

Lalam, The Girl Scout is much more than a story about scouting. It follows the life of an 11-year-old girl called Lalam. After floods destroy her home, they go to a Resettlement Camp where she meets a new friend from Korea called Ms Lee Kim. Her new friend gives her a gift of a book about scouting which transforms her life, school and community. Using scouting as a vehicle, this story shows how Lalam and her fellow scouts are empowered with social skills of communication, leadership, participation and public information; as well as cognitive skills like critical, analytical, reflective and strategic thinking. Through the training, interaction and exposure they receive as scouts, Lalam and her colleagues acquire knowledge and understanding of diversity, globalisation, equality as well as values and attitudes including self-esteem, empathy and respect, social justice and equality which prepare them to an exemplary life as informed and empowered global citizens who play an active and positive role in their societies.



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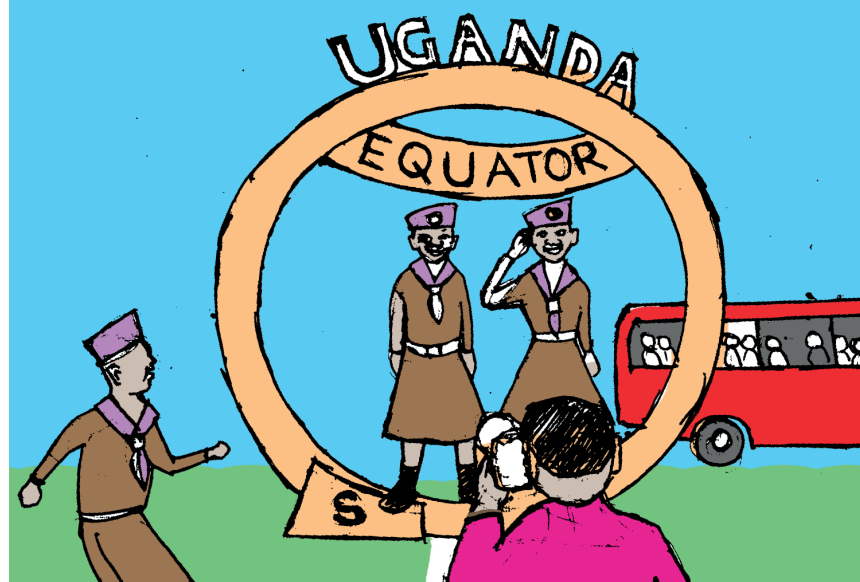
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Temporary	to be used for only a short time
Values	the usefulness or importance of something
Vegetation	plants that are found in a particular area
Volunteer	a person who does a job without being paid for it

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Heroine	a girl or a woman who has done something good and is greatly admired
Interrupt	stop an activity for a short time
Inward	inside your mind and not shown in other people
Meteorology	study of the processes in the earth that cause particular weather conditions
Patriotism	love of your country and willingness to defend it
Pitch	to put up a tent where you are going to stay
Pleasant	something nice, enjoyable or attractive
Popular	liked or enjoyed by a large number of people
Raffle	competition in which you buy tickets with numbers on them. Some numbers are chosen and if your ticket has one of these numbers on it, you win a prize.
Rehearse	to practice what you are going to do, say or act
Resettle	to help people go and live in a new country or area
Resident	a person who lives in a particular area
Respective	separate, own
Segregation	to separate people of different tribes, religions or sexes and treat them in different way

Glossary

Amidst	in the middle of or during
Bleat	sound made by sheep or goat
Charity	organization which raises money in order to help people who are in need or ill
Disappoint	to make one feel sad
Disaster	a very bad situation
Donation	something that is given to a person or an organization in order to help them
Drought	a long period of time when there is little or no rain
Emerge	to come out
Floods	water which spreads out unto the land around it
Formation	setting up or starting of something
Gift	a thing that you give to someone on a special occasion or to say thank you
Global	covering or affecting the whole world
Hail stone	a small ball of ice that falls like rain

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Questions

1. Why did the driver ask all scouts in the bus to fasten their seat belts?
2. At which place did the scouts cross the equator?
3. What was the theme of the 2017 National Scouts camp?
4. Why was Mr. Pendo angry with Asante?
5. Which cultural dance did Ntezi Primary School present?

Activity

1. In pairs, write down the names of different cultural dances from Uganda.
2. In groups, ask write down a poem about the longest journey you have ever had.

The results were to be announced at the camp fire. Ntezi Primary School had done well but they did not expect to be among the best.

After announcing the winner and the second, the camp leader said “In a special way join me to congratulate Ntezi Primary School. They have managed to come third at their first ever camp.”

Lalam and her friends jumped up in joy. They were very happy. In Ntezi village, the community learnt about the good performance on the radio. They were welcomed back like heroes and heroines. The scouts club became very popular and many people joined. They did a lot of charity work in the community.

Lalam and her friend Asante kept committed scouts. They studied and although they joined different secondary schools, they kept friends. They regularly wrote letters to each other. Lalam also kept in touch with Ms Lee. Lalam studied and became a doctor. She worked in many countries without any difficulty. As a scout, she got many values. She learnt how to respect different people and cultures.

She was indeed a global citizen. She always encouraged young people to become scouts. She remained a scout herself because once a scout always a scout.

Life at the Resettlement Camp

Dreaming about New Year's Day

Lalam lived at River Ntezi village. Every New Year's day, a choir from her village moved from one house to another singing New Year's songs. She was part of the River Ntezi village Night Angels choir. That night, she dreamed of the choir. They were singing beautiful songs. Everyone had come out to listen to them. She was very happy.

“Lalam, Lalam!” her mother called out, “Wake up. You need to go and line up early for our food of the day.”



“Alright, mother,” Lalam answered as she jumped out of her bed. She quickly went to join the line.

Lalam’s family and other members from Ntezi village had temporarily resettled at Ujama. It was now three weeks. Ntezi village was located near River Ntezi. It was their source of life. Women made crafts from papyrus. The papyrus grew near the river. The men caught fish which they sold in the market.

The source of River Ntezi was a mountain. The mountain was many kilometres away. The flooding of River Ntezi caused Lalam and the family to leave their home.

different poems. One of them was about sexual abuse.

Child Sexual abuse
You are a robber of virginity,
You are a killer of visions,
You are a destroyer of confidence.

Child Sexual abuse,
Defilement in all directions,
Incest on visiting some relatives,
Tears and sorrow on the little faces.

Child sexual abuse,
Children should flee lonely places,
Children should refuse gifts from strangers,
Children should avoid bad company.

Child sexual abuse must stop,
If teen pregnancy is to end,
If early marriages are to reduce,
If children are to escape HIV/AIDS.

Final Presentations

Finally, the day of the presentations reached. All teams had enough time to rehearse. Lalam and her friends had learnt the Dinka dance. They were perfect in it.

Different teams presented their items. It was time for Ntezi to present. They presented a perfect Dinka dance. Some people could not tell that they were not Dinkas. All scouts present gave them a big hand clap.

Learning the Dinka Dance

Ntezi Primary School picked their raffle. It showed that they had to learn a dance from the Dinka tribe of South Sudan. Other schools learnt the Neur dance while others learnt dances from Kenya, Uganda and other countries.

The next day the Scouts team from South Sudan came to Ntezi Primary School tent. They carried for them breakfast. They taught each other their dances.



They were nice and pleasant. Asante got a Dinka friend. It was a good experience learning the culture of other societies.

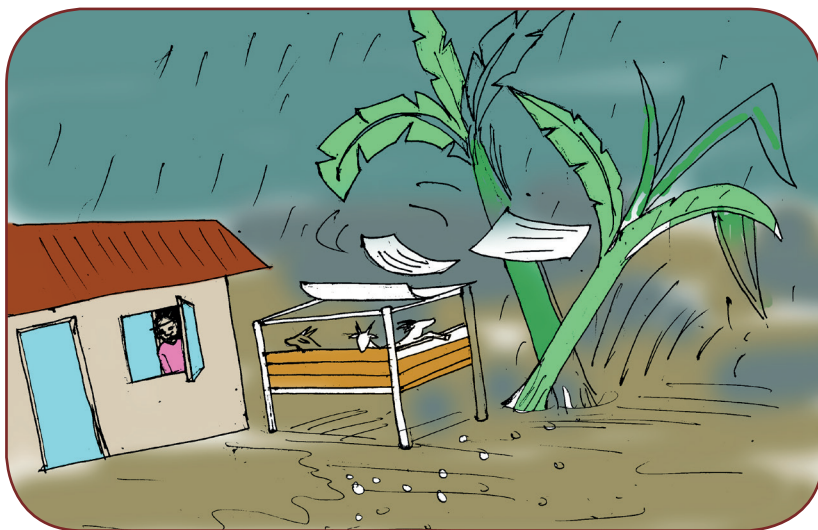
There were also other activities that took place at the camp. The scouts visited the nearby hospital and cleaned it. They also visited a nearby prison and recited

River Ntezi floods

For the last six months, Ntezi and neighbouring villages had not received a drop of rainfall. The area had been hit by a severe drought. Crops dried up and animals began to die. There was famine. For the first time, River Ntezi dried up. There was deforestation in Ntezi village and the mountain area. People cut the trees for timber and charcoal burning. This led to drought in the area.

After a while rains came. River Ntezi began flowing again. Everyone was happy. People began cultivating the land. They planted different crops. Once again the vegetation in Ntezi was green.

One evening, a big wind swept along the village. It was a very strong wind that destroyed many plants. When the wind began to calm down, heavy rains with thunderstorm started. It rained heavily for hours all night. Heavy hailstones fell on Lalam's house and she could not sleep. Her father peeped through the window to see the banana plantation. The heavy rainfall had destroyed the banana plantation.



The goats' pen roof was blown off. Lalam could hear the goats bleating in fear. By morning, the rain had stopped. People came out of their houses one by one to see the damage. It was very bad. Some homes down the valley were flooded, and property lost. There were also reports of some children who were not seen.

Lalam's father turned on his radio to listen to the latest news. Lalam, her young brother and mother all gathered around the small radio. A voice was heard:

"Good morning listeners, thank you for tuning in to River FM. It is a sad day in our area today. The rainfall from last night has caused heavy damage. Homes down the valley were washed away by the heavy rains. Some children are missing and are feared to be dead. Stay tuned to River FM for more updates.

Korea. They also put up a bathroom and kitchen. Their tents looked very smart. They could easily be seen from the rest.

In the evening, the camp was assembled for parade. "Scouts wii", said the leader. "Waa!" they replied.

"Be prepared," "Zim zim Bombo," shouted the scouts

After reciting the Scouts Promise, the camp leader welcomed everyone to the Source of the Nile. He informed the scouts that the competition would be judged basing on the following areas:

1. Cleanliness and hygiene
2. Parade drills
3. Talent show
4. Hospitality
5. Cultural dance

For the cultural dance, each school would pick a raffle of the school whose dance they would perform. Therefore, the two teams were required to work together and teach each other their dances in two days.

"The value of scouting is to be able to live together. We have a responsibility to show our communities that we are all global citizens. Therefore, we have to learn to feel good about each other's culture," he said.

Arriving at the Camp site

A very big banner welcomed them to the campsite.



There were many schools present. Some had arrived, others were still on the way. Each district was represented by one school. There were some teams from the neighbouring East African Community countries. There were teams from Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, and South Sudan. Ntezi Primary school had received a special invitation.

Each school was given a place to put up their tents. Lalam's school pitched their brand new tents from

The radio went back to routine programming and started playing music. Within a few minutes a breaking news jingle played. The newsreader came back on air.

We interrupt this programme with breaking news. As I speak, River Ntezi and the neighbouring areas have flooded. The Chairperson LCV has just sent a convoy of vehicles to remove all residents out of Ntezi village. All residents must report to Ntezi Primary school uphill in two hours. They should carry only essential items. The flooding and rains are expected to get worse.

Life at Ujama Resettlement Camp

Lalam and other people gathered at Ntezi Primary School. They were later driven to Ujama Resettlement Camp. It was about 20 kilometres from Ntezi.

At Ujama Resettlement Camp, life was hard for Lalam. She did not have friends. She was always sad.

Many volunteers came to Ujama. Lalam learnt that some volunteers came from Red Cross. There were also workers from the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Disaster Preparedness. They gave out health kits, clothes, beddings and so on.

Lalam meets a new friend

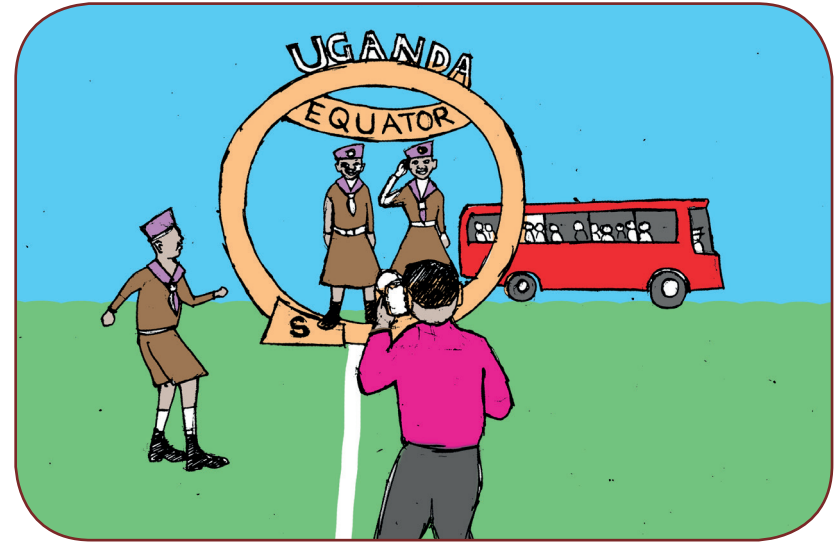
One day, a different group of volunteers came to Ujama. It was a group from The Scouts Movement of Korea. They were smartly dressed. The men wore khaki trousers and shirts. The women wore khaki dresses and sometimes skirts or trousers. They gathered the women and gave them sanitary kits. They also gave first aid kits to the different families.

The group leader introduced herself as Ms. Lee Kim. She was a young lady. She spoke well and had a very nice smile. That day, Lalam stood in front and kept staring at her in admiration. “Wow! I wish I could be as smart as she is!” she thought to herself.

Ujama Resettlement Camp had different groups of people. Whenever volunteers finished working with one group, they went on to another group. That day, Lalam kept following them from one group to another.

While talking to the third group, Ms. Lee noticed that one little girl was following them. She always stood in front of them. Ms. Lee became interested in finding out why. After the meeting, she decided to talk to her.

“Young girl, come here,” she said to Lalam. They sat under a tall tree. Lalam was a bit shy but she felt proud to be talking to Ms. Lee.



Lalam later got tired and slept. She woke up when they had reached a certain town. Straight from her sleep she shouted “Kampala, Kampala! We are in the city!” Everyone in the bus broke into laughter. There was still a long way to the city. But Lalam felt as if they had been travelling for many days. They soon passed through Kampala and reached Jinja. Lalam saw River Nile. She was very excited. Everyone was now awake.

oversleep. She did not want to be late.

At school, the bus that was to take them to Jinja had arrived. The turn boy and driver were loading the camping gear and cooking utensils in the boot. Mr. Pendo was there supervising everything.

At 7.00am, Mr. Pendo conducted a final roll call. Everyone was there. They boarded the bus. The driver asked everyone to fasten their seat belts. Asante led the prayer and off, they went. They were very happy. On the way, they sang songs and made merry. After a while, some scouts got tired and slept. Unlike their friends, Lalam and Asante did not sleep at all. They sat near a window and observed everything along the way.

They saw different things. Asante told Lalam the names of some towns and places where they passed. The bus stopped at the equator in Kayabwe along Masaka road. The scouts got out to see the point at which the Northern and Southern hemispheres are divided. They were all excited. They took photographs. They also ate the food which they had packed from their homes.

“What is your name?”

“I am called Lalam,” she answered. “I am in Primary Five at Ntezi Primary School.”

Ms. Lee asked her why she was following them around. Lalam smiled shyly and said that she simply wanted to go with them everywhere. She liked their way of dressing. “I also like you very much, Ms. Lee. I want to be your friend,” she added.

Ms. Lee felt happy by the little girl’s admiration of her. “Well, I like you too Lalam. Let us be friends.” She said, as she gave a high-five to Lalam. She asked her to go back home and she would see her the next day. “I will bring for you a gift,” said Ms. Lee.

Back to her tent, Lalam spent her free time weaving a tiny basket. She did not enjoy weaving but she did it out of boredom. She sat down to finish weaving the basket. She wanted to give it to her new friend.

At night, she wondered what kind of gift she would receive from Ms Lee. “Shoes? A dress? A hat? I think a dress,” she thought to herself. She wished it was a dress. She was not able to get enough dresses at the time they left Ntezi village. In the morning, Lalam woke up early to finish weaving her basket. She wanted it to be perfect for her new friend.

After giving out the day's items, Ms Lee called Lalam to sit with her under a shed. . She was very happy to see Lalam and she gave her a big hug. Onlookers were surprised by these two. It looked as if they had known each other for years.

Lalam receives a gift of a book

Lalam handed over her gift to Ms. Lee. “Oh! What a beautiful basket!”, she said, as she thanked her.

Ms. Lee opened her handbag and handed over a book to Lalam. “Here’s your gift,” she said to her.



Camp at the Source of the Nile

The Journey to the Camp

The camping gear, first aid kits and other items came in at the right time. The scouts identified the best twenty five from among themselves. Lalam and Asante were among them. Most scouts who had missed on the final list were still very active in the preparatory activities.

“Asante, this will be my first time to travel out of my district. I am very excited. I will finally see the city . I can’t wait,” said Lalam.

On the night before the trip, Lalam never slept. She packed her bag in time. She went to bed early but she failed to sleep. She imagined how the trip would be. Later, she was able to sleep. In her sleep, she dreamt that she had overslept and the vehicle had left her. Screaming in her sleep, she woke up and found herself in bed. Quickly she looked out of the window and there was a bright moon. So she was not sure of the time. She went to the sitting room and the clock showed 5.00am. She decided not to go back to sleep fearing that she may

Questions

1. Who invited Ntezi primary School to participate in the Scouts camp?
2. Why was bob-a-job week good for the Scouts club?
3. How did the scouts elect their leaders?
4. Why did Lalam decide to write a letter to her friend Ms Lee?
5. Mention the items that were donated to the Scouts club by ms Lee?

Activity

1. Individually, write a letter to your friend informing him/her about what you like about your school.
2. In groups, ask your teacher to guide you on how to make an envelope.

The truth is Lalam was disappointed by the gift she received. A book! She had never read a book before. She had hoped for something special like a dress that she could show off to her friends.

She did not want Ms. Lee to notice her disappointment. She therefore pretended to be happy and thanked her. Ms. Lee and her fellow scouts were to return to their country the next day.

At the back of the book, Ms. Lee wrote her address. "That is my address. Please write to me, my friend. Letters can help us to keep in touch."

Lalam soon began to read the book. To her surprise, it was very interesting. It was about "The Scouts Movement". It gave the history of Scouts and Girl Guides. She enjoyed it. She learnt about scouts and began to feel like one. She wished for the time when she would go back to school. She wanted to share the book with her friend Asante. "She will like the book, I am sure. And maybe she will become a Scout like me," Lalam said to herself. In her mind, she had already become a girl scout.

Questions

1. What is the name of Lalam's village?
2. From which country did the volunteers come from?
3. Name two things destroyed due to heavy rains?
4. Why did River Ntezi dry up?
5. What are some of the activities that man can do to reduce drought?

Activity

1. In groups, discuss what can be done to stop floods.
2. Draw a picture showing Lalam in the resettlement camp.

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Dearest Lalam,

I hope you are doing well. Thank you very much for your letter. It gave me so much pleasure and joy. A simple book has opened your school to the wonderful world of scouting. I know that you will all enjoy scouting very much.

When I received your letter, I spoke to my friends at the Korea Scouts Association. They were all very happy about the Scout Club in your school. We have decided to send you some camping items. We hope they will be useful as you go to the camp. I have written to Mr. Pendo separately about that.

I hope you and your family have resettled in your village after the floods.

By the way I really liked your gift. I keep the little basket in my office. It reminds me about the Ugandan spirit. Keeping a smile even amidst serious problems.

I will be waiting for your letter after the camp. I hope you will enjoy and learn.

Your friend,

Lee

By the end of the week, the scouts had managed to collect some money. The money was still not enough.

One Monday morning when pupils were at the assembly, a lorry from Global Transporters entered the school. It parked near the Head teacher's office. The Head teacher went to receive the visitors. She later called Mr. Pendo to her office.

Within fifteen minutes, Mr. Pendo returned to the assembly. He looked very happy and excited. He announced that Ms. Lee had sent them camping gear. There was also a private letter to Lalam. Mr. Pendo handed it over to her.

Lalam was very excited. She didn't know that Ms. Lee was going to reply her letter immediately. The envelope had very many nice stamps. She called her friend Asante to read the letter together with her.

We Can Become Girl Scouts

Back to Ntezi Village

A few weeks after New Year's day, the Minister of Disaster Preparedness announced that it was now safe for people to return to Ntezi village. The Meteorological Department announced that the bad rains were over. Lalam could not wait to leave Ujama. Most exciting for her was that the holidays would soon be over. Lalam could not wait to meet Asante to share her book.

Every home received items to help it resettle. They were given food, beddings, iron sheets and scholastic materials for the school going children. Lalam cleaned the house and dug around the compound. Her mother cultivated the land in preparation for the planting season. Her father started selling fish again. Unfortunately, all their livestock and poultry had died during the floods.

Opening day of the School Term

Lalam started preparing herself for school. She had lost her uniforms. She went to the tailor in the trading centre to make her a new one.

Lalam woke up very early to go to school. She checked to ensure that she had carried her Scout's book. She had. She booked a front desk. She hoped to share it with her friend Asante.

Other pupils began arriving and within no time, her class was full. However, Asante was nowhere. "What could have happened to her?" Lalam wondered. "Did she transfer to a new school or not?" She asked herself.

The bell rung for assembly. The whole school gathered to listen to the Head teacher. The Head teacher welcomed the pupils back from the holidays. He was sorry for those who came from the valley areas. Their holidays had been disturbed by the floods. He informed the school that many things were lost in the flood.

After assembly, everyone was engaged in the general cleaning of the school. Some pupils slashed the compound while others cleaned the toilets. After cleaning, pupils entered their classrooms.

Lalam contested with Kato a boy in Primary six class. He was one of the best scouts in school. He was also very good and friendly to all. Voting was by secret ballot. When the votes were counted and tallied, Lalam lost.

Mr. Pendo talked to her. He told her that sometimes pupils may not vote you. It doesn't mean that they don't like you. Maybe the opponent can be better suited for the post.

Mr. Pendo also talked to Kato, the winner to respect and work with Lalam. Kato decided to make Lalam his advisor. Lalam was happy again.

Fundraising for the Camp

Mr. Pendo asked the Head teacher for money to support the camp. The school's contribution was not enough. It did not cater for all expenses like transport, camping gear and food. Mr. Pendo brought an idea of how his former school once got money to participate in a camp. He announced on a school assembly that the Scouts Club was having a bob-a-job week. This was to help the scouts to raise money for the camp.

On Friday, they visited the neighbouring mosques. They offered to wash people's cars for some money. On Sundays, they visited the churches for the same activity.

The Scouts Club in my school is one of the most active clubs. Everyone admires us. We give First Aid on big days like Sports day. We are also in charge of hoisting both the School and National Flag.

Today we received the most exciting news. We have been invited to take part in the Uganda National Scouts Camp. It will take place at the end of this term. It will be at the source of the Nile in Jinja. We are happy about this. It will be the first time for us to participate in scouts camping.

Once again, thank you very much for my gift. Stay well.

Greetings from my friend Asante.

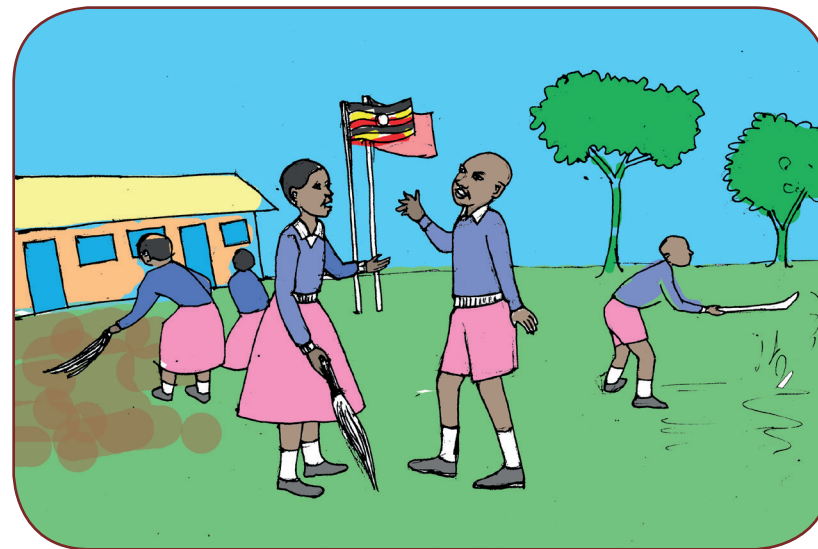
Your friend,

Lalam

Lalam was careful not to make any errors. She also wrote with her best handwriting. She bought an envelope and sealed the letter. At school she asked Mr. Pendo to help take the letter to the Post Office.

Vote Me

As part of the preparations for the camp, Mr. Pendo decided to get new leaders for the scouts. He did not want to simply appoint leaders of his choice. He decided that there would be elections. The scouts were to elect the leader they wanted.



Lalam decided to talk to one boy who was a neighbour to Asante. The boy also wondered why she had not reported to school. He assured Lalam that Asante had not transferred to another school.

Asante reports to school

The following day, Lalam woke up very early to go to school. She met other pupils on the way and they walked to school together. She found that Asante had reached school earlier than her. Other pupils showed her Lalam's desk where she sat. They had shared a desk since Primary three.

Asante was from the neighbouring village. She had heard about the floods in the valley areas of Ntezi. Asante

kept praying for Lalam to be safe. “Lalam it must have been such a terrible holiday for you, staying at Ujama Resettlement Camp,” Asante said.

“Well, Asante, I was sad about everything, but eventually things were not so bad after all. I met a new friend called Ms Lee Kim from South Korea,” Lalam said with excitement as she pulled the book out of her bag. “Look, what gift she gave me!” added Lalam.

“How lovely!” Asante replied, as she received the book.

“I have read it twice from cover to cover. It talks about the Scouts Movement” Lalam said.



“What? You have read it twice! It must be a very interesting book,” Asante made fun of Lalam.

everyone else. She had read about camping in her book. This was a real chance for her to take part in a National Scouts Camp. She knew that she too like everyone else had to work hard. Only twenty five scouts were needed for the camp. The school had around seventy scouts.

On her way back home, Lalam was still thinking about this great news. She got an idea to inform her friend Ms Lee about it. She would be happy to learn what came from a simple gift.

Lalam writes a letter to Ms Lee

When Lalam reached home, she looked for Ms. Lee’s address. She wrote the letter to her.

Ntezi Primary School,
P, O, Box 194,
River Ntezi County,
Uganda.

Dear Ms Lee

I hope that you are fine and everything is going on well. I am sorry I did not write to you earlier to thank you for my gift. I enjoyed reading the book so much. It helped me to keep cheerful during those days at Ujaama. Thank you.

From the book, I also got to learn more about Scouts. With my friend Asante, we thought about starting the Scouts Club in our school. Luckily for us, a new teacher of Primary Seven called Mr. Pendo is a scout. He agreed to teach us about scouting.

Preparing for the Scouts Camp

The Big Announcement

Mr. Pendo was always a happy man. But in this particular scouts' meeting, he looked happier. When he walked to address the scouts' parade, everyone kept quiet to listen.

"I have a letter from the Uganda Scouts Association. They have invited us to take part in the National Scouts' Camp. The camp will take place in Jinja at the Source of the Nile. He added that only twenty five scouts are invited meaning that the club will only take the best twenty five.

As soon as he had finished talking, the whole parade shouted and jumped in joy. This was a big chance for all of them. Mr. Pendo was equally excited by this news. Usually each district sends one school that emerges the best at district level. This was only a special invitation to Ntezi Primary School. Preparations for the camp had to begin early. Lalam was perhaps more excited than

While Asante enjoyed reading books, she knew that her friend Lalam had little interest in reading. Lalam had never read and completed any story book. Asante always tried to convince her to read one. Asante was a very fast reader. She managed to read some few pages before the first lesson. She enjoyed the book. At home she read more pages. She completed the book within a few days.

What if we started the Scouts Club in our school?

Asante had read many different books. The book about scouting excited her imagination. Quickly an idea came to her "What if we started a Scouts Club in our school?" she thought. "I must talk to Lalam about it and we find a way of doing it." There were already different clubs at Ntezi Primary School. There was Debating Club, Patriotism Club, and many others. Lalam was excited by Asante's idea of starting a scouts Club in their school. Asante suggested that they talk to their class teacher Mr. Kodet about it.

Lalam explained to Mr. Kodet how the idea came about. He was surprised by the girls' idea. Mr. Kodet knew about the Scouts Movement but had never been in one himself. He recalled that Mr. Pendo the new Primary

Seven teacher was the Scout Master in his previous school.

“Girls, your idea is brilliant. Since I cannot be of much help myself, let me take you to Mr. Pendo. I am sure he will help you,” Mr. Kodet said.

Mr. Kodet took Lalam and Asante to Mr. Pendo. Mr. Pendo was happy with the girls’ idea. He loved scouting. He had wanted to start scouting at Ntezi but didn’t know how to begin. The girls now presented Mr. Pendo a perfect chance for him to start the Scouts Club.

Mr. Pendo quickly came up with a plan of introducing Scouting at Ntezi Primary School. In about a week, he shared his plan with the Head teacher. The Head teacher accepted. He also talked to all the teachers. Mr. Pendo was allowed to continue with the plan.

Lalam and Asante were excited by this news. Other friends and classmates were looking forward to becoming Scouts. The book about scouting was shared among all the pupils. This knowledge from the book made all of them like scouting.

Questions

1. Who announced the formation of the Scouts club at Ntezi Primary School?
2. How did Asante help Lalam to get a Scout uniform?
3. Mention any three values of becoming a scout?
4. What activities did some scouts without scouts uniform do to get money to buy the uniforms?
5. Why did Lalam enjoy reading her new book?

Activity

1. Prepare a nursery bed for your class.
2. Recite the Scouts’ Law.

learn about growing vegetables to earn her own money. She learnt a lot and got some seedlings from Asante's nursery bed. She prepared a garden behind their house where she planted the vegetables.



When she harvested her cabbages, she earned enough money to buy a scout's uniform, books and shoes. She encouraged other scouts without scouts' uniform to think of how to make their own money. Some decided to make handicrafts for sale. Some scouts reared rabbits. Other scouts kept poultry while some grew vegetables. Within a period of two terms, everyone had bought their own scouts uniform.

Questions

1. Mention three items which were given to people to help them return to Ntezi village?
2. Why was it safe for people to return to Ntezi village?
3. Which club did Mr. Pendo start at Ntezi Primary School ?
4. What was the work of men in Ntezi village?
5. Why did Lalam enjoy reading her new book?

Activity

1. In groups, explain why pupils get involved in general cleaning at school?
2. Write down a list of any story books you have ever read? What did you enjoy about them?

The Birth of the Scouts Club at Ntezi Primary School

Mr. Pendo announces the formation of the Scouts Club

Ntezi Primary School always held school assemblies every Monday and Friday. Usually the assembly was addressed by the teacher on duty and sometimes the Head teacher. On this particular Friday, the teacher on duty asked Mr. Pendo to address the school assembly.

Mr. Pendo walked to the front of the assembly. He was dressed in an unusual manner. Pupils started murmuring. “Look, he is dressed like a soldier,” one said. “No, he is dressed like a policeman,” commented another pupil. Only Lalam was able to tell that Mr. Pendo was dressed in a full Scouts uniform. It was similar to that of the Scouts from Korea at Ujama.

“Good morning school,” Mr. Pendo started. “Today I am addressing you as a Scout. I became a Scout long

3. A Scout is friendly and thinks about others
 4. A Scout belongs to the worldwide family of Scouts
 5. A Scout has courage in all difficulties
 6. A Scout makes good use of the time and is careful with possessions and property
 7. A Scout has self-respect and respect for others
- “Everyone here should follow the Scouts law which is mainly a set of our values. I promise you that our school will change for the better. Teasing, selfishness and disobedience will stop. There should be no segregation because of religion, tribe or because one comes from a poor family,” Mr. Pendo said. He also taught them that as Scouts they are supposed to live an exemplary life. Other pupils in school must learn from them.

Lalam gets a Scouts' Uniform

Lalam was surprised to hear that Asante used her own money to buy the scouts uniform. In fact, she bought books and sanitary pads using her own savings. Asante grew cabbages, carrots and tomatoes at her home. She would give them to her mother to sell for her in the market.

One Sunday afternoon, Lalam asked for permission from her parents to go and visit Asante. She wanted to

Lalam, Asante, and other new scouts enjoyed learning more about scouting. Friday afternoon was something to look forward to. They learnt new songs, did some parade drills and began to feel like real scouts.

At least every scout could now recite the Scout motto which is “Be Prepared”. Mr. Pendo told them that as scouts they must always be ready. They must also be prepared to help in any situation they can. If there is an accident, a scout must be able to offer First Aid immediately.

Mr. Pendo also taught them The Scout Promise. This is like a vow that every scout must learn and try to live by. He showed them how to say it while making the Scouts Salute.

On my honour

I promise that I will do my best

To do my duty to God and my country

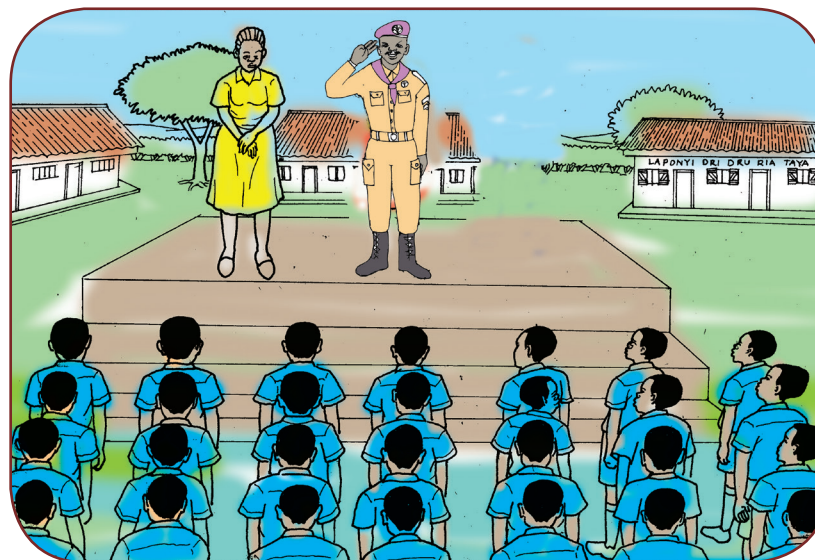
To help other people at all times

And to obey the Scout Law

The new scouts also learnt the Scouts Law. Mr. Pendo explained that the Scout law is like their constitution. They have to follow the Scout law throughout their lives.

1. A Scout is to be trusted
2. A Scout obeys

ago while in Primary Five. I have been a Scout since then. Once a Scout always a Scout. I am very happy to announce the formation of the Scouts Club at Ntezi Primary School.



“Scouts wii,” he said but nobody responded. He told them to respond that: Waa.

“Again, Scouts Wii?” he said.

To which they all responded, “Waa”

“Before I go any further let me invite Lalam and Asante to come forward.”

Lalam was very shy. She did not want to step forward

but Asante encouraged her. Mr. Pendo informed the school how these two girls had talked to him about formation of the Scouts club.

“Becoming a Scout will prepare you for an exemplary life here at school and in future. As Scouts we have many values. Those of you who will join scouting will learn more. Scouts are cheerful, helpful, kind, obedient and trustworthy,” Mr. Pendo said. He added that starting on Monday, he would move from class to class to register new scouts.

After assembly, everyone especially those from upper classes wanted to talk to Lalam and Asante. They were interested in learning more about Scouting. Lalam told them that she didnot know much about scouting herself. “All I know is what I have learnt from the book,” said Lalam.

“Lalam, may I borrow your book?” asked one boy from Primary Seven.

“Someone in my class has borrowed it,” replied Lalam. “There are many others waiting to read it after him. I do not know when you will be able to get it,” she added.

After a while, the bell rang. It was time for lessons to begin. All pupils rushed to their respective classes.

Learning about Scouting

Within a week, Mr. Pendo had registered one hundred new scouts. Friday afternoon was clubs time. One hundred scouts was actually a very big number for Mr. Pendo to train. He knew that some would drop off in the first few weeks. His desired number was about fifty.

He started by introducing them to the Scouts Movement generally. He told them that it was by Robert Baden Powell. He was a former soldier in the British army. He told them that, “Scouting is a movement. It aims to support young people in their physical, mental and spiritual development. A scout is trained to be helpful in his or her society. A scout must also have survival skills.”

