweng P/S**

Dear children,

complete your education because education is the right response to the future.

**Odongo Tonny (14) P.4 Ayamo P/S**

Fellow Girls, avoid having sex when you are still at school because you are capable of getting pregnant, contracting HIV/Aids and you die at the early age

**Awor Harriret day (15) Abala P/S**

## NYWAL CON RAC

Otino wad wa oweko wuno mit atere pe oko, mano balo kwan wa oko. Dong kwaca tye ni omak wuno okwan atek me wek anyim wa bed atye ikare me anyim

**Ogwang Stephen Keneth (14) P.6 abala P/S**

We as children, we should open our eyes to report all the abuse we experience to the child protection committee offices, LCs and Police Station which is found in every village

**Opak Bernard (10), P.5 Ayamo P/S**

## KWAN

Kwan, kwan, kwan,  
Kwan ber ojowa wunu,  
Otino atino wot wunu ikwan.  
En ineno no ba, kwan en aye obedo anyim me lobo.  
Dong ba owot wunu ikwan otino  
Pe itam ni mato taba aye obedo anyim me lobo, kwalo kwo owek wunu bedi  
Kwan, kwan, kwan

Kwan ber ojowa wunu.  
En ineno ni dano obedo M.P no, kom kwan  
Dakatal, opwonye mono ducu obedo kwan  
Dong ba otino owot wunu ikwan  
apwoyo ka ibino wunu ikwan

**Oroma Morine P.6 Akalocero P/S**

You have right to a name, and this should officially be recognized by the government.

"Tye kede twero me bedo nyingi ame gamente tye ngec iye"

## EXPLORING YOUR TALENTS

The attitude of many parents and children towards education has change due to poverty level which has been raised highly by the war which affected the northern part of Uganda. Many parents abandoned their children to look for their on way of living and this has made many children especially girls to be sex worker, house girls, etc and many boys to go on street and entering child labour market. This makes it very difficult to make this children afford the scholastic materials. These therefore makes me appeal to all bodies that works with children to continue supporting children so that they get quality education and teachers should continue exploring their talents in promoting education

*Otim Joel magezi, Teacher Ogengo P/S*

## Education

Education Education Education

What are your behaviors and who are your friends and enemies?

Some people say your true friends are the hardworking people who are able to raise money for school fees while your enemies are those with un acceptable behaviors

You hate insecurity, political instability in a country, prostitute, dull, poor and lazy people in the community. When compared; your features are the same with the features of a tree growing in the desert areas

The desert tree bares deep roots thorny leaves and thick back to tap the underground water and reduce the rate of transpiration during the dry season. Old people say your roots are bitter but the fruits are as sweet as the honey from bees

With all the features of education, I have made my mind to encourage all pupils to remain in school and complete their studies with the hope of testing the sweet fruit of education

*Lawrence Odwee Teacher Abia P/S*

## What do you know about Aids

**Aids** disease is bad and dangerous and ca not be cured

**Aids** can be transmitted through sharing razor blades, broken glass or tins when we cut ourselves and blood comes out. So each must use his/her own things when cutting and trimming hair or nails

**Aids** can be transmitted sexually

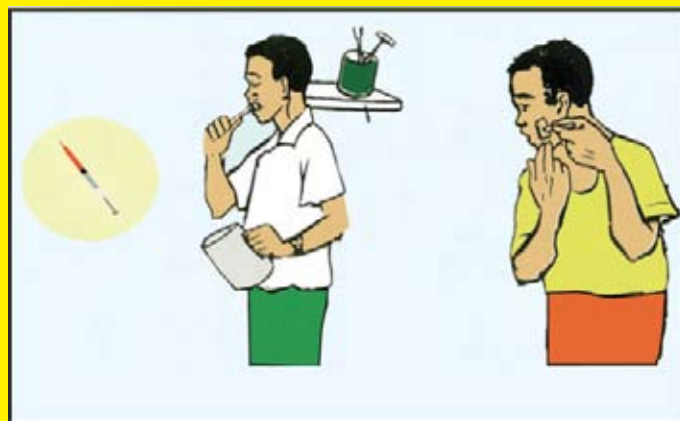
**Aids** can be transmitted by blood transfusion from infected person

**Aids** can be transmitted if we share tooth brushes

**Aids** can **NOT** be transmitted through shaking hands

**Aids** can not be transmitted if we eat in one plate.

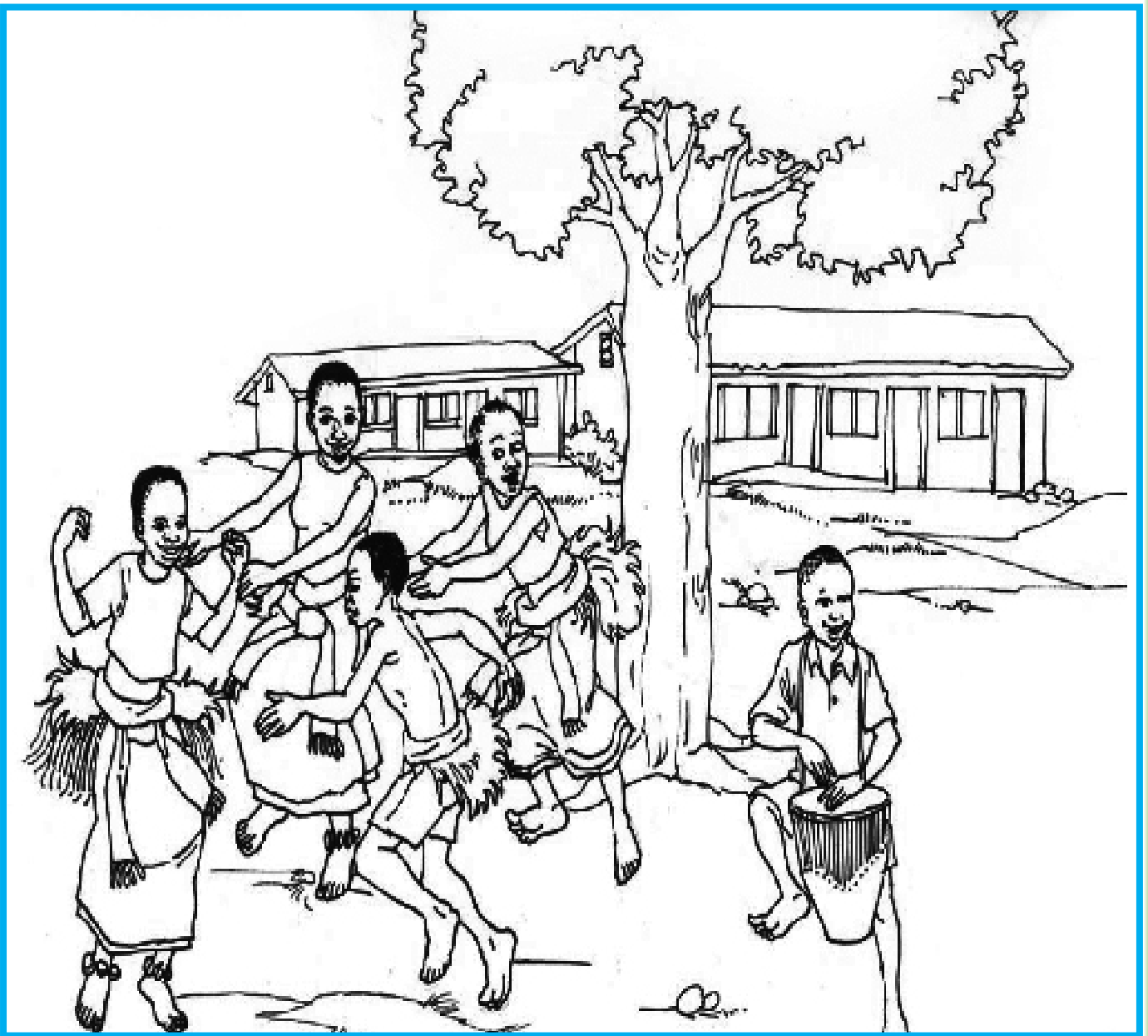
Any one can get **Aids**





# PAINTING COMPETITION No.5

With the use of water colors, crayon, or colored pencils, colour the drawing and drop it in the letter box which is in your school and stand a chance to win scholastic materials plus the t-shirt for Dwon Otino Magazine for you and your friend



Name-----Age-----Class-----

School-----Sub county-----

You the right for special care and help if you cannot live with your parents

“Tye kede twero me nwongo gwok oromo kede kony ka yin pe itwero bedo kede onywali”

# Crossword Puzzle

A	K	O	R	O	G	E	N	G	O	O	P	E	M
B	A	K	A	L	O	C	E	R	O	N	A	F	O
I	W	C	O	R	O	M	S	D	T	I	J	M	O
A	N	G	O	L	O	C	O	M	N	M	A	A	B
O	I	B	U	L	E	G	F	I	S	Y	T	P	G
G	G	A	B	A	L	A	L	N	A	Y	I	R	A
O	H	G	L	U	Y	A	R	F	W	K	L	A	B
G	I	W	I	G	W	E	N	G	A	Y	Y	L	U
O	T	E	Y	A	B	W	S	P	O	U	O	A	N
R	E	N	B	O	R	A	L	E	B	T	O	N	G
O	L	G	K	A	K	I	R	A	I	E	L	Y	A
A	E	A	B	A	K	O	C	U	M	O	O	I	O
A	L	E	L	A	M	O	D	E	R	N	R	C	Y
F	A	T	I	M	A	B	O	L	E	T	O	U	I

FIND OUT THE NAMES OF SCHOOLS:

AKOR, COROM, WIGWENG,  
AGWENG, ABALA,  
ANGOLOCOM, FATIMA, ALELA  
MODERN, OCABU,  
OGENGO, ALEBTONG, KAKIRA,  
OBIM, OOLORO, TELELA, ABIA,  
AWALI, OBER, ABUNGA, AYIRA,  
AYAMO, AKALOCERO, ABOLET,  
OPEM, OGOGORO, ALANYI  
AND ABAKO

## WINNERS OF PAINTING COMPETITION No.5

1. Okello Felex (13), P.6 Mugu P/S
2. Opio Dickens (14) P.6 Alebtong P/S
3. Adongo Teddy (12) P.6 Akalocero P/S
4. Okabo Dicken Maxwell (14) P.6 Obim P/S
5. Akao Maroon1(12) P.34 Ayamop P/S
6. Ekutu Joseph (15) P.7 Amugu P/S
7. Okwir Bosco (12), P.6 opem P/S
8. Ayar Alex (15) Abala P/S
9. Aciro Vicky (12) P.5 Opem P/S
10. Okao Jacob (13) P.6 Alelal Modern P/S
11. Atim Sharon (14) Ibule P/S
12. Ayo Dicken (15) P.5 Ibule P/S

Enjoy making shapes with the shadows of your hands.



You have the right to food, clothing safe place to live and to have your basic needs met

"Itye kede twero me cem, ruk, ka bedo aber kede jami ducu ame mite pi kwo ni"



# QUESTION AND ANSWERS

*Dear children, for any kind of problems address your letter to the counselor of Dwon Otino magazine*



Dear counselor,  
I am a P.7 girl and my mother is disturbing me to get married that she also got married at the age of 16 years old. What should I do or what should I tell her to make her understand that I am still young?

**Alum Mary P.7 Akor p/s**

*Mary thanks for being open with your problems. Use the little chances that they give you properly and don't accept to get married. You are still young and more so a child below 18 years. Your mother doesn't yet understand the value of educating a girl child. Talk to your father about this and try to meet the child protection committee in your area to talk to your parents. Remain in school and you will have a easy and better life in future.*



Dear counselor,  
How does the church treat people who are HIV positive? And how can the church help these people?

**Okabo Geoffrey, Akor p/s**

*Thanks a lot Geoffrey for your letter. The church today identifies herself with people living with HIV/AIDS as part of the ministry for the sick. Jesus said he had not come for those who are well but for the sick. Salvation becomes complete and total when it takes care of the physical (body), mental (mind) and spiritual (soul). The church has a special program especially in counseling and treatment of the people living with HIV/AIDS. Para church organization and church health centers supply both food and ARVs drugs to the people living with aids. Compassion international organization provides social services such as education, medical treatment and materials assistance to the orphans most of whom are as a result of HIV/AIDS scourge.*

*For those who are Aids free, the church as intensified campaigns against HIV free generation. Church leaders have attained different conference on HIV/AIDS in order to expand information on the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS*

*This question was answered by Rev. James Awany, Dean of Students All Saints University Lango. Tel: +254 779 474755*



Dear counselor,  
My mother is forcing me to get married and she is against my going to school Even my father does not want to pay for my school fees. I am at home .What can I do?

**Amongi Janet (14), P.6, Amononeno P/S**

*Janet thanks for coming up with this problem. At the age of 14 you are still young to get married. Your mother should know that there are laws against early marriage. Talk to your parents about what you want to achieve in future and if this fails, make the information reach the local leaders to help you talk with your parents.*

## Topic for next edition

Do you know that Uganda is going for its general election where new president, MPs and others leaders will be elected next year? Do you know that your voice is important and you can also participate actively in democracy and make a difference though you may not VOTE? Make your voice be heard in politics by contributing your articles, ask your leaders what you want, tell your community to vote for leaders who think of you. Write your articles and we shall publish and make your voice to be heard.

Dear Children,

For any form of abuse please call toll free numbers 0800111333, report to police, elders, parents, social worker and child protection committees in your area

### CONTACT:

#### **ART FOR CHILDREN UGANDA**

**P. O. Box 66 Lira (Uganda), Plot 8-10 Market Street African Quarters Tel: +256-392-854233.**

**E-Mail: [artforchildrenug@gmail.com](mailto:artforchildrenug@gmail.com)**

### References:

- Poster of UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in Child Friendly Language
- Cartoon illustration by Mr. Ayen Peter of Benmos Artist & Designers-Lira
- Raising Voices

