

# Bonnie People Project October 2018

## Early Childhood Development, After School Care and Skills Development Facility

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October has been a very busy and exciting month. We started off with a holiday programme and met many new people. A group of volunteers from Vredelust Church in Bellville spent the week with us, which turned out to be a week of fun and learning for all. The children were encouraged to explore their creative side in various ways. We also welcomed two new volunteers from Luxembourg, Laura Welter and Tessy Kohl. They will be with us for the next six months. We are very happy as they have already become an integral part of BPP helping at the ECD and ASC.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of October, we met Chareldine van der Merwe from the ATKV-Vriend of Afrikaans. She read a story to the children and talked about the importance of reading books. We also are very grateful to have received books and toys to the value of R8000.



Vredelust volunteers



Laura and Tessy



Chareldine with the ECD children



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It is heart warming to see staff and children having fun together, here Nadia and Laura are playing the game “Rotten Egg”(Frot Eier in Afrikaans)



Our children are evaluated on a regular basis, here Elmarie is recapping shapes with them. It is really amazing what the children remember at such a young age.



Music is a very important part of our culture. The children love singing and dancing whilst accompanied by various instruments.



Part of the daily activities is to expose the children to different aspects of life and experiences. As this week’s theme was chickens, Janeta and the teachers showed the children the different ways an egg can be prepared on the stove. Afterwards everybody had a piece of boiled, fried and scrambled egg.



With spring in the air, the children are learning to take care of the garden by watering it everyday. The day always ends with delicious food from our wonderful cook, Janeta.

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Tessy and Laura our volunteers from Luxembourg really enjoy spending time with the children. They are so helpful. A massive thank you to the board of BPP Luxembourg for making it possible for them to come to the Project. Each day we start with the Homework support programme before continuing with our other activities. The highlight of this month was learning about recycled material and various things you can make using recycled material. The children got some time to design their own outfits of old plastic bags and also outlined our school name B.P.P. on a South-African flag.



The literacy boys work very hard every day as they do care about their schoolwork. They make themselves available each morning to attend the class. They get the chance to ride on the bicycles after cleaning the whole Youth Centre. All of our boys are hardworking children.



This month was really a fun and busy one! Our themed activities inspire our children daily, and the facilitators do their best with our children, no matter what their circumstances are. Our volunteers from Luxembourg have started giving our children computer lessons, which they really enjoy!



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The **BPP Soccer Club** at the field showing some fabulous skill, under the guidance of our new volunteer, Anathi. The club practices in the afternoons from Mondays to Thursdays. The boys have shown a great improvement in their style of play since Anathi joined the project. They seem to enjoy the game more, as there is now a better understanding of the game.



**Art Class.** The children learning basic art techniques. Anathi, who recently relocated to the informal settlement is a volunteer who shares his skills in the art class with them. They have recently stated to explore with other mediums and will be introduced to painting techniques once they master the basics. The children also receive art classes three times a week (Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays). There is much excitement as they are aiming for a group exhibition. This will generate funds to enable them to learn more about other aspects of art.



The **Bonnievale Black Birds F.C.**, is a soccer team from the informal settlement. We donated a soccer kit to them. The club keeps busy, by competing in friendly games and soccer tournaments in and around the Langeberg region. They are now in process of registering the club into the **Langeberg LFA** (Local Football Affiliation) Promotional League, of which is an affiliate of **SAFA** (South African Football Association). The team is really determined and dedicated to play and do great in the 2018-2019 season. Anathi also assists the club with management and the relationship between this team and the project is built in the sense that our soccer boys can play for the club once they grow older.



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