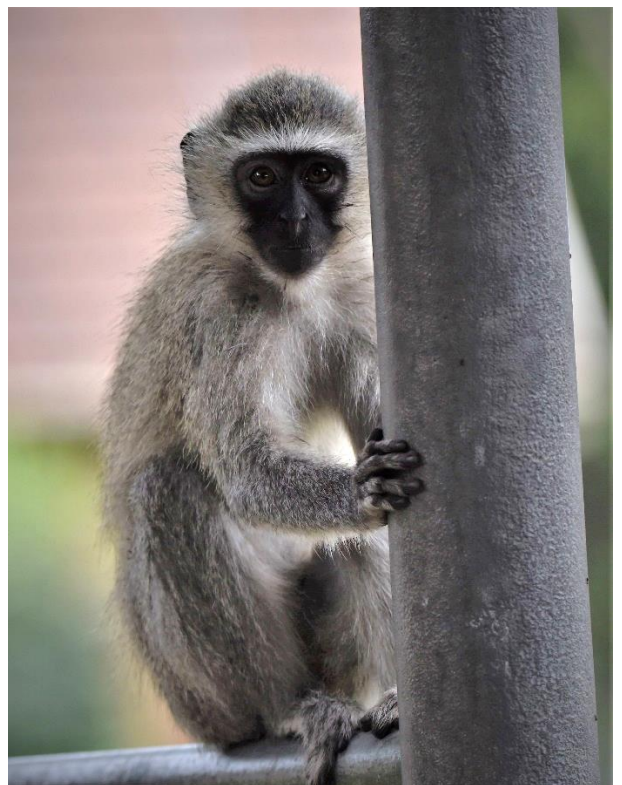


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### 3rd Term Newsletter 2021

It hardly seems possible that we have completed our third term, this year has had its takkies on and has galloped away from us. We have had to continue with alternate teaching days because of the size of the class rooms, this has been very interesting because in most classes the teachers have dealt with one very active boisterous class and a quiet hardworking class the following day!



We have had lots of visits from the monkeys who always seem to be hungry. They are fascinating and really cute although they are now able to unzip bags and remove treats and are losing their fear of humans which is a bad combination.

We had to postpone a trip last term because we suddenly had lockdown but this term we were able to take the children on a wonderful outing. We visited stables that are in

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Yellowwood Park and using teachers' cars, my car and my husband's car we were able to take 20 children every day. It was not a long ride and yet we felt as though we were out in the country as it is so peaceful there. The children went on a long walk to meet the horses, they then decorated horseshoes, had a picnic and then the highlight, a horse ride around the paddock!



The children were ecstatic, no one wanted the ride to come to an end! I had one little girl who was very nervous and would not get on the horse but she had got over her nerves and patted a few horses and was also very proud of herself, as was I, that she had managed to do that! She was the only child who did not ride but she did overcome her fears – these horses are huge, but luckily very sweet tempered and used to attention. We had an article in our local paper which was great.





We celebrated Spring day on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of September – the children came to school in bright colours and made beautiful spring hats!



Photographs were taken and a happy day was had by all! It was also secretary's day so I presented my hardworking secretary, Pat Bailey, with a small gift.





The children have worked extremely hard as have the teachers, we need to get the Grade R children through the syllabus and ready for Grade 1 at one of the local schools. Grade 00 children also come on alternate days and are adapting well to learning in this way. Our smallest children, Grade 000 are all able to come every day because of the way the two classrooms open into each other. It was felt that the 3-year-olds would be confused by every second day and the gamble paid off and they are very settled.



### **Children received prize packets from a company which stocks vitamins**

The 24<sup>th</sup> September is a public Holiday – Heritage Day. We celebrated on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> and had a lot of fun with the day. The children dress in their cultural dress, we have Xhosa, Zulu, Shona speaking children and among our staff we have Zulu, Indian and English speakers so there is a lovely mixture of culture and language. We will be planting small trees for Arbour day – the Spekboom (*Portulacaria Afra*) – they are such amazing plants. The Spekboom helps to fight climate change and helps with air pollution by absorbing carbon from the atmosphere and turning it into plant matter.





As we cannot invite any one in because of the Covid restrictions we will make South African flags, have vetkoek for lunch and parade our outfits and dance! We will have two days of fun because of the alternate days and then have the 24<sup>th</sup> September off.







We will break up this Friday for a week and return on the following Monday. I trust that my staff will be able to rest and ready themselves for the fourth term!



Please continue to pray for our school, we are grateful to have had our wonderful 'Action Udobo' supporting us as well as Social Development who have come through for us.

God bless you all,

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A very grateful Principal

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