

It's June! For most of you, June means sun, beach, surf, tans and living la vida loca. For us Zambians, June brings out the thermal underwear and blankets, big hats and homemade socks from my mama. It is cold! And shamefully, at 25 degrees, we are wearing sweaters and complaining about how cold we are. I'm not sure why—I'm Canadian, built for these conditions—but Africa brings a little spin to things. It can go down to 5 degrees at night, and living without heaters sometimes can be something else. But we shall not complain, because the unbearable heat is just another month away! The biggest news of the month, Teacher Tammy has been approved for her residency!! Yep! She is now an honorary Zambian and can walk the streets with her head held a little higher! What an incredible honor! Once again, so much excitement has been buzzing in and around our school. We are always so excited to share it all with you!

LITTLE CHEFS COOKING CLASS



One of the great advantages of the cold is that we can hold cooking classes in the kitchen without melting before our food does. And with the most generous donation from Chipego Cheese, our local cheese maker, cheese has been on the menu for every class! As you can imagine, we certainly do not complain about that! Our little chefs get an opportunity to crack eggs, use a mixer, add dashes here and there, and the best part? The eating of course! The weather has even inspired Teacher Tammy to start an adult cooking class on Fridays too! Each dish features a combination of savory and sweet, and will probably contain cheese (whether the dish requires it or not) A huge shout out to Chipego for making our cooking dreams come true.

BIG CHEFS AT BAOBUYU

Miss Carol is our newest member of our cooking class and here is what she had to say.

"What I like about Baobuyu is that there are a lot of fun activities going on at the school and the people here are caring, loving, and kind. There are a lot of different clubs happening in the afternoon. I like cooking because it's my passion in my life. I have always liked cooking so joining Baobuyu has given me the opportunity to learn new things and even new ways of preparing my favorite dish in a wonderful way. Since I joined Baobuyu, they have helped me feel good about my body and taught me how to live a healthy lifestyle."



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HOMEMADE HATS FROM MAMA BEAR



Just when we thought that life couldn't get better, Mama Bear (aka Tammy's mom) made all of her Baobuyu children, handmade knitted hats. Phew! That's hundreds of hours of knitting. We sure do appreciate all that time and love she put into them as now we are all toasty and warm and ready for the winter.

PROJECT APPLE



We just keep continuing to be blessed each and every day. Last year Patrice from the Netherlands, visited our school and she came up with this incredible idea called **Project Apple**. Project Apple is a way to provide extra nutrition to our kids and 2 or 3 times a week, all of kids gets apples! The apple days are their favorite as apples are quite a luxury for our kids here in Mwandi. We think that the smile says it all! Thank you Patrice for making our days a lot brighter and helping our kids stay a lot healthier.



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We are excited to feature Azrah, our outstanding remote intern, who just completed a four-month remote internship with us! While we love having interns join us on the ground, we also offer remote internships for those who cannot be here in person. These remote opportunities allow interns to hone their skills and learn about all our projects while providing tremendous help with lesson plans, cultural exchanges, resources, and fundraising opportunities. During her internship, Azrah initiated a virtual Penpal exchange program, partnering a primary school in France with a local primary school in Mwandi Compound. This program enhanced our community outreach and provided a platform for cultural exchange. Azrah also felt a deep connection to our Nutrition program and initiated a fundraiser in her community to support our children, raising awareness about the vital work we do. Azrah recently completed her master's degree in International Policy Management and hopes to continue working with NGOs. She also hopes to one day visit us here in Zambia. Thank you, Azrah, for your hard work and dedication. Your contributions have made a significant impact on our community!



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