

Newsletter 2nd term 2021

THE HERO IS IN YOU



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1. GREETINGS

The winter term came to an end and as difficult as the Covid-19 pandemic has been for us, our work must continue. Our dreams and needs haven't changed, what has changed is the times we live in. The dream of UNCSO to have their own little space has become a reality. This is all thanks to the generous financial contributions made by donors, friends and families of volunteers. We open our doors during this time and are very grateful to all. With this new place, we wish to try to save the children in our community and give hope to them, making them believe in themselves.

We want to thank all donors, stakeholders, volunteers, friends and families for their donations towards the new beginning of UNCSO. Together we stand strong.

“We are the creative force of our life, and through our own decisions rather than our conditions, if we carefully learn to do certain things, we can accomplish those goals.”

— Stephen R. Covey

Greetings, Marianne and Ingrid

2.The Volunteers



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running
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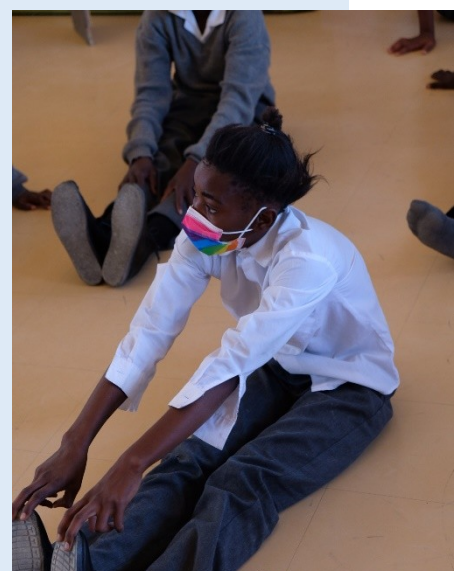
Anna

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piano
home Neukirch in
Germany



3.Health days

As the Covid-19 cases in Namibia are really rising at the moment, we talked with the kids about how to protect themselves and others from Covid-19. We were able to give them new masks and thanks to a previous volunteer for vitamin C tablets as well. Additionally we created a poster with all important things for Covid-19 prevention, spoke about the importance of body hygiene and showed them how to stay fit with some exercises.



4. Culture days

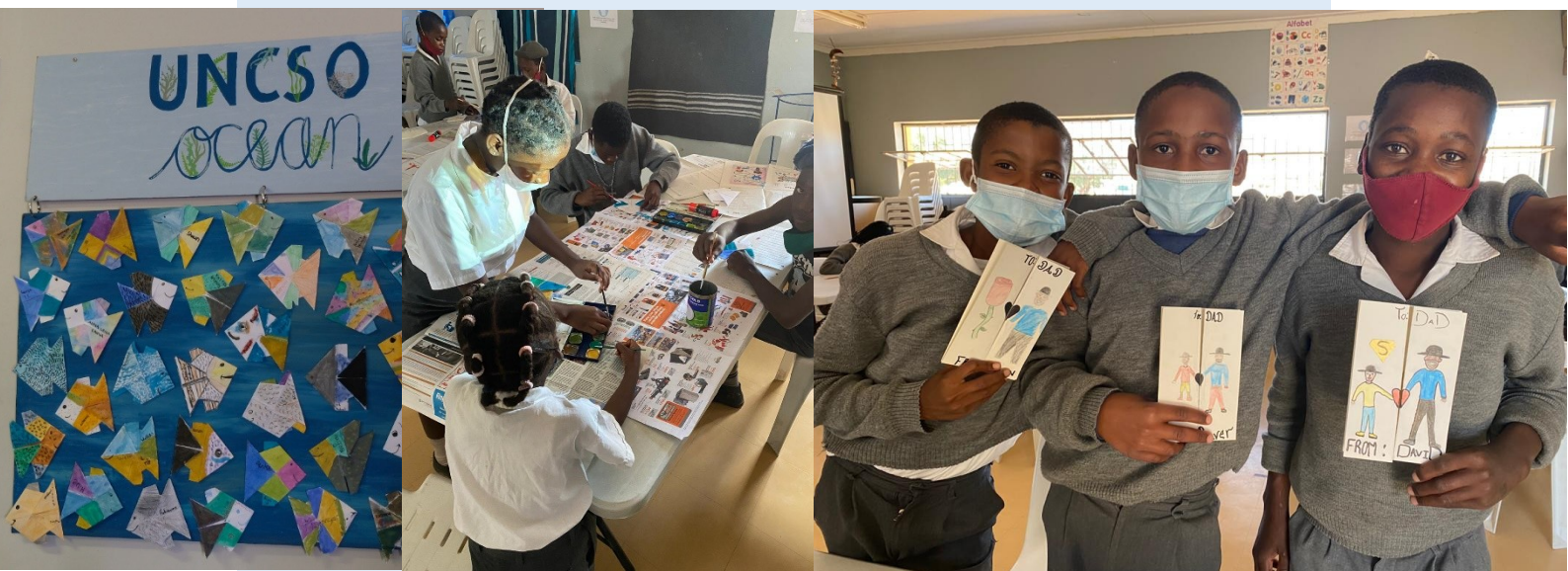
On the first two Fridays of our time in Usakos we did a cultural Friday with each group of kids. Every child either brought something traditional from their culture or performed a typical song or dance. Of course we also showed the children our German culture by doing a little presentation, baking German cake and dancing a traditional dance. In this way everybody learned a lot about the different tribes, cultures, traditions and especially about the different kinds of food.



5. Painting week

We wanted to do some arts and crafts with the children. Therefore we decided to do a painting week,

which started with making small paper fishes. Every kid folded a fish and painted it with water color afterwards. The kids were really excited and some of them made even more than one. In the end we painted a big blue board and glued the fishes on with the result that we now have a UNCISO ocean, where every center kid is eternalized. Due to fathersday on the 20th of July our second project during the painting week was making cards for the dads. All of the kids folded a card, painted it, decorated it and wrote a personal letter for their dads on it. In conclusion it was a very nice week with a lot of fun and really beautiful results.



6. Music week

As usual there is a topic for every school year but because of the pandemic there was no time for that yet. That's why we started to create one in the

2nd term – better late than never. Our topic for the year 2021 is: “The hero is in you”. According to that we chose the song “hero” by Mariah Carey and practiced it with the kids. Although it is a very difficult song, our little heroes worked really hard on it and did a great job! Unfortunately we could not do a concert for the parents to show our results, but at least we were able to make t-shirts for all of the children with the slogan on it. Apart from that we also practiced a little clap-song to wake them up after lunch and we danced a lot, which was very impressive.



7.A new beginning

a)Renovation

After a long search we luckily found a new building for the Center. There we are finally able to provide the

children toilets, running water, electricity, an outdoor playground and in general more space and freedom for the kids and UNCSO. There was a lot to do: repainting and fixing the walls and the ceiling, putting in tiles in the kitchen and the toilets, putting in windows, fixing the fences, installing sinks and toilets, a lot of cleaning and finally moving all the furniture and stuff from the old building. But thanks to all the hard-working hands, that put a lot of effort in the renovation, we were able to move within three weeks.



b)Opening party

Unfortunately we were not allowed to make a big opening party for the kids and their parents, because of the current Covid situation. Nevertheless, we tried our best to organize at least a small opening party - it was the Volunteers` farewell party as well. In the afternoon we invited just the kids to have a look at the

new Center and we provided burger and chips for everyone on a take-away basis. Apart from that we prepared little presents, which consisted of a blanket, a soap and a face towel, sweets, a cool drink, the hero-shirts and a personal goodbye letter from the volunteers. Later that day we invited the councilors and the CEO of Usakos and the board members of Uncso to visit the new Center, which is located in the multipurpose Center of Hakhaseb.



c)Donations

Last but not least we want to thank all the donors and supporters, who helped us with our new beginning, from the bottom of our hearts. Apart from the new building we were even able to buy medicine, food, hygiene products, a house for Theresia, masks and presents for the kids. Due to the current Covid situation and the restrictions our time with UNCSO in

Usakos was different and sometimes a little bit more difficult. Nevertheless we were still able to achieve a lot, what would have not been possible without the help and donations of many people!

Again a big **THANK YOU** - you are our heroes!!



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