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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Malcolm X was born Malcolm Little, but he would later drop the surname "Little" in protest, declaring it was not his ancestral name but one given by slave owners who had turned his ancestors into property. He replaced it with "X," symbolising the "unknown," as he explained it in mathematical terms. Later in life, he embraced the name El-Hajj Malik el-Shabazz after converting to orthodox Islam. Although Malcolm was known to be a bright student with aspirations of becoming a lawyer, his ambitions were crushed when a teacher told him that law was not a suitable profession for a Black man and suggested he pursue carpentry instead. This incident disillusioned him, leading to his eventual decision to drop out of school.

In his teenage years, Malcolm's life was marred by crime and substance abuse, which culminated in his imprisonment for several years. It was during his incarceration that he began his journey of self-education, immersing himself in books and mastering concepts and language. This period of intense learning transformed him into the charismatic political and religious leader he would later become. Malcolm X's story is a testament to the power of self-education and resilience, proving that formal schooling is not the sole determinant of one's potential or legacy.

Malcolm X's story was one of hardship and adversity from the very beginning. His father was killed by white racists, and his mother later suffered from mental illness, leading to Malcolm and his siblings being placed in foster care or raised by different relatives. Growing up as a young Black boy in the American inner cities during the 1930s, his future seemed bleak and hopeless. Yet, Malcolm defied the odds and emerged as a national and international hero. His transformation began in prison when he decided to start reading and educating himself—beginning with a dictionary, proving that every journey starts with a single step.

It appears ironic that this famous quote about education is from a man who did not even complete high school (secondary school, in our context). However, after learning the full story of Malcolm X, it becomes less ironic and more inspirational. Malcolm X, a Black Nationalist and later a civil rights leader in the 1950s and 1960s in the USA, led the struggle for better treatment of Black people in the country. His most famous contemporary was Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Although the two initially held conflicting views on how to end the oppression their people suffered—with Malcolm advocating a vengeful approach, demanding punishment for White oppressors, and Martin preferring a conciliatory strategy of equality and forgiveness—their goals ultimately aligned in their fight for justice and dignity.

This edition of Edumag shares many themes that resonate with Malcolm X's life. Beyond the importance of education, we delve into issues such as substance abuse, childhood trauma, mental health, and preparing today's children to become tomorrow's adults. Additionally, we explore a significant but often misunderstood learning disorder: dyslexia. These topics are integral to understanding how education and personal growth can reshape even the most challenging circumstances.

We are proud to feature contributors from diverse professions and backgrounds, each bringing impressive expertise in their respective fields. Through their articles, this edition aims to inspire and inform readers about overcoming challenges and unlocking potential. Enjoy this enriching and thought-provoking volume

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." -

Malcolm—X

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Kids' Suicide is becoming a concern

Some circumstances of life always find us trapped with our own mind battles.

When you are younger, whether still at school, after school or in tertiary, learn to seek for help when you become overwhelmed with disturbing circumstances. When suicidal thoughts crosses that young mind, contact a hotline or helpline that offers confidential support to such instability of your mind.

The suicidal Ideation:

This involves actively planning suicide. Parents know life and most parents go through so much in life. If as a child you feel or experiences suicidal thoughts for whatever reason, and you can not open up to parents, try calling the hotlines/crisis numbers. The number is free in Botswana.

These numbers offers confidential counselling support to anyone under emotional pains. Students in all walks of life in Botswana are now filling in the gaps in the suicidal statistics. Using these hotlines known as crises numbers can come in handy when you really need someone to relieve you from that terrible feeling that might arise due to unpleasant circumstances, especially a professional psychiatrist. If for some reason you can't get through the lines, telling a friend or randomly calling someone from your cell phone can help. The social media platforms are actually not used like they were initially meant to be used.

Hot Lines : 3900 900

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If a young person feels the pressure from peers, especially through social media posts, try and be vocal about it. The school- have counselling teachers. If the counselling teachers are there to assist each child, never feel so abandoned. The counselling teachers are actually trained to handle any situations and they are trained to be confidential. No professional counsellor can write or talk about their students to anyone, let alone to their own families. Kids suicide is becoming an alarming crisis in the whole country of Botswana.



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Technology is making it easy school children

B Botswana's President Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi recently stated that his administration has implemented frameworks, policies, and progress to harness the energy of the nation's youth by facilitating their participation in efforts to realise the country's noble goals.

Dr. Masisi emphasised the provision of free education as a key initiative, with plans to ensure that all primary, junior, and senior schools benefit from internet connectivity. Acknowledging the challenges faced by teachers and students as subjects grow more complex, he highlighted the importance of internet access in enabling students to research and learn more effectively.

By integrating technology into education, Botswana is laying a solid foundation for its youth to realise their potential, thereby creating a strong basis for their future success. The government has engaged the Department of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) through the Ministry of Education and Skill Development to emphasise the role of technology in education. With the right devices and connectivity in place, students can improve their performance, aligning with the president's vision of leveraging technology to enhance learning outcomes.

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