

GREATER STELLENBOSCH DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Sithanda Ukufunda Literacy Programme

(We love learning/reading)

Report, May 2011

Sithanda Ukufunda Literacy Programme forms part of the Educational Project. Its main focus is to improve literacy levels through empowering and training the teachers, facilitators, parents, volunteers and children in Kayamandi. The programme also focuses on the establishment of a literacy room at Ikhaya Trust Centre and networking for the Trust. The literacy room functions as a multi-functional room which serves the children, the facilitators, volunteers as well as the parents and any other activities relating to literacy or education.

1. Stories and pictures of the month



This has been a busy month for the Literacy programme. The learners of the preschool has been assessed on letter identification and there was a remarkable improvement. There was an improvement of 10 letters on the class average from November 2011. As mentioned in a previous report the average for learners entering grade 1 are 12 letters. Only 14 learners from this class is starting school next year. Of the 14 learners only one scored less than 12 on this assessment.

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Noziphiwo's Preschool Class 2011(LETTER IDENTIFICATION)

#	Names	November 2010	May 2011
1.	Anam	14	25
2.	Aquamile	9	9
3.	Axola	48	48
4.	Chwayitha	9	14
5.	Elam	39	48
6.	Lathitha M	19	45
7.	Lathitha N	39	46
8.	Lavela	16	32
9.	Lihlombe	38	44
10.	Lilitha	29	45
11.	Lisolomzi	19	32
12.	Lithalethu	19	14
13.	Liyabukwa	0	15
14.	Liyema	11	14
15.	Odwa	12	9
16.	Ovayo	20	39
17.	Ndivuyile	20	41
18.	Nompilo	11	20
19.	Nqabisa	18	39
20.	Reaoboka	18	42
21.	Sanelisiwe	12	21
22.	Sisonke	12	19
23.	Siphumeze	12	17
	TOTAL	444	678
	AVERAGE	19	29

Photo 1 : Adrie le Roux the Masters student (wordless picture books and family literacy) listening to traditional stories told by two of our Aftercare facilitators, Nondi and Nomzamo. There have been 3 meetings with Adrie.

Photo 2: Dr Isaac Ndlovu (University of the Western Cape led a lively discussion on the introduction of English as soon as possible for future success. The Aftercare facilitators, Marieken Swart, Trienie Momberg, Wina du Plessis, Mpumi Mrubata, Thobeka Msi (Maties Community Service) and a staffmember from Siyavuya creche attended.

Photo 3: The Fontys Hogenschool Educational students from the Netherlands, Lieke Verschuren and Suzan Diender did their practicals at the Trust from 7 February to 31 May 2011. They developed a volunteer plan and spent time in the preschool. They gave very positive feedback on Noziphiwo as educator.

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They fundraised and Adele was asked to buy materials and equipment. Some of the equipment included a camrecorder, cd player and a cabinet.

Second row left to right:

Photo 4 : Mpumi, Noziphiwo and Adele visited Umnqophiso Pre-primary school in Lwandle to observe activities in other educators classrooms. This was a good learning experience and Noziphiwo introduced some of these activities in her class.

Photo 5: Adele and Amanda de Villiers attended a Saturday session of the Readers and Writers Association of Kayamandi. Bongo Flepu is now visiting and inspiring Nondi's Aftercare class to write on a weekly basis.

Photo 6 : Phumlani Sibula (head of the Xhosa Institute at Stellenbosch University), a well known storyteller and performer was invited to entertain and inspire the older learners of the Aftercare.

Thank you to Wina for organising dr Ndlovu and Phumlani Sibula.

Other networking opportunities this month included: contact was made with Christine du Voy (Siyavuya creche), Nico Janse van Rensburg (Helderberg Outreach NPO chairperson) visited the trust to observe the literacy programme and to speak to the educators and facilitators. Linda Jacobs from Maties Community Service (Stellenbosch) visited the trust and have enquired about training sessions for the adult education facilitators. Mpumi and Adele attended a Child Welfare workshop on the new Children's Act. Adele also had a meeting with Kim Klir (SEED) with regards to expansion possibilities.

In the Aftercare the facilitators prepared English and Afrikaans Word Walls for each class. The daily Literacy activities in the creche, preschool and aftercare continued as well as the training of the facilitators. Some time has been spent on organising the two storytelling workshops for PRAESA and dr Duncan's visit to the trust in June 2011.

2. Progress during the month

The objectives for the month were to work on the training manual and plan the storytelling workshops of PRAESA that will be held at the trust on 11 and 18 June 2011. The objectives are continuing.

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3. Objectives for the next month

- Organising the two storytelling workshops for PRAESA at the Trust.
- Networking with dr Sue Duncan for expansion of the Literacy programme.

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