# Lesedi Primary School Zimbabwe

# Report January to August 2020 Mrs A Mutori



I welcome you to travel with me through 2020 from January to August. Let us see some highlights on the things which have been happening at Lesedi Primary School.

#### **ENROLMENT**

Below is the table of our enrolment per grade and also according to gender. We have 119 boys and 125 girls totalling to 244 learners.

GRADE	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
ECD A	12	11	23
ECD B	15	12	27
1	12	16	28
2	13	19	32
3	16	17	33
4	19	12	31
5	17	17	34
6	15	21	36
TOTAL	119	125	244

#### **TEACHERS**

We have a total of 10 teachers and the grades they teach are also shown below. The team is made up of committed hardworking individuals.

TEACHERS	GRADE	
A MUTORI	HEAD (GRADE 2)	
C NCUBE	D/HEAD (GRADE 4)	
J THOLANA	GRADE 6	
P SINALA	GRADE 5	
S NDLOVU	GRADE 3	
Z MOYO	GRADE 2	
S NYONI	GRADE 1	
Y SIBANDA	COMPUTERS/ALL CLASSES	
C SIZIBA	ECD B	
P MPOFU	ECD A	

#### **AUXILARY STAFF**

Our helping staff were busy working flat out in their respective places. Then in this lockdown because of the corona virus pandemic everyone has now joined the general staff to keep our structures and premises spick and span.

NAME	OCCUPATION
S NDIMANDE	CHEF
M MABAYA	CHEF
H DUBE	CHEF
E NKOSANA	GENERAL HAND
E ZINHU	GARDEN /SECURITY
J MAFUTA	CLERK

# **TEACHING AND LEARNING**



We had a very bright kick start in 2020. All the teachers were well prepared and geared for work.

All the learners were attending school consistently from January to March. Unfortunately, schools were forced to close on account of the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the course of term one, the learners did various activities. They had class work, sports and also went on trips.

# **ATHLETICS**

# Inter house competitions



Inter-house competitions were done at school level and the school team was selected. Our Lesedi athletics team went to compete with five other Private schools in Victoria Falls town and came out in the top three. This was our first time to participate in the Private schools competitions. The experience provided interesting exposure for our learners and the staff.

#### **FEEDING**



Learners enjoyed their two hot meals each day. They also ate some mealies from the school garden.

#### **GRADE 5 CLASS VISIT TO ELEPHANT CAMP**



Our Grade 5 learners visited The Elephant Camp where they saw and learnt about some animals.

Here is a report from one of the children.

# Praise Mpala's report



My trip to Elephant camp

It was in February this year when we visited Wild Horizons camp.

We went there as a class and I was very excited to visit that place since it was my first time. The place had beautiful vegetation, trees, grass, flowers and lawn.

We first saw a vulture. They told us that they picked that vulture on the road. It is fed rotten animal meat.

We also saw some big elephants. Their names were Thembi and Kooco which were the female ones and Tatenda the male elephant. We fed them with their food mixed with sugar, grass and some nutrients.

I learnt many things about the elephants, like how many years they live and their generation.

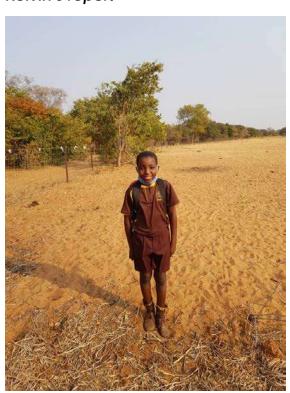
#### **CAMP HWANGE**



Our learners got a chance to go for an outing with other children from some schools in the area. It was quite an adventure. Our learners in the picture are in brown and yellow T-Shirts. Some of them wrote the following reports.

# SOME CHILDREN'S REPORTS ABOUT CAMP HWANGE

# Kelvin's report



The things we did at main camp.

I had a trip to Main Camp. We had many activities. We had Game Drives and lessons. We had good food and we were given super camper bags and teddy bears.

I will never forget that trip to Main Camp.

# Nyasha's report



It's good to have a trip which you are not going to forget.

It was on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February when our school planned to go for a trip and they chose Kelvin, Mickey, Tamia, Adiola, Praise and I to go. We were happy about that. They told us that we were going to Hwange National Park. We travelled by bus.

We arrived at 3:00 pm. There was a lady called Aunty Shuvanai, who welcomed us nicely and told us that the camp was called Camp Hwange. I enjoyed the food we were given and games we were playing, and I also enjoyed singing.

**Praise's report** (Picture on previous report)

# My journey to camp Hwange

I visited Hwange this year, it was on 01/03/2020.

I was very excited when my teacher told me that I was one of those chosen to go for the trip with the others.

We prepared for our trip and we left with two teachers.

When we arrived there we were divided into groups. We were mixed with other children from other schools.

They showed us the place to stay, bedrooms, bathrooms and the playground.

Early in the morning we used to bath first then eat our breakfast then leave for the game drive.

We were led by the drivers into the bush. In the bush we saw many different animals and we learnt how they live and survive from being attacked by others and how some poachers kill some animals.

We also learnt about the generation and the lifestyle of an animal how it goes on in the forest.

It was an amazing and very exciting journey where we learnt a lot.

# Adiola's report



Title: Report about the trip I attended to Hwange National park

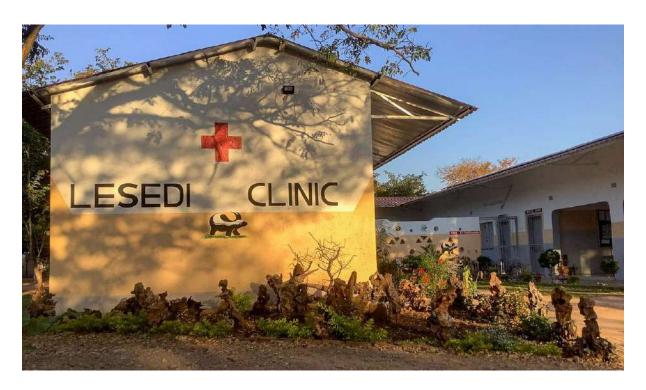
We started our journey to Hwange. We stayed in the bus for 1hour 30minutes and we arrived. And at the camp we spent most of our time watching wild animals. The thing I didn't like is that we were going close to the elephants and following lion's footprints. And the things I liked are as follows. They were teaching us different things, eating good food like pancakes and custard puddings.

I wish to go back again.

Thanks

# THE LESEDI CLINIC

Our leaners had started to take turns to visit our clinic for health routine checks, grade by grade. Unfortunately, this process was not finished since there was an emergency closure of schools.



# THE GARDEN





We are working towards growing all the much-needed vegetables for the school feeding programme. What we have in the garden so far are green pepper, mealies, tomatoes, green leafy vegetables and eggplants.

# ZIMSEC (ZIMBABWE SCHOOLS EXAMINATION COUNCIL) INSPECTION

The Regional Manager Mrs C. Ngwenya and her assistant Mr Magadzire visited Lesedi School to inspect it so as to upgrade it into an examination centre. The results were positive. Lesedi Primary is now an Examination Centre.

# CHILDREN WHO ARE FAR DURING LOCKDOWN

The four children listed below are the ones we last saw when we closed schools. They travelled far with their parents, have been in touch by phone and are promising to come back when the situation becomes conducive. Cloppers Muzaza ECD B, Sunnyboy Munkombwe Grade 3, Siphilisiwe Munkombwe ECD B, Salem Nowake Grade 5.

#### **EXTENDED HELP TO SOME LEARNERS' FAMILIES**

We also managed to extend help to some families of our learners who were experiencing severe challenges in this pandemic.

# TEACHERS DURING THIS LOCKDOWN PERIOD

The teachers are concentrating on preparing and issuing work in phases to the learners to continue working at home. They are coming to school to prepare and put in place the demands for opening schools during this time of COVID 19. They are also sewing masks using the 2 school machines. Sometimes they join the helping staff to take care of the premises.

#### **EXTERNAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

# **OAT**



A few groups had visited our school before we closed because of the pandemic.

# **OAT TWO CLASSROOM BLOCK**

They just managed to put the roofing sheets. They are yet to complete.

# NYATHI AND NADIA (couple)

Mr Nyathi helped us with eggplant and green pepper seeds for our school garden. We are enjoying the fruit now.

Nadia was giving special attention to our learners who have challenges in English reading in Grades 4-6. She also loaded about 20, 32gig USB flashes with ECD (Kindergarten) material.

#### WILD HORIZONS AND GRAND CIRCLE FOUNDATION

They have started a program where they are giving 2kgs of nutritious porridge to our learners once a month from August to December 2020. This has proved to be a desired thing since most families are facing challenges in sourcing food in these trying times.

# **DIRECTORS**

We would like to thank our directors for their unwavering support in building a vehicle for change in our community.





(Fiona, Graeme & Benson)

Special thanks to Benson, the man on the ground causing things to move. Everyday he comes up with a new idea. He never rests unless the deed is done. Some of the things he has managed to do:

# **CONSTRUCTION**

# Dining/Community Hall





He managed to have the hall floor done. Now it is being painted by the previous School Development Committee Members. Some tables are being made.

# Vegetation

He brought some tree cuttings, orchard trees and flowers for planting.

# Landscaping

Stones of different shapes and sizes, also very attractive were brought and used for landscaping.

#### The Kitchen

The roof of our school kitchen was re-thatched.

# A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS

We would like to extend our gratitude to our supporters who have made it possible for us to make a positive change in our learners and community. Your continued support even in this covid-19 pandemic era is unparalleled.

# THANK YOU