



**LEARNING...  
THROUGH THE EYES  
OF OUR LEARNERS**

**NOVEMBER 2024**

## FORM 1 TRIP TO KWAME NKRUMAH MAUSOLEUM

On the faithful day of 4 November 2024, the History Department of The Roman Ridge School had set up a marvelous educational trip for Form 1 students to get a chance to see the Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum. I will be writing from the perspective of my class, Form 1 East.

Around 1:00 our class got ready for the trip, changing from our PE uniform to our school uniform. We had cleared our tables and lined up outside the school premises to get on the school bus. Once we got on the school bus, we had a short, yet powerful prayer and then got on with our trip! We had a wonderful time with our friends on the bus looking at beautiful Accra. Once we got there our History Teacher, Mr. Daniel Dodoo, gave us a few instructions before we set off. One thing I noticed was that other schools were visiting the Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum as well. We had lined up outside the building waiting for us to be allowed in. When we finally got in, we had the chance to see the marvelous displays within the mausoleum.

Our tour guide started off by giving us information about the early life of Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, explaining that he grew up in the town of Nkroful. Kwame Nkrumah had a well-rounded educational journey as he was a very sharp and unique boy. He went to Oxford University in the UK and a college in Pennsylvania, USA. We then went to visit the famous tomb where his wife Fathia Nkrumah was interred. In front of his tomb is a fountain-like structure of 7 men on each side representing them announcing Nkrumah's death, kneeling to show their respect.



We went to 2 different tunnels to explore and look at different quotes and artefacts of Nkrumah. The first tunnel we went to, showcased the different quotes Nkrumah said and there was a piano that belonged to him. A quote I can recall seeing was “The independence of Ghana is meaningless unless it is linked up with the total liberation of African content.”

The second tunnel we visited showcased the many different things Nkrumah had. For example, we saw his university bed and suitcase, a stool gifted to him by his grandma and a chair that he sat on often. There were pictures explaining different important life events, for example: a picture of Nkrumah’s mum in great grief at his funeral and a picture of his children and Fathia at his funeral. We also looked at a broken statue of Nkrumah which was destroyed by a coup. The statue’s head was found by an anonymous woman, who pleaded to not be mentioned.

Lastly, we visited the wall of fame showcasing different emotions of Nkrumah. We rounded the excursion with a questionnaire asking us questions of our experience. Once we got back on the bus, we submitted our questionnaires and said our goodbyes.

As soon as we got back to school, we said a prayer thanking God for the opportunity and thanking him for guidance. We got off the bus and returned to class, ending the field trip!

**Zayda Opare**  
**Form 1 East**



## THE SYMPHONY OF THE PAST

Ready to embrace the awe-struck historical past of our ancestors, my class Form 1 Atifi of The Roman Ridge School embarked on a journey to the past at The Kwame Nkrumah Museum. This trip will be an educational one, as we will be given questionnaires to fill for our assessments, and I thought it will be boring, but many thought it will definitely be bliss. Unlike everyone else, I wasn't keen on history and past events let alone a field trip. The birds were chirping so loudly that it almost felt like they were alerting us to take them along. Before we got to hop on the bus, there was a headcount taken (which felt like eternity) to make sure everyone was present.

Strolling through the magnificent doors of the Museum, the vibrant mist of rich African culture warmly welcomes me. When we arrived, we were led down a path to a gorgeous, serene outdoor environment, where we met our tour guide who was extremely nice. The class carefully observed-astonished- the very grounds on which the Independence of Ghana was declared, it was a mind-blowing experience to be present at the historical setting, years after the event took place.

You will never believe me if I say that I could hear the voice of the GREAT OSAGYEFO DR KWAME NKURUMAH announcing Ghana's right to freedom 67 years LATER! It was so amazing that I was able to vividly imagine it without video or audio. I was indeed starting to warm up to this place, we saw the great artefacts on display such as Osagyefo's preferred clothing, his furniture from his home and his famous quotes that took a major role in shaping and inspiring the Ghana we know this very day.

The Kwame Nkrumah mausoleum was quiet. "Silence should be kept here at the highest level in honour and respect of the late President Osagyefo Dr Kwame Nkrumah" said our tour guide.



Here, our fantastically brave father figure rests alongside his late dear wife Helen Ritz Fathia Nkrumah born Fathia Halim Rizk.

After the death of our first president, his legacy still lives on day after day, inspiring the generations arising after him to make a difference in their family, their society and most importantly their lives. Osagyefo is remembered because God successfully used him to make a great impact on Gold Coast (now Ghana) giving us as a people, the true respect we deserve. This is the story of my Motherland; I feel ashamed that I ever thought of the museum as a boring place.

Going forward, we stepped out of the world of adventure and were on our way to school. The bus ride was a time of appreciation, peace, and reflection. It came to our realisation that good things are not always easy to attain just like the Independence of Ghana. Dr. Kwame Nkrumah made great sacrifices for a people who might not even remember him decades later. Determined, my class and I made it our mission to spread his legacy so that it is never forgotten. As sad and as reluctant as we were, our field trip came to an end as we safely arrived at our school gate by the good God's grace. A prayer of thanksgiving was said and just like that our field trip was over. Despite the death of Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, his legacy will still live on forever in our hearts. I will never forget the Kwame Nkrumah Museum. I am sure that not only me, but the rest of the class are grateful for the opportunity to travel to the past.

"I am not African because I was born in Africa, I am African because Africa was born in me". Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah.

**THANK YOU, MANAGEMENT OF THE ROMAN RIDGE SCHOOL AND MR. DODOO, FOR MAKING THIS FIELD TRIP HAPPEN. GOD RICHLY BLESS YOU**

**Nana Yaa Adoma Nyinaku  
Form 1 Atifi**



## THE EXPERIENCE

We headed to the Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park in the school bus on a beautiful morning. We were very excited to see the place and listen to stories from the past. We were warmly welcomed by the tour guide and we were ready to learn in a fun way. The Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park was built to commemorate the life of Dr. Kwame Nkrumah. His great works did not only affect Ghana but Africa as a continent. He made an emphatic statement in this now famous park which used to be a polo ground for the colonial rulers. saying, "We face neither East nor West: we face forward."

The Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum has a lot of facilities and historical antiques. One of such antiques was an old, blue Cadillac. This Cadillac was an official car used by Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, which he used to go to different places. The building had a special place where Dr. Nkrumah has been buried beside his wife, Fathia Nkrumah, who supported Pan-Africanism, under a sword-like structure piercing through the ground, to commemorate what he has done for us.

The mausoleum also had another room where Dr. Kwame Nkrumah's personal belongings are kept safely. Kwame Nkrumah loved playing the piano and he had two brown, shiny pianos which confirmed his love for the instrument. The room also had an old leather bag, his bed, his old wardrobe, and a sofa and some pictures displayed of his historical moments.



The mausoleum also had an old statue of Dr. Nkrumah displayed with a broken head of Nkrumah and a broken thigh which were broken when he was overthrown. The mausoleum also had a special room flooded with Nkrumah's quotes. These quotes have such deep meaning because they show his passion for Ghana's independence. He used all his mindful thoughts, his career and life to gain the independence for Ghana. They had a special place which displayed his famous quote. "I am not African because I was born in Africa but because Africa, was born in me." This was written boldly to represent what he has done for Ghanaians.

Lastly, we took pictures with the tour guide to commemorate our visit. The tour guide was really sweet and she explained succinctly for our better understanding. We came back to school safely with awesome memories.

The entire experience was truly transformative. It ignited a spark of patriotism within us and made us appreciate the sacrifices made by our forefathers. We left the park not only with historical knowledge but also with a renewed sense of purpose and a desire to contribute positively to our nation.

**Surjodav Koley**  
**Form 1 West**



## A VISIT TO KWAME NKRUMAH MAUSOLEUM

Students turned to look at the clock every second with anticipation and eagerness to hear the words of our History Teacher, Mr. Dodoo. All everybody could think about was the trip to the Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park/Mausoleum. The moment we heard our History Teacher announce that it was time, everybody hurried out of the class to line-up for our much anticipated trip.

We all got out of the bus with enthusiasm and curiosity as the bus pulled up in front of a large colorful building. The teachers led us to the reception leading to the mausoleum. We met our tour guide, Mr. Samuel, who started off by explaining Dr. Kwame Nkrumah's background history; (his marriage, his journey on becoming an activist and finally how he died). I must say that, Kwame Nkrumah was a pivotal figure in African history, particularly known for his role in Ghana's independence and his influence on the broader Pan-African movement. His contributions to Ghana's independence remain instrumental.

It was interesting to note that the great Dr. Kwame Nkrumah started off his journey in a small village called Nkroful. We went on to another part of the mausoleum to see a monumental golden statue of Osagyefo pointing towards the gates, the same spot where he declared Ghana's Independence. We went on to see the tombs of Dr. Kwame Nkrumah and his wife Fathia Nkrumah. Both tombs had their names neatly engraved on it.





Further into the museum was a dark room called a digital museum filled with many insightful quotes and speeches of Dr. Kwame Nkrumah during his journey on earth and his fight for Ghana's Independence. We then got to a room that had a display of some of Osagyefo's items such as his sofa, clothes, musical instruments, office desk and chairs among others.

A pathway led us out of the digital museum to another section where another statue of Dr. Nkrumah was displayed. Parts of the statue was broken. We were told that it was broken during a coup but luckily, they were able to retrieve some of the broken parts.

Lastly, we stepped out to a nicely decorated area of the mausoleum which had pictures of Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, we gave the biggest smiles and took a lot of pictures. We realized that we had come to the end of our tour and we were thankful for such a lovely and educative trip.

Dr. Kwame Nkrumah should be celebrated and appreciated for his determination and hard work toward making Ghana a better place for us.

**Gia Obeng**  
**Form 1 Atifi**





**Cyrene Bawuah (Lower 6 West)**





**Zarin Subah (Form 5 West)**





# OSAGYEFO

1909 - 1972





*“The forces that unite us are intrinsic and greater than the superimposed influences that keep us apart.”*

**-DR. KWAME NKRUMAH**

