



Dear friends and donors,

As the year comes to an end, we look back with satisfaction on everything we have achieved together with your support at our school for the deaf in Dodoma. Our students have made great strides in their learning process, personal growth, sports achievements, and creative development. We are pleased to share some highlights from the past year with you. We hope it inspires you, just as your support continually inspires us. Together, we are making a positive difference! With warm Christmas greetings, on behalf of the children and the entire EOTAS staff. 🌲 ✨

(Robin van Donkersgoed)

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A Distinguished guest at the School

In January, we had the honor of welcoming District Commissioner Jabiri Shekimweri and his team to our school. They came to meet our students and staff and to gain insight into the daily lives of our children.

During the tour, the Commissioner was introduced to our classrooms, practical training facilities, and other resources. He also attended a few lessons and engaged in conversations with our students about their learning experiences and dreams. The Commissioner expressed his appreciation for the hard work of our team and encouraged us to continue providing high-quality education. His visit was an inspiring experience for all of us. We look forward to further fruitful collaboration with the local authorities, so we can continue to develop and improve our school.



A Warm Welcome to Alyanne

It is with pride that I introduce myself to you as the new board member of EOTAS Foundation Netherlands. My name is Alyanne Hoek-Huisman. Driven by a deep motivation to make a difference for those for whom warmth, love, and safety are not a given, I have



been involved with the deaf community in Dodoma for nearly 15 years. During my university years, I met Nienke, and together we founded the WanaZiwi foundation. Today, WanaZiwi stands strong. From the very beginning, there has been collaboration with EOTAS. Robin and the EOTAS Tanzania team have always been the steadfast forces helping to build the project on the ground. From the Netherlands, I dedicate myself to fundraising and supporting our team of WanaZiwi coordinators in creating and implementing annual plans. This May, we were fortunate to visit Dodoma again. It was fantastic and inspiring to see how the organization continues to grow year after year, and how the children truly have a safe place. As a board member, I hope to contribute my part to this work in the years to come.

A Festive Farewell

The annual graduation ceremony for our 7th-grade class (equivalent to Group 8 in the Netherlands) is always a festive highlight on our calendar. With this ceremony, our young talents bid farewell to an important chapter in their lives and take the next step in their development. Over the past years, the students of Group 8 have overcome many challenges. Whether excelling in the classroom,





on the sports field, or during creative activities, every student has demonstrated impressive growth and dedication. The graduation ceremony is a well-deserved moment of recognition—not only for their hard work and determination but also for the

support and guidance they've received along the way.

Our school takes pride in fostering holistic development, encouraging children to discover their talents and learn new skills. From football and athletics to music and theater, our graduates have had the opportunity to shine through their talents and sportsmanship. Their successes, both within and beyond the school walls, fill us with immense pride!

Creativity in the Spotlight

At our school, the arts and crafts classes at the Wanzaziwi Center are among the most beloved parts of the extracurricular program. Here, children have the chance to explore their creativity and express

themselves in unique ways. No boring workbooks, but a world full of color and imagination! Whether it's painting, drawing, sculpting, or crafting, these classes are all about fun and learning new skills. As the children work, they not only learn techniques like shading, color balancing, or creating sturdy paper structures, but they also grow in self-confidence. The best thing about arts and crafts?





There's no right or wrong! Each creation reflects the child's personality. Some find calm in painting landscapes, while others embrace the challenge of working with clay or fabrics. Whatever they

create, the sense of pride and accomplishment they feel upon completing their own masterpieces is priceless. 🎨✨

Thanks to your support, our students can explore these creative worlds. Thank you for continuing to make this possible!



Annual Hearing Test at School

Our school is committed to the well-being of all our students—not only in terms of academic learning but also in physical health, emotional development, and sensory skills. That's why we organize an annual hearing test for all our children. During the test,



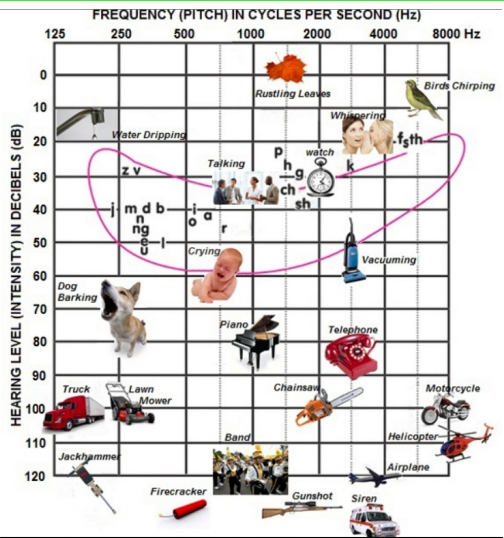
students listen through headphones to a series of tones at different frequencies and volumes. The results are displayed on an audiogram, a chart that shows the faintest sound a child can hear. With this annual check, we ensure that our students can perform at their best, both in the classroom and beyond. Thanks to your support, we can continue to take this important step—thank you for making a difference! 🧠✨

News from Shuleni

The Montessori preschool class is supported by Shuleni, which, like Wanaziwi, operates under the EOTAS umbrella. Shuleni assists with practical matters such as school fees and medical aid, and more recently, with reimbursements for work experience placements. Additionally, Shuleni facilitates the exchange of knowledge and experience between the Montessori classes in Dodoma, Morogoro, and occasionally Dar es Salaam. They also help with the purchase and repair of Montessori materials for the preschool classes. Finally, the preschool teacher in Morogoro, Felista Urassa, has successfully graduated for the "International Montessori Teacher Training 3-6 Diploma."



Montessori 'Lessons from daily life' : Polishing shoes



This chart shows how loud a sound can be in dB. The red circle indicates the volume of normal speech. With a hearing loss of 50 dB or more, children miss almost everything that is being said.



Happy with the result!



As the only internationally certified Montessori teacher for the deaf in the country, she plays a vital role in expanding Montessori education for deaf children. This month, she visited Dodoma to support Mama Lati and to share with all the teachers information about the Montessori method and the sign language and reading program developed in Morogoro. This was valuable new information for all the teachers!
(Monique Bekker)

What you have done for our children this year:

- **Art for Children:** Through the auction of an art piece, we received a generous amount that enables us to keep the school running for several months.
- **Sponsoring:** Thanks to the private sponsorship of several of our children, we can provide more children with quality care.
- **Contributing to education instead of Rent:** A big thank-you to the visitors of our apartment complex in Dodoma. Guests do not pay rent but instead make donations for the children at school. An extra thank-you for the contributions made after their return to the Netherlands.
- **Caring for Each Other:** With much gratitude to a care Centre in Drenthe that significantly supports our preschool education, which has no official support at all in Tanzania.
- **Computers for Education:** One of our loyal sponsors collected a large number of high-quality laptops for our computer education program. Visitors from the Netherlands brought these laptops in their hand luggage, ensuring they arrived at the school quickly and without issues.

- **Financial Support as Pillars for Education:** This year, we also received several spontaneous single donations, allowing us to cover unexpected costs such as maintenance of facilities, medical care for the children, and meetings with the parent. We are very grateful for this!



Your Support for Quality Education Remains Essential,
Thanks to your incredible support, we expect to take an important step next year toward our new inclusive education program. With your help, we hope to build a school where diversity is a strength, where dreams are encouraged, and where every child has the chance to realize them. Together, we can make a difference for the next generation as well.

Thank you for your involvement and trust. We wish you a great and blessed Christmas and a New Year full of hope and opportunities! 🌲 ✨ *(Robin van Donkersgoed)*

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