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Musikili Primary School Outdoor Education





“Kids are born scientists. They’re born probing the natural world that surrounds them. They’ll lift up a rock. They’ll pick up a bug. They’ll pull petals off of a flower. They’ll ask you why the grass is green and the sky is blue, and they’ll experiment with breakable things indoor house. I think the best thing a parent can do, when raising a child, is simply get out of their way.”

-Neil Degrasse Tyson

“If we want our children to move mountains, we first have to let them get out of their chairs.”

-Nicolette Sowder

“Your kids will remember the adventures you went on, not the stuff you bought them. Kids outgrow stuff; they never outgrow adventures.”





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Outing to Cluny Farm

On Wednesday morning, 28th September,, amidst happy chatter and nervous laughter, 23 intrepid Early Years and Grade R travellers boarded the Musikili bus bound for Cluny Farm in Monze. Without delay we were seated, buckled up and on our way.

Uncle Doug, Aunty Genevieve and Paige were eagerly anticipating our arrival, as they had planned a morning filled with fun activities for us. After a quick water and biscuit snack we set off to the cattle dipping station, where the herd was patiently waiting. Each cow, including the tiny little calves had to pass through the tunnel to be sprayed. Much to the children's delight, each cow emerged dripping wet.

We then went down to the sheep pen where we were able to feel the wool that is not as soft as it is made out to be in stories, listen to the lambs calling for their moms and have a good close-up look at the sheep. After the gate was opened, we followed the sheep down the roads as they went out to pasture.

Next on the agenda was the tractor and trailer ride. Unquestionably the highlight of the morning. Uncle Doug had organised sacks filled with corncobs to create a pillow for us to sit on. Thank you Uncle Doug, it definitely helped cushion our bottoms. WE visited fields with pivots for irrigation and we spotted Plovers and a Lilac Breasted Roller along the way.

We then made our way back to the farmhouse, as we were starving. Mr Hein had packed us a yummy treat, snack that filled our tummies and quenched our thirst. After a short play and exploration of the garden area, it was time to board the bus and head back to school.



The chatter on the bus was more subdued this time around, and nervous laughter was absent. Some of us had conquered mountains today. We had boarded a bus for the first time and travelled out into the world.

Experiences such as this stimulates the curiosity in the children. It helps them understand the world and who they are in it. The day was filled with active learning, sensory experiences, play and discovery.

Thank you Doug and Gen for affording our children this valuable experience. We are most grateful.



I went to Paige's farm; we went on the bus. We went on the tractor. I sat at the back with Bethany. I saw sheep and we went to see cows. We saw the pivots for watering the grass. Going on the bus was my best.

Isabel

We went to Paige's farm. It was fun because we got to play outside and eat snacks. It was fun going on the tractor. I sat on the bags, they were hard and bumpy. We saw dung and grass and thorns on the tree and flowers. The sheep was fun. It was very nice petting the wool, it felt nice. It was fun when we were watching the cows running through the spray. It was fun watching the babies run to their moms. It was fun 'cos we got to do stuff and we got to eat!

Naailah



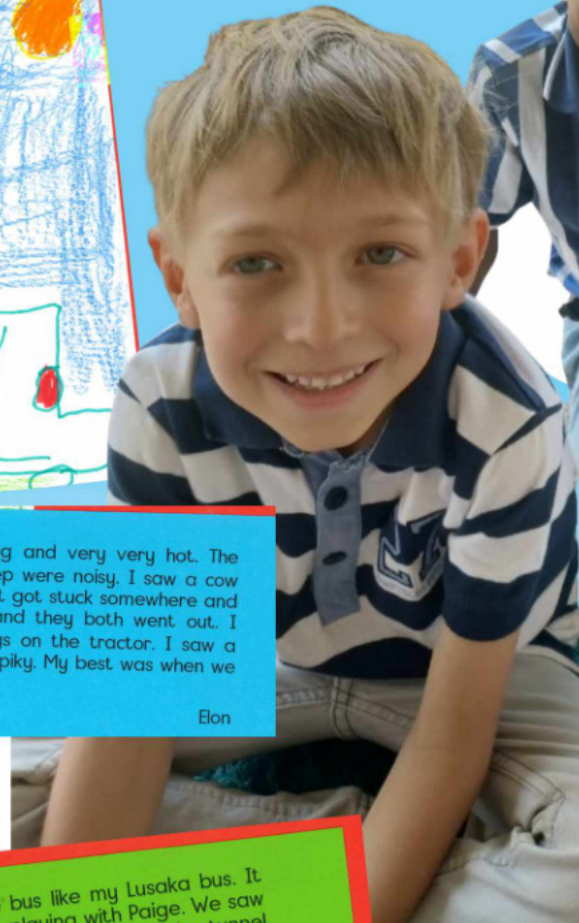
We went to the big pivot and the small pivot. Pivots water the field. The wheat was already cut. I did see a bird, but I've forgotten it's name. I saw a stuck baby cow and another cow helping it. It was another baby who saved the baby. There was a grown-up cow that sprayed the dip on me. I saw lambs eating salt, which is very weird. My best was looking out the window of the bus with Michael Boucher. I saw some broken down trees. I was chatting with Ela and Michael.

Logan



The bus trip was very very long and very very hot. The sheep's skin was rough. The sheep were noisy. I saw a cow running and then it jumped up. It got stuck somewhere and then another baby cow came and they both went out. I didn't feel comfy on those things on the tractor. I saw a thorn tree and the thorns were spiky. My best was when we played.

Elon

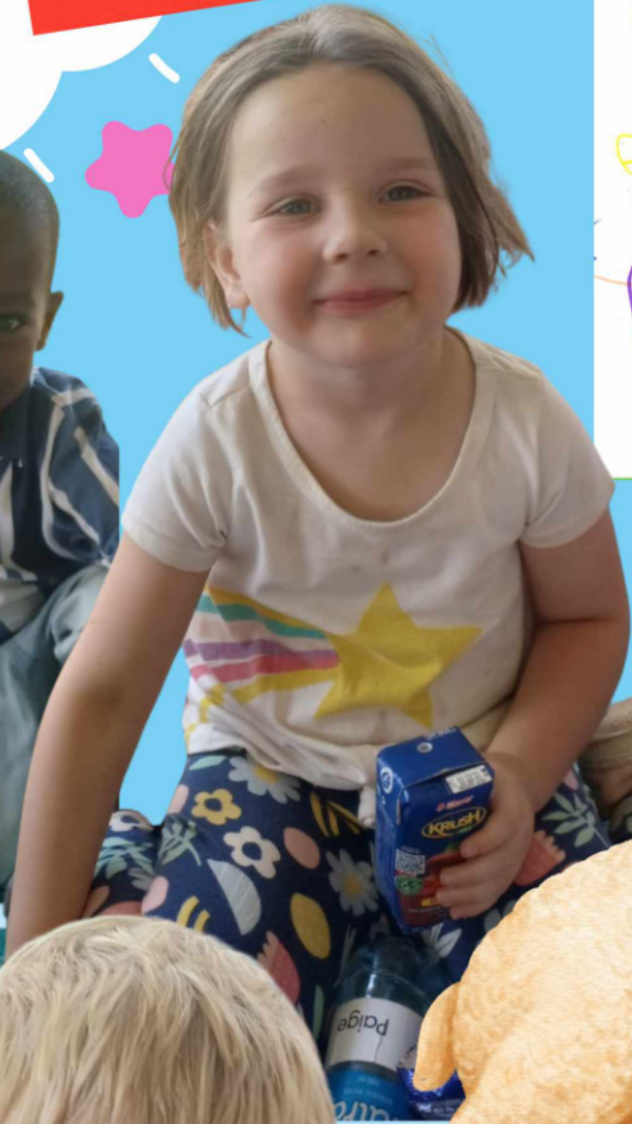
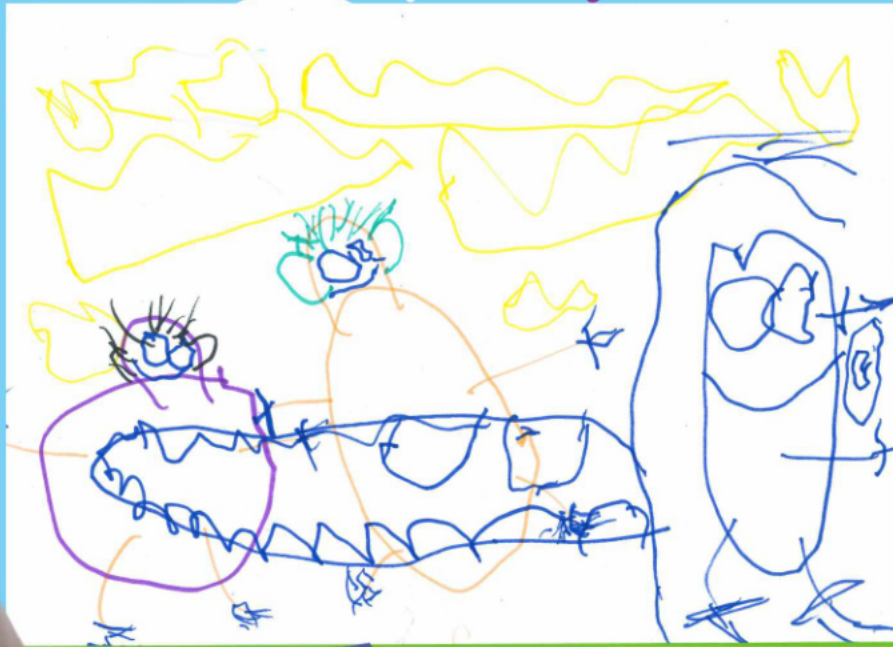


We went to Paige's farm on the bus like my Lusaka bus. It was so fun at the farm. We were playing with Paige. We saw sheeps and cows. The cows were getting wet in the tunnel because they were getting clean. The tractor took us everywhere. My best was to play. Mr Hein packed biscuits and water and juice.

Zombe



My friends came to my farm. It made my heart feel happy and good. We went to see the sheep and cows. They were making the cows clean at the new dip. We went to the sheep. The sheep's fur was hard. The tractor was a little bit bumpy. Dad put bags for us to sit on. The tractor ride was my best. Paige



EV

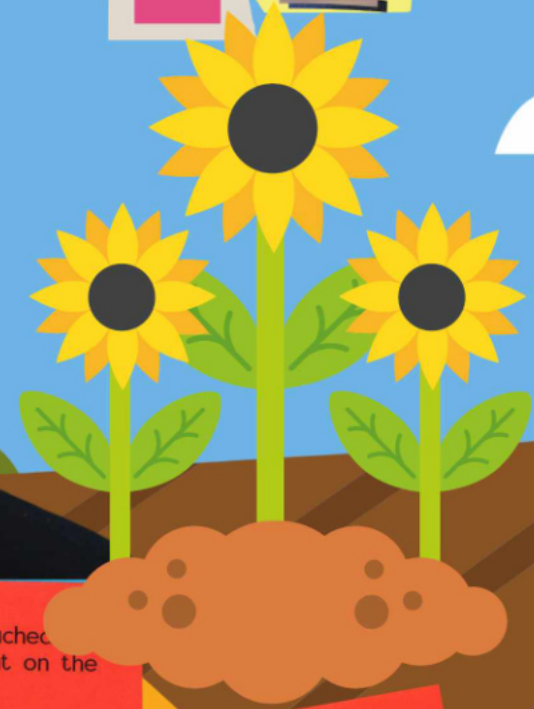


We went to Paige's farm. We saw birds, a Lilac Breasted Roller and Plovers. We were on the tractor. I saw the sheep, there were lots. The sheep fur was hard, it feeled rough. The dipping was different to my farm dipping. Those ones ran, ours walk. Playing games was my best.

Wyatt



EY



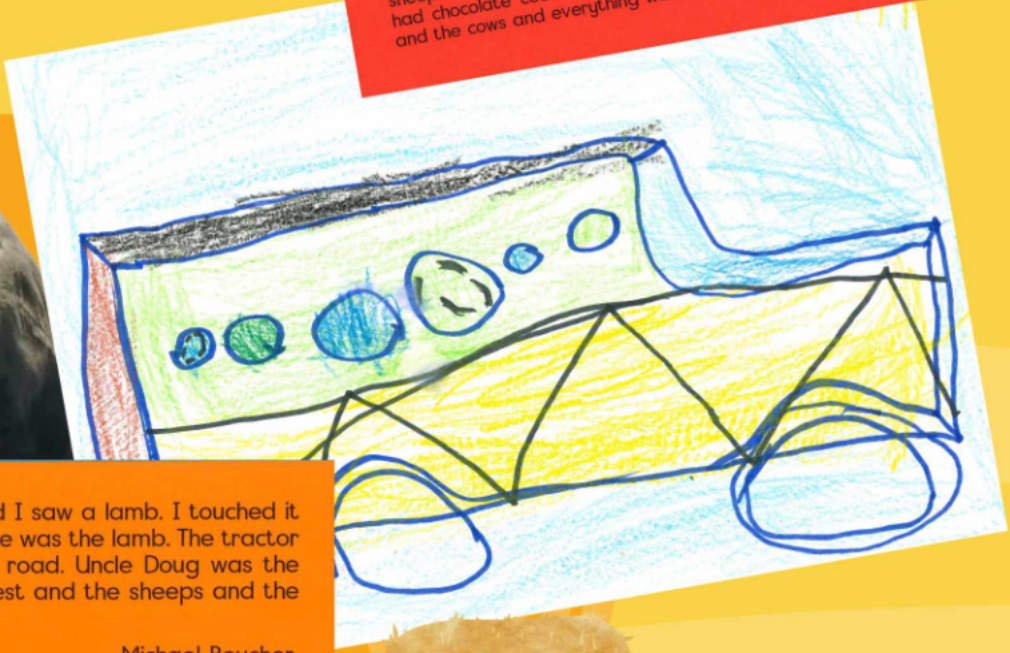
I went to Paige's farm. I saw sheep and cows. I touched sheep, it was fluffy. The cows got sprayed. I went on the tractor. I had some cookies and I liked the biscuits.

Mwansa



I saw the sheep. The fur was a little bit hard. The biggest sheep was the scariest. I liked the tractor ride. It was fun. I had chocolate cookies. The bus ride and seeing the sheep and the cows and everything was fun.

Evan



I saw a cow and I saw sheep and I saw a lamb. I touched it with my finger. It felt like apple, he was the lamb. The tractor had big wheels. We went on the road. Uncle Doug was the navigator. The tractor was my best and the sheeps and the cows.

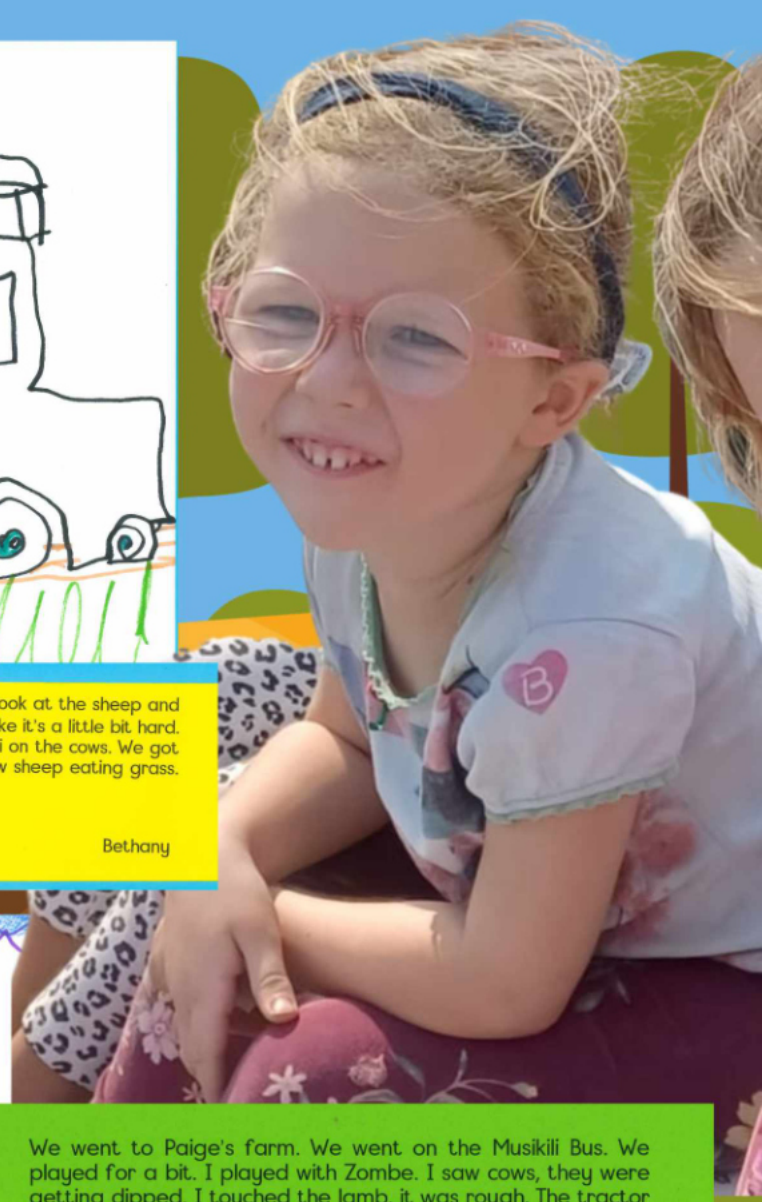
Michael Boucher





We went to Paige's farm. We went to look at the sheep and cows. We got to pat the sheep, it felt like it's a little bit hard. We got to go and see them spray muti on the cows. We got to go for a ride on the tractor. We saw sheep eating grass. My best was on the tractor.

Bethany



We went to Paige's farm. We went on the Musikili Bus. We played for a bit. I played with Zombe. I saw cows, they were getting dipped. I touched the lamb, it was rough. The tractor was fun, not scary. Going to see the sheep was my best.

Ashleigh

I went on the bus. I put my seatbelt. I saw cows running. The sheeps eats food. The sheeps don't bite. I like the tractor. I eat apples.

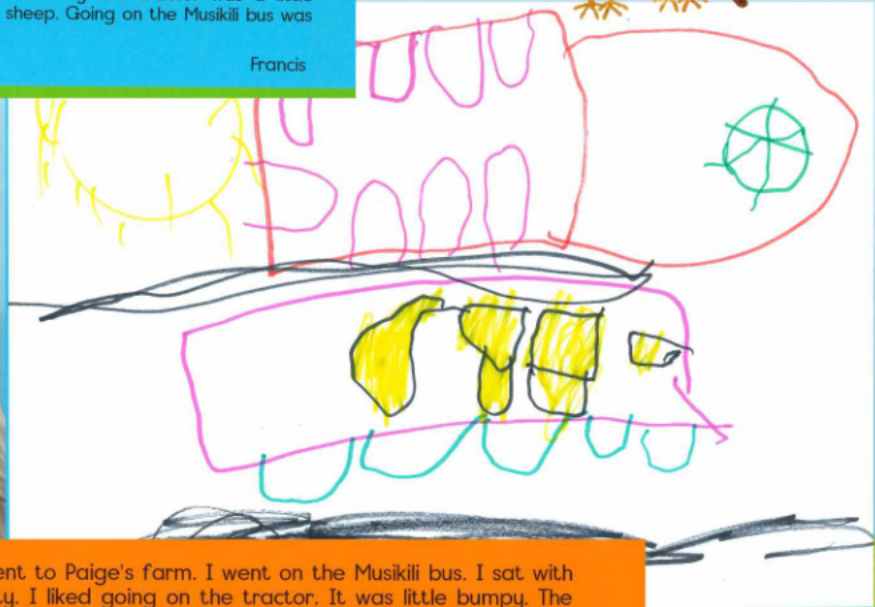
Michael Li





I went to the farm. It was Paige's farm. I went on the Musikili bus. I saw cows. There were brown ones and white ones. They went through the dip tunnel, they came out wet. The sheep were fluffy. It felt fluffy. The tractor was a little bumpy. I saw cows and sheep. Going on the Musikili bus was my best.

Francis



I went to Paige's farm. I went on the Musikili bus. I sat with Betty. I liked going on the tractor. It was little bumpy. The lambs were so small. They were so soft. The cows were waiting to go in the sprinkler to get clean. Looking at the cows going in the sprinkler was my best.

Ela



I went to Paige's farm, it's a far way. It was hot. It took long. It was fun riding on the tractor. The sheep's fur was rough. It was fun pulling the mielies out of the pillows. The tractor was my best. I saw a Lilac Breasted Roller and a spotty dotty bird.

Dane



I saw a tractor, I drive on the tractor. I see sheep, they say
maal The cow says mool I went in da bus, da big Musikili bus.

Lwito



We see big farms. The tractor - black. Small baby cows. They
were entering the water and then they go to eat. The sheep
was entering down. The sheep eats flowers.

Michael Banda



I saw cows, they went through the tunnel so they don't get
sick. I went on a tractor ride. I saw some cows and some
sheep. I ate chocolate biscuits and sweets. I went in the bus.
The tractor was my best.

Joseph



GRADE One

Outing to Cisera & Newlands Farm

The Grade 1 class took a trip to Cisera and Newlands farms in Mazabuka. They strolled around Cisera looking at bulls, baby donkeys, lambs, horses and Neville Pinkney's large array of birds. Many of the children got to milk a cow for the first time and taste farm fresh milk straight from the udder, many remarked it was warmer than their milk at home. After loading up into the canter again, we headed to Newlands to learn about hay balers, food mixers and cover crops. We ended our great day off with a hay bale race, poo spitting contest and a dip in the pool. Thank you to Neville Pinkney, Chris Meikle and Audrey Meikle for entertaining us on our day out.



Ethan
our class trip
Ethan Fraser



We swim in the pool
We ish ish ish ish ish
the mill.



Lulangilo
Our class trip



I milked a cow. I
ate chocolate cake. I
played soccer with
everyone.
Lulangilo Hamwenda



Hannah
our class trip



held a lamb
and I also fed a
lamb. We played
soccer and girls won.
We had a haybale race.
Hannah Kenchington





Our class trip
Demi Goodwin



We milked cows.
We drank some milk.
We held a lamb it
was very cute. We
did a hay bale competition.

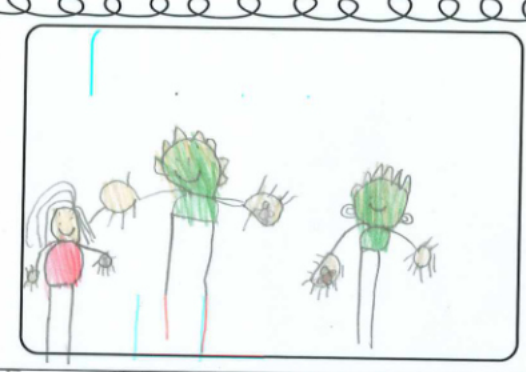


Tyler



Tyler Stubbs

Our class trip



I milked a cow.
I held a fluffy chick.
We swam in the pool.



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Myles Price-Moor

Our class trip

We ate chocolate cake. I held a sheep it was fluffy. I swam in the pool.



Our class trip

Mana Black

We held a chick. It was cute. Ms Meikle had a poo spilling competition. We swam. We pushed Hannah in the pool.

Our class trip

Amelia McLean

We had a hay bale race. We milked cows. We stroked horses and they were soft.






Brody

Brody Jackson

Our class trip



We saw pools I picked up feathers. We made a hay bale mountain.

Our class trip

Deborah Taylor



We held a chick. I milked a cow. We looked in a big mixer.



GRADE One

Langani..... Langani Mwale
Our class trip



We milked a cow.
We looked in a
big mixer.
We went swimming

Tyler G.
Our class trip
Tyler Gray



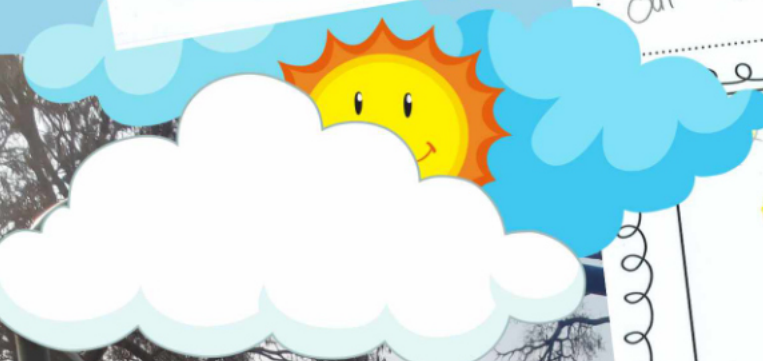
We played with a hay
bale. We milked cows.
We did a hay bale race.

Our class trip



I milked a cow. I
held a chick it was soft.
We had a hay bale race

Natalia Shamalime



GRADE TWO

Outing to Kushiya Farm



On the 6th of September, the Grade 2s excitedly departed for their one-night, Outdoor

Ed excursion to Kushiya Farm. The children enjoyed the most amazing 2 days with the Robinson Family. Guy took the children on a game drive and was so knowledgeable about the animals, trees and birds. The children enjoyed a lovely cool dip in the pool at lunch time and thoroughly enjoyed playing and exploring their surroundings. After lunch, we visited the dairy and Ian showed the children how the cows are milked and how the milk is stored ready for collection by Parmalatt. The children loved feeding the calves and a few children got their fingers sucked by the baby calves. The next morning, we had the opportunity to visit the horse surgery. Leslie spoke to the children about how to tell if a horse is sick. Leslie showed us a horse with a sore eye and showed us how she used dye to see if the eye was healing. Lindsey then took the children to see the horses. All the children had a turn to ride the horses which they absolutely loved. A massive "Thank You" to the Robinson family for making this trip possible and enriching the Grade 2s educational journey.





Sounds of Kushiya

WooF: Rosie ran fast.

MOO the cow shouted

Splash I jumped in the pool

Tweet the bird sang

buzz the bee flew

Amber



Sounds of Kushiya

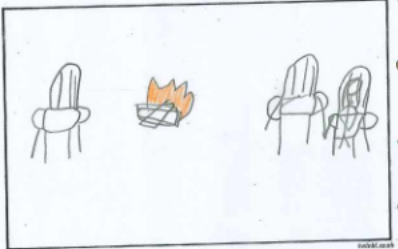
Splash! We went into the pool

Moo! the cow went

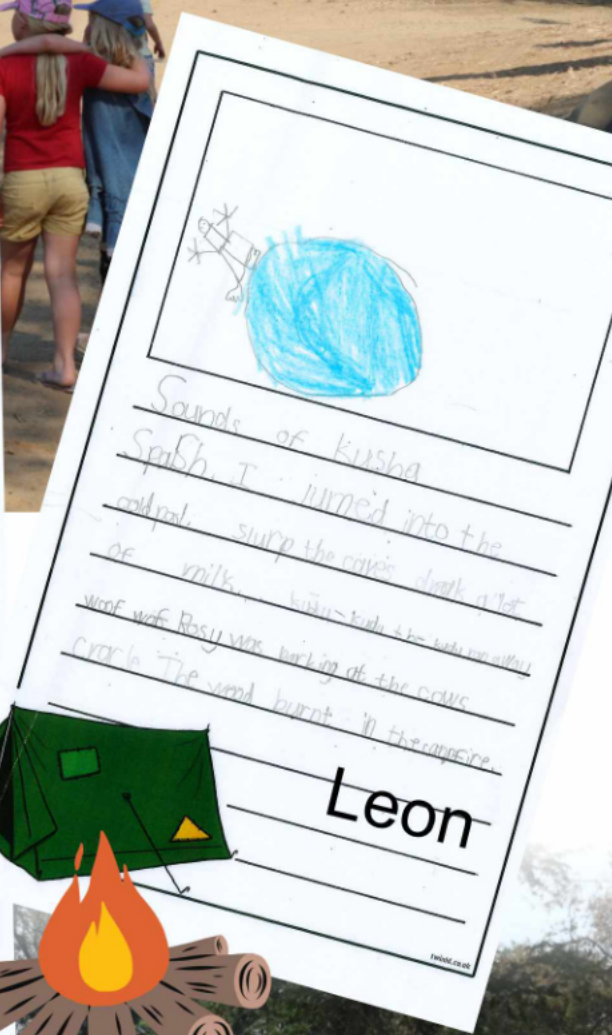
Tweet tweet went the bird

Neigh went the horse

Crackle went the fire



Lea



Sounds of Kushiya

Splash I jumped into the pool

Moo! the cow went

Tweet tweet went the bird

Neigh went the horse

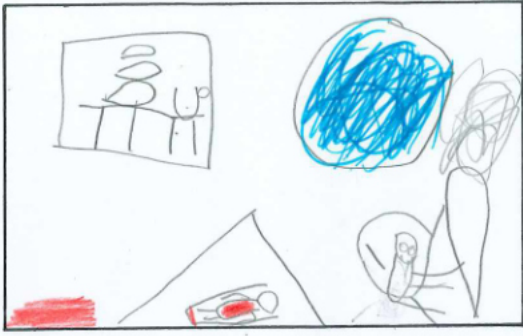
Crackle went the fire

Leon



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TWO





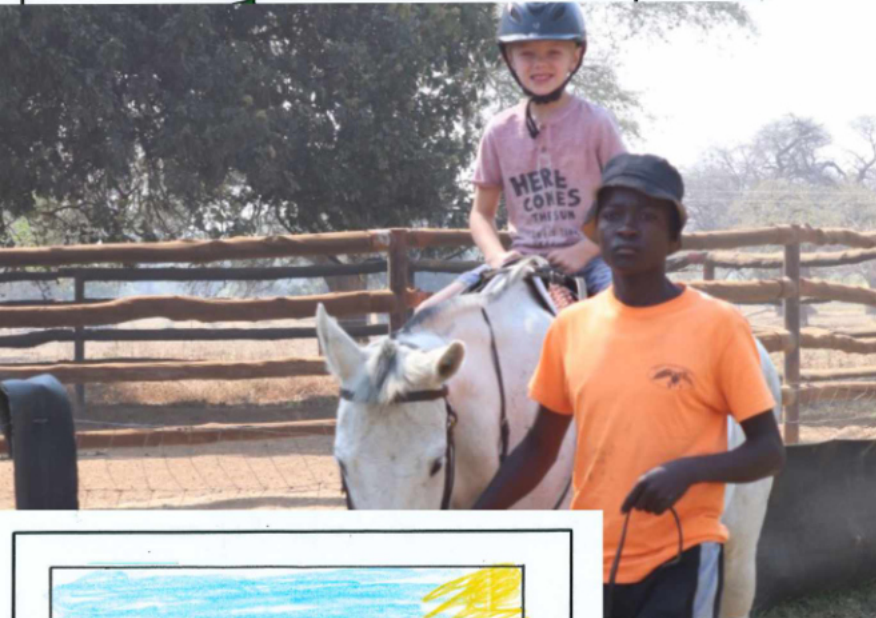
Brimm I we see off in the land
 Fizz! The cold coke splashed.
 K-u-ud! ku-ud! The Kudu ran in the bushes.
 Buzz! The bees buzzed around the pool.
 Splash! I jumped into the pool.



Sounds of kushiya
 Tweet! Tweet went the birds
 when they were flying.
 Shhhh! I was very quiet.
 fizz! When i opined the
 sprite. Shhhh! IN the tent
 Mr Hen said no talking.
 BUZZ! The bees were a round
 The Pool.

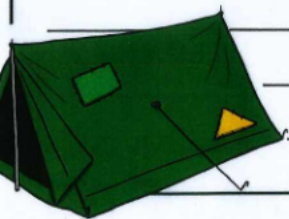


Jake



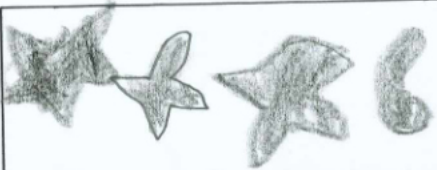

Sound of Kushiya
 Shhh! I told my tent.
 Crackle! I heard the leaf's crackling
 Fizz! When i opened my coke.
 Buzz! The bees flew around the pool.
 Thud. Thud! Th kudu stampeeded.

Heidi



GRADE TWO








Sounds of Kushiya.

Ku-du-ku-du The ku-du ran
 suckle the baby cows drank the milk
 splash My friends jumped in the water.
 Brrmm! we drove in the land cruiser.
 woosh! I felt the wind.

Teagan





Sounds of Kushiya


Brrm! We set off in the cruiser

Tweet! tweet! tweet!

Heard the birds sing.

Whoosh! the hats blew off the
 cruiser. Neigh! Dragonfly was
 talking to me.

splash! I jumped into the pool.



Kasey





Sounds of Kushiya
 Splash! I jumped in the pool
 Woosh! The wind blew softly
 Woof! The dog was barking at me
 Neigh! I was riding a horse
 Fizz! I was drinking my coke

Natalie



Sounds of Kushiya
 Splash! I jumped into the water
 Crackle! roasting marshmallows
 Moo! the cow was eating grass
 My finger

Zara

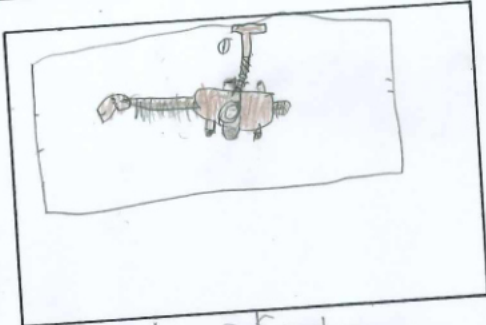
GRADE TWO



Sounds of Kushiya
 Suck! The calves sucked my fingers
 Woof! Rosie barked at the cows
 Buzz! The bees buzz around the pool
 Tweet! The bird was twittering in the trees
 Moo! The cows made lots of noise before they went to

Lucy





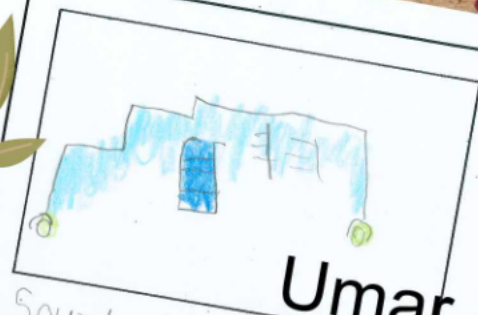
Sounds of Kushiya
 Snap! Mr Hein was very loud.
 fizz! When I opened my case
 it fizzed.
 Shhh! The Boys were making
 some noise.
 Meigh! It was my turn to ride the
 horse

Peter



Sounds of Kushiya
 Moo! The cow made noise.
 ku-du! The Kudu ran.
 Brrrrrr! We set off in the land rover
 Splash! We jumped in the pool.
 Whoooo! The hats flew away into the
 bush.

Madison



Umar

Sounds of kushiya
 Brrrrrr! We set off in the
 landrover. Splash! We
 jumped in the pool. Meek!
 The cows went meek before
 we milk the cows. kudu! The
 kudu ran so fast it went kudu!
 Buzz! The bees
 went buzz it.



GRADE & GRADE One & Two

Outing to the Wildlife Discovery Centre & Elephant Orphanage

On Wednesday 21st September the Musikili Satellite Class were fortunate enough to visit the Wildlife Discovery Centre and Elephant Orphanage which has recently opened in the Lusaka National Park. A bus full of excited and eager children was collected from school by Game Rangers International and we made the short trip to the park to start our morning of discovery.

The new purpose-built centre has the most inviting Exploratorium which immediately drew the children in, and they soon set about discovering all the wonders on offer. From giraffe leg bones to porcupine quills, chongololo exoskeletons to mukwa pods – the list is endless! The children were kept busy with numerous activities, all teaching about different animals and habitats found in Zambia. They had to make lists of animals and design their own animal with special adaptations they could choose. There were lots of hands-on learning opportunities and practical learning tools, such as the tower made from snares – giving us an authentic platform to discuss poaching.

After a mid-morning snack, we donned our hats and set off for a bush walk to the waterhole – inspecting and learning to identify different animal droppings and spoor. We were detectives around the water hole, observing different insects coming for a drink and identifying the animals who had recently been for a drink by reading their tracks in the mud.

The highlight of the morning came at the end when we watched the seven orphaned elephants who are being cared for by GRI, having their lunch-time milk followed by a wallow and a frolic in the muddy waterhole. The class were enthralled by this experience and keenly watched the elephants going about their business in the enclosure, before heading out into the bush to forage for the afternoon.

Rosie and Penny were great facilitators who generously shared their knowledge whilst keeping the children entertained. A memorable morning was had by all, and we are most grateful to GRI for having us!





I think it was
funny that the
elephant zolled
over and rooped
I did not like to sit
still

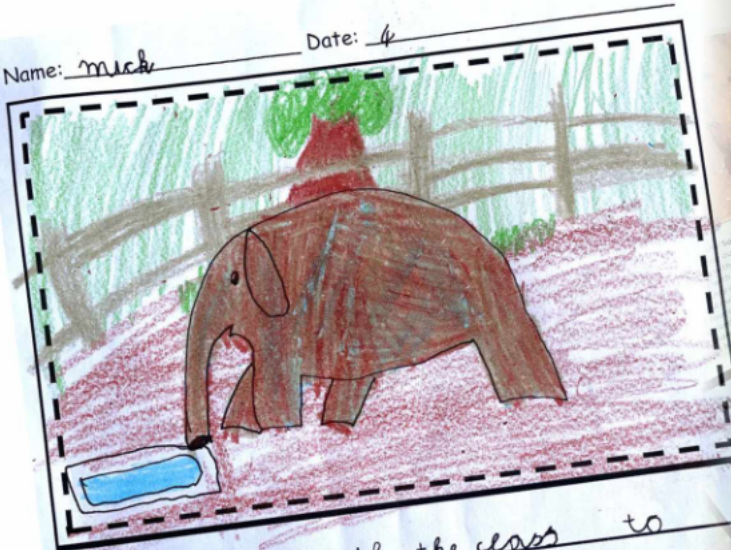


We went to the Elephant Orphanage.
There are seven elephants.
We learned that elephants use
mud as sun cream. They
drink a special formula it is
mixed with moringa and
oats. They have to drink over
every 3 hours. The elephants
love to play in their mud,
rolling and splashing a bottle
we went on a nature walk
to the water hole where
we saw lots of animal foot
prints in the mud. At the
end of the day we played
the Great Winds blows.

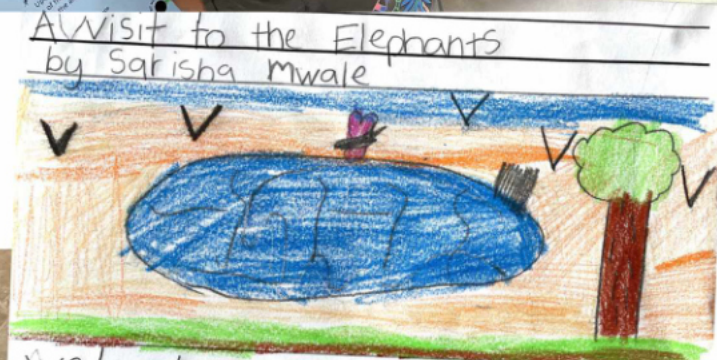


We went to
the Elephant
Orphanage. We saw
baby elephants
playing in the mud.
They had milk from
a bottle.





I went with the class to the elephant opihia drain for a king milk and went for a swim they also splashed water



Wednesday 28
I went to the Elephants orphanage. I saw small elephants. I played the wind blow we went for a forest walk They were creatures we explored and had snack. we got prizes I got a ball. It was fun I went and saw elephants drinking through ther moth not their trunk. A group of elephants calod a herd. Ther big elephants roll in mud is just like subscreen. I went on a nature walk to the wafer hole. our teachers were called Rosie and Penny, they were fun.



Name: Jacob Date: Wednesday 28



We went to see the baby elephants. I saw seven baby elephants. They were playing in the muddy water. We went to the water hole and saw footprints.



A visit to the park
by Mikeala Lurgu
Wednesday 28 September
We went to the Elephant Orphanage. I saw seven elephants. They were scratching the elephant water. The elephants were eating leaves. We went to the Discovery centre. We played the wind blows. My favorite animal was an eagle. They gave us presents for good work. I got slime. I went home.

...work too. We all form part of the and priceless web of life. If we to destroy the trees, wildlife, and habitat, man will ultimately oy itself.

DAVID SHEPHERD



WOODLAND KINGFISHER
The woodland kingfisher is a medium sized bird about 20cm in length and weighing between 50-80g. The tail and colourful bird is easily recognizable due to its bright blue back feathers, and tail accented by its black shoulders and white underparts.
The birds are active and are highly coloured - red on the top and blue below. Both males and females are similar and the only way to tell the difference is by the size of the beak. The male has a larger beak than the female.
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THORNCROFT GIRAFFE




Name: skylar Date: Wednesday 28



I went to the elephant orphanage with my class. I saw seven baby elephants. They liked rolling in the mud. We went for a walk in the bush.



Name: ur. B Date: Wednesday 28 September



We went to the Elephant orphanage. The elephants were bathing in the mud. The baby elephants were drinking milk. They used their trunks to drink water.



NO went to the elephants. We saw seven baby elephants. They were playing in the mud.



GRADE THREE Outing to Middletons Farm



The Grade 3's went on their class trip to the Middleton Farm on Tuesday 6 September for 2 nights. When we arrived the children helped set up tents and prepare their tents for the evening. They then had the afternoon to swim in the pool, play soccer, zip line or walk to the dam. We went for a game drive where some of the boys attempted hunting. Once back at camp the children enjoyed a braai for dinner and roasted marshmallows on the fire.

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The following morning, we set off on a walk to find different tracks, leaves, pods and feathers. After breakfast we went for a drive to see the cattle being sprayed with dip and then we went to see the purple carrots. The children had a competition to see who could find the longest or fattest or strangest carrot. Some of the children decided to paint their faces with the purple carrots.

After lunch the children enjoyed an Art lesson using some of the items they had collected on the morning walk. We then went for a game drive again where it was the girls turn to try hunting. After a busy day the children were tired and ready for bed. In the morning we packed up our tents and enjoyed a breakfast before getting ready to depart back to school. A huge thank you to Tam and Ches Middleton for giving up their time and their home to host the Grade 3's. The children thoroughly enjoyed their time at the farm and were able to learn a lot from you.





Middleton Farm

This week my class went to the Middleton Farm one morning we went for a walk we saw lots of tracks and we each got a bag. We collected leaves, flowers and sticks and we went on a game drive and we saw lots of impalas we slept in a tent I slept with Semulanyi, Scarlett and Ari we swam a lot and we had an art lesson my favourite part was when we had purple carrots

Joneldi Jordaan

Middleton Farm

This week we went to the Middleton Farm for two nights. My favourite dogs were Mandie and Popo. We saw impalas and went for a morning walk. We roasted marshmallows, we ate purple carrots they are nice. We played with dogs, we went to the dam. We slept in a tent. We had an art lesson.

Aahle

Middleton Farm

This week we went to Middleton Farm and when we arrived we had lunch, set up the beds, put our mattresses and went for a swim. After 30 minutes we had tea. Then we went for a game drive we came back and had a shower. The next day we picked purple carrots and called Thobias a purple monkey and we saw cows doing cattle dipping and started my fingers in the door rat door. These days we have had school.

Sina

Middleton Farm

This week we went to Middleton Farm and we were so excited. We saw a lion and I got a lion's life. We went to the dam and saw some eggs. Then we went to the dam. My favourite part was when we had a morning walk.

Avery



**GRADE
THREE**





Middleton Farm

This week we went to the Middleton Farm. We took the bus a long drive but we made it. When we got there we helped the adults put up the tents. The pool was cold and refreshing there was a big tube that we played on and it was fun. We played with the dogs. We also went for a morning walk and got leaves, pods, and some of the boys got poo. I thought that was disgusting. We did an art project with the things we got on the walk. On the drive we picked purple carrots and had a competition for the longest, fastest and fattest one. Me, Thomas and Sasha came in a tie at the fattest one. It was fun. We went on a game drive. Sasha and Avery got to shoot. Sasha was a hard shot she didn't get it but she tried. We thought Avery did not get it but on the bus back we found out that Avery did shoot and in a perfect shot. We said well done to her. We had so much fun at Middleton Farm.

Ariana Green



Middleton Farm

This week we went to the Middleton Farm and swam. I went on a morning walk and found a soccer and did art and found a poo picture. We had chocolate brownies and raisin marshmallows. Jess Avery Mya Faith and me were in a tank. Deshae was so cute. We saw lots of insects.

Sasha

Middleton Farm

this week we went to the Middleton Farm. we went on the bus it took 3 hours. when we got there we had a snack then we went swimming. we went on a boat on the lake then we fell over the boat we went walking on the game drive then we came back and had Slawens then the next day we went back to school.

Wil



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THREE**

Middleton Farm



This week we went to the Middleton Farm. It was a long bus drive. We had our wild outback friends almost all the food. When we reached Middleton Farm we set up our tents. Then we had lunch and then we went in the pool then we went on the bus. Then we went to the dam we went on a boat because of the people then we had to travel all the way back to camp. Then we had tea then we went on a drive. Then we stopped. Thomas was holding the gun to shoot and missed six shots away. Then we came back we had tea then we went for a walk then we went to the dam and we dipped the boat and walked through water and we had lunch then we swam then we went for a drive Adam shot and we don't know what he shot.

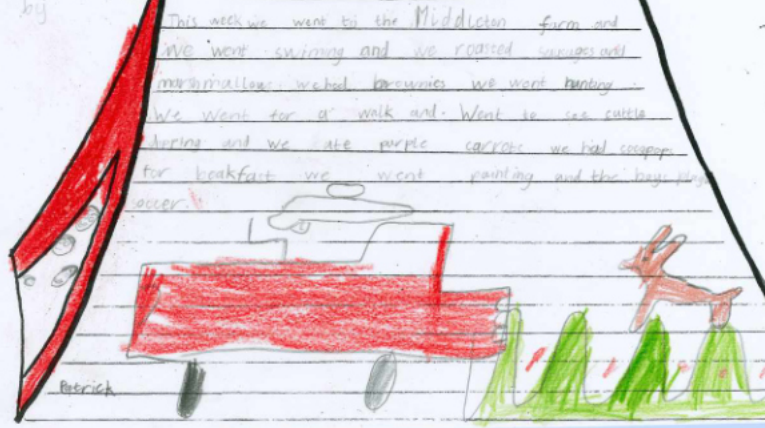
By Craig



Middleton Farm

by Patrick

This week we went to the Middleton farm and we went swimming and we roasted marshmallows we had brownies we went painting. We went for a walk and went to see cattle during and we ate purple carrots we had scones for breakfast we went painting and the boys were over.



Middleton Farm

This week we went to the Middleton farm. As we got there we set up our tent it was Thomas Adam and Lewis and Wil in the tent. Then we went swimming we played soccer and then we went to tea-time and we had brownies we roasted marshmallows and then we had dinner we swam and it was on the fire then we went to bed the next morning we went walking we went to bed the next morning. We went hunting we went on the boat for breakfast then we went to bed we woke up and had packed up and then we went on the boat and had lunch then we went back to school. Thomas



Middleton Farm

This week we went to the Middleton farm we went to the tent when we got there we set up our tents and there was me Adam Wil and Thomas and it had lunch then we went swimming then we had tea and went on a drive then we had hot chocolate then marshmallows and we had dinner. We went to bed when we had hot chocolate then the next morning we woke up and we went on the boat we had breakfast then we went on the boat and had lunch then we went hunting and Avery shot an impala.

Louis Volker



Middleton Farm

This week we had fun at the Middleton Farm. We went on a game drive and I took a wonderful photo. I got to sleep with Jonedi, Scarlett and Ariana. We had Purple carrots and after we went hunting and my favourite part was roasting marshmallows

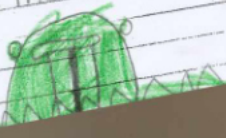
Sambulo



Middleton Farm

By Faith

This week we went to the Middleton Farm. Its a long way to Choma. But we love going on the Zipline. we saw a lot of impala and we ate some purple carrots. We played with the dogs. we swam with the tube. we went on the tube. we went on a game drive and went hunting. My Favourite part was... sleeping in the tents. I slept with Avery, Mya, Jess and Sasha. The next day we came back to school.



Middleton Farm

this week we went to the middleton farm. M Sambulo part was sleeping in a tent with my friends. We had a three hour bus ride to get there. We roasted marshmallows on the fire. We also went on a Wednesday morning walk. In the night me and my friends had a lesson. All the 6's went on a game drive and Avery shot an impala. It was my first camping trip. I had lots of fun.



Kundi

Middleton Farm

This week we went to the Middleton Farm. We swam in the pool. We roasted marshmallows. We were hunting for impala. We did some dipping and picked purple carrots and slept in tents and we were for a morning walk. we were for a game drive. We had stories around the camp fire. My favourite part was when we roasted marshmallows.



GRADE THREE

Middleton Farm

We drove for 2 hour and then we got there and we unpacked. Our Staff went on a game drive and we went to camp and had Hot Chocolate and we went to bed the next day. We went on a walk in the bush and had breakfast and swam and we went shooting animals and had binner and we came back to School. My favourite part was swimming.

Me Joudi Airana Samdol

Scarlett



Middleton Farm

This week we went to the Middleton Farm. It took 2 hours we were hunting we were on a morning walk. we passed marsh areas, we were shooting. we saw a - 0 - we went swimming. My favourite part is when we were shooting in my tent was Craig Perrie and Patrick.

Mark

Me Airana Perrie Craig



Middleton Farm

This week we went to the Middleton Farm. My favourite thing I did was picking Purple Gaccons. After we had a game drive. Every morning we had hot chocolate. We also had a picnic. I went down the slide. At the park we also did a morning walk.

Mya



GRADE THREE

Middleton Farm

This week we went to the Middleton Farm and we picked purple carrots. We roasted marshmallows and we ate them. peps the dog was cute. And we saw lots of impala. We did painting with pads. And we slept in a tent. And we had hot dogs and juice. My favourite part was picking the purple carrots.

Jess



Middleton Farm

this week we went to this Middleton farm. The first day we just swam. The second day we had breakfast. Me, Thomas and Adam and Wil and Mark took the boat to the dam. Tomas Adam and Mark were too scared but me and Wil later that day we went hunting. then we had dinner. my favourite part was went hunting.

Pierre



Middleton Farm

In the beginning it was boring and then I said hellow to skellin and iswam plaeb and then we went to sleep wait before the boys went hunting and the girls were behind us they made a noise and messed thomase song later then we went to sleep and the next day we swam Adam Wil Louise thomas were hard so Mrs prick moor said we should climb a tree so we did and we made it down and then Louise can thenches put the bats in the dam and all of the boy I were out and we went hunting every shot rans impala and shasha mist and then it was my turn I mist hylalittle bit and the next day we went to school. my favirit part was playing with skellin

Adam

“Let the children be free; encourage them; let them run outside when it is raining; let them remove their shoes when they find a puddle of water; and when the grass of the meadows is wet with dew, let them run on it and trample it with their bare feet; let them rest peacefully when a tree invites them to sleep beneath its shade; let them shout and laugh when the sun wakes them in the morning.”

-MARIA MONTESSORI



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GRADE **FOUR** Outing to Jordans Farm



Monday 19 September was the day children in Grade 4 were looking forward to since the start of term. They were leaving for Kariba Club in Siansowa on a class trip. Although the journey was long due to the poor state of the road, children were patient all the way there.

They arrived in the afternoon and immediately, cooled themselves down by swimming for the large part of the day. That day, they fed fish in ponds and had a tour of the banana plantations. The children had the privilege of harvesting bananas and fish, the gesture, which was appreciated by the staff there. The boys and girls displayed good team spirit and determination to pull in the nets full of the bream fish.

The children went on a bush walk after a 40 minute boat ride while viewing animals like waterbuck, impala, crocodiles and hippos. They learned about other animal species like the double-life style Mayfly, asking insightful questions to gain varied perspectives.

Catching healthy worms for fishing, using their locally made fishing rods was the highlight of the camp. Each child caught a fish, with a few lucky ones catching up to as many as 30 in one session! Being a crocodile farm, children were given a chance to pick fresh crocodile eggs while the mothers looked on, which they took to the incubator.

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Jordaan for sharing your home with the children and for teaching them so much. Thank you too, to Siena for adding to the fun around the swimming pool with her infectious smile. Thanks to Mr Katele and our reliable driver Derick for safety on the busy Maamba road. Last but not the least, to Musikili management and our ever-supporting parents for affording the children, the opportunity to consolidate their knowledge through this experience.



The Journey

Before we left, we had to pack all the bags in the bus. This took a long time because there were so many bags to pack. What also slowed us down was the bus driver (Derek) who was late. So we waited an extra ten minutes for him to get there.

When all was ready to go, we set off. The first hour of the trip everyone was okay with the heat, so there was no getting annoyed. However, after about two hours everything got out of hand. Mrs. Hamutete couldn't stand it any more so she put on some music which was the best because we got to choose the songs. But that didn't solve the heat problem. Shortly after, Derek put the aircon on. Everyone was so happy until we got to the dirt road. The problem was that Derek missed the turn off and when he realised he made the mistake, we had been driving for over twenty minutes. And that was when the drama began!

Everyone started whining and complaining to Mrs. Hamutete. Finally, she calmed us all down and then we carried on driving. For the last hour of our trip, we ate our snacks and listened to music which I enjoyed a lot. It was lot of fun singing along to the music which took up the rest of our journey. When we finally got there, everyone was so happy that they jumped for joy. That was just the start of our fun for the next couple of days.

By Amelia Green



1ST GRADE Q&A

Digging for worms

On Tuesday, we went digging for worms. So we went to the bananas to dig them out. I knew where to look for them. After a while, we went to fish. On Wednesday, we drove to harvest the bananas. It was amusing and I got to cut a bunch with a cutter. On that day, I found the longest worm of the day! It was the best of the best! On the way there, we got a ride on a tractor. From this experience, I know that there are worms found in banana fields. I found most of my worms in the rotten leaves. At the end of the day, we were so, so dirty and Harry and Josh got chased by a warthog. It was so funny. It really was the best class trip ever.

By James Goodwin





The Boat Cruise

The grade 4 class trip was at Kariba Bush Club. I went on a boat cruise with the rest of my class and my teacher. This was the most memorable part of the trip for me.

While on the boat, we saw animals on the islands and kapenta rigs on the lake. There were also swallows flying around on the boat; they were called wagtails. I was really hungry on the boat. Luckily, we had cake and I ate a lot of it. I also got to have coke which was really a treat!!

It was a short boat ride and I really enjoyed the trip. I learnt to eat all my food so that I do not get hungry at the wrong time.

By Matthew Sopper



GRADE FOUR

School Work

On our class trip, we had work to do. We had about four pages of worksheets. My favourite one was the bird's eye view of the camp and we had to write 1 sentence about the map. We had to label the map too. It was fun. We didn't have a lot of work to do. We did our work after swimming. I was fresh because I came out of the pool. Then I did my work. I learnt that the bird's eye view only show's the top of the objects one is looking at. I really loved colouring the bird's eye view of the map.

I thought I could get away but no. Mrs. Hamutete was there so I could not get away. We also had to put the animals in groups like herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. The largest animal I saw was the Hippo while the smallest was the beautiful may fly.

By Fatima Limbada



Crocodile farming

When we got to the croc pen, we looked at all the big crocs. I asked Mr. Jordaan if we had to go in there. He said, "Yes". We started walking to the lowest fence point so it would be easy to climb over the wall. The girls went first. So, we had to go after them. They finally finished. Therefore, we boys went to see the croc eggs too. A worker was digging up the eggs and another was holding a stick just in case mother croc came to attack us. He also wrote the number "19" on the eggs because it was the nest number "19".

I heard that the eggs were kept at 50C temperature in the incubators. Mr. Jordaan said one of the biggest crocs was 5 meters!! From that experience, I knew we were going to have a lot fun. Mr. Jordaan told us how the eggs were kept in this gold Plastic stuff material. Moreover, they sometimes shoot the crocs for there skin but if the skin is too hard the customers do complain. So, if you want to be a croc farmer think smooth terrain.

By KIT Bryant

Catching Fish

Kariba Bush club is where the grade 4 class went on their trip. One day, I went down to the dock to fish with the rest of my class. We took our - homemade fishing rods and worms that we dug up ourselves in the hopes that we could catch some big fish. I found a good spot of my own and a few friends joined ME.

I caught a few small fish. Suddenly, Zach and Gert - Louis caught some big fish. I really wanted to catch a big one. James told me to just be patient. Next thing, I had a big bite. I fought with the fish for a while until I finally caught it. It was the biggest fish of the trip: The Red Belly Bream!!! I now know that to catch the biggest fish, I must have patience and sit quietly.

By Joshua Middleton

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Bush Walk

From the boat, we went to an island with Uncle Russel. I started to walk on the rocks and missed a step when Mrs. Hamutete said, "Last one to me is a rotten banana!" So I started to jump on the rocks to get there but I fell on the rocks. Fortunately, I did not cry but carried on. Uncle Russel and Gert-louis spotted an old warhog home under a rock. After ten minutes, Uncle Russel saw a waterbuck. It was so cool. We went to the edge of the island where we found a huge crocodile. Around the same area, we saw a skull of an old impala and Uncle Russel showed me a big gun bullet. Unfortunately, we had to go back to the boat. From this bush walk, I learned that I should be quiet when tracking animals in the bush. The buck animal that has a wide middle of the foot is a smooth horned one while the buck that has a wide top of the hoof like an impala has a ringed horn.

By Olivia McBrearty-Jones



The Farm Rides

When moving from one place to another, we were moving in vehicles. These rides were amazing. The boys would be in one car with Aunty Jo while the girls would be in another. There was a lot of competition as we all wanted to arrive first. One time we went on a tractor to the banana fields. It was so much fun. It made me feel so happy.

The girls always wanted to be in the blue car with Aunty Jo as she often drove fast, making us arrive first. The boys would make fun of us each time we beat them. The rides were always a fun activity and we all looked forward to them every day. During these rides bottles, caps or shoes would fall off the cars.

By Sasha Mwale

Feeding the fish on our Class trip

When we got there, we had some lunch. I hoped we would go fishing straight away. But Aunty Jo said we would be going to feed the fish instead. We had a walk and we saw a bushbuck on our way to the dams. When we walked past, the fish started jumping thinking we were feeding them. We went to the last pen to feed the fish. When we started feeding them, I was filling my cap up with feed and when we went back to the campsite, I left my cap in the bucket of feed by mistake. Sadly, I could not find it but I am hopeful it will be found some day.

By Zach Townsend



Harvesting fish

One of the main activities at the farm was harvesting fish. When we arrived at the ponds, we saw Mr. Jordaan telling the workers to harvest the fish. So, the workers put the net in the water. After a while Mr. Jordaan asked us if we wanted to pull the net and we all said, "yes!" Therefore, we helped pull the net. After we pulled the net, they put all the fish in some crates and took it away on a tractor to be refrigerated.



After they put the fish on a tractor, they freeze the fish and sell it to customers from everywhere. They had to empty the whole pond and it estimated that there was about 60,000 fish in one pond! Imagine! From 9 ponds; $60\,000 \times 9 = 540,000$ fish. From this trip I learned how to put the net in the water and pull it out of the water. It was an amazing experience.



Amaan Patel

ITEZHI-TEZHI LIGHT

I am on the river with my friend Mixie, and her family. I can see the sun going down, with the bright orange sun, combined with radiant streaks of red and pink, exploding through. I can hear the talking, the small waves splashing, and the birds tweeting. I feel peace and happiness filtering through my body.

We float down the river and on the bank, is an Impala and a lion savaging and crushing the lifeless carcass of a dead hyena. I step off the boat, and I can feel the rough sand on my feet. I am looking at the river and I can see the sunset. I thought I was looking into the sky, as it was the sunset-it was a kaleidoscope of colours captured from the sun. It felt like I was on a different planet.

I hear the lion roar as loud as a gun. The big roar makes me jump. A crocodile is trying to steal the hungry lion's supper. I can now hear the boys shouting-I got a fish! Two hours have gone by and it is pitch black. All you can see is the magical glowing stars and the sound of the crickets chirping.

Was I dreaming or was this a real life experience? Waking up from this beautiful dream and seeing my classmates at the Kariba Boat Club was a dream come true. Although there were no lions, we experienced every bit of my dream. It was an experience of a lifetime.

By Zunaira Bhagoo.



Volleyball:

Volleyball was my favourite sport to play. We played in the night or in the morning. We were very bad at volleyball and it was very hard but we kept on getting better. Some people did not improve at all so they had to pass to other teammates. Some of the reasons it was hard is that you had to be at 10 places at the same time if you were playing alone. The sand was super-hot so if you stood in the same place for 10 seconds it was like standing on burning charcoal.

Football: This was not very fun to play, because most people did not play. Nevertheless, we had fun. The hardest player I went against was Derrick. He was very hard to play against. Josh and I lost terribly. The scores were 3-11 to him; we were crushed by 8 points. Josh helped me score three points by passing the ball to me effectively.

By Zimuwenzile Sindani

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The talent show

Oh my GOODNESS! The trip was an absolute FUN experience but I will be talking about the talent show. Well, obviously, people worked very hard to present various pieces. Mrs. Hamutete said it should be funny. Yes, there were a lot of funny acts. We couldn't tell who's was the best but I think, Gert-Louis, was the best. Regardless, it was hard to pick. I was a partner with Katie. For me, I think we did pretty well. Some people sang songs. Some people didn't sing anything but also some people asked Mrs. Hamutete to put on a song from You Tube.

We went in our class order; our class order is in our surname from A to Z. Harry was the only one that said we had to shoot like they do in soccer because he was doing his talent as a goal keeper. We were doing the talent show by the volley ball court. For the talent show people were telling jokes and some riddles. Some also showed their talent, skills and flexibility. When it was our turn with Katie, I started to have butterflies in my tummy but, in the end, I was happy. HOORAY!!!

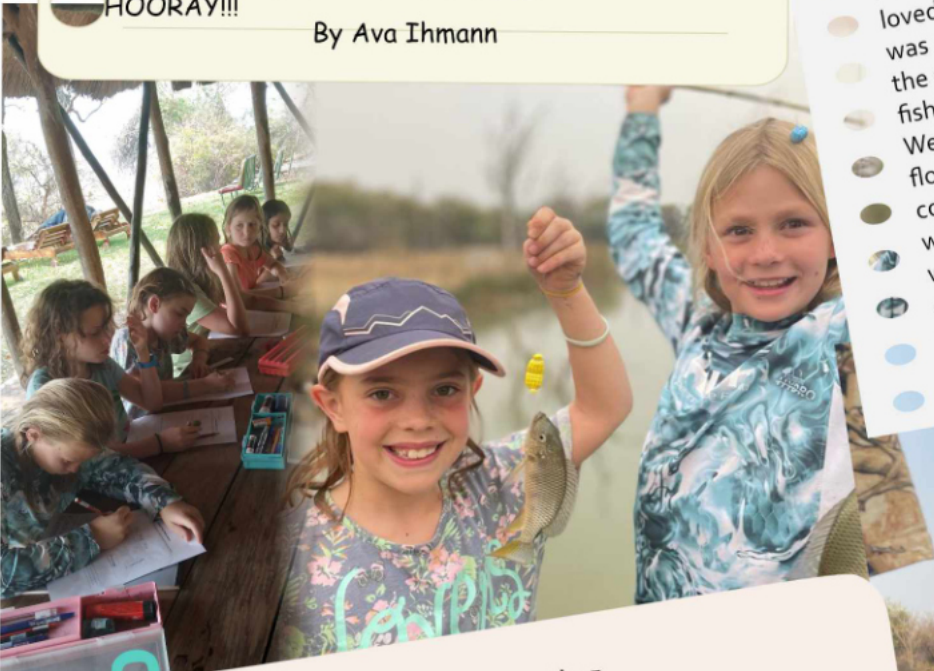
By Ava Ihmann



Making the "Doba Doba"

Nothing beats the fun you get from fishing. I loved the trip but my favourite part of the trip was making the doba doba. We just got out of the pool because aunty Jo called us to make the fishing rods. We got our strong bamboo sticks. We tied some line on the stick and put the floaters on the line. We put them on so they could move when the fish tags on the worm in water. Then we finally put the hooks on and off we went. I learnt what sticks to use to make a good rod. My rod was very effective as I caught a lot of fish!

By Gert-Louis



Bananas Harvesting

On our class trip, everyone ate a banana. All the bananas were ripe, yellow and sweet. You know that where there are bananas, there are monkeys. When everyone was eating lunch, a monkey took a banana sneakily. When everyone, including myself, went to see the jumbo-sized crocodile, we were horrified. Thankfully, the crocodile ate no one. When it was time for lunch some people ate bananas. After everyone had lunch. We went to cut bananas. It was quite hard for me because I am short. Eventually, I got it down. Under the bananas were worms because the place is wet and worms live in moist places. The water used in the banana fields come from the fishponds.

Wait a minute, does it mean that if you eat a banana you turn into a monkey? Or does it mean you turn into a banana?

When people talk about bananas, I think of monkeys and sweet ripe bananas fruits. Bananas are always nice if they are ripe and when they do not have those black stains on them. Bananas are always yellow never pink, purple, blue, or red!

By Charul Sharma



Food Matters

One thing that I remembered the grade 4 trip for was the food. The food was as delicious as 15 pizzas! I really enjoyed all the food we were given. My favourite meal was when we had burgers. I really enjoyed them. I was always full after a meal. We also had a lot of bananas. The cute little velvet monkeys were always trying to steal a few. It was fun to hide behind something and then wait for the monkeys to get down from the tree, and then you would jump out from your hiding place and give the monkey a fright. That was very funny. I equally enjoyed the dessert when we made smores. Most of us ate them until we were as heavy as an elephant! I definitely did! We also got to try some fish straight from the fish pond. That was one of the most delicious things I have ever eaten. We definitely didn't go hungry! From this experience I discovered that fresh fish is much more delicious than stored fish. I had an amazing time at Kariba Bush Club.

By Chloe Van Heerden



The velvet monkeys in the neighbour hood

When we were having so much fun playing with monkeys, one stole Ava's sunglasses. It was really funny. Then she had to look for the glasses. The next day, I saw a monkey with no leg! One monkey again stole one of Gert-LOUIS' shoe. On the last day, we chased a couple of monkeys and saw one with a baby. All the time, monkeys were trying to eat our food. From this experience, I learnt that it is wise to get along with monkeys to avoid problems.

By Harry Volker



Time around the swimming pool

On the trip we did a lot of swimming. We played a lot of games and we did a lot of tricks. My favourite trick was the springbok. The games we played were water polo, Marco polo, tag, chicken fight and handstands competition. We did fun tricks. We were chasing each other round the pool. The weather was expected to be hot this time of the year. Kariba bush club was very hot!! As a result, we spent most of our time cooling down in the stone-walled swimming pool. We spent a lot of time at the pool. We would always be there. It was so much fun, especially when we did the chicken fight. I enjoyed it so much. I really enjoyed the time around the swimming pool. After fishing we swam. We swam after the walks and after lunch we swam again. We swam after the boat ride too. I learnt that the grade 4 children can do amazing tricks. I really enjoyed swimming.

By Katie Thorburn



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Outing to Wildtracks

The Grade 5 children spent an incredible 3-days at Wildtracks on the Lower Zambezi.

Under the patient guidance of the new management team of Camilla Howard and Coby Ludick, the boys and girls were kept busy learning about the outdoors and working together in teams to navigate their way through a variety of individual and team challenges.



The first set of group activities included fishing, Baobab climbing and raft building. These three outdoor activities proved to be a great hit for the duration of the three-day camp, and many bets were overheard as to who would make it to the top of the tree the fastest, build the sturdiest and most successful raft or catch the biggest Tiger fish!

Other activities over the next two days included bush walking, an egg drop challenge, muddy obstacle course races, swimming, bush art and a number of fun team tasks and games.

It was heartwarming to see how supportive and encouraging the boys and girls were towards one another, particularly when they were pushed out of their comfort zones and faced with personal challenges or fears. This class of children have certainly forged a tight bond over their years together at Musikili. However, further friendships were strengthened, individual milestones achieved and most importantly, great fun was had by all!

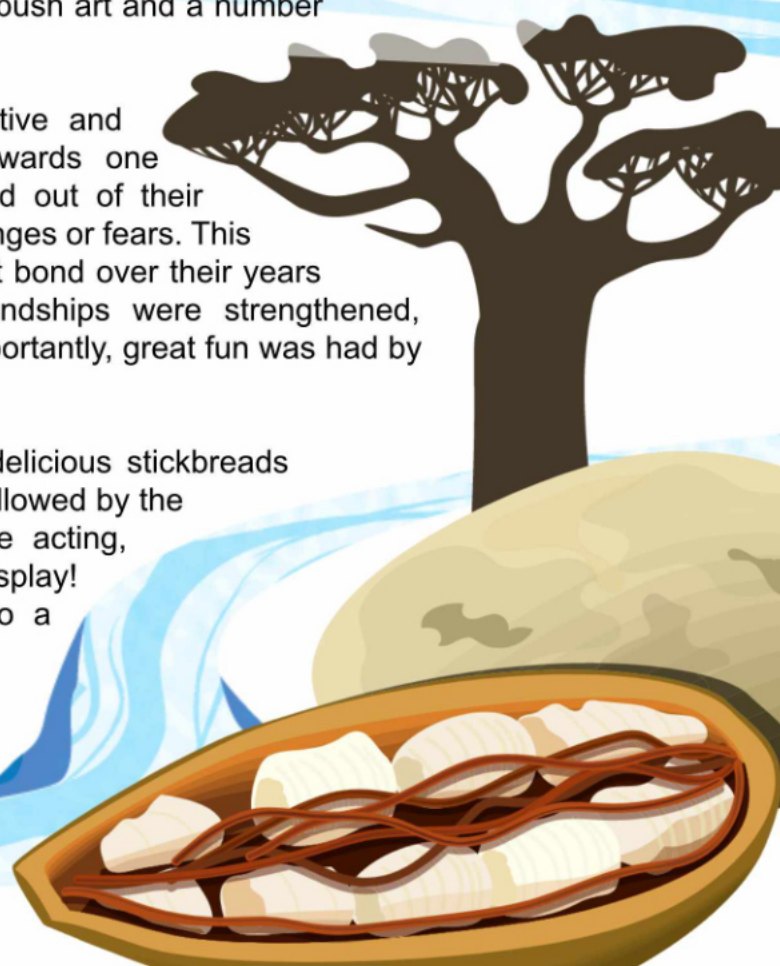
On our final evening in camp we enjoyed delicious stickbreads stuffed with honey and jam at the campfire, followed by the highly anticipated Talent Show, where some acting, dancing and even poetry recitals were on display! Many belly laughs ensued - a fitting end to a wonderful time together.

We feel immensely blessed to be afforded opportunities such as these at Musikili. A sincere thank you to the Grade 5 parents for enabling the boys and girls to make memories with their classmates on the banks of the mighty Zambezi!

*"The buzzing of the bees in the Mopani
Trees,
The air is clean and breezy,
Where the fish eagles soar and we're learning
outdoors,
At Wildtracks Lower Zambezi!"*

Obstacle course
Incredible but challenging at times
jumping, frightening, trying
as easy as baking a pancake
terrifying, face planting, running
hilarious but simple in places
Like a tricky jungle gym

Shaan Wixley





Diamante poems consist of 7 lines,
written in the shape of a diamond.
They use adjectives, verbs,
synonyms, similes and metaphors to
describe the topic

Bus trip
noisy and boring
eating, sleeping, singing
seemed as long as a piece of string
shouting, talking whispering
comfortable but sometimes scary
A fun adventure

Quinton van der Merwe

Baobab Climbing
exciting yet scary
listening, looking then jumping
as scary as a snapping crocodile
clambering, pushing then resting
tiring, exhausting then resting
phenomenal!

Zac Dunn

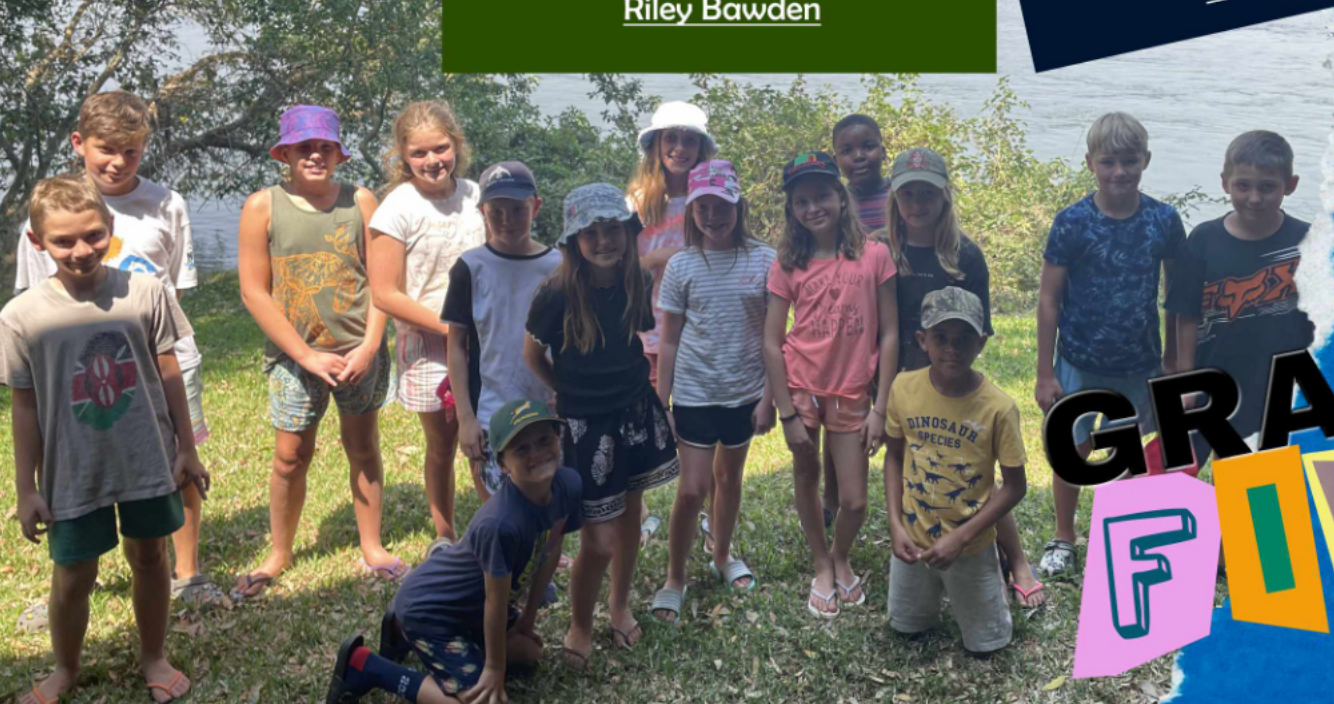


Tent time
Dark and funny
sleeping, talking, mocking
as noisy as a loudspeaker
playing, walking around, chilling
hot and scary
Trouble!

Riley Bawden

After Dark
chaotic, sneaky
spying, running, scaring
as cautious as slippery snails
whispering, hiding, screaming
naughty, tired
Busted!

Chiko Moono



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Breadsticks
golden and crispy
glistening, roasting, turning
tastes just like heaven
burning, glowing, eating
buttery, syrupy, goodness
Toast!

Makenzie Jackson

Fishing
exciting, interesting
waiting, hooking, pulling
as fascinating as a museum
striking, reeling, catching
cool and so much fun
Spear it!

Hunter Zaloumis

Fishing
funny, sunny
tanning, catching, waiting
the fish nibbled as fast as
lightning
casting, talking, holding
sleepy feeling
Reel!

Emily Street

Obstacle Course
muddy and amazing
climbing, jumping, swinging
as brown and dirty as a pig sty
falling, ducking, running,
crazy and funny
Jungle!

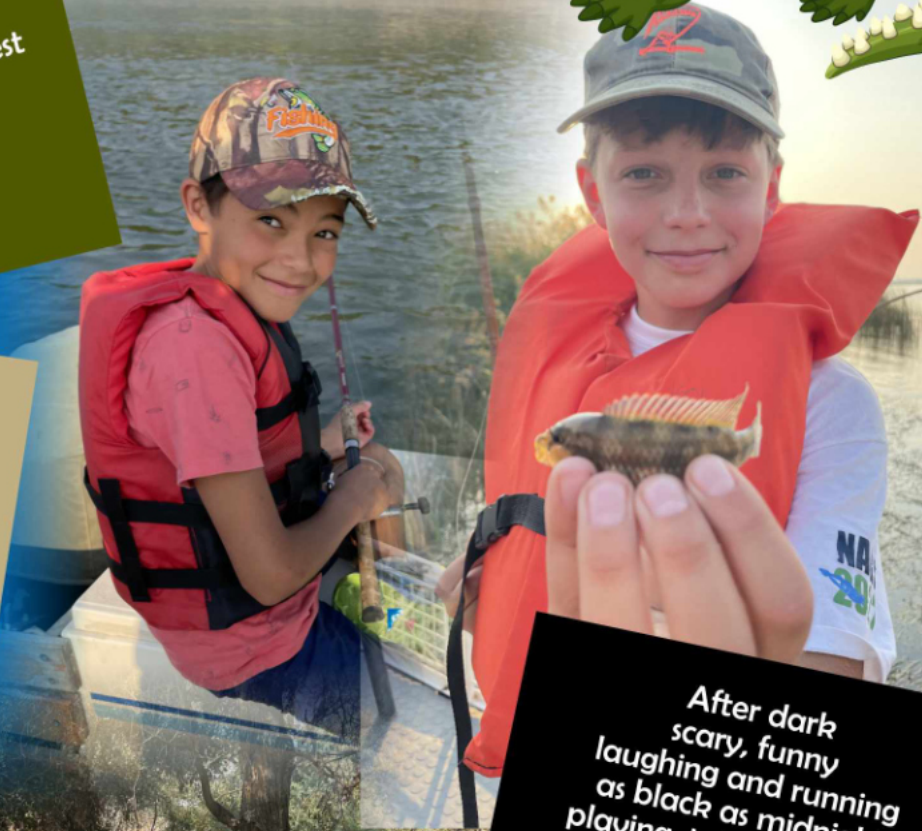
Holly Tunney



Campfire
 hilarious but memorable
 laughing, talking, singing
 A final goodbye
 eating, crackling, glowing
 calm and warm
 Bonding
Ian Glenn

Marshmallows
 gooey cylinders
 perching, roasting, toasting
 a ball of blazing flames
 burning, turning, devouring
 pink and fiery
 A sticky mess!
Morgan Weinrich

Baobab climbing
 amazing and sweaty
 waiting, clambering, panting
 as scary as the world ending
 watching, talking, trying your best
 tiring but hilarious
 and terrifying!
Alex Horwood




Baobab Climbing
 amazing but difficult
 struggling, turning, pulling
 as hot as boiling kettle water
 abseiling, climbing, falling
 wonderful yet terrifying
 Spectacular sport!
Taite Hein

After dark
 scary, funny
 laughing and running
 as black as midnight
 playing, talking, smiling
 cautious and chaotic
 Shadows!
Amber Thomas



Campfire
 hot and flaming
 crackling, burning, singing
 like a piece of melted gold
 breaking, glowing, laughing
 golden and beautiful
 A fiery fox
Asher Cantlay

Haiku's are short 3 lined poems. They follow a specific 5-7-5 syllable pattern, resulting in a total of 17 syllables.



Marshmallows
Marshmallows are nice
they taste better when roasted
I can't choose what type!

Asher Cantlay



Campfire
Dancing in the wind
hot fiery flames fall about
like a ballet dance

Morgan Weinrich




Mr Cuddles
Glowing under light
grasshoppers to devour
nibbling on its prey

Quinton van der Merwe

Breadsticks
A puffy pillow
Yummy and incredible
Hot and delicious

Holly Tunney



Raft Building
Look forward to it
tying long ropes together
hard but so much fun

Zachary Dunn

Baobab
Climbing up quickly
a mixture of fun and fear
bouncing down slowly

Ian Glenn

Crocodiles
Green, grey and gorgeous
Like a spy under cover
Scary, rough reptile

Makenzie Jackson



Zambezi
As brown as old wood
still like a hot air balloon
as loud as a roar

Shaan Wixley

Obstacle Course
Dangerous and hard
muddy monkeys making mess
as brown as chestnuts

Emily Street



Zambezi
Hot as an oven
lots of fish but many small
scorching at night time!

Alexander Horwood

Campfire
Flames in the darkness
Burning, bubbling, hot stick breads
Silence as we go

Justine Bignell



Pool Games
Screaming, running, fun
As hot as the boiling sun
Oops, its time to run!

Chikonga Moono





Fishing
 You can catch huge fish
 but it takes a long, long time
 A fun thing to do

Hunter Zaloumis

Talent show
 I love talent shows
 They're fun, funky, also free
 There's no rules for it!

Amber Thomas

Obstacle course
 As wet as my dog
 you had to try to make it,
 It was really hard!

Riley Bawden



Raft Building
 Lots of happy times
 A few big knots to untie
 It was like a dream

Taite Hein

Limericks are humorous, and often silly, 5 line rhyming poems. These have been written on a memory the Grade 5s have of their camp experience.

There once was a boy called Tod
who had a gigantic fishing rod
He made a huge cast,
which went way too fast
and accidentally hooked a poor cod

Ian Glenn

There once was a very naughty class
that had a super muddy bath
One of them hit their head,
so the teacher took him to bed
After that he felt great wrath

Zachary Dunn

There once were two girls in a car
who felt a little bizarre
They didn't know what to do
so they pulled out a smelly shoe
and wished on a glowing star

Makenzie Jackson

There once was a scorpion called Mr Cuddle
who got stepped on and became a puddle
All the boys laughed as his organs oozed out
and the girls in the corner started to pout
In their sadness they made a huddle

Justine Bignell

There once was a mean boy who pushed
a poor girl into a bush
Her hat fell down,
she gave a big frown
because it landed in mush

Morgan Weinrich

There once was an obstacle course
and on the floor was lots of sauce
We did it so fast,
afterwards one got a cast
and now he has disappeared on a horse!

Emily Street

There was once a group who tried to build a raft
but they were being way too daft
They spoke and spoke and spoke,
then all of a sudden it broke
and now their raft is apart!

Alex Horwood



There was once a group that built a raft
 but one boy was being very daft
 He made the whole boat sink
 and almost turned pink
 when suddenly it all fell apart!

Chikonga Moono

Once when we went on our class trip
 Emsy had a quick kip
 So we drank her juice
 then felt like a moose
 and when she woke up she wanted to nip!

Asher Cantlay

There once was a boy who climbed a tree
 and when he went raft building he got stung by a bee
 He was just building a raft
 and being very daft
 when he realised he had lost his key

Shaan Wixley

There once was a Musikili school camp
 that was sadly very, very damp
 It was incredibly silly and fun
 although we had to run and run
 on our Grade 5 Wildtracks camp

Holly Tunney

There once was a smart class
 that came up with a bush dance
 It wasn't that basic
 but it was one of the camp facets
 They enjoyed that long, long prance

Quinton van der Merwe

There once was a quiet class
 who were wearing face-masks
 They went to their tent
 and saw it was bent
 So now it became a massive task

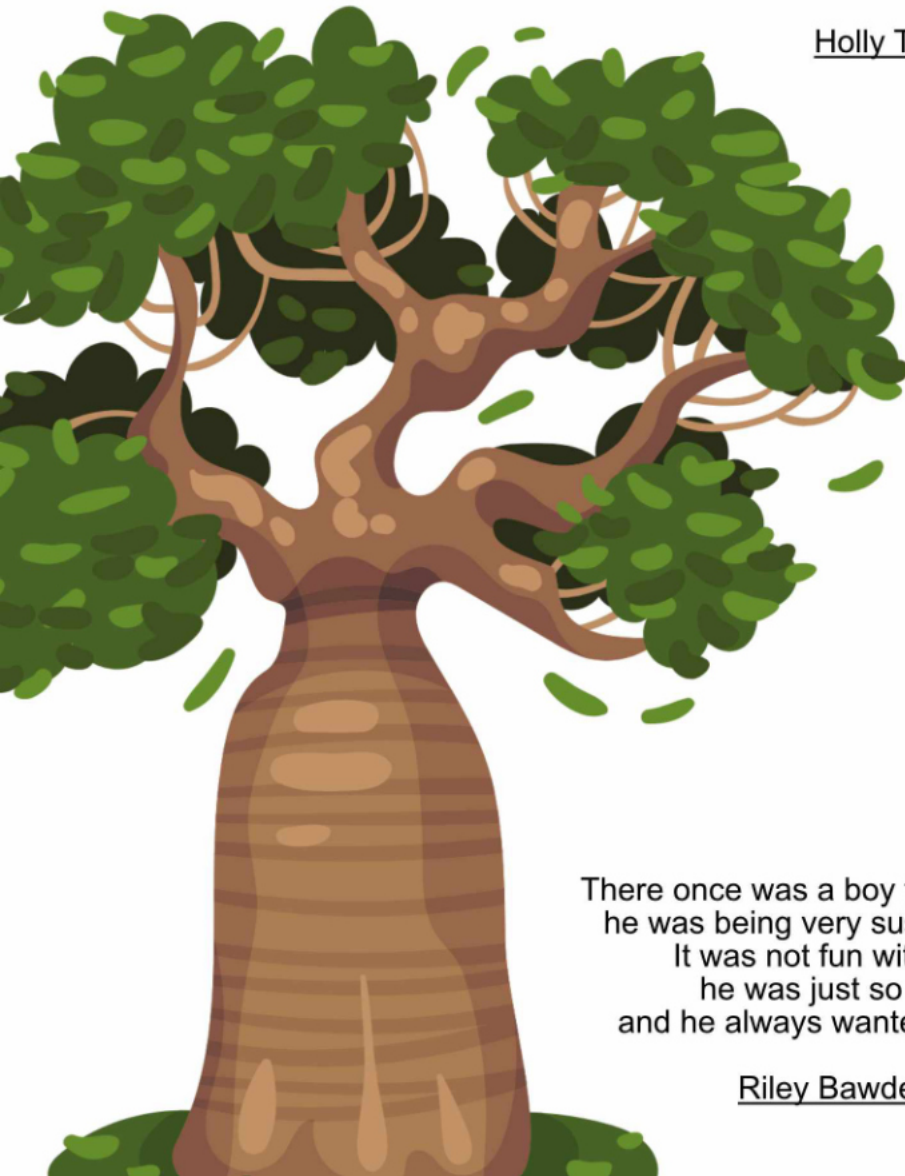
Amber Thomas

Once our class went to camp
 where there was a very big ramp
 When I had a go, I felt my pants rip
 afterwards we went for a river dip
 and when we left the camp it was damp

Taite Hein

There once was a boy that was sus,
 he was being very sus in the bus
 It was not fun with him,
 he was just so dim,
 and he always wanted to cuss!

Riley Bawden



“Time in nature is not a luxury. It is a necessity. And we must give our children time to explore, discover, and get to know the world, which brings endless delights and lessons that never cease.” -

Ainsley Arment



GRADE 6 MAPUNGA TRIP

GRADE SIX

Outing to Mapunga

On Monday the 12th of September, the Grade 6 class left Musikili, bright and early, for their maiden excursion to Mapunga Bush Camp in the Kafue National Park.

At the conclusion of the 8-hour bus ride, the children were collected by game vehicles, which formed the precedence of their Mapunga experience. The three days at Mapunga consisted of game drives, fishing, bush walks, team building activities and swimming.

We were fortunate enough to see an abundance of animal species on our game drives, including antelope, cerval, civit and elephant. Providentially, however, being in the presence of lion and leopard undoubtedly formed the highlight of the trip. Not enough praise can be given to our expert guides, not only for tracking and locating the wildlife, but also for sharing with us their wealth of knowledge.

The fishing was outstanding, with each student catching at least one fish. Some of the more successful fishermen managed to catch twenty fish each, ticking off all of the different species presented in their log book!

On our last afternoon, the children took part in some team building activities. These activities brought out the competitive side of the students, as well as exposing the true leadership potential that we have in this class. They all participated with extreme enthusiasm and inclusivity.

The camp experience came to a close on the final evening, with the children being set the task of braaing their own meat. While seated around the campfire, the Grade 6's thanked each and every staff member at Mapunga, with a select few coming forward to share their experience and what they had learned. On their own accord, the children sang a song to the Mapunga staff involved, expressing their gratitude and appreciation for all the effort that had been put into hosting us for such a special week.

Special thanks must be expressed towards Greg and Chippie Geldenhuys, as well as the staff at Mapunga, for their warm hospitality. The camp this year was an incredibly educational and memorable experience.



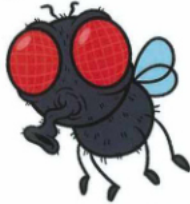
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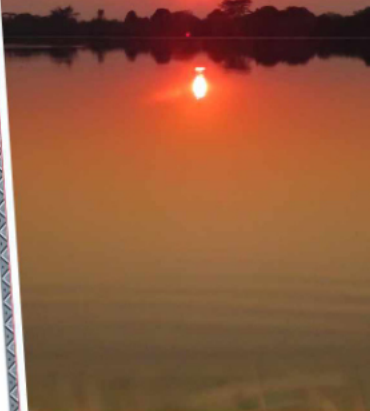
I am a tsetse fly ready to bite
can see your fresh skin just by sight
I am as annoying as a mosquito
And my favourite song is despacito

I seek to be free
I just want to be me
But when I see fun
You better run

It's time to say goodbye
So, I should better fly
I'll be waiting for you at mapunga
So, don't get lost and end up in Lunga!



Vicky



A Lion made of iron

I am 'The Lion', made of iron
I mainly sleep and I am the king
But at night time, my pray is dying
The birds are warning as they sing.

I, with my fearsome, big brown eyes
I am watching you right now
My stare stays fixed despite the flies
Just a small flutter of my brows

The game viewer vehicle you are in
For me, might be a stretch too far
Today, the battle, you will win
But you won't always be in a car

Rowan



MAPUNGA

The first morning we got ready to go on our bush walk around Mapunga. We saw hyena tracks, elephant tracks, leopard tracks, civit and hyena droppings. There were three splash pools in front of the chalets that we sleep in. Whenever we were free we would swim and make whirl pools.

The third day at Mapunga we went fishing. The first 30 minutes I caught nothing, but the last 15 minutes I caught a big silver barbel and the only one of our group. The next day of fishing I caught another silver barbel and a speckled face large mouth bream and those nasty pike.

The last night at Mapunga we braaied a lamb chop and a T-bone each. It was fun but it was too crowded so the smoke went into our eyes. My T-bone was cooked perfectly but my lamb chop was under cooked. I loved this trip and I will never forget it.



Luke

My Rod

I went to the mapunga bush
To see animals you have to shush
I am tired of slurping
On my own line and burping

I tried to catch fish
And put them in a dish
But it is just catch and release
I am so hungry jeesh

In the water I dangle
sk in mouth messy mangle
suspecting fish take my bait
asula look at me with hate



Mapunga bush camp

Day one, after an 8-hour drive, we jumped in to the game vehicles and started our game drive and started heading to camp we arrived at camp and all the boys went to rig up their rods and when we herd, we are only going fishing on Wednesday everyone was sad

Day two, we woke up and went for a bush walk. Came back and had breakfast. Then my group went for our play fishing outing and my friend who has never gone fishing in her life caught the first fish on the trip then I caught my first fish of the outing then we went back to camp.

Day three, my group went for our proper fishing outing, and I caught 8 fish and as I could get my last cast I got stopped and we went back to camp for breakfast, the we went for a game drive the game drive was very fabulous.

By Lubomba Kamutete



By: Luke Beukes



2000 FISHING REEL

I am a fishing reel,
I'm tired of spitting out line,
If he doesn't stop, I'll give him a fine
Then the pleasure will be mine

He kept on reeling,
I had the feeling,
Of giving him a beating
And he'll battle with his seating

A fisherman, he is not,
I can see he's getting hot,
Give up man,
Just by a fish in a can

GRADE SIX

MAPUNGA CAMP

During the grade six class trip before we went fishing, we were eating breakfast. The boat can speeding in, so we quickly ate and launched ourselves onto the boat. When we were ready, we head off. We didn't catch anything until Uncle Greg told us about a song to sing after you cast.

After a few catches we came back to camp and go ready for our game drive. As soon as we were ready, we boarded the vehicle. We then left the camp for the game drive. The tsetse's were very bad but at a stage I got used to them. During the game drive we saw two leopard cubs eating a carcass. We then saw another leopard but it was fully grown and it had just killed an Impala.

We got back from our game drive and changed into our costumes and got ready for team building games. Our first game was to take a tennis ball around an obstacle course using three tubes. The next challenge was to transport water using the tubes into a bucket. The very last one was to shoot a small rectangle with a gun. Mapunga Has been my favorite class trip, and I really hope I get to go again.

By: Ava Clarkson



BOBBING BOAT

I floated on the top of the Kafue River
Searched for the nearest bubble
My eye caught a troop of terrifying people
That launched themselves into trouble

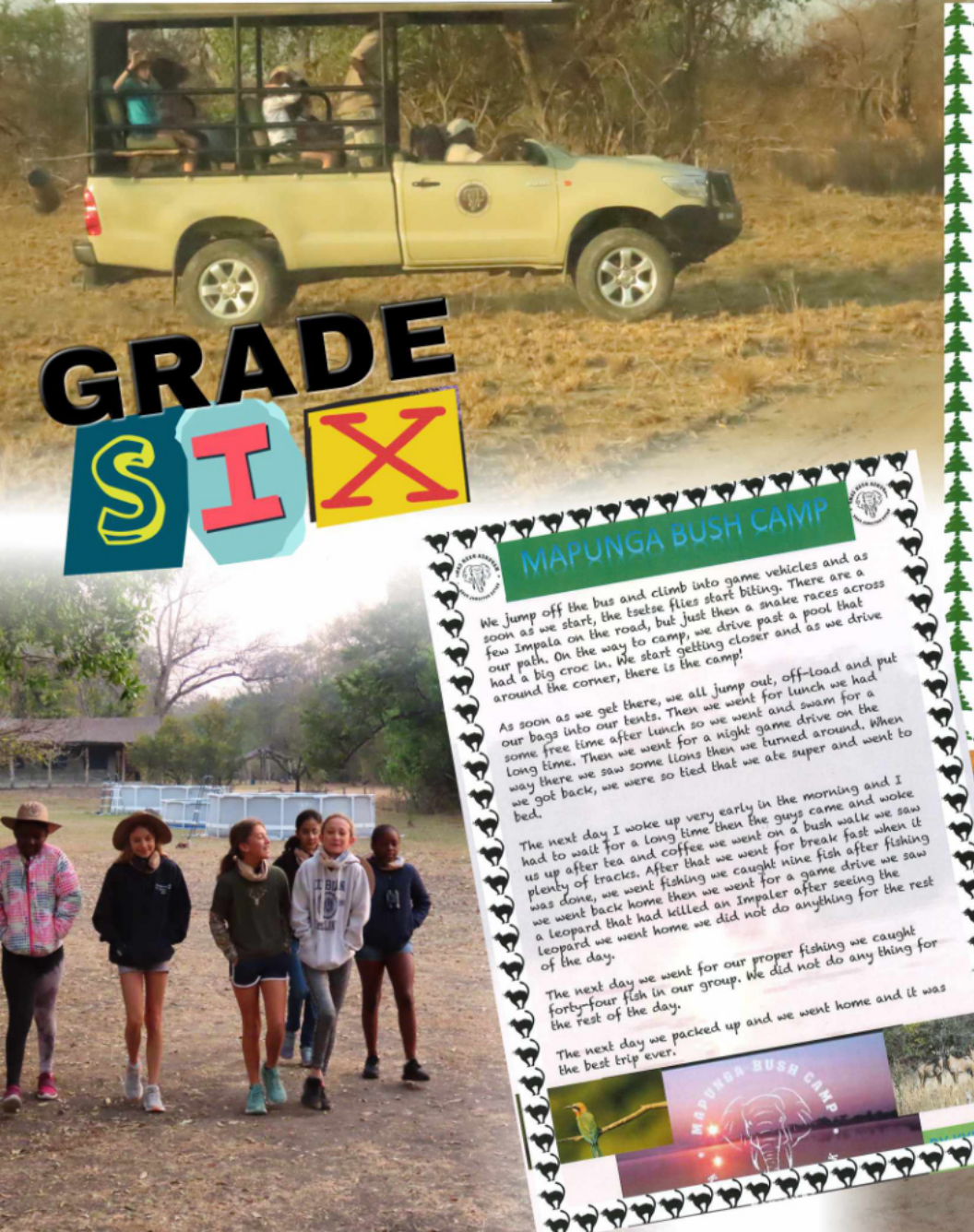
I bounced on the water trying to keep myself steady
Forced to move my blade,
As I moved through the water, I raced the fish
Very soon I got tired, I needed shade

We approached the best fishing spot
But the rough river moved us
Eventually, back on land, not so hot
Man, it's good to be on solid ground.

By: Ava Clarkson



GRADE SIX



MAPUNGA BUSH CAMP

We jump off the bus and climb into game vehicles and as soon as we start, the tsetse flies start biting. There are a few Impala on the road, but just then a snake races across our path. On the way to camp, we drive past a pool that had a big croc in. We start getting closer and as we drive around the corner, there is the camp!

As soon as we get there, we all jump out, off-load and put our bags into our tents. Then we went for lunch we had some free time after lunch so we went and swam for a long time. Then we went for a night game drive on the way there we saw some lions then we turned around. When we got back, we were so tired that we ate super and went to bed.

The next day I woke up very early in the morning and I had to wait for a long time then the guys came and woke us up after tea and coffee we went on a bush walk we saw plenty of tracks. After that we went for break fast when it was done, we went fishing we caught nine fish after fishing we went back home then we went for a game drive we saw a leopard that had killed an Impaler after seeing the leopard we went home we did not do anything for the rest of the day.

The next day we went for our proper fishing we caught forty-four fish in our group. We did not do anything for the rest of the day.

The next day we packed up and we went home and it was the best trip ever.

A HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Mapunga bush camp, a wonderful place.
The tsetse fly's stinging you every second.
At camp we slap tsetse's- it was a race.
The tsetse's flying around, we watch them.



Looking to catch some fish.
The boat, screamed across the water.
I saw a croc that swam like a shark.
On the boat I started to get a rash.

Our spinners would skim over the weed.
The rode bends, gets stuck then it's free.
As the pike jumps it would spit my spinner.
Our catch one clam and six slimy snails.



BY KYLE GOODWIN



Terrible Tsetse Fly

I buzz around like a KTM 65
I sting like a burn on a turn
I am as strong as cower demonk
I can be as quite as a tesla

I am a pro at being annoying
In the open or in a closed hatch
I am smart unlike them
People must scratch or use a patch

I try but they die
I am a tired totty tory tsetse fly
My best friends name is davy gravy
I am tasty as pie

By Woxie



Mapunga bush camp

We are finally on our way to Mapunga Bush Camp – it is time to go on our school trip. I can tell we are in the Kafue because of all the Tsetse flies.

Our first activity is in the morning, it is a bush walk. We walked about an hour. Uncle Greg taught us that use a bush newspaper to learn about the surroundings, tracks, droppings and so much more. Later that day we went on a game drive and we saw a lion and lioness mating while a 3rd lion was lazily chilling in the background. We stopped at another spot for sun down cooldrinks and snacks.

At night we told stories at the hot blazing fire and in the warm tents. After a good night sleep fishing time has come, we are on our way to our fishing spot where I caught 8 pike and 1 bream, while singing boom Chica boom.

We did more game drives after that and a monkey stole my deez nutz, I chased it with a cricket bat but it got away.

It is our final night at Mapunga, we are cooking at the braai, after dinner we are telling speeches, thank you to everyone we are getting on the bus for a long journey home.

By Woxie

Cool mapunga

This is the grade six trip to mapunga. we had a long 8hour drive then we eventually got there. As soon as we got there we got put into groups and rooms. Then we started to play cricket then we got told that they have paddle pools so we all ran to the Tents and changed into our costumes and went and swam.

In my tent they were five people Liam, tawa Ahmed, Sam, lubomba. That one night I told a Funny story that the hole tent wanted more So I gave them more so they liked it so then We went to bed and then the next Moring We went on a game walk and we saw tracks then we went to the Lapa to have breakfast The we got put into groups and my group name was the leopards and the first day we went on a game Drive and we saw a lot of animals the we went on a night drive and we saw a lion and followed it to the place were the lion left as . Then we continued our night drive back to camp then we went to the camp fire and told lots of stories.

By Twalumba



BORN TO BITE

I am a Tsetse Fly, biting is my game
No matter the size, colour or name
Heat drives me to come out and play
In the morning or late in the day

Chasing the game car with all the food
Just as I am in the mood
I bite someone
Their fingers taste like bar one

I am as fast as a car
And I move fast on tar
And I like to munch
And love to punch

By Twalumba



We started at 6:30 and reached at 1:30 here we are at Mapunga bush camp, when we reached the camp, we put all of our things in our chalets. After we unpacked our bags, we went to the Lapa and ate some snacks and filled our stomachs, then we went on a game drive, we were so lucky we saw a lion on our first game drive! Then we saw a male sable, when we left the area, we saw a flock of Gini fowls.

When we came back from the game drive, we went swimming we made a big whirl pool and started dunking each other, when we finished swimming, we went to shower, when we finished showering, we ate dinner and went to sleep.

The next morning, we went fishing, I caught a huge speckled face fish and I caught a purple face fish, after we finished fishing, we went on another game drive and we saw 2 male leopards, when we came back from the game drive, we went swimming then we had dinner and went to sleep.

THAT IS THE END OF OUR MAPUNGA TRIP.

Ahmed

born to catch fish

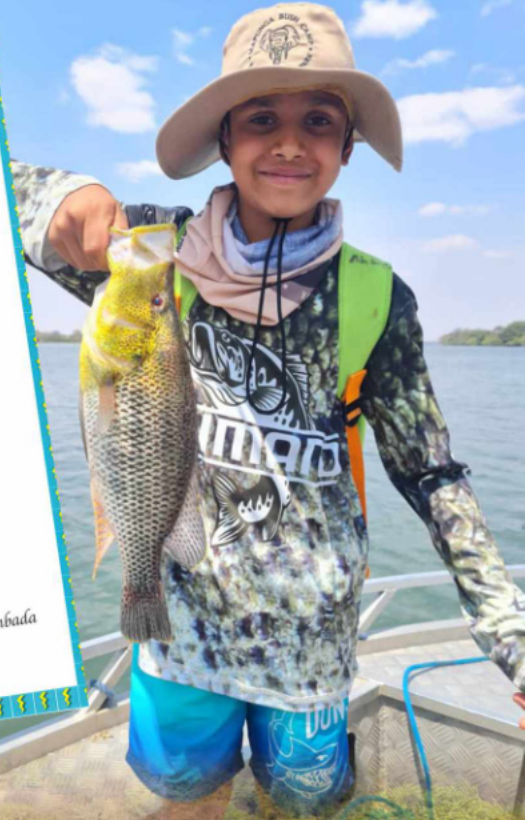
I've got a rod, I've got a line
I need a fish to make it fine,
I'll cast my hook in the river deep
Where fish as big as hippos sleep.

With bait I'll tempt them from their nest,
They'll take the lure I'm sure its fate,
From stream to bank
Then to my plate.

I'm sure I'll get a catch
Maybe a fat fish filled with fillet,
And I will eat it with French fries,
When I've seen the chef kill it.



By Ahmed Limbada



HOPE NOT TO DIE

As we pass the rapid river
I hear it growl as loud as a lion
I want to go home
Bratty, buffalo, brawl behind me.

The laughing hyenas howl and howl
They hide in the high grass like stalking predators
The fish slip and fight the rods hook
Like a beating, bouncing boxer.

As we pass the lazy, lousy leopard
We burst with laughter, like a hyena.
I cried and prayed for peace to come to me
I was as scared as a buckled bird's brain.



By: Michaela Kikoma

Best trip ever

We got to Mapunga bush camp after 8 and a half hours of a stinky bus trip.

We unpacked our bags and waited for the team lists to come out. It was a scary night we heard hyenas around the camp and I woke-up Anmarah to show her them. The next morning and sat around the fire and introduced ourselves. We were put into teams as well they were called crocodiles, lions and leopards I was in the lions.

Fishing was fun I caught five fish and they were amazing. I felt the fishes' teeth they were as rough as a rock. My group and I came back from fishing and we caught forty four fish in two hours and thirty mins. We saw a big elephant on the way to the fishing spot. I loved the night drive.

Food was delicious I didn't think I was going to eat snake. It actually tasted wonderful. I thought that it would taste bad but it tasted like chicken. we also had nice burgers with chips. we sat by the fire and near we were leaving the next day we sang songs like boom Chika boom Ching Ching and memories. We roasted marshmallows and told stories for a while like about the injury pig that is a warthog. We really enjoyed our selves we wish that we could stay but we had to go. I really liked having to meet new people like uncle Greg, Richmon, David, uncle Chucky, and John I hope we could go back it was sad when we had to leave for Lusaka.

By: Michaela Kikoma

GRADE SIX



BAZOOKA BOAT

I am a boat
I like to float
I sit on the water
I have a huge engine on my hind quarter

We cruise, we hear the snort of a hippo
I suppose one of them has jippo
I hear the children talking
Perhaps the plank, one of them is walking

Hundreds of heavy hippos on the way
They prefer night over day
Lizzards huge like crocodiles
Running like 500 miles

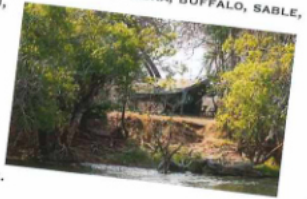


By: Liam



mapunga

IT STARTED WHEN WE GOT ON THE BUS FOR AN 8-AND-A-HALF-HOUR DRIVE TO MAPUNGA. AFTER WE GOT THERE, WE GOT OFF THE BUS RIGGED UP OUR RODS AND WENT FOR A SWIM. WE MADE A WHIRLPOOL AND WHILE SWIMMING AND IT WAS SOOOO FAST. WE WENT AND INVADDED THE GIRLS POOL AND MADE A WHIRLPOOL THERE AS WELL AND WE DUNKED THE GIRLS. AFTER ANOTHER WHILE OF SWIMMING WE GOT OUT GOT DRESSED AND HAD SUPPER. AFTER SUPER WE SAT AND TOLD STORIES AROUND THE CAMPFIRE. ON WEDNESDAY WE WENT FISHING AND I CAUGHT 4 PIKE, IT WAS SO FRUSTRATING BUT I DID CATCH A PURPLE FACE SO I WAS CHILLED. WE ALSO WENT ON A GAME-DRIVE AND SAW A LEOPARD SITTING IN A TREE WITH A DEAD IMPALA CARCASS IN THE TREE WITH THE LEOPARD. AND WE ALSO SAW LION, ZEBRA, BUFFALO, SABLE, CROCODILES, PUKU, IMPALA OH AND SPEAKING OF CROCODILES I WAS IN THE TEAM CROCODILE AND THE OTHER TEAMS WERE LIONS AND LEOPARDS.



By: Liam

A B O U T T H E B I R D S

He was as heavy as a hippo
Stop stepping so hard I said
Everyone else was flying like gypos
If only we had a bed

Hat was saying rest and then go on
He eventually he fell over
Hope fully it was a pond
Then I saw it looked like Mombover
We were swimming for our life
Then I felt a tug
It was another man with a knife
The knife was made from a mug



Connor

Mapunga Bush Camp

Finally, arriving at Mapunga after almost eight hours of driving. Already bitten by tsetse flies. Seen over ten different animals. After eating our fantastic dinner and sitting around the blazing hot camp fire telling stories, we climbed into our comfortable beds and had a really good sleep.

While fishing we caught a wide variety of fish, including, Pike, Speckle face bream, purple face bream, Pink Happy bream, black Barbal and Silver barbal. While I was fishing, I made several rats nests as I was using a bait caster rod and reel.

We went on a few game drives and saw many species of animals, including four of the big five as well as Serval, Eland, Sable, Zebra, Hippopotamus, Lesser Bush baby and Nile crocodile. We saw many animals kills we think from Cheetah or Leopard.

In our free time we would swim in a pool and play a fun game we called Gugu Gaga, (wrestling each other). On the last night we braaid our own food and mine was delicious. Sadly, the next day we had to leave.



Connor



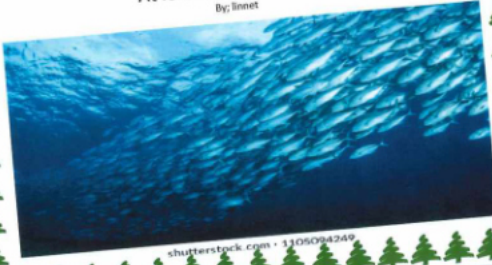
dangling hook

I'm in the water, crisp and clean
Patiently hanging, waiting – hungry
But my tummy growls, but the fish are lean
Waiting, watching – worrying.

Like a pendulum clock, I swung left, then right
It was tiring, I almost fainted
I could not see light
Then they pulled me out of the water.

I almost had the biggest fright
I was very scared
I heard they're going to fish at night
At least they did not go

By: Linnet



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Mapunga Bush Camp

After a very long bus drive we finally arrived at Mapunga and we unpacked our bags. All the boys and girls were divided into three groups and we set off on our first game drive. We saw many animals; lions, leopards and crocodile when we arrived back at camp, we sat around the blazing hot fire where we told funny stories. After a delicious dinner, exhausted we went to bed!

My group, the Crocodiles were up early for another game drive. It was so cold I was shivering on the back of the game viewing vehicle after the drive we sat around the fire. When the people in my tent came, we told stories to each other and played games.

The next day we fished and I caught 4 pike and 1 purple mouth when we came back, we made a whirl pool the water almost took me away like operation Noah.

On the last day everyone was sad to go home it felt like 5 hours of fun well we had to go back home.

By: Linnet

a wild adventure

Mapunga bush camp a home away from home
We'll learn about the outdoors
We read the bush news, from grass or sand floors
We'll say goodbye soon but for now our trip is new

Our lines are in, we'll catch many fish
We'll see the fish-eagles soar above
The crocs prowl below, showing no love
We show off our haul we are by far the best

We're going on a game drive we're going on it now
Maybe see a leopard or even a barn-owl
We might even see a flock of Guinea-fowl
Goodbye Mapunga we'll miss you so!



By: David Middleton

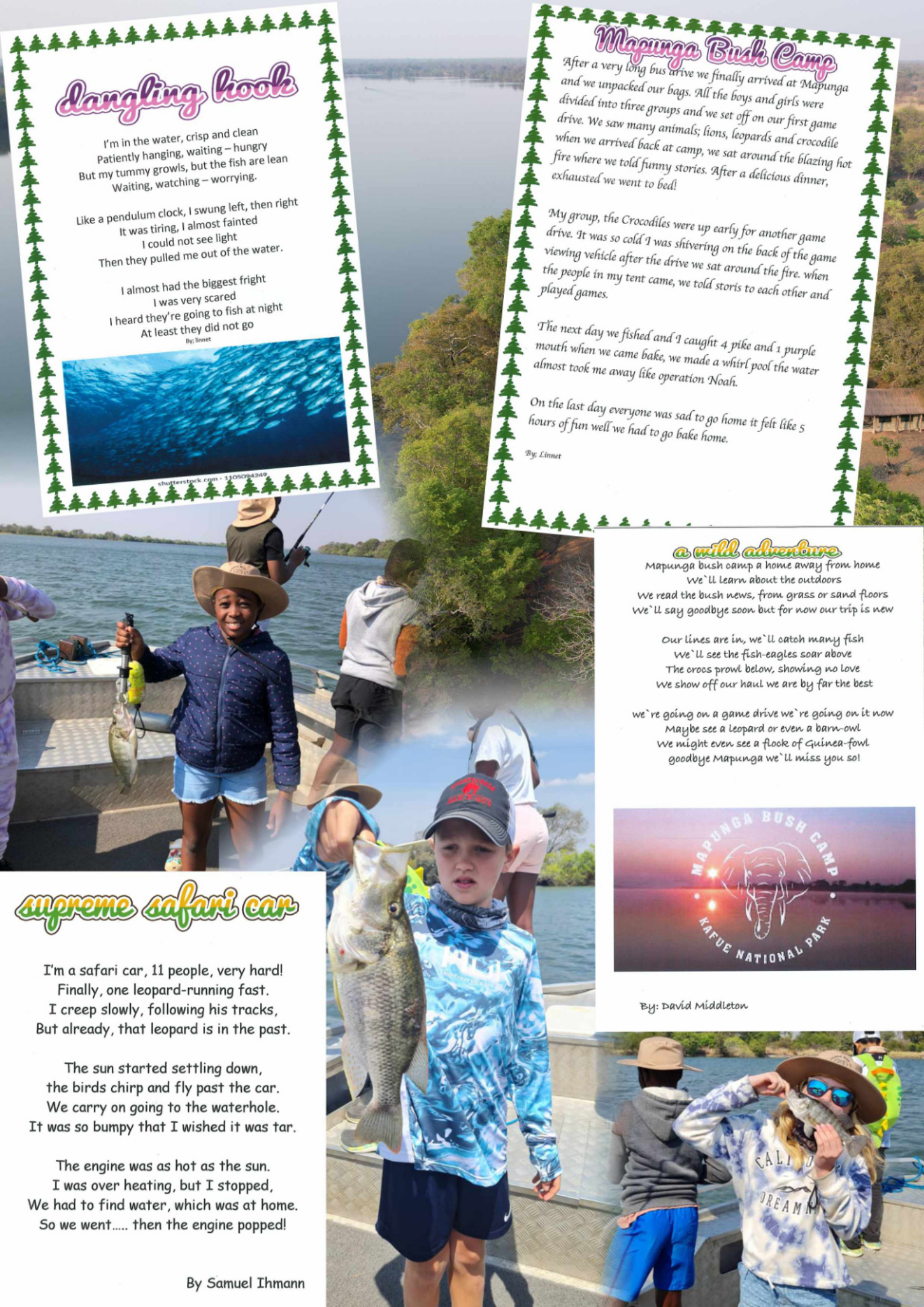
supreme safari car

I'm a safari car, 11 people, very hard!
Finally, one leopard-running fast.
I creep slowly, following his tracks,
But already, that leopard is in the past.

The sun started settling down,
the birds chirp and fly past the car.
We carry on going to the waterhole.
It was so bumpy that I wished it was tar.

The engine was as hot as the sun.
I was over heating, but I stopped,
We had to find water, which was at home.
So we went..... then the engine popped!

By Samuel Ihmann



I meat Mapunga

I am a juicy & tender piece of meat
I find the fire hot
Just like Peter's popcorn pot
When I am ready, I'm amazing to eat

The fire jumped past the grid
It burnt my delicate skin with its flair
I screamed and shouted like I was at a fair
It felt like I had a fiery lid

I land on a plate, with a thump
Blood oozes, tricking out
I am scared, I try to shout
The knife comes closer, I jump

BY LILY MILLER



GRADE SIX



Mapunga

This is my grade 6 trip, we went to Mapunga bush camp in the Kafue national park. The teachers that we went there with were Ms. Bowa, Mr. Hayes and Mr. Weinrich. On Monday we left at 6:00 A.m. The bus trip was pretty boring, we had to pick up the Lusaka kids along the way and it was another boring 5 hours until we got off the bus. And on to the game vehicles. An hour and a half of tsetse flies later we were at camp.

The camp was beautiful, there were 4 chalets 6 people in each I was sorted into Mr. Hayes group-the lions. Later in the afternoon we went on a night drive the tsetse's made the first two hour horrible. but when it cooled down, we saw lion, buffalo, zebra, wildebeest and even a glimpse of a leopard and two cubs!

On Tuesday we went on some more game drives not seeing anything exciting. Later we went on a fishing trip we didn't catch to many fish but it was nice to get on the water.

Wednesday was our main fishing trip we set off at nine and we were fishing until half past eleven. It was really fun Kyle and I caught 12 fish each "half of our haul" we mainly used effzetts "supplied by uncle Greg". Uncle Greg also taught us a new song "boom-chicka-boom". It was going to give us good luck when we sang the song and did the dance-it worked! Overall, we caught 53 fish!

Thursday was pretty normal but on our last game drive we saw a massive male leopard, the guide even thought it was a lioness.

The last day was pretty emotional and we tried to bribe Mr. Hayes into staying longer but eventually we had to say goodbye to Mapunga.



By: David



I CAN HEAR THE DOOR OF THE BUS OPEN. I JUMP INTO THE LINE AND GOT OUT THE BUS, MET UNCLE CHIPPY, AND UNCLE GREG. I CLIMBED INTO ONE OF THE GAME CARS, AND OFF WE WENT TO CAMP. ON THE WAY TO THE CAMP ALL YOU COULD HEAR WAS TSETSE, TSETSE. WHEN WE GOT TO CAMP, WE RAN TO THE BUS TO GET OUR BAGS.

WE ARE ALL READY, THE WE HURL OURSELVES IN THE POOL, THE GIRLS MADE A WHIRLPOOL. IT WAS TIME FOR DINNER, SO WE ALL HAD A FANTASTIC FEAST. AFTER OUR FEAST WE SHARED CAMP FIRE STORIES. WE WENT OFF TO BED, BECAUSE WE WERE EXHAUSTED.

I WOKE UP AND PUT ALL OF MY FISHING EQUIPMENT TOGETHER. I RAN OFF FOR BREAKFAST. LATER, WE WENT FOR A BUSH WALK. WE LOOKED AT TRACKS AND ANIMAL DROPPINGS. WHEN WE GOT BACK TO CAMP, WE LOOKED AT ANIMAL SKULLS. WE WERE GIVEN TIME TO HAVE FUN AND HORSE AROUND.

CLICK, CLICK, THE BRIGHT LIGHTS, WOKE UP. WENT TO BREAKFAST. AFTER THAT IT WAS TIME TO GO FOR A GAME DRIVE. WE SAW A LOT OF ANIMALS. THE ONE ANIMAL WE SAW WAS A LEOPARD IT WAS MY FIRST TIME SEEING ONE. WE GOT BACK AND CHILLED.

Lily Miller



Fibbing fishing rod of Mapunga

I am a fishing rod
prancing on the water
I brought out my whole squad
And spat out my line along with my daughter

I caught a fish
I reeled it in
I didn't put it in a dish
Now it's all about

I am as strong as an ox
And as brave as a lion
I can't fit in a box
I am a roaring raging rod



Done by: Ammarah



We were in the game drive vehicle, about to start a great experience at Mapunga bush camp. While we were driving to the campsite, we saw lots of mysterious animals it was very fun. We were already having a fun time.

We got there and swam after unpacking, I was in a tent with Claire, Lily, Linnet and Michaela. After that we went back to our tremendous tent. At 09:30pm in the night our tent was playing Aljazeera news, where Claire interviewed us.

We went fishing and we caught the best fishes we had a lot of fun on the boat and when we went fishing the second time, my whole team caught 45 fish altogether.

Before we went fishing, we learned about animals and fishes, like their names. We saw 5 of the big 5 at Mapunga bush camp. We bried our food the last night. We also did Team Building skills with the 3 teams the lions, crocodiles and the leopards. Best week at Mapunga. Had the best week ever



Ammarah

Mapunga Bush Camp – The Best

We started off in the bus, listened to music with lots of singing battles, which the boys won every time. When we finally arrived, we jumped in game vehicles for the last hour through the Kafue National Park. After unpacking and settling in, we were introduced to the staff and then had supper.

After dinner, we sat around the fire. Uncle Greg told us funny bush stories from his past before we went to bed, exhausted. Our day started with a delicious breakfast and were then split into groups. I was in the 'Crocodiles'. Our first adventure was a super fun game drive, but I couldn't stop laughing, which wasn't a good thing. We took a few game drives during the week and came across some amazing animals. We saw a huge male leopard in a sausage tree and it had a dead impala hanging off the branches - it was disgusting.

One of our activities was fishing and I didn't have much luck with my first few casts but then I felt something tugging on my line and it was a pretty, big bream. Soon afterwards, we moved to a different spot, where I caught my 4-pound pike – it was huge and beautiful! I was very thankful.



Over the next two days we played many games in teams and fell a couple of times too! We had lots of laughs and it was a great experience, a great time to bond with my friends. We also played a bit of cricket and it turned out I'm actually good at it as I whipped the boys. I loved trying new things but it also turns out that I hate onion. It burnt my mouth for days and no matter how many times I brushed my teeth it would still smell like onion.

I was very sad to leave but I have made lots of memories and had so much fun thank you teachers!!!

By Katie Paterson



Mapunga bush camp



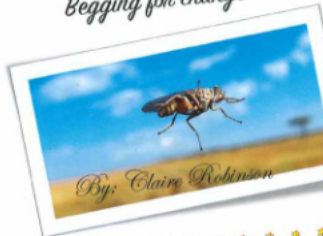
We went to Mapunga bush camp for our grade 6 school trip. In the school bus we made lots of noise and it was a very long. However, we had loads of fun on the very loud singing bus ride. When we got to Kafue National Park, we all jumped out of the bus and climbed into the game vehicles and started our journey. We saw lots of animals, including two male lions, a lion and lioness mating, leopards, cool animals, five elephants and a few animal carcasses. We were in tents of six and my group was, Lily, Michaela, Linnet, Ammarah and I. We had tons of fun making jokes and telling funny or scary stories. We stayed up pretty late at night and it was quite hard waking up at six every morning.

Born to bite

*I'm a tsetse born to bite
Killed for my fight
I'm like a fish fighting
An elephant's predator*

*The river's screams haunt the valley deep
I draw blood from man or sheep
For I'm an enemy of human kind
I bite on arms legs and even a bare behind*

*I feed fiercely fighting for freedom
I'm not as fierce as a croc or as mean as a
For I'm at the bottom of the food chain
Begging for change*



Every night we would sit by the camp fire after supper and tell funny bush stories. My favorite story was about an ingilli pig, it was crazy. On the third day we went fishing in our groups. I was in the 'crocodiles' and caught two pink happys and got a few lures stuck in trees but had so much fun anyway. We did a very lucky

dance while we fished called "Boom Chika Boom" it helped me catch all my fish!

We learnt about what uncle Greg calls "the bush's newspaper" it was on our bush walks that we learnt about tracks, animal dung and learnt different trees and what habitats the different animals live in.

We did team building exercises, which included a race where you would have to keep a ball in a gutter pipe without dropping it and then moving water in the pipes in the second exercise, we also did a target shooting game, which we won!

On our last night we braaid our own T-bone and lamb chop. Mine was over cooked and very chewy. I wish I was a better cook! That same night, we sang a farewell song and did the famous song "BOOM CHIKA BOOM"! Our bus ride home was very sad and I hope we can go back soon!



The half happy hook

*I'm in a big blue bus
It's noisy and very bumpy
I'm finally out and on the rod
And the worm is looking very grumpy*

*She casts me off
I'm in the air so high
In the water I'm going to go
And just want to say goodbye*

*Fish are all around me
I think I have a plan
I like to wiggle and jiggle
Come catch me if you can*



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By: Claire Robinson



Katie

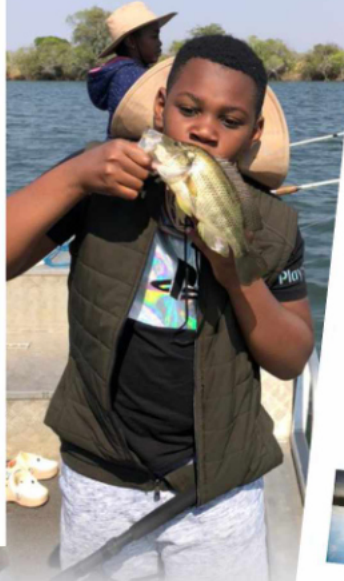
DAY AS A TSETSE

I'm flying buzzing my song
 Everyone else sings along
 I find an extraordinary car
 Sitting right in the middle of the tar

I get up and decide to flee
 I overhear everyone say I'm annoying as a bee
 I sit back down
 And see everyone with a frown

I see a lazy looking leopard lying on the floor
 No one bothers to open the car door
 I'm a tsetse fly for life
 until you try to kill me with you wife

BY: Tehila

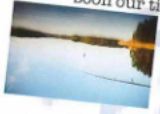


Mapunga bush camp

We jumped off the bus and climbed into the game vehicle. Right there our trip at Mapunga began. We were on an adventurous game drive and saw hordes of animals. We spotted Roan hiding like a camouflaged chameleon, at first we didn't see it so we went bundu bashing. When we arrived at Mapunga, we all settled in then we all went swimming. The boys were in their own pool while us girls were creating a whirlpool. When the whirlpool was done it was fierce, vicious and spinning around the pool.

Tuesday morning, we went on a walk and read the bush like a newspaper. I was in terror to find out that a leopard wasn't far away from camp that night. After breakfast, we went on a game drive. I was in the leopards group and we had a fierce fight with the lions group over who was going with uncle Greg. During the game drive we saw three very lethargic looking lions.

Later at night, we all gathered around the camp fire and shared awesome stories. The next day, we went fishing and we had a little trick 'The boom Chika Song.' I caught a feisty silver barble. On our afternoon game drive we saw 2 leopard cubs and a full-grown male. Time went quick and soon our time at Mapunga was over.



Tehila



MAPUNGA

Finally, after several hours of travelling in the bus, we reach mapunga my home for four days. The lunch was amazing. Later we took our bags to the chaler and made a whirlpool in the splash pool. We were so excited because we thought we'd go fishing but we went for a terrible walk. There were loads of game drives and saw elephant, large lions, a lazy leopard, satisfied serval, idiotic impala, pretty puku and a vicious vulture. Richon and John helped out. When we finally went fishing on Thursday we caught 40 fish altogether. I caught pike and thinface with uncle Greg's help in Chika town.

On the final night we did our own meat which was the best. That night I went to sleep knowing that next morning we were gone from the best camp in Africa.

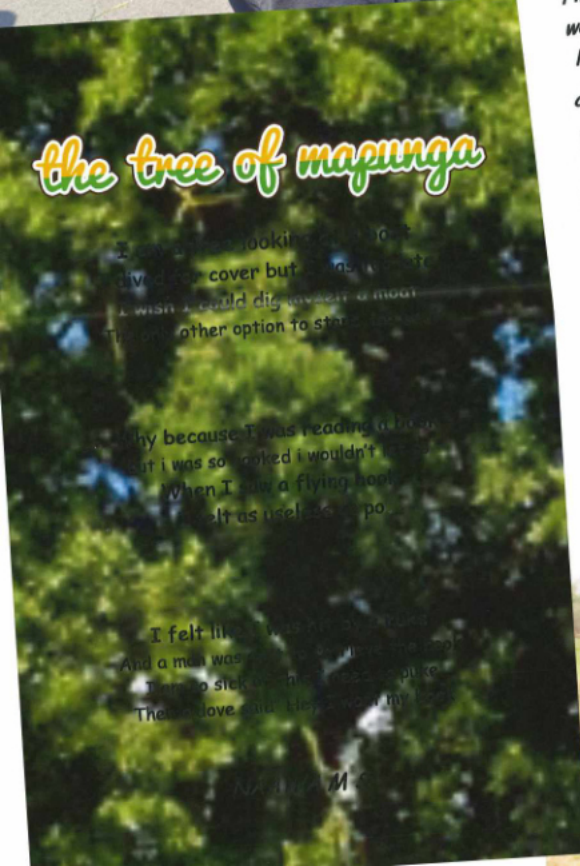
NAAWA

the tree of mapunga

I was looking for a place to live. I cover but I was a tsetse fly. I wish I could dig down a moat. There's another option to stay.

Why because I was reading a book. I was so sick I wouldn't go. When I saw a flying boat. It felt as useful as a pool.

I felt like I was in a dream. And a man was talking to me. I went to sleep in the bush. There's love and there's my life.



BUMPY BOAT

I am a boat in the water
My engine purrs like a lion
When I cruise the river, I slaughter
The bottom of my being is iron

As we pass the bank and bush
I can hear a hippo bellow
I wish I could tell it to sush
But he was quite a friendly fellow

On the way home, a real bumpy ride
Wheels in the air, at least 5 meters
Am I going to make it down safely?
I do and continue as fast as a racing cheetah.



By: Maita TATA

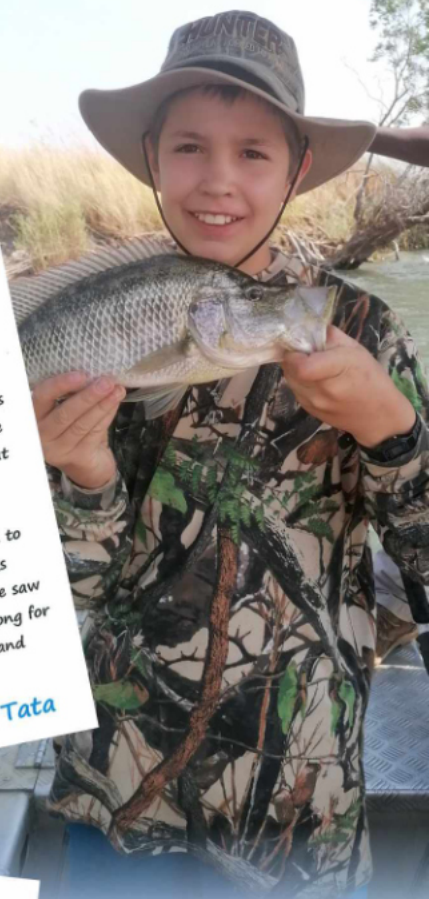
Mupunga Bush camp

Going to Mupunga bush camp is far but definitely worthwhile. When we got out the bus, we jumped into game vehicles and some of the girls bitten by Tsetse flies. When we arrived, we were shown to our chalets. They were dark green and kind of camouflaged. In the morning we woke up and we saw the sun reflect on the water it was amazing. We had delicious breakfast - crunchy bacon and eggs.

We went on a bush walk and saw hyena tracks and dung. On the way back we saw a tree where an elephant had almost destroyed the tree with its tusks. Back at camp, we played and swam until lunchtime. It was quite a wait until the night drive but we saw lions, rabbits and lots of impala. We had a late supper and went straight to bed. During the next two days, we swam, had group games and went fishing. The group I was in caught 44 fish in total. This was followed by another game drive on Thursday. We had to start preparing to go back, but the fishing was a highlight as it was my first-time fishing.

Most of the time, all I caught was sea-weed. We were told to do a dance called 'Stay Positive song' and I think that was when I caught my first fish. On the way back to camp we saw hippo, crocodile and elephants. In the night we sang a song for them called Memoirs and we gave them a little speech and actions. On Friday we went home. Goodbye Mapunga.

Maita Tata



It was finally time to go on our school trip. It was a five-hour drive and when we got there it took my breath away. There were four tents and three pools. as soon as we were all unpacked, we got dressed into our costumes and went swimming.

During our second day early in the morning we went on a bush walk. When we returned, we had a delicious breakfast after the breakfast we could go swim, play or chill in our tent. That evening we went on a night drive and saw three lion and one serval.

On our third day we went fishing. It took a long time but we eventually caught. I caught two pike and we saw a big crocodile and saw a lot of hippos.

On our fourth day we went on a game drive and saw a big male leopard with a kill, an elephant, puku, eland and a lot of impalas. After our game drive we went back to eat breakfast and had a swim.

Sadly, after four fun days we had to leave, to come back to school. Luckily mapunga had packed lunches for us. We packed the bus and departed. It was an awesome, amazing trip.

GRADE SIX



bumpy bus trip

I start in the morning
We have begun our journey
All the kids are yawning
Bumping across the tarmac

I was as clean as a crown on her Royal Highness
I look like I had a mud bath
But now the dust is coughing its dryness
We stop - nope child, there are no Giraffe

The large lazy leopard lying in the tree
Looks at us in disgust
He hides his treasured pray from me



Montana

Montana



GRADE SEVEN Outing to Chongwe



The Musikili Grade 7's embarked on their annual 6 day excursion to the Chongwe river in the Lower Zambezi. Under the expert guidance of our camp leaders and the activities the children gained invaluable knowledge about their surroundings. A big thank you to the following parents, Wizz and Ros Bignell for their guidance on birds and trees, Greg and Terry Street for their knowledge of mammals, Brian Goodwin and Johan Beukes for the fishing expertise, Nina Goodwin for her lovely art lessons, and Paola Beukes for the amazing food.





Day 2
Saturday 30th July 2022
19:30

Dear Diary,

We started of the day very early at 05:00am so we could leave at 06:25. We ate breakfast, brushed our teeth (well the girls did ad least). Mr. Price Moor said that if we were late, we would have cold showers. I was determined to be there early. Sophie and Sarah were a bit late.

We chose our seats and started the long journey. Josy and Sarah could not stop taking photos on Sophie and my camera. They were going crazy, like they were famous. I was anxious to get off the bus. They were driving me mad but the photos did look beautiful.

Finally, we got to the crossing where the game viewers came to pick us up. We got our Chongwe hats and split up into our groups, we laughed and sang the whole way there, it was very funny. We got there and went over the rules and set up camp. The boys did a little fishing and the girls played card games.

We got into our groups and went to the Chongwe Falls. We ate cookies on the trip and as we entered the gate, we saw a bit of smoke, Uncle Wizz and Mr Price Moor stopped to put it out. We climbed up to the top and started throwing very smooth rocks into the fermented water. As we headed back, we were talking about food and how hungry we were.

Tazi was not feeling good so she went straight to bed, we had the coldest showers ever, we ate chicken curry and palak pioneer curry. For dessert we ate some delicious malva pudding and custard.

Carmin



Day 1
Friday 29th July 2022
19:00

Dear Diary,

Today we had to braai our own Burgers, after playing soccer on the Astro we had to make our own big, fat, juicy burger patties. Mr. Hein and Mr. Price Moor taught us how to make the patties, the ingredients were: mince, eggs, a bit of salt and the rest I'm not too sure. Mr. Price Moor was cooking the onions and added some sweet honey on it. My group came second. The burgers were so delightful that I wanted some more burgers.

Well Sarah didn't want her burger so I had hers so I made a double burger, I was extra full in my belly. I added extra onions on my burger and tomatoes.

Cuwien



Sunday 31st July 2022
19:30

Dear Diary,

Today we woke up at 05:30 because people were making noise. After that we had milo and rusks and left for our activities. My group had mammals today with Uncle Greg and Aunty Terry. It was splendid. I learned so many things about mammals. I probably learned more about mammals in one day than ever before.

I learned lots, like when an antelope comes to eat specific types of bushes, the bush sends a bitter taste to the leaves called tannin. So, the antelope snaps the branch, so the plant can't send its tannin to the leaves. I also learned how to tell the difference between a leopard footprint from a lion footprint. The leopard has three bumps at the back of its paws and a lion has two.

During trap-making we made twine from Masasa bark. First you soak the bark in water. Then take a long piece of bark about 1-2 cm wide, chew it for a while so the fibers loosen up. Then split the piece in two, lengthways, and roll one on your leg then the other, tie the two pieces from tip to tip and roll them together to make the twine. Then you tie the ends up and you're done. You can now make a trap with the twine, make bracelets or do whatever you want with it.

Then we made traps to catch small animals. Uncle Brian showed us a trap that was quite complicated but Uncle Wizz had an easy trap that I called the quick'n easy. After the fun at the trap-making we went to do some art in the bush with Aunty Nina. She asked us if we would do individual art or do a big piece of art, that involved everyone to work as a team. We chose to do the big piece of art. We decided to make a butterfly out of bush materials. We used elephant dung, kudu dung, leaves of a Musikili tree, dry leaves, a log for the body and feathers.

It looked better than I thought.

My Mom (Aunty Paola) made vetkoek (fried bread) with mince and coleslaw. It was the best cooking you can ever get in the bush. And to top those delicious flavours, we got mini pavlovas, which had fresh whipped farm cream, strawberries and blueberries. Then we played guess what is written on your forehead. What happens is someone (in this case the adults) writes something on someone, and you can't ask, who am I? or what am I? And you can only ask one yes or no question per person.

Gio



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Thursday 4th August 2022
19:30

Dear Diary,

Today we woke up, had breakfast. We then began to break the toilets, showers and pack the tents up. The toilets smelt really bad. We had to walk all around the area and perimeter of camp looking for litter. Owen and I were asked to help Aunty Terry take down the adult's toilets and showers, I struggled to get the poles out of the ground.

We then started taking photos before we left. We got in to the cars, we were singing the whole way until Chirundu Mall. Everyone was waiting for their food from Hungry Lion but I never ate as I could not eat it. We then jumped in the bus and headed for school. We stopped at Munali for a toilet break. When we arrived at school, we had to check our clothes as it was holiday on Friday.

After that we had to do some acrobatics with people from Zambia Circus. We climbed up a rope but I did not reach the top because I was too tired. We then made a pyramid in the groups we were put in, I was at the top of the pyramid with Sophie.

Raiyaaz





GRADE SEVEN

Tuesday 2nd August 2022
19:30

Dear Diary,

Today I woke up from a good night sleep at 6:00 am and you already know what I did. Any guesses? Yes, that's what I thought. I went fishing in front of camp and I think I caught 1 fish. We had breakfast and it was very good.

We went to CLZ which stands for Conservation Lower Zambezi in the morning, and I learnt lots of things. When we went to the bathroom there was a mirror and we saw our faces for the first time in 5 days. We all went to see the patrol dogs and it was exciting. The dog was chasing a ball and it found a gun.

When our group went to the car, we found baboons in our car. They stole my bananas and they flipped our bags. I was so sad because I love my bananas. But sadly, it made me fart a lot. We went back to camp and we had to cook our own steak. I chose the best piece and I cooked medium rare which tasted delicious. Do you want to know why it tasted delicious? Because I cooked it!

In the afternoon our group went to uncle Wizz for birding. We saw lots of birds. My favorite was the fork tail drongo. We saw lots of other animals as well, and we saw two female lions, one was pregnant. They just came from a hunt so they were tired. We were going up into the lookout post where we climbed up a higher mountain and then climbed back down. Then we had supper, and on the way back to camp we went on a night drive. We saw hyena, honey badger, civet and other animals.

Owen





Wednesday 3rd August 2022
18:45

Dear Diary,

Today in my opinion was the best day of the whole experience we were all together and that's so much fun but let's start from the morning. I woke up to noise and laughing but that I was used to already because of the other days.

We had rusks and milo like usual and got put into random groups and went to the park. On our way to the park we saw lots of buffalo we met some friendly people who told us that there are wild dogs and we should just go straight. Sadly, enough we never saw the wild dogs but did see a female Leopard which my group saw first. We finally arrived and had bacon and egg rolls in the park. Aunty Nina had all the girls hook with the arts and crafts and drawing with ink she told us to just go with the flow and that it was abstract so it is all beautiful. She also had Masasa bark to make bracelets, the steps are easy but you just have to trust the process, so you have to chew the bark, roll it on your thighs to make a rope and formed it into a bracelet, we added beads to make it extra special.

For lunch we had a classic Borewors rolls and they were so nice and tender with a coke to refresh ourselves for the day. We fished and did arts and crafts for a while and then made our way back to camp. We got in our cars and took some pictures on my polaroid.

I was in Uncle Greg's car so it was obviously goanna be fun. On our way back to camp we saw lots of buffalos, monkeys and elephants as we were driving, we got to a turn and we saw an elephant so we stopped and waited. We then decide that they were gone, but quickly found out we were wrong and got charged by an elephant. Which I am sure got all our adrenaline up.

As we got to camp, we showered and had dinner. The dinner was delicious more than that, it was fantastic, I mean pasta saw delicious and we had apple crumble for dessert that was magnificent. We then played and that was so funny and everyone had a good laugh. The boys were so funny I was crying with laughter and, I am sure everyone was too. It was getting late and we decided to go to bed for pack up day tomorrow. That was day six of my Chongwe experience.

Sarah

Thursday 4th August 2022
19:30

Dear Diary,

We had to pack up to go back to school, we had to put down the tents, pack the showers, fill up the toilets, well the bathroom was nasty. When we were done packing up, we had to do a photo before we could go back to Mazabuka. They had to do two photos, my group had to go to Michael's dad, Uncle Wizz.

While we were driving for a while we just drove past a young elephant, I was a bit scared of the elephant because it was about to attack.

When the bus was waiting for the other groups, well my group was the last ones to arrive to the parking lot. Mr. Price Moor asked us if we were hungry. I was very hungry from that long drive we had. I also had a lot of fun at Chongwe with my friends. I am eternally grateful to all the staff that made this wonderful trip possible.

Cuwien



GRADE SEVEN





Sunday 31st July 2022
17:34

Dear Diary,

It was an early morning because the boys just had to make noise at 5 o'clock in the morning, which made all of us girls wake up grumpy. The milo and biscuits made us happy again for the rest of the day, we were on my Mum and Dad's car for birds and trees.

We headed out into the park; we saw so many birds and learnt all of their names and learnt how to tell if it was a male or female. They also taught us the common and scientific names of the tree, for example the Musikili tree (Natal Mahogany) is called the Trichila Emetica which means the vomit tree. It was so interesting.

Then on the way to breakfast we stopped at the biggest Baobab tree in the park and the challenge was for us to climb around it. It was very challenging but one person made it around without falling and the rest of us made it around with only one fall. For breakfast we went to the Chifingoolo Channel. We had bacon and egg rolls and Dom was a professional bacon cooker. While we were eating breakfast, we heard some splashing in the water. We saw two crocodiles having a fight, they took each other into a death roll. Then one of them broke free and swam away. We did a poo spitting competition, Rhys and I lost so we had to clean the dishes. Which I was very upset about. After that we went and discovered a hippo carcass which had been laid out perfectly.

As we came out the park, we found some elephant. We arrived back at camp at 12:20pm. For lunch we had wraps and leftover curry from supper. At 2:30pm we went out to do art in the park and trap making. I made a bird flying out of leaves and impala poo. I found it very relaxing and enjoyable. Then for trap making, first we had to chew Masasa Bark that Uncle Brian had been soaking for us, it tasted disgusting and made me feel like throwing up. The bark was for making the bracelets. Then for trap making we used a couple of sticks and tied a noose and then when your hand went in it, it would pick up movement and the noose closed and would pull the animal up. There were so many elephants at the first place that we had to find a new place, but even there at the end a few elephants arrived but luckily we were on our way back to camp. For dinner we are having delicious vetkoek which I can't wait for, and for pudding it is my absolute favorite thing, Mini Pavlovas, yaaaaay.

Michaela



GRADE
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Friday 29th July 2022
19:00

Dear Diary,

Today we were all so excited for Chongwe. We had our school in the morning, it was a short fun day of school. After school we put our stuff down and we all agreed to start packing. We took quite a long time to pack because we wanted to make sure we had all of our stuff for Chongwe. We took all of our bags to the stage and then we were told to take our bags to the truck.

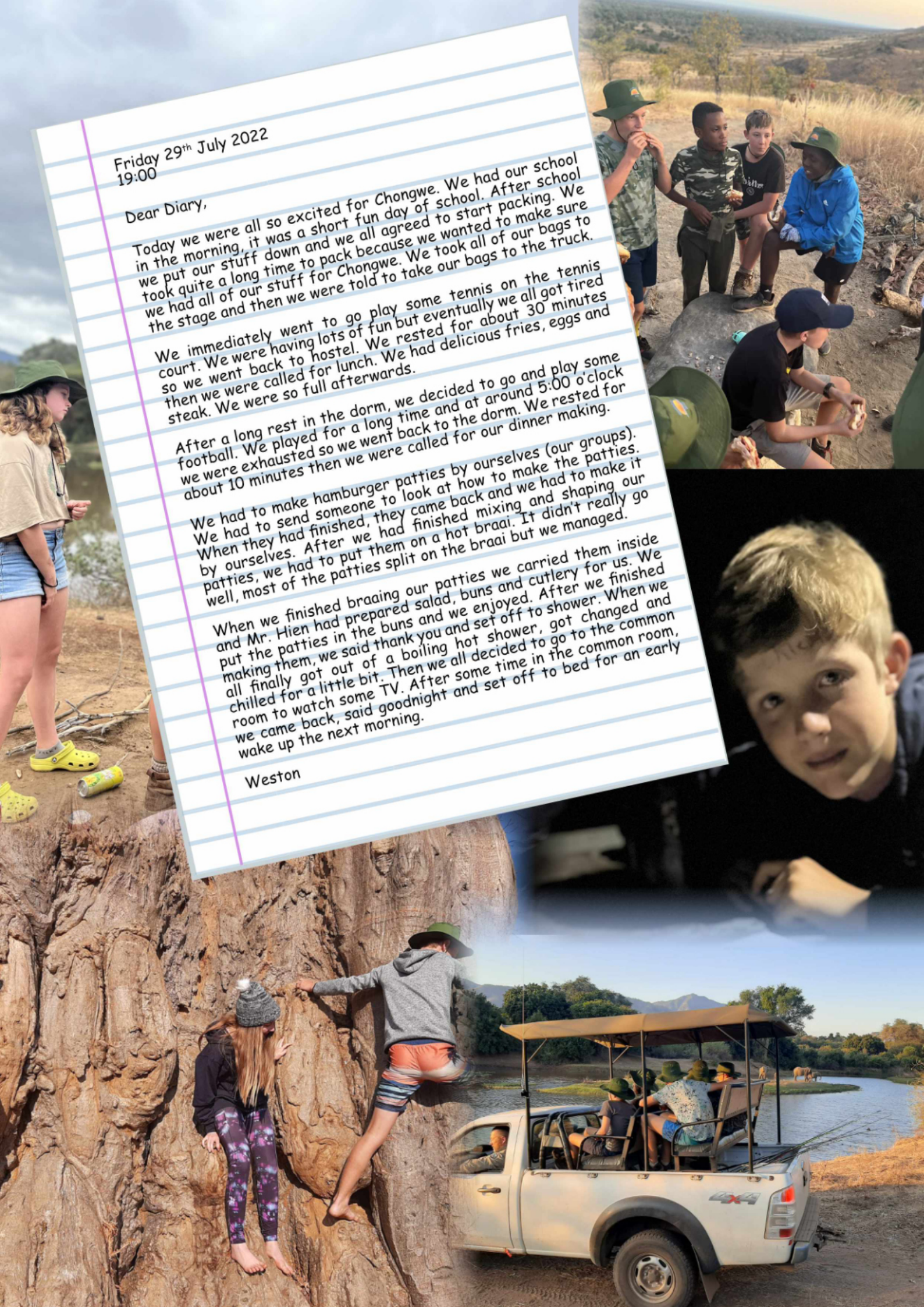
We immediately went to go play some tennis on the tennis court. We were having lots of fun but eventually we all got tired so we went back to hostel. We rested for about 30 minutes then we were called for lunch. We had delicious fries, eggs and steak. We were so full afterwards.

After a long rest in the dorm, we decided to go and play some football. We played for a long time and at around 5:00 o'clock we were exhausted so we went back to the dorm. We rested for about 10 minutes then we were called for our dinner making.

We had to make hamburger patties by ourselves (our groups). We had to send someone to look at how to make the patties. When they had finished, they came back and we had to make it by ourselves. After we had finished mixing and shaping our patties, we had to put them on a hot braai. It didn't really go well, most of the patties split on the braai but we managed.

When we finished braaing our patties we carried them inside and Mr. Hien had prepared salad, buns and cutlery for us. We put the patties in the buns and we enjoyed. After we finished making them, we said thank you and set off to shower. When we all finally got out of a boiling hot shower, got changed and chilled for a little bit. Then we all decided to go to the common room to watch some TV. After some time in the common room, we came back, said goodnight and set off to bed for an early wake up the next morning.

Weston





Saturday 30th July
19:30

Dear Diary,

It was a long and exhausting trip to Gwaby but it was worth the drive when we arrived at Gwaby. We were given our Chongwe hats which were olive green in colour. My team, the Fish Eagles went with the Streets to camp and Uncle Greg was driving.

When we arrived at camp, we set up our tents which was tedious. After set-up, we had sandwiches for lunch. After lunch my group and I went with uncle Greg to Chongwe Falls. On the way there we drove through water, it was lovely when we arrived the falls were dry so we just explored around and threw stones into the puddles that weren't dried out.

On the way back we had cookies and drove through the water again. We saw elephant, crocodile and a few buck. When we arrived at camp, we did a little fishing in front of camp but no one caught a single fish. After fishing I had a refreshing shower as the sunset, we got ready for dinner.

We had butter chicken and palak paneer naans for the main course under the dazzling lights Uncle Wizz had made. The food was scrumptious the naan was warm. The curry was mild and everything was just right. For dessert we had vanilla flavored custard with a chocolate flavored confection with a fudgy taste, AKA a brownie, this dessert was so delicious especially when you mix the brownie with the warm custard, it was just a bite of heaven after the mouth-watering dinner. I brushed my teeth and went to bed with the noise of the laughing hippo creating atmosphere.

Zangi

GRADE SEVEN

Saturday 30th July 2022
19:49

Dear Diary,

We woke up early and got ready. I also mistook hair-dye for deodorant. Not my proudest moment 😊. We then had breakfast, packed the diner, and departed the school. The fluorescent sunrise was very appealing.

On the way we saw **ONE SINGLE** elephant and impala. We also sang plenty songs! After a long-drawn-out drive we finally arrived at Chongwe. There, we set up our tents and had a camp briefing. I'm in a tent with Owen, Hayden and Rais 😊. There is also a shoes at all times rule, but I ignored it 😊.

We set off in the game vehicles, heading to Chongwe Falls. As it wasn't flowing, we got to climb up the rocks! Some of us were like klipspringers 😊! At the top, the view was breath-taking. From there we also saw more elephants! We had fun throwing rocks into the pools and Rana even found a small hole in the rocks which some of us climbed into 😊.

We headed back to camp to shower. The showers were nice and refreshing 🌧️! The dazzling sunset over the river made me sigh. Sunsets in Zambia are the most beautiful. The hippos were laughing and the birds were singing.

Under the pretty lights hung by Uncle Wizz, we ate a mouth-watering meal of butter chicken and palak paneer with naans and brownies and custard for desert 🍰!

We brushed our teeth and headed into our tents. Everyone talked for a while, then the boys in my tent asked me to read the book I was reading to them. It was odd because they were enjoying it ☹️? Eventually I had to stop because it was getting late, but I still read under the covers to myself. It was a peaceful night and I slept well. I think this is going to be a great adventure!

Rhys

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Day 4
Monday 1st August 2022
19:00

Dear Diary,

Rhys got ill for two days. My tent smelt, so we sprayed some stuff which made it smell so much better. Then we had tea and rusks. It was delicious. We went off into the park in cars. We saw two lions and buffalo, then had a nice lunch. The boys fished, saw hippos, played American football, then went out and saw some eland and elephants. I got ill for one day. We saw zebra, and that is all that we saw. At night, us boys fished again, until we had dinner. It was awesome. I had a great day and I am so excited for tomorrow morning!

Hayden



Sunday 1st August 2022
19:40

Dear Diary,

Sophie, Carmin and I woke up early and watched the sun rise while taking pictures. Our group did fishing first. Josy and I were trying to cast into a bucket so we could get a lollipop. Then we had delicious bacon and egg rolls and Weetabix for breakfast.

After breakfast we went to the next fishing spot. At the next spot we saw a herd of buffalos which was very nice. We went back to camp and did arts and crafts, we had to trace Raiyaaz then use the natural things around us to fill in the outline. I got his hand and I made a bird with it.

We also learnt how to make traps and bracelets out of Masasa bark which we had to chew then roll it on our leg to twist it or you could have made a plat with it.

Then we had to have cold showers. We had vetkoek and mince for dinner. The vetkoeks were better without the mince in my opinion. Then we had pavlovas for dessert, I gave mine to Sophie. I did have the berries, cream and icing sugar which was very delicious.

Then one of the teachers put someone's name on our forehead, then we walked around and ask questions to try and guess who it was. It was lots of fun.

Rana



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Tuesday 4th August 2022
19:45

Dear Diary,

Today we woke up and got ready to see the adorable scout dogs. We got to Conservation Lower Zambezi (also known as CLZ) and we got spoken to about what they do at CLZ and then we went to see the dogs. We got told a bit about the dogs and then given 5 minutes to find a gun that was hidden in a tree and no one found it. Then they brought out one of the dogs called Kalo and he found it in less than a minute. He did all of that to get a few minutes of playing with his red ball. After that we went into the control room and saw all the elephants they track and we saw the path that the wild dogs walked.

We made bread before lunch and it was really fun. We put the bread in metal containers and put them on the fire to cook. For lunch we had steak that we cooked. When we were cooking it we all stood around the fire and cooked our steaks with these long metal forks, then we went and sat at the tables and in my opinion it was the best lunch because we got to cook it ourselves and it was really fun and we had green beans and chips.

In the afternoon we went on our mammals' activities. We saw lions, it was really nice to see them and I took lots of really nice photos of them. We got taught about the over population of elephants and how professional hunters have got to kill a lot of elephants and it is too expensive to relocate that many elephants. Then we went to the beautiful mountains known as the lookout. We hiked up to the top and I took lots of pictures of everyone. We had rolls with ham, cheese and salami. For dessert we had a slice of the bread that we made with either jam, syrup, or peanut butter.

We went on a night drive and we stopped somewhere and played these funny pig dying noises. The hyena came thinking it was a dying warthog. The sound was terrifying, but still really nice to see. We drove across this little body of water and went to see it closer, but I couldn't take any photos of it because it was too dark.

At the time we had guessed we would get back it would be too late to shower and we would all be very tired. And the time we usually go to bed it would have been later than eight o'clock.

Sophie

GRADE SEVEN



Monday 1st August 2022
19:45

Dear Diary,

I woke up at around 04:30 because there were hyenas whooping across the river. I thought I would just lie down and listen for a while but I was up and ready. Today I was in the birds and trees group and we did our activities first and then joined into our groups for the afternoon. Shortly after waking up, we saw an astounding sighting of a crocodile eating a huge bream just in front of camp.

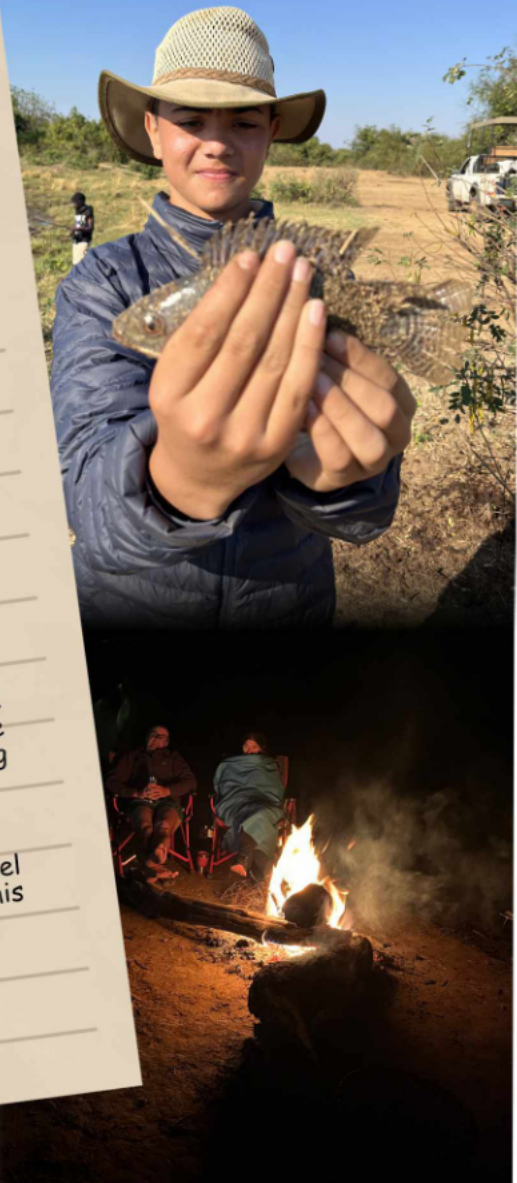
Before breakfast we drove to Conservation Lower Zambezi and had a studios trip. We learnt about the company and how it started and about the kids from the local schools who came to visit its establishment. CLZ aims to eliminate all poaching in the Lower Zambezi. After that inspiring talk we went and saw the most outstanding tracker dog named Kalo. The bananas were left in the car and they got stolen by the baboons and Carmin's entire bag got emptied out and I laughed. On the way back we talked about how cool the dog was and how he found the rifle so easily.

Our morning activities after breakfast were making fire using different apparatus. Some of the different techniques learnt were: polishing the underside of a can with chocolate and then to shine the sun onto dry grass (old elephant dung) and how we should blow under the fire not into the flame. Bread making was a really charming experience, Atkins assisted us with the recipe. We used a Dutch oven, which is when you put hot coals on the top and the sides of the pot and it cooks from all directions.

During our birds and trees afternoon, my favorite sighting was a Malachite King Fisher sitting on a branch over the river, its feathers were glistening in the sunlight. Uncle Wizz was so funny and made the learning experience memorable.

That night we had the most delicious meal which was chicken Schnitzel and Banoffie Pie. They were the perfect, I loved every bit of this experience and I wouldn't change a thing.

Rais





Monday 1st August 2022
19:30

Dear Diary,

Today everyone woke up at 6:30 to people talking, but my tent and I slept for a bit more time, we had tea with rusks. After that we left for our activities and my group was doing birds and trees. We learnt about scientific names and birds' scientific names. The Musikili tree's scientific name is the *Trikelia Metica*. On our drive we saw two female lions trying to hunt for impala.

After the activities my group came back to camp and had some delicious pizza for lunch. After lunch we could do anything we want for an hour. So I decided to have a nap and every one else was either fishing, playing cards or sleeping.

After that we did our afternoon activity which was First Aid and a trail test.

For the trail test uncle Greg made a trail and put items on the track on purpose and we had to walk through the trail and identify the items, there were 20 items in total. For First Aid we learnt how to give CPR and all the steps of doing it we also learnt how to help someone that's getting electrocuted.

That day after the afternoon activities, we decided to go on a game drive but we went in just a boys' car and we saw zebra. Then on our way to camp we saw two baby elephants drinking water by the river.

We got to camp, showered and wrote in our diary's and we were having chicken schnitzel and chips for dinner. During dinner some people were going for seconds. For dessert we had banoffee pie.

Chate

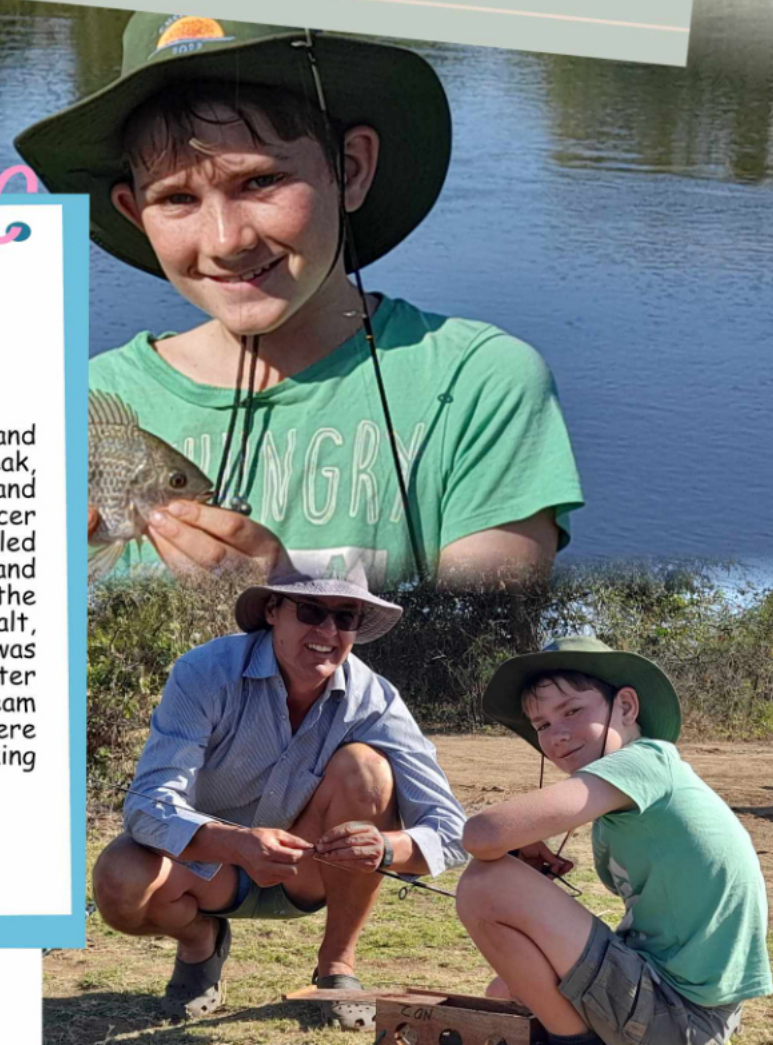


Friday 29th July 2022
17:00

Dear Diary,

Today after school we went to the boarding house and changed into our play clothes. After having lunch (steak, eggs and chips) we got called to sort out our groups and pack some stuff onto the Dyna before we played soccer on the Astro for most of the afternoon. We were called for dinner but we were surprised that we had to make and cook our own patties that we would eat. We made the patties by adding beef mince with bread crumbs, salt, pepper and some other stuff like eggs and onion. Josh was the one who cooked the patties and I had to fetch water to cool the barbeque because it was too hot. Our team cooked our patties first so we ate first and they were delicious, maybe because Chloe was in charge of making them while Josh was in charge of cooking them.

Dominic



Wednesday 3rd August 2022
19:01

Dear Dairy,

It was sadly the last full day on our amazing grade 7 Chongwe trip. We woke up early again because of the annoying boys and their addiction to fishing, but we couldn't do anything about it. We were up and had to start the day. After the usual (breakfast egg and bacon rolls) our tummies were full and we headed into the park to the Chifingolo Channel.

We had some fun fishing, bracelet making and arts in the park. Before we sat down to have some delicious lunch, Owen and I caught two big Barble which we took a picture and then sat down and ate sausage rolls. Coach T was also very happy when he caught his first fish of the trip which was a small Chessa. When our tummies were full, we made bracelets and the string that we used was made out of bark from a tree on uncle Bryans farm that was called Masasa bark. I made a very beautiful bracelet with beads and drew two pictures with ink, and I had to give Weston some help with his painting.

Sadly, the time came to leave the Chifingolo channel and head back to camp. We had some delicious pasta which Josy was very happy about and some pudding. While we were sitting and had just finished our supper with tummies so full that it was hard to sit, the adults told us that they had a surprise for us, and they really did. We put on a play where we were in pairs and one of us were the head and feet and the other was the arms, and we had to do so crazy stuff. We had to put makeup on our pairs face which was terrible, and there was glitter every were.

It was very funny to watch the boys; I was laughing so much that I was almost crying. After laughing so much we knew that our tummies were going to be very stiff in the morning and it was going to be miserable on the way back with all of the bumps and with our tummies being stiff. When we saw the adults packing up our little stage, we knew that it was time to settle down and go to bed, and we know that tomorrow we will be sad to leave the camp and to say good bye to the best trip ever!

Chloe



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Tuesday 2nd August 2022
19:00

Dear Diary,

Today we did fire and bush cooking. For the bread we had Auntie Paola to help us with the bread. Then we had some hot chocolate and we started to make some scrumptious bread and gobbled it up. For the fire uncle Johan and uncle Brian helped us make a fire. We had chocolate and rubbed it on the bottom of the can to make it shiny so it was easier to start a fire.

Later that afternoon we went fishing in the park and I caught a huge chessa that had been taking advantage of Mr. Jackson worms. But there were elephant crossing the river, that I had to keep my eye on. When we arrived, there was a huge crocodile. My favorite was spiting the impala poo as far as you can. We had a lesson on how to cook steak and it was amazing. We even learnt what a skilamincal is, a person who brings frozen boerewors to the braai and takes the best piece of meat for himself.

That evening we went on a night drive to the mountain and ate the bread. On the way there we had a standoff with an elephant. We made it to the mountain in one piece. We had some supper and started the game drive. We saw lots of animals, the ones that stood out were; the 2 civets, white tailed mongoose then uncle Greg called the hyenas and they came in no time. The group behind us got praised and saw a honey badger.

The highlight of the day was seeing the elephant crossing the river with the baby and you could just see the trunk sticking out the water. Thanks to the parents that took the time to be there.

Joshua



Friday 29th July 2022
17:00

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Today after school we went to the boarding house and changed into our play clothes. After having lunch (steak, eggs and chips) we got called to sort out our groups and pack some stuff onto the Dyna before we played soccer on the Astro for most of the afternoon. We were called for dinner but we were surprised that we had to make and cook our own patties with bread crumbs, salt, pepper and some other stuff like eggs and onion. Josh was the one who cooked the patties and I had to fetch water to cool the barbeque because it was too hot. Our team cooked our patties first so we ate first and they were delicious, maybe because Chloe was in charge of making them while Josh was in charge of cooking them.

Dominic

Thursday 4th August 2022
18:23

Dear Diary,

Today was the day our great historical adventure ended (unfortunately we had to pack up camp.) I was surprised at how easily it was to take down our tents, not including the fact that we had to take down the toilets which I did not enjoy, pull the tarp off the ground and take down the fence surrounding the camp.

After we packed up camp, we went in the cars all the way to Hungry Lion in Chirundu for lunch and ice cream. We ate it on the way on the bus before arriving for sports in the afternoon. When we got back, I had play practice straight away and Mrs. Kelly changed it a little. We were surprised that there was Zambia Circus which was quite fun. For the circus we did acrobatics, silk rope climbing which was very fun and could save my life some day in the future and some other thing which we made a pyramid by kneeling on each other's back.

Dominic

Wednesday 3rd August 2022
20:25

Dear Diary,

Today we woke up had breakfast and went to the park, on the way there we saw a beautiful leopard in the bush. Then we were driving to have a fantastic picnic. When we were there, we could fish, draw and make stuff out of beads, most of the boys were just fishing but for the drawing we could draw with ink and we made lots of good drawings. For the beads, some people made the string out of Masasa bark, they made bracelets and key chains. We also played cards and ate hot dogs for lunch, it was very yummy.

After that we had to go back to the camp. When we got back, we had a cold shower and played cards, the card game that we played is called bull. Then it was dinner time and we ate yummy pasta, it was my favourite meal on the trip. For pudding we had apple crumble and custard and it was all so delicious.

Then we got told that we were doing a show, for the show we had to act like mini people and the boys went first, there had to be two people, one person controlling the arms and the other person showing the head. The person showing the head does all the talking and the person with the arms does all the arm moving. When the boys went the person with the arms had to brush the other persons teeth, wash their face and shave. It was very funny. When the girls went the person that was controlling the arms put make-up on us and some of us put the makeup everywhere.

When we were done it was time to go to bed and the makeup was not coming off our faces. After a while most of it came off, we then brushed our teeth and went to bed.

I think the best thing we did today was the show because it was very fun.

Josy

