

DIRA VISITS NAIROBI



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One day Dira visited Nairobi to see Zazu and Kena. They were all happy to have met each other. The last time Dira had visited them was during the December holidays.

Their parents were also happy to see Dira and they welcomed her into their home.





The following day their parents took them to the Nairobi National Park where they saw very many wild animals and the Big 5.

They also had a chance to visit a park farm where they saw many types of plants and tree seedlings that awaited planting around the park. The game park warden taught them about tree seedlings after which they planted some trees around the game park.

After they went back home, their friends from school came to visit them. They played football and skipped ropes in the estate playground. They had a lot of fun.

They decided to take a stroll around the estate and headed towards the Nairobi River. They saw that the river was very dirty and that it had a very bad smell.

They also noticed that it was not flowing. Dira told them that it had a very bad smell because it had been polluted.



He also told them that people had disposed of a lot of waste like plastic bottles in the river that also made it look so dirty and it was blocked that was why it was not flowing.

Suddenly the weather changed and it got rainy. They all ran back to their homes because they had not carried umbrellas.

When they got home, they were so wet that their parents told them to change their clothes so that they could get warm. The heavy rain lasted the whole night.

The following morning, they all wanted to go out and play but their parents told them that they couldn't go out because there was a lot of water in the compound.

When they looked outside, they saw a lot of water around the estate. They also saw their neighbors who lived on the ground floor trying to drive the water out of their houses.



Their father told them that there were floods in the estate. Kena also wondered why they wouldn't watch the television and it would not switch on because there was no power. The power company had switched off the power to ensure that they are safe.

They felt so sad and really wondered what they would do to help the situation and make the floods go away. Dira remembered that back at his school their teacher taught them about waste disposal and taught Zazu and Kena.



He taught them about the different types of solid waste and how it should be disposed of so that it could not be thrown into the river.

Kena also recalled that their teacher had taught them about conservation messages.

They made colorful conservation messages on how to safely dispose of waste in the variety of bins that they would make.

Kena also remembered that they had learnt about portable gardens and they decided to have some in the house balcony and around the estate.

After one week, the water had dried up and they were allowed to go outside and play.

They looked for their friends and looked for big plastic bottles that they cut into bins, painted them to look beautiful and labeled them according to the types of waste.

They placed them around the estate and also told other children about the bins and that they should take care of them.

Their parents also gave them plastic tins that they did not use at home which they planted flowers and placed them in their balconies and around the buildings.

Their parents also helped them to come up with a watering roster to ensure that they watered the flowers daily.

It was time for Dira to go back home. He was so happy that he had made so many friends. He also helped his friends to take care of the environment and he also learnt a lot from them as well.

When Zazu and Kena went back to school they also shared their holiday experience with their teacher and class.

They also made bins to be placed around the school and made conservation messages to take care of the environment.





Olive Thuku is a passionate climate education champion who loves listening, reading and telling stories.

Dira is a young boy who visits his friends and notices climate change challenges. He helps his friends in solving these problems at their level.

Dira series is a children led climate leadership series that seeks to inform children about climate change in a fun way.

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