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Monthly Newsletter - January 2012

There is only one way to describe January: VERY HOT!!!

We started off the New Year with a shaky start with the new children but they quickly got into the rhythm of things and all is going well.

Now one can plainly see the difference between the new children and the ones that were with us last year. Last years children, now 3 years old, are very good and listen to instructions, stand in rows and know how to stand in a circle. They also take responsibility like handing out the food and it is always amazing to see the pride that they have in their tasks. So let no one tell us that there is no progress - there definitely is progress and we are now working strictly according to the programs given to us by the Government Department of Social Development. We now do weekly planning as well as daily planning ahead and also evaluation of the children on a daily basis. I can see things only getting better from here onwards.

We have appointed a new fully qualified teacher, Bernice Pekeur. Bernice started to work on the 23rd of January, and already we have found that she is worth her weight in gold because she has a calm and quiet demeanor about her that carries over to her children. Her children are well behaved and quiet and her classroom is always neat and prepared. She is an example to the other teachers.

We have had some volunteers helping us during January. Lindi is the daughter of our bookkeeper Alida Taljaard. She has completed her studies and is off to South Korea soon to tutor in English. She had quite a tough job helping Thembisa with the two year olds and also taking charge of one of the classes on her own, but has survived with flying colours. The other volunteer is Norma, who is from England and a Rotary member. With her help we have finally finished sorting out our store-room, which has resulted in quite a few compliments. Last year we sent out a letter by e-mail to all local businesses and asked for donations in the form of a list of things we need like nappies, clothes, old curtains, etc. We thankfully did receive curtains and Norma has helped to alter them and has hung these curtains in the Wendy house classroom. She is now busy altering other curtains for the container classrooms.

During early February I will be contacting the Health Inspectors to find out what we need to change on our premises in order to qualify for more children.

Kindest regards,

Lee du Preez

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