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Wake up! News

Finally Fenced in!

We give a big thank you to the Lions Club Windhoek Alte Feste. Through their support a fence was erected around the school's property after which parents & children devoted a Saturday morning to clean up and prune trees.



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From the Editor

Dear Readers,

The school year started well with 17 new children at school and a positive outlook on future developments. With a generous donation from a local company we were able to pay off the debt to our builder from 2010. Now the way is free to look at the next building phase, adding classrooms. With a waiting list of over 60 families these will be easy to fill.

Wishing you a Happy Easter!

We are now busy looking into the use of our 'new erf', extension of the playground and setting up a vegetable garden. We will do so with the help of parents and volunteers.

Noordwijk in Action!

This year the coastal town of Noordwijk in The Netherlands is hosting a whole series of activities in support of Wake up!, coordinated by our partners from the Stichting Wake up! Windhoek. Just to name some of their fundraisers: money is collected in church, the proceeds of a theatre play go to Wake up! and last month a volleyball tournament was held organised by the Christian Youth.



The J.F.Kennedy Primary Montessori School in The Hague is also organising various fundraising activities for Wake up!: 50 children and teachers is included a specific run, children collect empties for Wake up! and in July

teachers joined a sponsor run, children collect empties for Wake up! and in July there will be a main event with a theme about Africa and in particular Namibia and Wake up!

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Swiss volunteers

We also like to mention the three Swiss volunteers Amanda, Barbara and Yolande who came for a brief spell to Namibia as their husbands were lecturing in Windhoek. They devoted a main part of their short time here to our classroom and later raised

funds for us back in Switzerland. We all enjoyed having you and thank you for such great support!

New Initiatives

In April we will start information sessions at our centre for parents & guardians on topics such as how to discipline young children, rights of children, nutrition, health and oral hygiene. We will invite professionals to give a presentation and talk with parents about the questions they have in mind. The idea behind this is helping parents to raise happy & healthy children, by sharing information and creating a forum for discussion within the school community. Then in May after the school holiday one of our parents, a qualified teacher, will start offering homework classes for Grade 2-5 learners with a focus on reading skills.



Our toddlers are lucky to have a very creative teacher. Talking about "Land & Water", they made a mountain together and clearly had fun doing so. Then the preschoolers could not stay behind and made a mountain of their own. We like to make models in the classroom, so that the children can imagine the real thing as much as possible.

