

# BAOBUYU LEARNING CENTER

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## BACK TO SCHOOL

Wahoo! Schools have officially opened for learning on February 12th and we are incredibly excited! This year we have the biggest senior class ever with 12 little penguins preparing for their final year. Our new juniors have already quickly adapted to their new surroundings and they have dove into learning with both feet and lots of belly laughter and giggles. We are certainly excited to see what this year holds and we are confident that a lot of new adventures are about to begin!



## Computers

Do you know that we have computer classes at least once a week at Baobuyu? Over the years we have generously been donated tablets that have a whole bunch of learning apps to learn colors, numbers, letters, animal sounds, simple addition, words, storytelling and so much more! It's definitely one of the most popular activities that we do at our school and the kids are just amazing at how fast they learn with them. Soon, they will be giving us lessons!

## QUIZ night

Every fortnight, Baobuyu hosts a PUB QUIZ EXTRAVAGANZA night to raise money for our school as well as ZAWS, our local animal shelter. It's a fun night out, a great way to meet new people and a little bit of friendly competitiveness comes into place. Last week was one of the highest attendances for our quiz ever with a whopping 12 teams and 74 people coming to fight for first place! What a great way to support 2 amazing charities all while learning silly and serious facts about what's happening in the world. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported a great cause!



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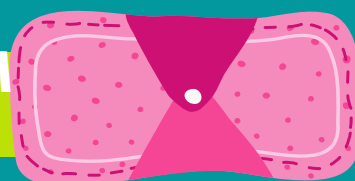
**KATIE!**

"Over the past couple of years, while volunteering and working with Baobuyu, I have witnessed tremendous growth within the community, among our students, women, teachers, and myself. I am eagerly anticipating what this year has in store, as we continue with existing projects and embark on new ones. This year, I am particularly keen on maintaining our collaboration with local primary schools, where we focus on teaching grade 5 students about healthy relationships, puberty, confidence, hygiene, and so much more! In addition, I am excited about the possibility of launching a new project: a Life Skills Club at Baobuyu aimed at youth in their late teens or early twenties who are seeking employment. Through this club, I aim to enhance their interview skills, offer guidance on resume building and job applications, and provide valuable tips and tricks to prepare them for the workforce. With some amazing new students and our phenomenal returning ones, we've already kicked off the year with great energy. I am confident that this will be our best year yet." Katie



We're featuring Katie on our February newsletter for two reasons. One, we like to hear what she has to say, and two, Katie is a leap year baby and this year is a leap year! So technically, it's only her 6th real birthday that she has ever celebrated. And as you can imagine, this is certainly a cause for something special! Big huge shout outs to Katie!

## A WORD FROM OUR WOMEN



"Making pads makes us feel very good because we are helping our community and girls. Girls don't have to worry about money, and buying new pads every month, instead, they can use our reusable ones which are really good for the body, they have great absorbency, and they are clean and comfy to wear. Making pads is important because it's changing girls' lives. They no longer have to miss school because of their periods, they can feel confident, and have fewer challenges to face that can prevent them from getting an education. We like making the pads because it's a good system of recycling different materials such as towels and 100% cotton materials. This promotes a clean environment for society and our community. It also pushes us to become better sewers and leaders, supporting one another." The women of the sewing circle.



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