



Welcome to our First SAFSMS Newsletter.
SAFSMS is designed to free up more time for teaching, increase interaction in the classroom and help raise the quality of education.



The School Management Software
that's Simple, Affordable and Flexible

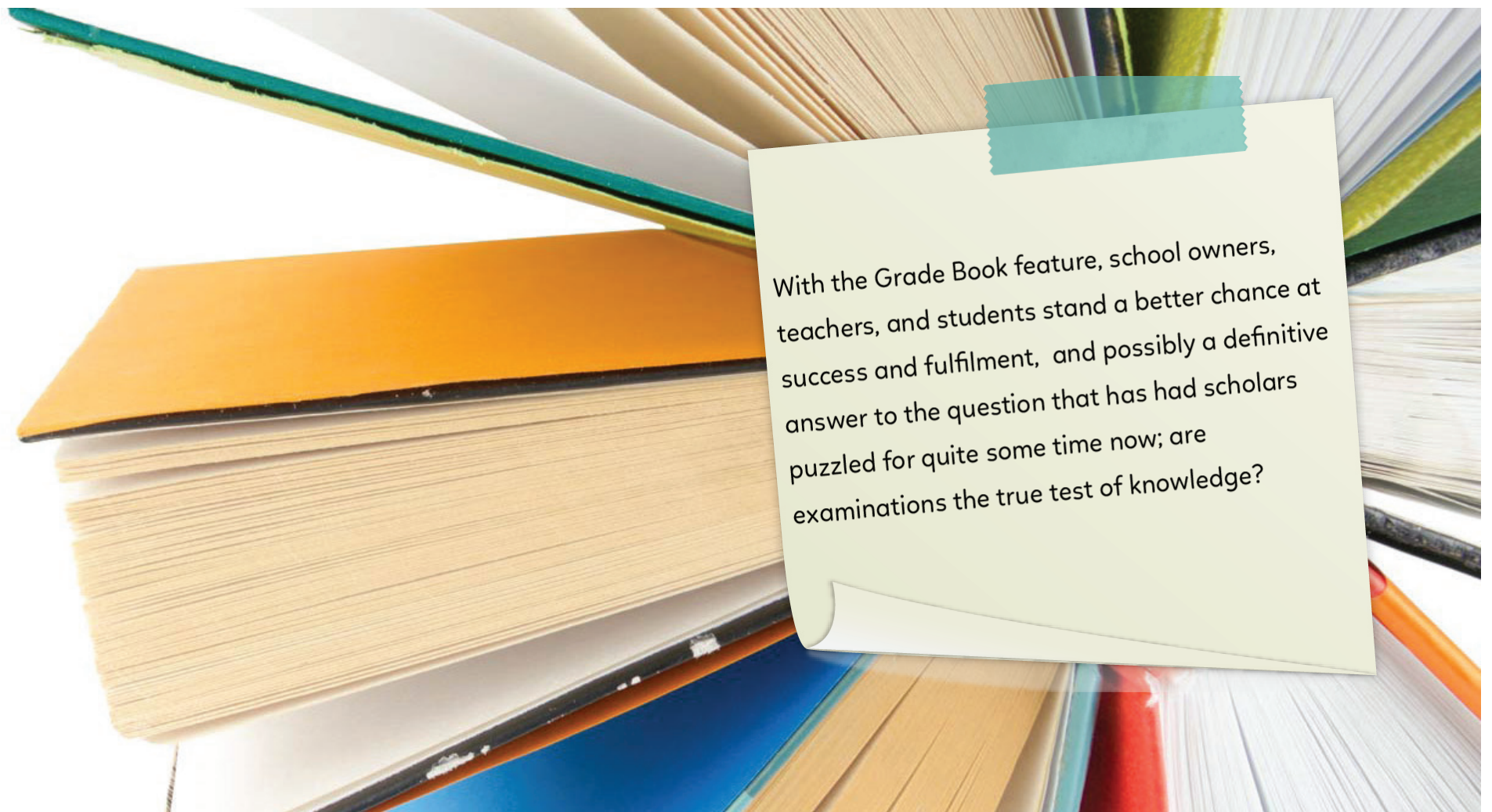
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BETTER ASSESSMENTS

with the new

SAFSMS GradeBook



With the Grade Book feature, school owners, teachers, and students stand a better chance at success and fulfilment, and possibly a definitive answer to the question that has had scholars puzzled for quite some time now; are examinations the true test of knowledge?

There has been the age long argument about examinations: Are they the true test of knowledge? Or are they just burdens to the students who have to take them? How can we truly know that learning in the classroom has taken place? Whichever your school of thought, we have discovered that examinations or assessments play an important role in education, like a proof of learning of sorts. A question arises then on the frequency of assessments. How often do students need to be tested?

Should they be assessed once in a term or as often as possible? In most cases, assessments are taken in the middle of the term and another at the end of the term. But what if these assessments come at a time when students have become overwhelmed by the sheer number of topics that have already been covered in a subject (naturally, after all, the teachers are doing a great job). Is it fair to say that the student has learned from one assessment in ten topics?

We hardly think so. Therefore the SAFSMS platform introduces the Grade Book Feature this term to encourage periodic assessments that count in the larger scheme of things. We think assessments could be better, without the pressure on both teachers and students, and we achieve this by providing the following:

A means to measure and monitor the student's progress.

Sometimes dropping grades are a pointer to something amiss. With the periodic assessments, the teachers can easily spot changes in a student's work in relation to his/her grades and address it as the case may be.

Periodic assessments

Paced however the subject teachers deem fit (This could be weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, or even per topic assessments). This ensures that students are always studying and always ready.

Ease of work for subject teachers

By spreading out the term's assessment and examinations into smaller units that count by the term's end. Grade book assessments are later computed to a desired percentage (e.g. 70% for Continuous Assessments, or 30% for Examinations) at a button's click.

Related Links

<https://safsms.com/blog/new-update-safsms-grade-book/>



Mobile phones are misnamed.
They should be called gate
ways to human
knowledge.

Ray Kurzweil

Everywhere you turn to these days, you see a mobile phone user. The Nigerian Communication Commission (NCC) has revealed that the Number of connected telephone lines increased to about 216 million in 2017 from 210 million in 2016. This simply means that more people are adopting the use of mobile devices and as such, the number of teachers, parents and school administrators using mobile devices has increased in the last year.

At FlexiSAF, we focus on our users, and more of our users are accessing our system using their mobile devices (as confirmed by data from our user management Software). In light of this development, FlexiSAF presents to you SAF-Mobile; the mobile version of SAFSMS.

SAF-Mobile will allow for easy access to the numerous features on SAFSMS right from your mobile device! Simply download the mobile application on your phone and with internet connection, you are good to go. This means that SAFSMS is now accessible to you from everywhere - at home and in school.

The simplicity of SAF-Mobile will allow users to focus on the task at hand. For teachers, parents, and school administrators, SAF-Mobile allows for on-the-go monitoring of your students, wards and school activities. It resembles the web version of SAFSMS so users do not have to feel like it is an entirely different application. Login details from the web version still work just fine, so you don't have to worry about creating a new account.

The initial version is set to launch this October and will enable parents view records/real time updates of their wards or children on their mobile phones. However, more awesome features would soon be rolling out for teachers and school administrators do more.

Don't let innovation become
another buzzword with
no substance in education.
Let it be the change we need.

Bob Dillon



Good Bye, Data Loss

SAFSMS understands the difficulties faced everyday by our heroic teachers. Slow internet, constant power failure, depleted computers and such problems can reduce the pace of student assessment or cause a complete loss of work while teachers struggle to battle deadlines and keep up with other tasks.

That's why SAFSMS comes with a feature that saves teachers the pain of losing work. "RESTORE FROM LOCAL STORAGE" is a button just beneath the columns where teachers enter scores for students enrolled in their individual subjects.

The "Restore From Local Storage" button enables the teacher to retrieve previously entered scores for students incase of power failure or internet downtime. With this button, teachers' confidence are boosted and they no longer fear losing tons of work all because of power failure or epileptic network.

Similarly, comments made before interruption can also be retrieved with a click of this button, allowing the teacher continue from where he/she previously stopped. On the page where teachers make comments.

This feature has brought a lot positive feedback from teachers as they are now more confident in the safety of their work.

Find out more here :

<http://blogs.flexisaf.com/safsms-score-entry-got-even-easier-good-bye-to-loss-of-data/>

Is SAFSMS User Friendly?

“Focus on the user” is a fundamental principle in FlexiSAF. Since the beginning, we’ve focused on providing the best customer satisfaction. Whether we’re adding new charts for data analysis or designing a new website for a client, we take great care to ensure that they will ultimately serve you, rather than our own internal goal or bottom line. Our Educational apps are user friendly with a dazzling experience. And when we build new features and modules, we believe they should work so well you don’t have to consider how they might have been designed differently.

The recently conducted survey on SAFSMS, with responses from over 50 different schools and 250 people, gives us a good glimpse of where the pain points are in using SAFSMS, what the most anticipated features are, and how to generally serve you better.

“A user friendly software provides the ultimate ease in experience such that the user does not require a manual or formal training to be able to find their way through ”

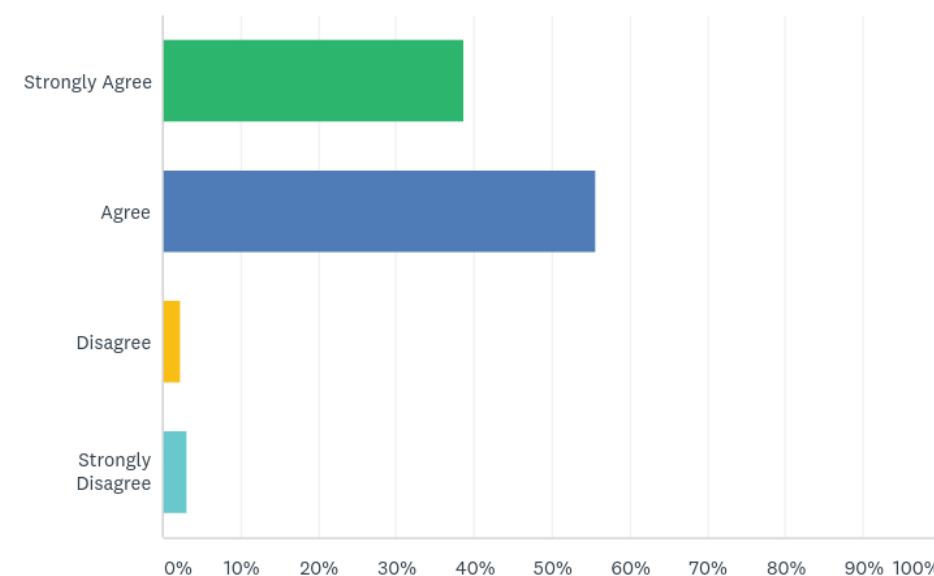
FlexiSAF Quote

95%

of you Agree SAFSMS is user-friendly and very easy to use.

SAFSMS is user-friendly and very easy to use:

Answered: 250 Skipped: 0



How are we doing on our support?

In FlexiSAF, providing customer support is even more important than acquiring new customers. It has always been one of the secret weapons in maintaining our large customer base.

As our customer base keeps growing, we are constantly devising more ways to ensure our support gets even better.

The recently launched ‘Need Help?’ feature gives customers faster access to our support team and our online user guide documentation. If you missed it, read all about it here:

<https://safsms.com/blog/enjoy-greater-support-new-need-help-button/>

Quiz Yourself

How well do you know SAFSMS? Take this quiz and find out.

Submit your answers to newsletter.safsms@flexisaf.com

and the first 3 correct answers win a data bundle.

Quiz answers will be published in the next issue. Goodluck!

1. Which of the following is not permitted on SAFSMS?

- a) copy and paste
- b) sharing of password
- c) deleting of mistakes
- d) Decentralisation of roles

2. Is it possible to have different school names for the different sections in a school?

- a) True
- b) False

3. Before importing school configurations from one term to another what initial operations are required?

- a) Create the term to import to
- b) Create class infos for the term to import to
- c) Create the term section infos for all the sections
- d) Create subjects
- e) a, b and c
- f) a and c

4. Which of these is the role of admin in SAF SMS

- a) Training users
- b) Creating term
- c) Uploading students
- d) All of the above

We must ensure equity
of access to transformational
learning experiences enabled
by technology.

Tom Murray

Thank you for reading our newsletter. We are excited about the upcoming launch of SAFSMS Mobile and we hope you are too. A good number of responses from our survey shows that you are mostly happy with SAFSMS, but we will continue to serve you better. So, See you in our next issue.

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