

# BAOBUYU LEARNING CENTER

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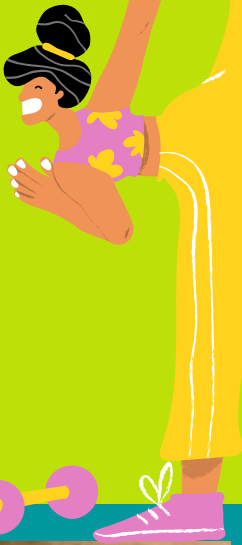
## hello WINTER

June has arrived, and with it comes the chilly embrace of Zambian winter! Mornings are brisk, and the kids are bundled up like we live in the Arctic—wrapped in layers, cozy in Nana Raymond's hand-knitted socks and hats. But by midday, the sun is out, it's 28°C, and we're peeling off those extra layers one by one. This cooler season gives us a much-needed break from the intense heat and the perfect chance to take on some outdoor projects. We've officially hit the halfway mark of the year—and looking back, we're incredibly proud and excited about everything we've already accomplished. Here's to warm hearts, cool mornings, and even bigger dreams ahead!

## workout



As many of you know, we kicked off the One O'Clock Workout as a fun, community-driven way to stay healthy, strong, and connected. Every day at 1 PM, rain or shine, we gather for 30 minutes of serious movement, motivation, and maybe a few laughs too. And now, thanks to an incredibly generous donation from Mark Sanfacon, our little fitness crew just got a big upgrade! We're now fully equipped with proper weights and yoga mats... and it's safe to say we've gone pro! Here's to strength, sweat, and always showing up for ourselves—and each other. Thank you, Mark! You've truly lifted us up!



## Thank you so MUCH

Thanks to the amazing generosity of Elsbeth and her wonderful friends in the Netherlands, our food program just got a powerful boost! With giant bags of rice and beans now in our kitchen, we're able to keep serving up nutritious meals that fuel our little learners each day. Your support is filling more than plates—it's filling hearts, lifting energy, and giving our kids what they need to grow, thrive, and shine. We're so, so grateful!



## Market Debut



This month, Mercy and Gigi from the Women's Sewing Circle took a big, brave step and sold their products at the market for the very first time! They started off a little shy and quiet, but it didn't take long for them to find their rhythm. From setting up a beautiful display to chatting with customers and making sales, they jumped right into the experience and learned so much. We're incredibly proud of their growth, courage, and determination. This is just the beginning—many more markets (and milestones!) are ahead!



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## Petite GARDENERS



At Baobuyu, we believe in learning that goes beyond the classroom—and that includes getting our hands dirty in the best way! This month, Teacher Ozzy's junior class took part in one of our regular gardening lessons, learning about weeding, plant care, and what it takes to grow your own food. With tiny tools and big determination, they tackled weeding and planting with joy (and just a bit of muddy mischief!). Our gardening program teaches children not only how to grow vegetables, but also important life skills like patience, responsibility, and care for the environment. There's something special about watching their excitement as they connect with nature and take pride in something they've planted with their own hands.

Because here, we're not just growing gardens—we're growing knowledge, confidence, and curiosity, one seed at a time.

A huge shoutout to the Mwandi Strikers for winning the FAZ Division 4 Zone 1D title! What an incredible season it's been! Coach Alvin says it best: "We're not just champions on the field—we're champions of positive change. We've shown skill, heart, and determination in every game, but off the pitch, we're just as focused on making a real difference in our community."

This team has been busy raising awareness about important issues like HIV/AIDS and drug abuse, promoting healthy choices, standing up against gender-based violence, protecting the environment, and empowering youth through education and sports. It's amazing to see how their commitment extends far beyond soccer.

A big thank you to Downtown Rotary and Sunrise Rotary in the USA for their incredible support this season. Your encouragement has been a huge boost and has helped the Strikers keep pushing forward.

Together, we're not just building a winning team—we're building a better future for everyone. Here's to more wins, both on and off the field!



*"When people come together to help one another, they create a chain of kindness that can change the world."*



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