



## January 2013

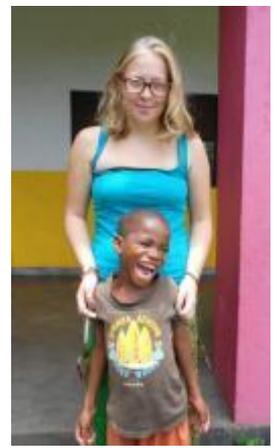
A new year and a new term begins at Bolera Palms. The first day back was as expected exciting and hectic! I know that we as teachers were ecstatic to see our kids again after spending a month apart and the same could be said about the kids as half the class ran over to say hello and take our things from our hands. We all were feeling nervous that maybe the kids had forgotten what they had learnt over the holidays but WOW.... Did they prove us wrong! All of us can safely say that the holidays did the kids a world of good and they have come back and are smashing it. Standard One are now starting to speak English... well done to them and Madam Sarah! They are also exploring our solar system and getting to grips with reading. Standard Two are busy little spelling bee's this month as their spelling tests have shown and are sailing through transport. Over in Standard Three they have become maths whiz kids, learning how to do addition with carrying. They've also gone wild with their animal theme and are in the process of making their own jungle. Meanwhile in Standard Four they have long got centimeters (terrible pun) and were busy cutting pancakes in halves, quarters and eighths to help them with their fractions.



We also had some visitors all the way from Alaska for two weeks. In Standard Three we had Natalie Opinsky who brought with her a fantastic photo project for all the kids, they all got their own photo taken and got to design and decorate their frames beautifully. In Standard Four we had the amazing help of Sev Kibby who was the brains behind teaching fractions with pancakes and kept the whole class entertained with his interesting version of the Macarena. We would all like to say a huge thank you for all the help and materials from all of the Alaskans and that they will be sadly missed!

## Student of the month -

Standard 1 - Victor – Since coming back from our Christmas holidays Victor has returned with even more enthusiasm and determination towards his work. He is always eager to learn new things and complete things the right way (as well as do it better and before the rest of the class!) I'm thrilled with his work ethic. On top of this, he is always keen to help you out and make life easier for you – even if it is just handing pencils out!



Standard 2 – Marie – Marie has flourished in all subjects this term. She has improved considerably in maths and phonics and completes all work without help or complaint and the effort and enthusiasm she puts into her work is outstanding. I'm so proud of her recent improvements.

Standard 3 - Adija – Since the start of the year Adija has come on leaps and bounds in her spoken English she is now very confident in asking questions and asking for help in her work. I am extremely proud of her as she was one of my weaker students. Also she has improved greatly in her maths and recently achieved a high score in the test for addition with carrying.



Standard 4 - Rita - This month I have seen a huge change in Rita's reading. She has improved hugely. With the one on one help she has started to gain so much confidence in herself which has helped her hugely. She is able to approach the books I put to her and read them individually and to me. I am so proud of her and how much effort she has put into reading class. With the new reading scheme put in place for standard three and four I am hoping this will give her an extra push and by the end of the year she will

be a brilliant reader.

## Yusufu Kamendo 11.07.07 – 10.02.13



Yusufu Kamendo was the bubbliest, bounciest, cheekiest little boy you can imagine! In the short – but wonderful and memorable – time I had with him he quickly became my favorite, liveliest student of standard one. Despite his illness he always had a positive outlook on life and never failed to make me smile. He loved school and everyone at school loved him. Losing Yusufu has been a horrific event for all of us. No one will forget him. No one will replace him. My thought and prayers are with him and his family. Even though times are hard right now, we can all be comforted in the knowledge that his is now is a healthier, happier place, and most importantly at peace. Love of love to you kiddo! Madam Sarah x

