



# newsletter

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## “Be Sharp Beetles”

As you know, music is very important in the development of all children. Research has proven that:

- Music participants receive more academic honours and awards than non-music students and the percentage receiving A's and B's are higher.
- Music leads to success in school, society, develops intelligence and prepares a child for life.

“Be Sharp Beetles” is a South African music, stimulation and movement programme. The programme has the following exciting components:

- Drumming;
- South African music, rhymes and stories developing life skills and cultural awareness;
- Learning songs and words in Sotho, Zulu, English and Afrikaans;
- Dancing, singing and musical games to develop social skills; and
- Exposure to a variety of percussion instruments i.e. African instruments, egg shakers, rhythm sticks, maracas, castanets and many more.



The GraySwan Charitable Trust currently sponsors 60 children to participate in weekly Be Sharp Beetles classes. Be Sharp Beetles provides the classes to children in Kayamandi at a huge discount as it works out to R7 per child per class. Recently, a sponsor committed to sponsor the classes of another 60 children, e.g. 120 children in crèches between the ages of 2 and 5 years benefits from this programme. The children enjoy it thoroughly and wait in anticipation for their weekly class!

Should we receive more sponsorships, we would be able to extend the classes to more than 120 children. Please contact Tania on [Tania@grayswan.co.za](mailto:Tania@grayswan.co.za) if you wish to be part of this project.

