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NEWS LETTER OCTOBER 2025

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28 November 2025
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 NG Church Hall
 18h00





Come Read With Us – with Linda Briers

The *Come Read With Us* program, led by our wonderful volunteer **Linda Briers**, forms part of our **Yearly Challenge**. Each year, the children’s reading books are purchased through this initiative.

Linda generously gives her **time, expertise, and love** every afternoon to help our little ones discover the joy of reading. Her patience, encouragement, and dedication make a world of difference — one sound, one word, and one story at a time.

FEEDBACK FROM LINDA:

Evaluation – November 2025: Linda Briers

The year 2025 has been a particularly busy and rewarding one, with 16 learners participating in the Do and Learn to Read Programme.

We started with two Afrikaans and two English Grade R groups, as well as one Grade 1 group. This was also the very first year that the English “Do and Learn to Read” course was offered to the Grade R learners — and it turned out to be a wonderful experience, far exceeding expectations!

New materials had to be created, English grammar rules reviewed, and fresh rhymes, verses, songs, and games found for reinforcement. “Bibberdy Babberdy Brew, we’re making an Alphabet Stew!” became one of the most popular and fun activities of the year! Thank you to Zaan for the inspiration!

Grade R

We have already had a discussion about the “Window of Opportunity” in a child’s reading development stages. The Grade R groups of 2025 ranged in age from 6 years 4 months to 5 years 1 month, and their levels of reading readiness varied widely.

We had to provide extra stimulation for learners who had already begun reading, while also including support activities for those who were not yet ready.

Grade 1

The Grade 1 group of 2025 consisted of Jo-Andre Jemaar, Feogen Carolus, and Kate Smith — and I am so proud of them!

Their faithful attendance, friendly faces, and enthusiasm made it a joy to work with them again. Their excellent school reports reflect their positive attitude and perseverance.

We revised Reading Book 1, focusing on story reading, comprehension, vocabulary, and spelling. They also wrote and illustrated lovely stories. All three have grown academically, socially, and emotionally. Their good manners and teamwork made them very special — I will truly miss them!



We converted one of our Wendy’s for this Learn to read program



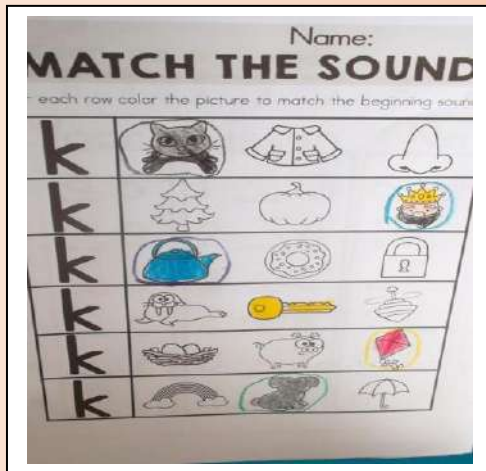
BABELBEKKIES CLASS

Learning about the number 10

Now the 0



Learning the letter "k"



Sequencing- place picture in order of the story

Launguage- follow instructions





PIKKIE CLASS - 3-4 YEAR OLDS

Let's start the day correct.
Praying and say thank you for
the food

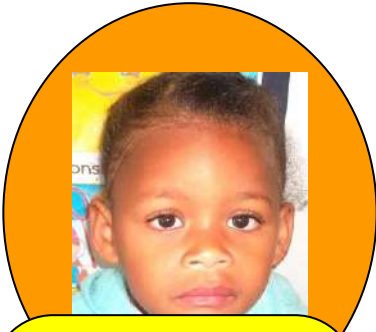
Then its time for movement and
exercises



Math's time. Match the dots
with the numbers



Follow the instructions



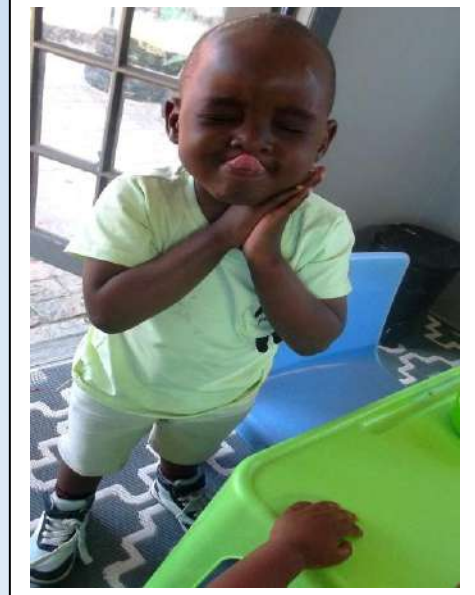


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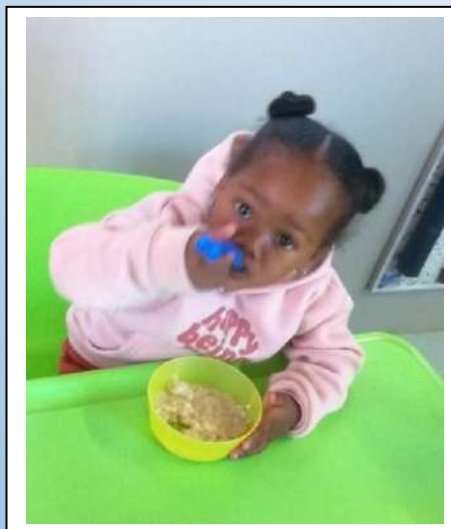
Learning about fire



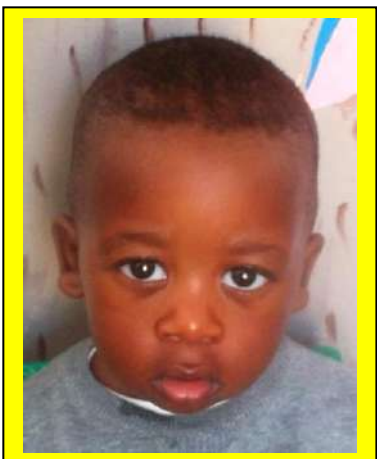
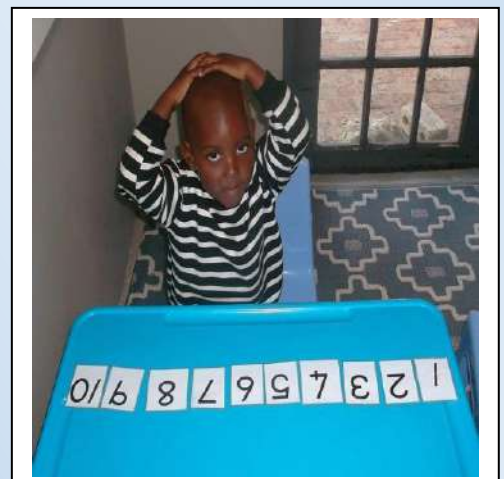
3 years and praying – look at the concentration!



2 years and I can feed myself



Exceptional math skills- only 3 years old. He put the numbers in order from 1-10 himself



Old Pikkewyntjie kids perform in Primary school

Athletic day- 2 of our Gr. 1 Pikkewyntjies got in at Feogen 1st and Jo-Andre at 3rd place. Well done boys!



Sequile was chosen for their cricket team



Happy Birthday



Stephanie
turned 6



Thank You to All Our Volunteers and Donors!

To everyone who has lifted a box, stirred a pot, sold a ticket, wiped a nose, washed a dish, organised a cupboard, rescued us in a crisis, or simply showed up with a smile — **we see you, and we salute you!**

Our volunteers are basically superheroes... just without the capes (though some of you definitely deserve one). You've tackled chaos, crowds, hungry little people, and event days that felt longer than a month. And you did it with enthusiasm, humour, and only minimal coffee-related emergencies.

Our donors? Well, you are the magic makers. Every item, every rand, every bag of clothing, every last-minute “Yes, we can help!” has kept us going. You've turned problems into possibilities — and our storage room into something that *almost* looks organised.

Because of you:

- **The children are happy, fed, and thriving.**
- **Our events don't fall apart (even when we feel like we might).**
 - **The staff get to keep their sanity... most of the time.**
 - **And the community gets to experience the joy of people who genuinely care.**

You make our work lighter, brighter, and a whole lot more fun. We couldn't do this without you — and honestly, we wouldn't want to.

Thank you for the laughter, the love, and the incredible support.
You're the best team we could ever ask for!

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