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Let the sunshine in: outdoor session for baby gorilla Zuna *Baby has her first tooth!*



SEATTLE—Spring is here and Woodland Park Zoo's baby girl gorilla, 8-week-old Zuna (zoo-nah), enjoyed a splash of sunshine in an off-view outdoor area.

Zuna means "sweet" in the African language, Lingala (lin-gah-lah). She is the second baby for 25-year-old mom Nadiri (naw-DEER-ee) and the first between her and dad, 21-year-old Kwame (KWA-may).

Woodland Park Zoo gorilla keeper Stephanie Payne said, "It's too early to really recognize any strong personality traits, but Zuna has the incredibly cute habit of sticking her tongue out, as evident in her photos! For now, she's pretty mellow, but that could change as she's more able to project her likes and dislikes."

The baby gorilla reached a new milestone last week: "Zuna's first tooth has emerged, a lower incisor," added Payne. "We can't wait for her to start walking and climbing, which should be in another couple of months."

In addition to dad Kwame and Zuna, the other members of Nadiri's family are: Nadiri's 5-year-old daughter, Yola, Akenji, Uzumma and her 1-year-old son, Kitoko. Another group lives separately at the zoo: Vip (father of Yola) and Jumoke.

Stay tuned to updates and milestones by visiting zoo.org/growingupgorilla and following the zoo's Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. #GrowingUpGorilla.

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