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Dear visitor,

Have a very good, healthy and loving 2022!

Looking back at 2021, it has been a very loving year for our school project. We have had more contact than ever before, though all through Zoom, Teams and WhatsApp. And I take screenshots to keep you updated. Being able to be in touch with each other online is quite an improvement although the picture quality is still not very good. We also have to turn off the video regularly because the connection is too weak and then we chat in the 'old fashioned' way, by calling!

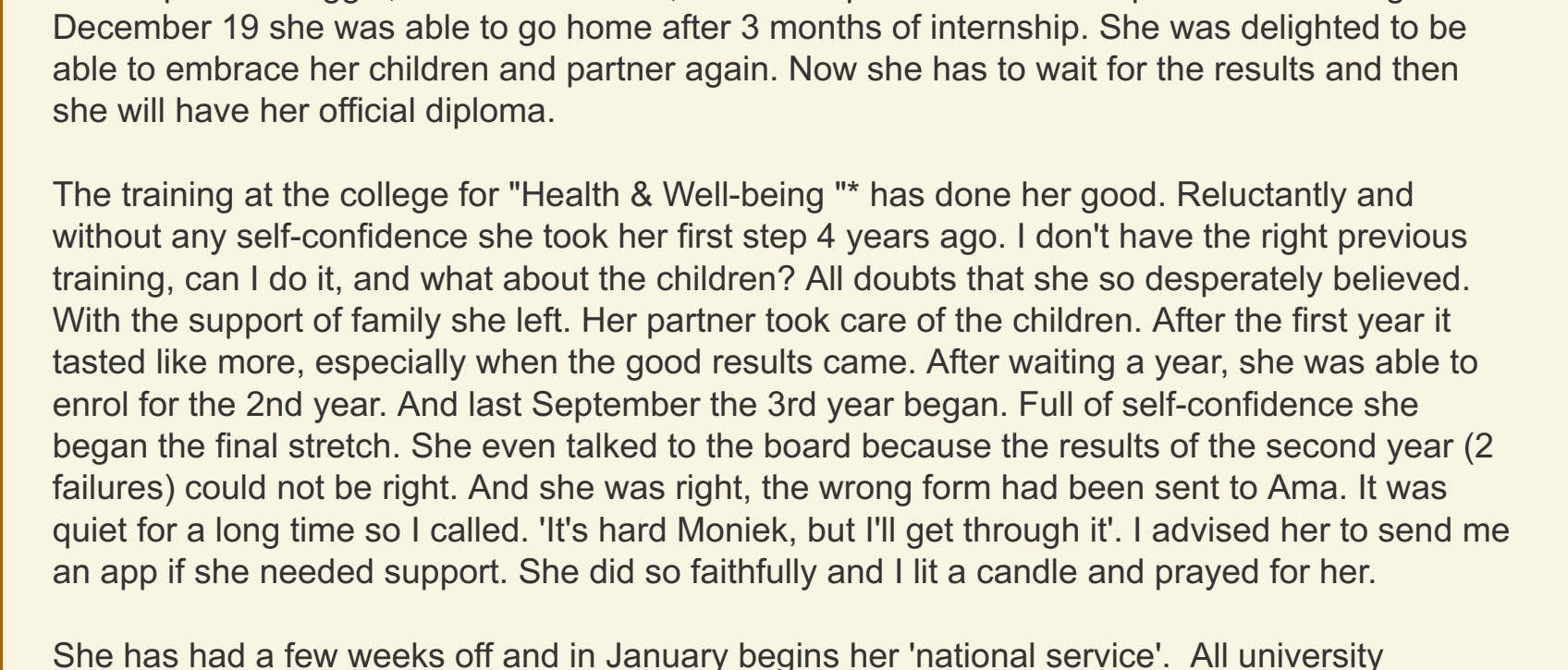
Still, I miss them a lot and would love to go to Ghana. I have already bought my ticket but I am having problems applying for a visa and would like to ask you to keep your fingers crossed that I can go to Ghana this month.

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Enjoy reading!

Warm greetings, Moniek



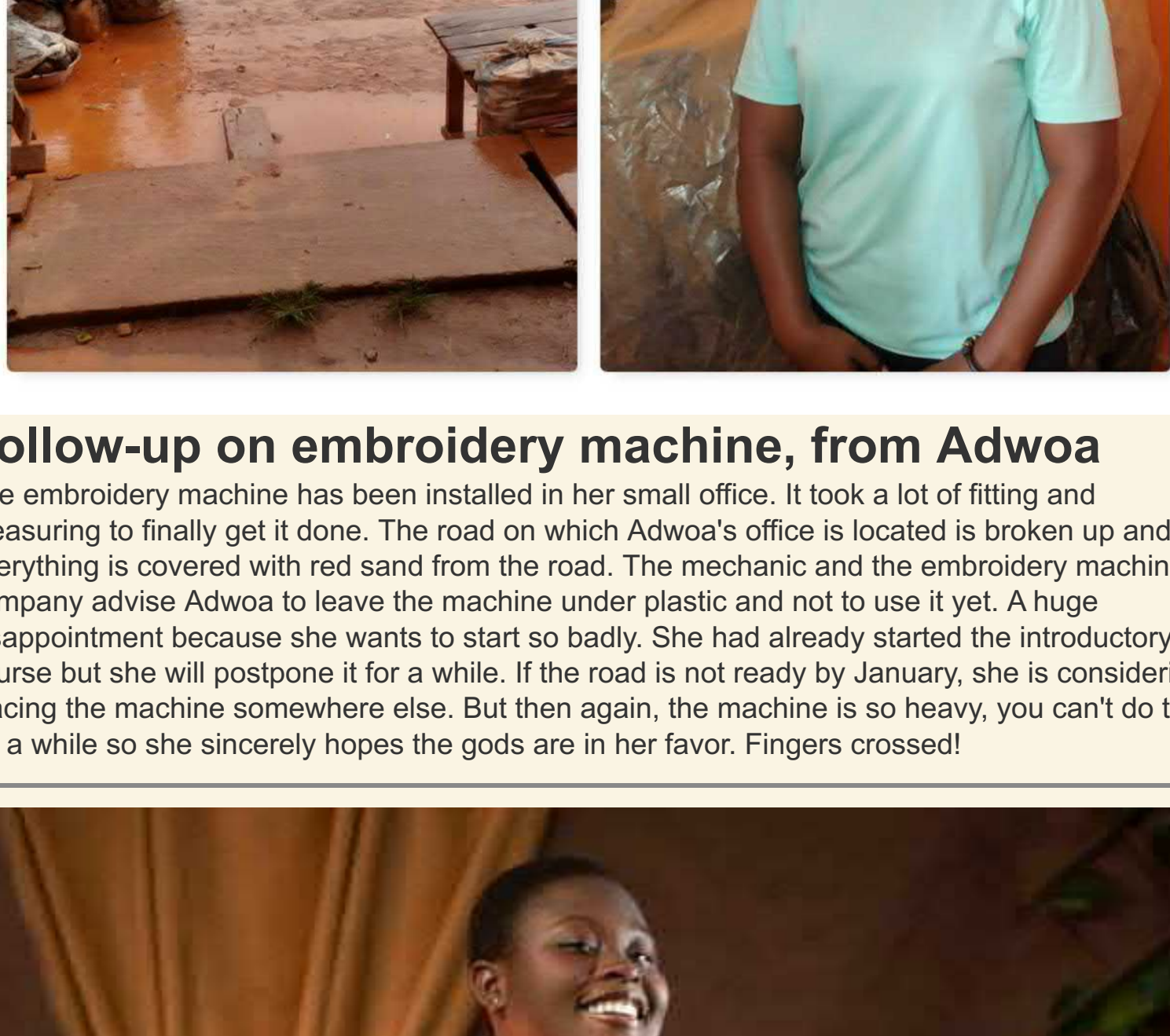
### Ama's last round of training

It was quite a struggle, Ama let me know, but she is proud to have completed the training. On December 19 she was able to go home after 3 months of internship. She was delighted to be able to embrace her children and partner again. Now she has to wait for the results and then she will have her official diploma.

The training at the college for "Health & Well-being" has done her good. Reluctantly and without any self-confidence she took her first step 4 years ago. I don't have the right previous training, can I do it, and what about the children? All doubts that she so desperately believed. With the support of family she left. Her partner took care of the children. After the first year it tasted like more, especially when the good results came. After waiting a year, she was able to enrol for the 2nd year. And last September the 3rd year began. Full of self-confidence she began the final stretch. She even talked to the board because the results of the second year (2 failures) could not be right. And she was right, the wrong form had been sent to Ama. It was quiet for a long time so I called. 'It's hard Moniek, but I'll get through it'. I advised her to send me an app if she needed support. She did so faithfully and I lit a candle and prayed for her.

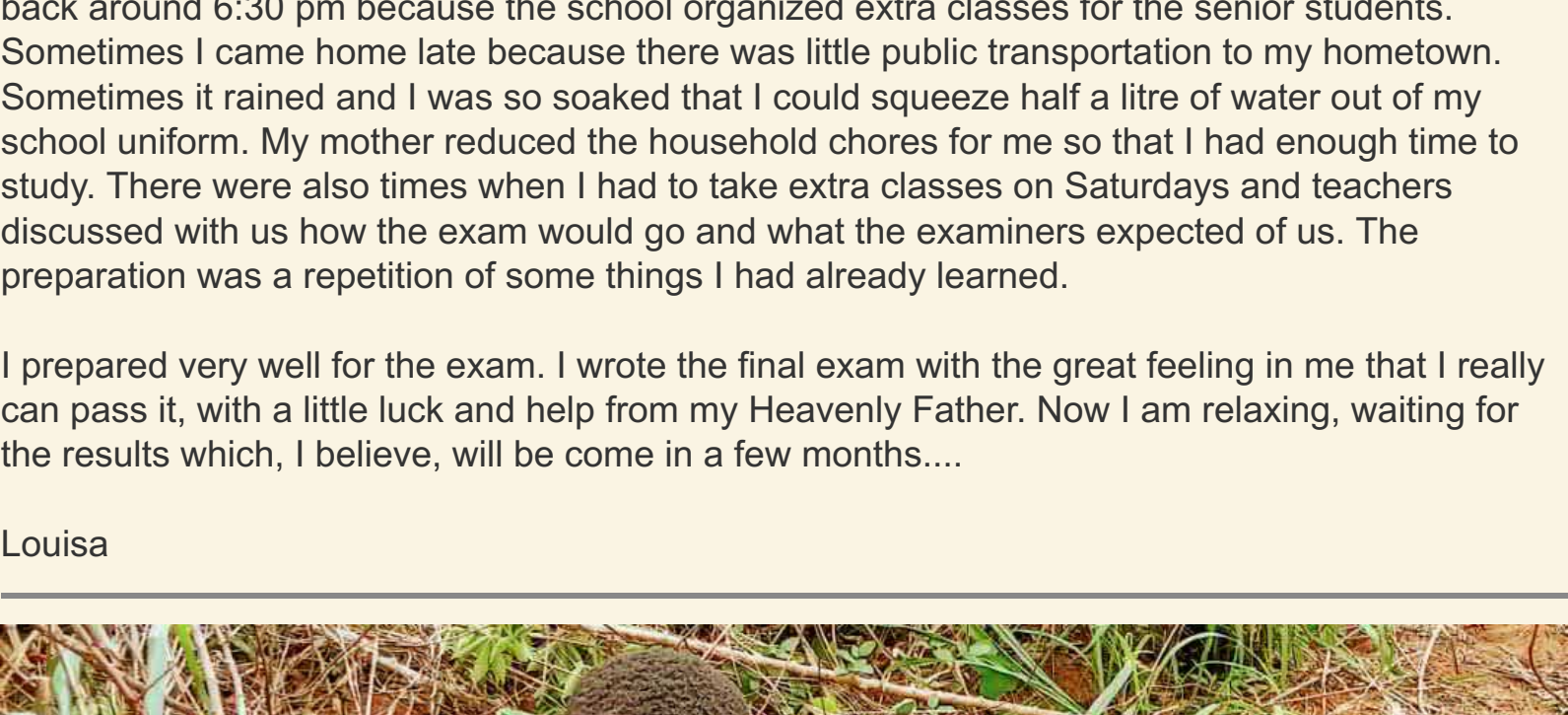
She has had a few weeks off and in January begins her 'national service'. All university students in Ghana do that. Ama is going to do her one year 'service' at the hospital in Tafo, a town near where she lives. She will be paid her normal salary during this 'service'. Her salary has almost five-folded compared to 4 years ago. She now receives about €200 per month. For Ghana, a nice basic income.

\* Universities in Ghana offer a sandwich course that is mostly taken by adults. This is a 3-month course in which they are taught material from a full year of study.



### Follow-up on embroidery machine, from Adwoa

The embroidery machine has been installed in her small office. It took a lot of fitting and measuring to finally get it done. The road on which Adwoa's office is located is broken up and everything is covered with red sand from the road. The mechanic and the embroidery machine company advise Adwoa to leave the machine under plastic and not to use it yet. A huge disappointment because she wants to start so badly. She had already started the introductory course but she will postpone it for a while. If the road is not ready by January, she is considering placing the machine somewhere else. But then again, the machine is so heavy, you can't do that for a while so she sincerely hopes the gods are in her favor. Fingers crossed!

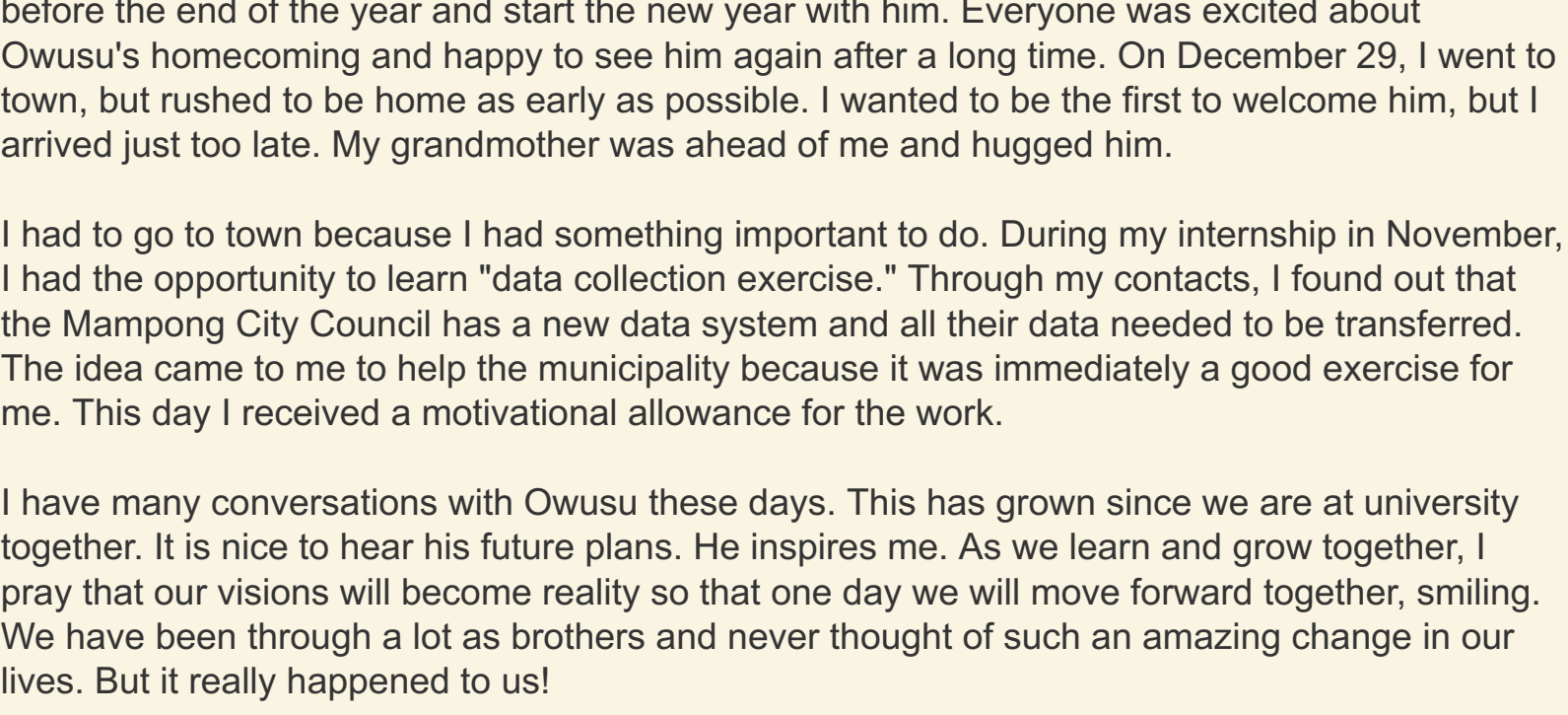


### Louisa's final exam

My last year at Junior High School is over. I had to go to school every day at 6:00 am and was back around 6:30 pm because the school organized extra classes for the senior students. Sometimes I came home late because there was little public transportation to my hometown. I was so soaked that I had to squeeze half a litre of water out of my school uniform. My mother reduced the household chores for me so that I had enough time to study. There were also times when I had to take extra classes on Saturdays and teachers discussed with us how the exam went and what the examiners expected of us. The preparation was a repetition of some things I had already learned.

I prepared very well for the exam. I wrote the final exam with the great feeling in me that I really can pass it, with a little luck and help from my Heavenly Father. Now I am relaxing, waiting for the results which, I believe, will be come in a few months...

Louisa



### The Christmas holiday of Yaw

I heard that Owusu is coming to visit for Christmas. I am very happy to meet my big brother before the end of the year and start the new year with him. Everyone was excited about Owusu's homecoming and happy to see him again after a long time. On December 29, I went to town, but rushed to be home as early as possible. I wanted to be the first to welcome him, but I arrived just too late. My grandmother was ahead of me and hugged him.

I had to go to town because I had something important to do. During my internship in November, I had the opportunity to learn "data collection exercise." Through my contacts, I found out that the Mampong City Council has a new data system and all their data needs to be transferred. The idea came to me to help the municipality because it was immediately a good exercise for me. This day I received a motivational allowance for the work.

I have many conversations with Owusu these days. He inspires me. As we learn and grow together, I pray that our visions will become reality so that one day we will move forward together, smiling. We have been through a lot as brothers and never thought of such an amazing change in our lives. But it really happened to us!

Happy New Year!

Yaw

(in the picture I am with my grandmother)



### Help for 'de Kabouters' (the gnomes)

This is funny to see. In the last newsletter I mentioned that 'De Kabouters' support our school project through Doelshop. Doelshop is a platform where you can shop online at your favorite stores and at the same time we get a small percentage of the purchase. It is not going fast but every little bit helps. We received €60 last year.

Recently, more gnomes found their way to 'Doelshop'. I regularly see a sum from Petra and Rachel passing by. Great, Gnomes and helpers! We are very happy with it.

Would you also like to help by donating for free? Then shop via [this link](#).



### African flags

We have already sold quite a few of these, colorful garlands with banners of African fabrics with colored backing.

The garland of 4 meter (13 flags) costs € 20

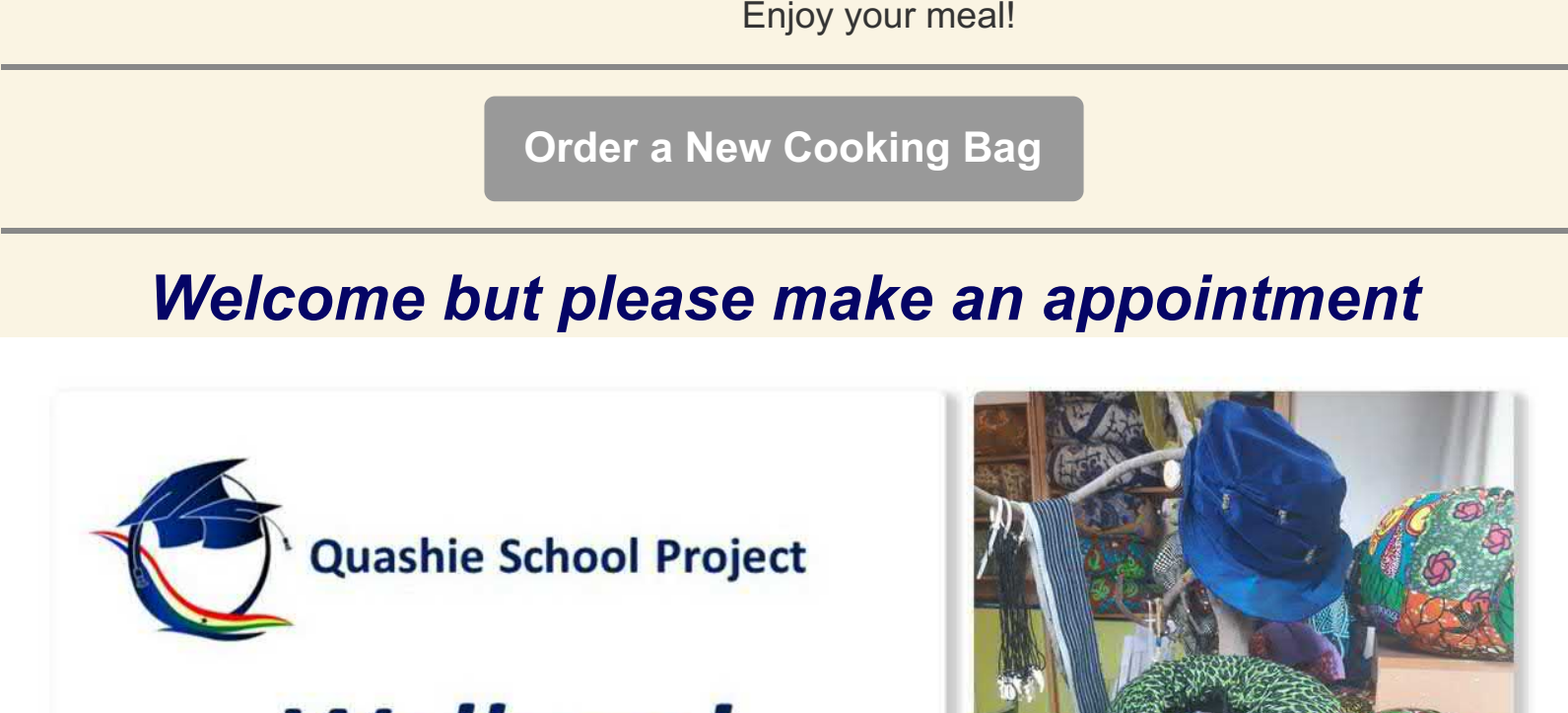
The 5 meter long garland (17 flags) costs €25.

The garland comes in a nice and handy storage bag and can be sent by mail.

Celebrate with us!

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or call 0031 (0)6 2028 1979 and make an appointment to visit our store.



### Basic broth

#### Ingredients

- 1 liter of water
- 4 cm dried kombu
- 1 dried shitake
- 1 date (or other tropical fruit)
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 piece of mace

#### Tips

- Add onion peels and clean waste parts of vegetables.
- Add the tropical fruit to the dish or eat it.
- Keep kombu in a glass bowl for next time until dissolved.
- Add kombu in thin strips.

A delicious basic recipe from "De Groene kookacademie" by Marion Pluimes. During one of her cooking workshops I was very surprised that we had to add a tropical fruit. I now use this broth very often for soups but also for sauces or legumes. A good basis for the new year!


#### Preparation

Put everything in a pan and bring to a boil. Place the pan in the New Cooking Bag. Let it rest for half an hour. Sieve the broth and it is ready for use. If the broth is left in the New Cooking Bag for a longer period of time, that's not a problem. The broth will not become bitter, which it does when boiling for too long.

Enjoy your meal!

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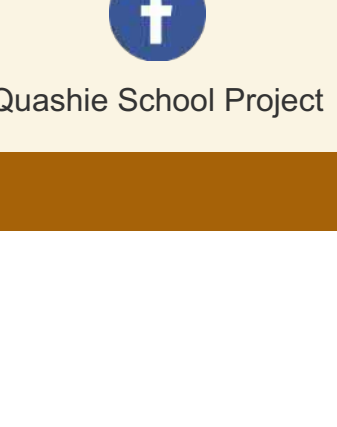
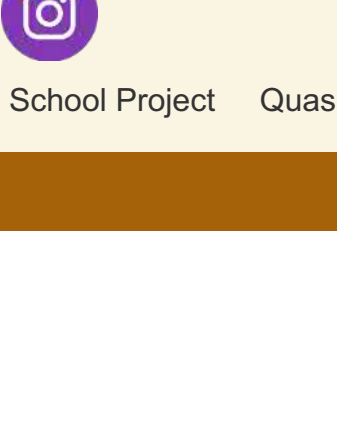
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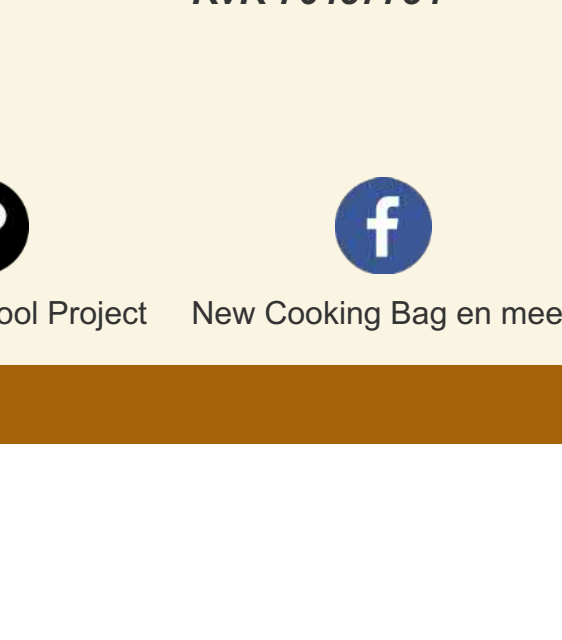

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