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**Woodlands Library and Museum
program**

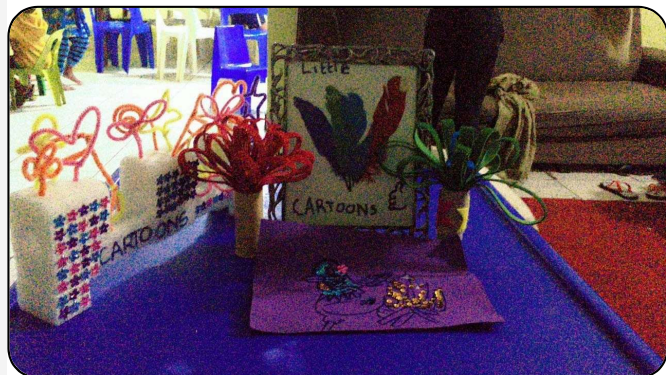


The children had a wonderful day visiting the Woodlands Library, where they discovered fascinating objects from the olden days — some of which are still used even now. With curious eyes and eager questions, they learned about items that once formed an important part of daily life.

One such item was the *Icansi* — a beautifully woven straw mat traditionally used for sitting or sleeping, a staple in many African homes. They also saw a wooden headrest, a simple yet ingenious creation that has been used by Kenyans, Egyptians, and Zulus since the 19th century, serving both as a pillow and a way to protect intricate hairstyles.

This visit not only taught the children about history but also gave them a deeper appreciation for the craftsmanship, culture, and traditions that have been passed down through generations.

Arts and Crafts corner



We were truly blessed when a generous donor surprised us with an incredible variety of arts and crafts supplies — from colourful papers and paints to beads, ribbons, and more. The children's creativity immediately came alive as they spent the day designing, painting, gluing, and crafting.

They didn't stop there — with some clever thinking and teamwork, they also used recycled materials and transformed them into absolute treasures, proving that with imagination, you can truly turn something ordinary into gold.

Laughter and excitement filled the room as little hands created bright, beautiful, and vibrant pieces that now decorate our home, bringing colour, joy, and love to every corner.

Thank you for inspiring our young artists and helping us create moments of happiness that will be remembered for years to come. ❤️

Cascades Fun Fest colouring competition



Our children were invited to the Cascades Lifestyle Centre, and they truly had the time of their lives! Among the many fun festivities was an exciting colouring competition. With smiles on their faces and pencils in hand, the children poured their creativity into turning plain canvases into bright and beautiful works of art.

We are especially proud of our very own Dora I, who wowed the judges and won a R200 voucher to spend at the centre! 🏆 ✨

A day in the Park



The children had an amazing time visiting Alexandra Park, where they ran freely and happily — not even the cold breeze could slow them down. They laughed and played on the swings and merry-go-round, enjoying every moment of fun together.

Later, they gathered on the soft lawn to share a tasty lunch, followed by friendly games that brought them even closer as they bonded over board-games and good company.

Mandela Day 2025



This Mandela Day was nothing short of amazing! Under the inspiring **“Call to Action”** theme, our home was filled with warmth, joy, and activity as we welcomed numerous visitors who chose to spend this special day with us. From generous donations to hands-on activities, each gesture made a meaningful impact and brought smiles to every face.



We want to extend our deepest gratitude to each and every donor who made our Mandela Day truly memorable. Your generosity and kindness have touched our hearts and brightened the lives of our children.

A special thank you to all the companies that took time out of their busy schedules to visit and engage with our children — your presence made a world of difference.

Together, we are creating hope and happiness for a brighter future.



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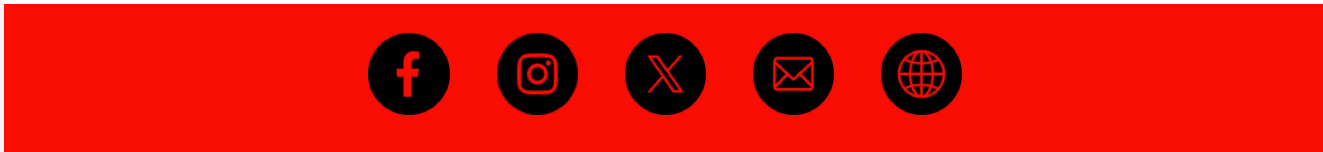
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