The WK Voice

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Excellence through Innovation

At Wild Kids Academy, we believe that Academic Learning is not a static destination, but a dynamic journey. This month, we focus on our commitment to creating a school of excellence. For us, excellence is not measured solely by grades, but by the ability of our learners to apply knowledge in meaningful ways.

This is where Innovation comes in. By encouraging creative solutions to social and environmental challenges, we transform traditional subjects into tools for change. Our students are not just memorizing facts; they are becoming innovators who think outside the box to protect our community. Whether it's mastering a complex spelling list or designing a sustainable project, we strive for a standard of education that inspires curiosity and rewards bold thinking. At Wild Kids, excellence is the standard, and innovation is our path.

Laura Erculei

LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY: Engaging with the Traditional Leader

WildKids Academy continues to redefine learning by blending classroom education with real-world experiences rooted in culture and leadership. In a recent educational visit, learners engaged with the Ngweze Khuta under the Mafwe Traditional Authority, where they conducted an insightful interview with Induna Sydney Simataa on the meaning of integrity.



During the discussion, Induna Simataa shared that integrity is the foundation of leadership and community trust. He explained that true leadership requires honesty, fairness, and the courage to make difficult decisions without bias. Drawing from years of experience, he emphasized that integrity is proven through actions, especially when no one is watching.

Learners had the opportunity to ask questions, gaining a deeper understanding of how traditional systems uphold justice and accountability. Teachers described the visit as impactful, noting how it brought lessons on values and social responsibility to life.

This initiative reflects WildKids Academy's commitment to holistic education. By connecting learners with community leaders, the school is nurturing responsible citizens who value truth, respect, and strong moral character.

WILD WINGS Taking Flight for Nature and Community

CONSERVATION

When the Zambezi speaks, we must listen

The Zambezi River does not ask for permission. In March 2026, it rose from 3.36 metres to a staggering 6.84 metres, swallowing homes, crop fields, and classrooms whole across our beloved Zambezi Region.

Nineteen schools were affected; three were completely submerged. Over 520 learners and 35 teachers were relocated by boat, some paddling past crocodiles just to reach safety. Acting Principal Harrison Lyamine of Nankuntwe Combined School said it plainly: "We are surviving daily due to God's grace." Two weeks of school was lost. Children are now attending classes during holidays to catch up.

Our farmers suffered too. Tololi Village farmer Given Mulike watched floodwaters swallow half his maize harvest. Thousands of hectares were destroyed across Katima Mulilo Rural and Linyanti. The Ministry of Agriculture deployed tractors to rescue 57.5 tonnes of crops, but for many families, the damage was already done.



The Ministry of Environment warned of rising human-wildlife conflict, with elephants raiding displaced farmers' fields as both animals and people compete for shrinking land. Yet, floods also bring gifts: rich silt for tomorrow's farms, replenished wetlands, and thriving fisheries.

Our message to every Wild Kid: Respect the river. Understand nature. Stay prepared.

KINDNESS IN MOTION

Warm hearts for little hands.

Wild Kids Academy's Kindness in Motion initiative recently reached one of the Zambezi Region's most vulnerable communities: Congolese refugee children. Through generous donations of warm winter clothing, the Academy distributed jackets, jerseys and blankets to children facing the harsh Namibian winter far from their homeland.



The visit was met with gratitude and emotion as children received not only warm clothing, but also a reminder that they are seen, valued and supported.

Many families in the community fled decades of conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo and continue rebuilding their lives in difficult circumstances.

Wild Kids Academy believes caring for people goes hand in hand with caring for the environment. By supporting vulnerable communities, the Academy hopes to inspire compassion, dignity and hope for a better future.

The organisation thanked all donors, volunteers and supporters whose generosity helped bring warmth and comfort to children in need across the region.

TEACHERS' RETREAT: WILD Kids Academy Teachers Strengthen Bonds Through Memorable Team Building Retreat

Wild Kids Academy recently organised a rewarding and memorable team-building retreat for its teachers at the beautiful Rupara



RestCamp from 28 to 30 April 2026. Twenty teachers participated in the two-night experience, which proved both refreshing and impactful.

Team building plays an important role in every school environment. It strengthens relationships among staff, improves communication, and encourages collaboration, all of which positively benefit teaching and learning. By stepping away from the classroom setting, teachers had the opportunity to connect on a deeper level, building unity and teamwork that will continue to strengthen the school community.

The retreat included a variety of enjoyable activities. Teachers participated in fun games such as "In and Out" and "Know Your Partner," which encouraged interaction, laughter, and cooperation. Swimming sessions also added a relaxing and refreshing element to the experience.

One of the highlights of the retreat was a game drive through the park, where teachers experienced nature at its finest. They saw a wide range of wildlife, including elephants, zebras, buffalos, baboons, impalas, hippos, kudus, warthogs (known locally as kasongo), crocodiles, and many bird species such as fish eagles, kingfishers, herons, and storks. Seeing these animals in their natural habitat was exciting and unforgettable.

The group also visited the beautiful Nkasa Lupala Lodge and Jackalberry Camp, admiring their serene surroundings and peaceful atmosphere. The natural environment added greatly to the charm of the retreat.

Another important aspect of the experience was the strong spirit of teamwork shown throughout the trip. Meals were prepared by the teachers themselves using a duty roster that assigned cooking responsibilities in groups. Everyone contributed by cooking, cleaning, and washing



dishes together. These shared responsibilities strengthened cooperation and deepened bonds among colleagues.

Accommodation arrangements were comfortable, with teachers sharing rooms in pairs. The nights also brought a sense of adventure, as elephants and other wild animals could sometimes be heard moving near the rooms. While slightly frightening at times, this added a unique and memorable touch to the experience.

THE VALUES COMPASS



INTEGRITY IS RIGHTEOUS

Integrity is one of the most important values a person can have. It simply means being honest, trustworthy, and doing the right thing even when no one is watching. A person with integrity stands by their values and takes responsibility for their actions whether the outcome is good or bad.

There are many situations in everyday life where integrity is important. A good example is during a test or exam; a learner shows integrity by not cheating even if their peers are doing otherwise. In friendships, integrity means being loyal, telling the truth, and not talking badly about others behind their backs. Another example is returning something that doesn't belong to you, such as a lost pen or pencil case.

At home, integrity helps strengthen relationships with family members. Being honest with parents or guardians, keeping promises, and taking responsibility for chores are all signs of integrity. These actions show maturity and help build respect and trust within the family.

In conclusion, integrity is a value that shapes a person's character and future. By practising honesty and doing what is right in all situations, learners can become responsible individuals who are trusted and respected by others. Integrity is not just about big decisions, but also about the small choices we make every day.

By: Christian Harris

DICTIONARY

INTEGRITY: The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; doing the right thing even when no one is watching..

TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP: A form of authority rooted in history and culture, where leaders act as custodians of the community's heritage and wisdom.

REFUGEES: People who are forced to leave their home country to escape war, persecution, or natural disasters, seeking safety and protection in a new community.

RESILIENCE: The ability to recover quickly from difficulties, such as adapting and staying strong during the Zambezi flood season.



SYNERGY: The interaction of two or more people to produce a combined effect greater than the sum of their separate effects.

THE ARENA



THE HOUSE BATTLE

508 – 460

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!!

March Birthday's for learner's

Harry Kachiolwa
Nova Zibo Limbo
Sasha Liswaniso
Sam Mbeha
Atipaishe Mhike
Ndilokelwa Christofina
Munsu Faith
Ethan Musweu
Ivanna Ndopu
Amaya Cara Makore
Monde Nikanor
Nusayba Vadi
Aiden Mwazi
Prince Muisepi
Zitha Milla
Nathan Kalangu
Ginna Mutuso
Malachi Coetzee
Corne Killian
Samuel Mwileli

March Birthday's for teachers

Ms. Matope
Ms. Khachas

PILLARS OF EXCELLENCE

KINDNESS
Grade 4 **Muisepi Maura**

HELPFULLNESS
Grade 5 **Faith Munsu**

LEADERSHIP
Grade 6 **Lexi Johannes**

IMPROVEMENTS
Grade 7 **Devine Machenje**

OUTSTANDING RESULTS
Grade 8 **Ruti Pelepele**

OVERALL BEST
Grade 9 **Muchila Mwinga**

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Wild Kids Tuckshop



		PRICE
Monday	Toasted Sandwich	N$ 25
Tuesday	Hotdogs	N$ 25
Wednesday	Pap & Relish	N$ 25
Thursday	Hamburger	N$ 25
Friday	Pasta	N$25
	Drink	
	Juice 300 ml	N$15
	Coke/ Fanta/ Sprite	N$15

