

Wake up! News

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A New Chapter

The first semester of this year the fundraising and implementation of the last building phase of our centre gained momentum. Mid March as soon as the Wild Geese Foundation took Wake up! on board, the builder was ready to start. Big thank you to the **Wild Geese Foundation**, all our regular sponsors, **Stichting Fonds Neven en Nichten van Zadelhoff** and the **Solidariteits Fonds Keizersgrachtkerk**. The three new classrooms will be ready by the end of July!



In May Ivo de Been, one of our fundraisers from The Netherlands, came to volunteer for three weeks. The playhut is now repaired and the jungle gym got a proper

maintenance job. His enthusiasm, encouragement and handiwork set a great example for any volunteer to come!

Now that there is a new principal at work, it was time to refresh the teambuilding exercise of last year. During the semester holiday the team sat together for two days to talk about goals of the centre, roles & responsibilities of staff members, teamwork and integrity. Thank you to the **Hadwil Foundation** for supporting this important exercise.



From the Editor

First school term of this year the children once more learned about construction, as our grounds turned into a building site.

We are extremely grateful to Guangxi Construction and our various sponsors who have enabled us to finish this 10 year project, which started in 2010. The challenge now is to secure sound operations on a bigger scale in terms of admin, staffing and finance. A Strategic Planning exercise is due this term to bring friends, partners, board, parents and staff together to map out the future.

We said goodbye to our 'house architect' Hans Mulder who has started a new job in Luxembourg. At Wake up! he left a great legacy. We wish him all the best !



Montessori Exchange

A Montessori teacher from The Netherlands paid us a visit in April and had a lively exchange with some of our teachers. She had filled an extra suitcase with toys, donated by the parents of the children of her Montessori classroom in Nijmegen!

Here in Namibia exposure to how others work and exchange of ideas is limited, but our teachers are very eager to learn. We therefore encourage any visit by Montessorians / (retired) teachers who are welcome to volunteer for any period of time, in order to share their expertise and experience. Please email us if you are interested. We look forward to hear from you!



First Term Impressions



Independence celebration



Reading Club, starting with the phonics song & actions.



German volunteers



How we teach