



THIS ISSUE'S STAFF SPOTLIGHT

SHARON KAPINDA



Before settling in Mwandu compound, Head Teacher Sharon Kapinda moved all around the country throughout her life. She first came to Livingstone from Lusaka, where her family is from, in 2014. Sharon found herself drawn towards teaching due to her love for children, especially those ten and below, as "they forget easy, they don't give up, you teach them, but you also learn from them."

Sharon joined Baobuyu as a part-time assistant teacher in 2016 and quickly fell in love with the environment. She decided to stick with Baobuyu once she realized how "it is different from any other school, the quality of the teachers, Director Tammy, and the amazing parent-teacher relationships." Another huge selling point to Sharon was our Sponsor-a-Child program which ultimately allowed her son Abel to attend Baobuyu. After graduating from the Preschool Association of Zambia in 2019, she joined us full-time as headteacher and teacher of our middle-class students.

As head teacher, Sharon acts as the overseer of the programs at our school. As such, she stays on top of current events, monitors other teachers' lessons, ensures the environment is conducive to learning, ensures the kids are eating well and gives student performance-related feedback to Tammy, sponsors, and parents. "The people that I'm working with are very cooperative and friendly; the teachers do their work well so I don't have to constantly watch over them; I trust them to do the right thing and get their work done," said Sharon.

Sharon especially loves teaching computer lessons each Thursday as they would otherwise not have the opportunity to use such technology. She enjoys seeing how "the kids at the start have no clue how to use computers and after a few weeks can expertly operate a computer." As our middle-class teacher, Sharon acts as a bridge between the youngest and oldest classes, ensuring that the students are prepared for the challenges of senior class.

Sharon helps to run our Bookworms Club in which she works with kids in grades one and two after school and encourages them to fall in love with reading. Being a part of the club is a significant accomplishment of hers as she loves seeing the kids' progress towards reading English well. She also works with our gardening initiatives, teaching the kids to grow vegetables, cook, and eat healthily. We are so grateful to have Sharon as a team member and look forward to all her future triumphs.

"It's not only a great school for kids but also for adults. Coming here, I experienced something new, I've learned how to live healthily, I've learned how to budget my money"

IN THE LOOP

- This Friday, the Baobuyu team and the senior class will be paying a visit to Maramba Old People's Home. We will give the residents soap, food, and art projects (necklaces, mosaics, and letters).
- DeSanto Centre for the Deaf will be joining us again for a day of music, dance, and art workshops next week.
- Our fifth and final class for our puberty lesson at Nekacheya primary school will take place Thursday. We are incredibly grateful for the opportunity to have gone and taught these brilliant students.



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"Wisdom is like a baobab tree; no one individual can embrace it."

TREE PLANTING & PAD CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Last Friday, our school teamed up with 12 interns from Kubuka and planted over 200 trees at Kaysia community school outside Livingstone! We planted various trees, including mango and orange, for food and neem trees to protect from the sun. Baobuyu also had the chance to give out pads from our reusable pads program to 26 girls! Tammy and Katie orchestrated a workshop for the girls on puberty, menstruation, and how to care for their new pads before giving them out. Thanks to our donors, the pad campaign fundraiser has reached £433 out of our £1000 goal!

Let's break the silence around periods and let girls be girls!

To read more about our initiative and to donate, please click here.

<https://gofund.me/ec706476>



What do I love about Baobuyu?

“ I love to dance, I love to learn ”



-Jacob



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