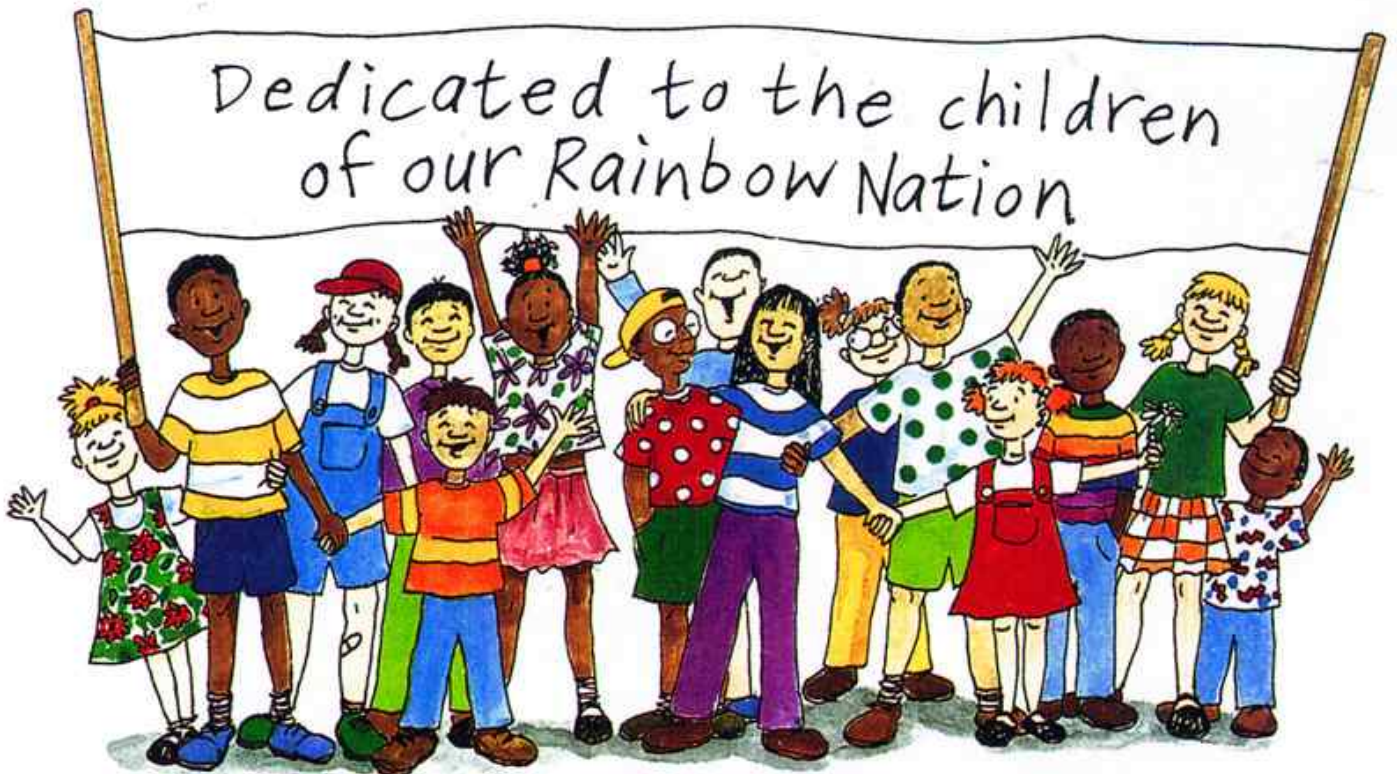




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"The Youth of our country are the valued possession of the nation. Without them there is no future. Their needs are immense and urgent."

Nelson Mandela - From his address to the House of Parliament, Cape Town, 24 May 1994.

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Jason continues to be very warmly welcomed at all the schools and projects that we support in Botswana. The reception at the schools is uniformly positive, and teachers have begun to trust Jason to the extent that they seek him out when he is at their school, and they ask for advice and assistance with their teaching.

The Standard Seven exams were the obvious focus recently, and not only did Jason do revision work with all the Standard Sevens, in all of the schools, but he also supported and assisted these students with revision skills and study techniques, which were pretty much lacking in all schools.

Jason's knowledge, ability and expertise in many Learning Areas, equips him admirably, and enables him to really support both educators and pupils. His approachability is a big plus in his favour, as is his ability to speak the local language.

Bana ba Metsi, up on the Pan Handle continues to thrive, and the staff value and enjoy Jason's twice monthly support. The present volunteer, Mr. Falmer, (also from England), is an Edupeg enthusiast and he utilises the Edupeg resources well during his interactive sessions with the pupils. Mr Falmer enjoys and looks forward to Jason's visits.

Bana Ba Letsatsi continues to blossom as a centre of safety and excellence, and Jason is very much part of the Thursday afternoon programme. Jason also involves himself with the children, in activities other than Edupeg and frequently takes the children on nature walks and gives them knowledge and information on bird life, fishing, the environment and general knowledge. His care of and involvement in the broader community is very apparent.

Mr Boddington, who was previously at Bana Ba Metsi, has begun a girls' street childrens project with the help of this wife, Marina. They hope to have Edupeg as one of their resources and I will look into this, costs and implications, etc for 2009.

It is my intention to bring Jason to South Africa in early 2009, where he will be able to work alongside some of our trainers and thus get additional practical information and skills and also gain experience on how best to sensitively get the teachers to themselves utilise Edupeg in lessons. At present Jason is doing many demonstration lessons, and although there is an increase in the use of the materials, by the teachers, this can be much improved upon.

Generally I am well pleased with the progress that we have made this past quarter, and I look forward to my visit to Botswana in early November.

Sincere thanks to our generous donors, The Wild Foundation, who have made this outreach programme possible.

REGION: Botswana

Name of school	Pupil enrolment	Teachers & Principals
Bana Ba Letsatsi	203	4
Matshwane Primary School	200	9
Letsholathebe Primary School	969	28
Bana Ba Metsi	53	4
Xnamaseri Primary School	522	16
Gxhabara Primary School	920	31
Etsha 13 Primary School	920	26
Moremi Primary School	195	12
Boyei Primary School	1020	33
Botswelelo Primary School	432	16
Wilderness Safari	*	*
	5434	179

*This sponsorship is for Wilderness Safari's "Children in the "Wilderness" initiative, where numerous disadvantaged children are exposed to a Wilderness/environmental/learning experience, i.e. no finite number of children.

