The WK Voice

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Welcome to our 2nd Edition!

Hello to all our wonderful families! As we promised in our first edition, over the next nine months we will explore the vision, mission, and core values of Wild Kids Academy. Last month, we began by explaining the meaning behind our name and why we are "Wild."

Today, we take the next step by sharing our Vision. We imagine a future where our students are empowered to become true environmental stewards, fostering a harmonious relationship between nature and society. We believe that by teaching our children to respect the nature and recognise the beauty around them, we can build a more sustainable world for everyone.

This journey belongs to our whole community. Thank you for walking this path with us and for being part of the Wild Kids family.

Enjoy the read!

Laura Erculei

LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY: Engaging with the Town Council

This month, Wild Kids Academy took a significant step in civic engagement by interviewing representatives of the Katima Mulilo Town Council. Our learners explored how local government shapes our community through leadership and environmental sustainability.



We had the honor of interviewing the Mayor's Office, represented by Miss Kavara Anniki. She described leadership as a blend of teamwork and vision, guided by core values like integrity, empathy, and transparency. Miss Anniki highlighted that schools are essential in nurturing ethical leaders by instilling these values early on.

We also met Mr. Lucas Kutina, Head of Solid Waste, emphasizedt protecting our environment (especially wetlands) is a shared responsibility between the municipality and schools. He encouraged students to strengthen environmental clubs, turning theory into practical actions like tree planting.

The Council also shared its commitment to providing safe, inclusive playgrounds that foster social development for all children. As the Mayor's message to our students reminded us: "The preparation of your future begins with what you do today".

WILD WINGS Taking Flight for Nature and Community

CONSERVATION

Becoming Pangolin Protectors

In February, our Wild Wings took a significant flight for wildlife! To celebrate World Pangolin Day, thirty of our young conservation champions joined the Pangolin Foundation for an unforgettable day of learning and action.

Our students dived deep into the world of this unique, threatened mammal, learning why pangolins are vital to our ecosystem and the challenges they face. The highlight? A behind-the-scenes look at how technology is used to track and monitor pangolins in the



wild. After acing a final quiz, our learners were officially named "Pangolin Protectors." At Wild Kids Academy, we believe education is prevention. By understanding these shy guardians of the bush, our students are building a culture of custodianship from the ground up. The future of conservation in the Zambezi is bright because our children are stepping up to be its voice!

KINDNESS IN MOTION

Wild Kids Academy is charting a different path: we believe true success is measured by the positive impact we have on others. Through Wild Wings' Kindness in Motion, we move beyond textbooks to develop the character and social responsibility of our future leaders.



This initiative is a structured educational journey where our "capital" is the time and empathy of our students . We believe that providing "educational opportunities through service" is the most powerful gift we can offer. By engaging with the community, our students don't just study compassion, they live it!

Our Wild Wings want to be regularly in motion: visiting elderly residents to record oral histories, spearheading environmental clean-ups, and creating encouragement cards for local patients. We also coordinate donation sometimes, but as an educational institution, we do not have a budget for financial donations, as this does not fall within our primary purposes. Through these acts, our learners are growing into the compassionate, ethical leaders our society needs.

THE VALUES COMPASS



INTENTIONALITY
Purpose in every action

At Wild Kids Academy, our values are not just words on a wall; they are a way of life. This month, we focused on Intentionality, the conscious choice to act with purpose, ensuring every decision aligns with a larger goal.

Our learners are discovering that intentionality is the bridge between simply studying the environment and actively protecting it. But what does it mean to them? We asked our students to share their reflections:

Christiaan Harris (Grade 9): "It means thinking about the consequences of your actions before you do something. At school, I try to be aware that what I do affects others and the environment".

Nathan Cotzee (Grade 9): "Intentionality is doing things on purpose, not just because someone tells you. It's about making choices that help others".

Logan Sinyepe (Grade 8): "For me, it's being careful about everything I do. Even small actions, like putting waste in the right bin, matter because they protect the world around us".

Manka Cassy (Grade 9): "I think before I act. I try to make choices that help the school and my family, like saving water and picking up litter".

Whether it's switching off a tap or reminding a friend to recycle, our students are proving that no act is too small to matter. When we act with intention, we are shaping a sustainable future.

DICTIONARY

INTENTIONALITY: The conscious choice to think before acting, ensuring every decision protects the environment and our community.

PANGOLIN: A unique, scaly mammal native to our region that we are committed to protecting through awareness and education.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT: Actively participating in community life and collaborating with local authorities for the common good.

COMPASSION: The ability to understand the feelings of others and act with kindness to bring about positive change.



COMPETITION: An opportunity to test one's skills, learn the value of effort, and celebrate the success of others with sportsmanship and respect.

THE ARENA



THE HOUSE BATTLE

153 - 207

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!!

February Birthday's for learner's

Isa Ahmed
Summer Hamwele
Job Joanna Ndinelao
Sharleen Kamwi
Blessing B. Mashasho
Adalyn Chaze
Ethan Mowa Mbeha
Francine Nanzila Mowa
Andrew Simwena
Disney Tubazalile
Queen Naluca
Jayden Ndume
George Uuzombala
Sinte Sarah
Isaack Nicholas
Rooyn Lubinda
Ashley Mumbone
Willy Sepo Sankwasa
Adorah Muhinda

February Birthday's for teachers

Ms Regina Malumo
Mr Staleni Muyunda

SPRINGBOKS TRIUMPH IN INTERHOUSE BATTLE

On February 20th, the UNAM sports field buzzed with electric energy for our annual Interhouse Athletic Competition. This highlight of the school calendar brought together learners, teachers, and parents for a day of teamwork and school spirit, where the entire school was divided into two spirited teams: the Cheetahs (Yellow) and the Springboks (Red).

From sprints and relays to long jump and shot put, our young athletes demonstrated incredible speed, endurance, and agility. The competition was fierce but always grounded in camaraderie. A special mention goes to our senior learners, who showed great leadership by cheering on the younger ones.

The final results saw the Springboks celebrate a hard-fought victory with a total of 207 points. While the Cheetahs followed with 153 points, they accepted the results with grace and a firm determination to improve for next year.



Beyond the medals, this event succeeded in its true mission: promoting physical fitness, fostering a sense of belonging, and creating unforgettable memories for the entire Wild Kids community. Congratulations to all our athletes!