

BAOBUYU LEARNING CENTER

JANUARY 2026

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



We are back and ready for 2026!



Welcome back, Penguinos 2026! That break felt far too long, and we certainly missed your smiles, giggles, and belly laughter while you were away. We are so excited for the year ahead and delighted to welcome 18 new students into our Baobuyu family! It's going to be a year filled with growth, learning, and lots of joyful moments. 2026, we're ready for you!

THE DREAM TEAM JUST GOT BIGGER!

*Team Work
MAKES THE
Dream Work*



We recently received the bittersweet news that Teacher Sharon will be leaving us in April after 10 wonderful years of service and dedication to Baobuyu. While she is truly irreplaceable, we knew it was important to thoughtfully plan for the future and ensure a smooth transition for our children and community. In December, we began the hiring process to welcome two new teachers to our team; one to step into Teacher Sharon's role and another to support Teacher Ozzy's junior class. We are happy to share that we found two perfect additions to the Baobuyu family. Please join us in welcoming Teacher Beatrice, who will be joining us as the Middle Class Teacher and will be mentored by Teacher Sharon over the coming months to ensure continuity and care. We are also excited to welcome Teacher Moses, a recent graduate in Early Childhood Education, who is beginning his first teaching position with us as an assistant teacher. We look forward to all the wonderful things ahead and are grateful for the strength and growth of our amazing team.

“Education begins with a teacher who believes.”

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WILDLIFE SUPERHEROS!

Our friend Kath from BUSH CAT ADVENTURES, a safari guide and conservationist, visited our school to teach us how to become Wildlife Super Heroes. We learned how to care for our land and rivers, and how to respect and protect our local wildlife. We're so excited to continue these important lessons throughout the year!



PROUD TO BE CALLED "THE PAD LADIES"



Meet Christine, Yvonne, and Debra, the three incredible women currently working on a year-long project to make reusable sanitary pads for girls in nearby villages who have little to no access to menstrual products. Proudly known as the Pad Ladies, they are making a meaningful difference in the lives of young girls managing their periods. Because of their work, girls no longer have to miss school. Because of them, girls worry less about how they will cope each month. Because of them, girls can breathe a little easier — with dignity, confidence, and hope for the future.



Oooohhhh!!! We are too excited about this one! Baobuyu is celebrating it's 10 year Anniversary with 10 months of impact! To mark this milestone, we are launching **10 Years, 10 Impacts**, a year-long celebration of community, partnership, and giving back. Our first month, we are celebrating ZAWS, our one and only animal shelter in our city. What would we do without them. Stay tuned to our Facebook, Instagram and website to find out more!



Meet Chabota, the newest trainee in our Women's Sewing Circle! Over the next four months, she'll be learning essential sewing skills and growing alongside the program. We're excited to welcome her and look forward to the journey ahead.

"My name is Chabota Shamachila. I'm a single mother of two, and I'm very happy to be part of the Sewing Circle. Before this training, I struggled to find daily work, but now I'm learning new skills and building hope for a better future. My goal is to care well for my children, find a better place to live, and save to buy land. I'm committed to working hard so my children and I can have a bright future."

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