



Nordic School

Preschool



September 2015

Newsletter



Important Dates

12th -18th October:
Short Break-School closed

19th October:
Teacher Training Day-
School closed for children

*Best wishes:
Veilla, Marie, Emilia,
Rasmus, Kate, Elisabeth,
Alexander & Karen-Emilie*

ALL

- In September we focused on our theme "Me & My Family", we had our first Drum & Dance class with mr.Kazungu (Ngoma), we celebrated birthdays and had a great parent's meeting!
- Our new toys from Lekolar, Sweden, have arrived and are now being handed out to all groups!
- Interns Emilia & Alexander joined us September 7th in Kidogo, Kubwa and After school and have settled in very well. Kate came back from leave mid-September and works in Kubwa.
- After the short break (20.Oct) we will start a new theme: "Tanzania" We will dive in to the Tanzanian culture; sing & dance, learn Swahili, eat Tanzanian food, make clothes, toys and so much more. **We ask all of you to kindly bring one Khanga/Kitenge per child to school as soon as possible.**
- **Toyday:** Every last Friday of the month is Toyday. Children in preschool are invited to bring one toy each to school. Through this we practice sharing with our peers. N.B: *We do not allow bicycles, scooters or toy-weapons.*

Kidogo



Emilia, Veilla and Elvira



Creativity and exploration with play dough.



Savannah developing small motor skills and perseverance through baking.

This month Kidogo has had the pleasure of welcoming Emilia, our Swedish intern who will stay with us until Christmas. We also have a new child in our group: Miles (DK) joined us in end of September. Warmly welcome to the both of you!

Our theme days have been filled with a variety of activities such as creating houses, family figures, making t-shirts for family members and making houses where we have put in photos of our beloved families. We have sung songs connected to our theme and talked a lot about ourselves and our families. Through this we have developed our sense of who we are, and where we belong (identity). We have also worked recognition of geometrical shapes, colors and different materials.

We have also enjoyed drumming (ngoma) with mr.Kazungu, dancing in the aula and played a lot imitation games together.

In the end of the month the dentist came on a visit. We wanted the children to have a positive experience of seeing the dentist, and learning about dental hygiene. We all got to watch a video about tooth brushing before we got our own tooth brush and tooth paste to practice with. The visit was a big success and will hopefully be repeated in the future :)



Stella learning how to brush.



Gro is busy brushing.



Welcome Miles!

Kubwa



Amund 4 years 29/09!



Kubwa-children learning about tooth brushing.



Dentist visiting 30/09.
Algot lost his tooth!



Writing their names using salt dough.

Kubwa and Darasa children have often had ring time together. This has helped to create a common base of experiences, and to build trust and friendships within the group.

As part of our theme we started out making our houses. When they were complete, we made our family members, and last but not least we made real size portraits of ourselves. We have talked a lot about our family with each other. This has been a great way for all children and teachers to get to know each other better, as well as practicing speaking in front of others, building awareness about family relations and building self-confidence.

Our first drum & dance class with mr.Kazungu was great! We were all highly active and energetic. Through music & rhythm, we learn about Tanzanian culture and get to experience it first-hand. In October we will be drumming several times a month :)

Darasa

Maya, Esmeralda, Daria, Liam and Algot are attending Darasa with Elisabeth.

In September we started with the alphabet and focused on letters in our names. The letter A has been explored using different approaches such as watching "Hr.Skæg" (educational dvd about letters), reading "A-boken" (Norwegian system for preschoolers), listening to songs about "A" and doing work sheets.

We have also worked on getting to know each other better and creating a class environment where everyone feels included and safe as a part of this month's theme. We have also made real-size self-portraits and models of our homes. We have learned about each other's families, pets and interests.