

Wake up! News

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Teaching, learning and playing goes on!

Staff and children are learning to cope with the new protocol for Covid-19: washing of hands, wearing a mask, sanitising learning materials and keeping social distance, a real challenge for young children. But all are happy to be back at school!



From the Editor

Namibia largely got away with Corona in terms of the number of infections, now less than 50 a day. The healthcare system has been able to cope. But the strict lockdown from April has hit the already weak economy extremely hard, with no tourists coming in and informal trade coming to a standstill. Face-to-face learning resumed on the 21st of September, with only 20 out of 80 children coming back to the centre. As many parents have lost income or jobs and can't afford school fees, little ones have been sent to family or stay at home for now.

The task ahead is now to bring the learners back in January 2021, also commissioning the new classrooms, so that staff can be fully paid again and Wake up! can resume its mission of giving young children a headstart in education!

Protestantse Kerk Noordwijk for Wake up!

Fundraising for Wake up! by the PKN got well under way this year with a string of activities such as catering soup and a monthly dinner for home delivery, a High Tea (with distance) and regular church collections. More is on the book, such as an art auction in December. The present monthly church donations help to keep Wake up! afloat, so that staff can at least receive half salaries. Furthermore the proceeds of this cooperation between the Stichting Wake up! Windhoek and the PKN in Noordwijk will be supplemented by the Wilde Ganzen Foundation in The Netherlands, which has launched an initiative to support its partners in mitigation of the fallout of the Corona pandemic. This additional sum will be used for management support, required to strengthen the present team and to equip the new classrooms, a project which has been lying dormant during the Corona crisis.

In January the centre would like to start a new initiative, starting up its first Montessori babygroup for children aged 12-24 months, in response to a demand by parents for professional care of this age group. As learning begins at birth and early brain development is the foundation for all future learning, a stimulating environment for babies specifically prepared for them will give them the best opportunities to develop. The Montessori set-up offers such an environment. From age two these little ones will then effortlessly move on to our toddlergroup.

