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DEAR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS...

By Mrs Painter, Head of School.

I can't believe we are halfway through the third term already. Time flies when you are having fun!! We have had a steady flow of applications for 2023 and it is always exciting for me to welcome new parents and their children to show them our beautiful school. Something that has stood out is how many visitors comment on the good feeling they get when they visit our campus and how happy all the children seem. Our children are so fortunate to be in a small, close family environment where they can thrive.

Our learners went to so much effort dressing up for Heritage Day and it was wonderful to see them dressed up in their traditional clothing. Boet Hennie braaied for us and we all enjoyed a boerewors roll and afterwards all the learner's stood next to the fire and braaied their own marshmallows.

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On the 29th of October we will be hosting our first major fund-raising event, the Colour Run. We encourage all families to bring all your family members and friends along for the colour run and to enjoy a family day at the school afterwards. There will be a bar, braai, music, and tuckshop. I am sure there will be Dads joining us who would love a cold beer and a boerewors roll after the run!

Our teachers and learners took part in our annual CANSA walk this morning and it was a time for everyone to reflect on how blessed they are to be healthy and to say a prayer for all the people out there who are suffering from Cancer.

I would like to wish all parents and learners a lovely half term and for parents to encourage your children to spend less time on their devices and more time enjoying the company of friends and family outside in the sunshine.

Lastly, to all our teachers, thank you for all your commitment and hard work through the first half of this term. We have a very busy second half of the term ahead of us.



Pictured Above:
Avuyile, Onex, Ambesa & Lunathi
at the Grahamstown Science Fest.



Pictured Above:
Grade 1s showing off their bean
plants they grew themselves



Pictured Above:
Kungawo participating in the Big
Art Draw.

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TEACHERS NEWS - JUNIOR PRIMARY

By Aunty Thabi, Miss Bell, and Miss Weitz



Pictured Above: Mikhulu, Nina, Sangiwe & Mia showing off their huts they created for Art.



Pictured Above: Grade 2s showing their certificates received for their Spelling Bee competition.



Pictured Above: Uya & Onika dressed for Heritage Day.



Grade R:

The Pre-Primary learners have had an exciting half term. It has been awesome learning about our country and our heritage as part of heritage month. We have learned all about South Africa, its people, its languages and the learners all made colourful Madiba shirts and model venda huts. The Grade Rs also enjoyed going outside to look for various garden visitors like butterflies, ladybugs and ants. It has been great to watch all my learners showing so much growth in coordination ball skills during sports where they have been practicing, throwing, catching and aiming amongst other things. They have also all tremendously enjoyed playing soccer this term. All-in-all a very good start to the term and I'm very proud of my learners all round.

Grade 1:

The Grade 1s have had a jam-packed first half of their term. Our theme has involved learning about trees and plants to celebrate the start of spring. We have grown our very own bean plants from seeds to plant in the school garden and have learned about the entire growing process from seed to plant. The learners really enjoyed this experience and took full advantage of the opportunity to get their hands dirty. For phonics this term we have started to get more adventurous with bigger words and taking advantage of the spring days by practicing our phonics words in the sun. The Grade 1s reading has really taken off this term and they have improved beautifully, they should all be very proud of their hard work. In Maths, they have been learning about time, money, shapes and done fun symmetry activities. Overall it has been a fun and hardworking first half of term and I am eager to see what the last leg of the year brings us.

Grade 2 & 3:

The Grade 2 and 3 learners have had a very busy term and we started the term on a high note. The learners were very excited to be introduced to tennis for the first time which they have enjoyed thoroughly. We also had our Big Draw art competition this term and our class chose to do rainbows for our art project. The Learners have been improving tremendously with their reading and I am very proud of them in this regard. Well done, you have all worked incredibly hard this half-term. Enjoy the break and thank you for showing such great enthusiasm, hard work and discipline during the term so far.

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TEACHERS NEWS - SENIOR PRIMARY

By Miss Landu, Mr Stretton-Bell, & Miss Blunden

Grade 4 & 5:

The Grade 4 and 5 class kicked off the term with a trip to the National Science Festival where they saw loads of amazing mathematical and chemistry tricks and experiments, including one of their classmates getting her hand set alight and ended the trip with a laser show. After the science bug bit they went on to have fun building amazing and vibrant musical instruments in their science class. They closed the chapter on Egypt with very creative news articles on King Tut's tomb. They also have been celebrating heritage month by 'traveling the country' and covering the different hidden gems found in each province. An exciting start to the term and can't wait to see everyone after the break.

Grade 6:

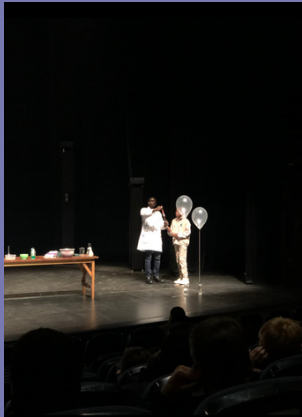
The Grade 6 class has had a very entertaining term to date. Some highlights of the term for the learners included our ongoing collective storytelling project in English, writing and performing their own plays and making our own electrical circuits for science. Everyone was unanimous however, that the greatest highlight for the term was most certainly the class's group project for the big draw. The learners came up with their own art piece made out of recycled materials that tied into themes recently learned in science that emphasized the need to recycle and save power in order to combat climate change environmental degradation. I was very proud of the learners on this project as they came up with the theme and final artwork entirely of their own accord and the whole class came together and pitched in to make it work. I hope they all enjoy a well deserved break and come back fresh and eager to close the year on a high note.

Grade 7:

The start of this term has been a whirlwind for the grade 7s as they come to face the reality of tackling their final term of Junior School. This half of the term the learners have had a focus placed on cross-disciplinary learning to combine content from different subjects. They have had Natural Science lessons on constellations crossing over with English fable writing as well as historical events linking with letter writing. The students also had a class debate with four groups arguing two different points: "Should schools have a four day week?" and "should schools give out homework?" The students prepared incredibly well for this and had a lot of fun in the process. Overall it has been a very successful term for the grade sevens and I look forward to the last half of term with many exciting events and farewells to come.



Pictured Above:
Avuzwa, Unako & Ntlonipho
holding the skin of a penguin at Sci-
Fest.



Pictured Above:
Unako participating in an
experiment at the Science Fest.

REMINDER

- School opens on Monday 17th October.
- All pupils are to return wearing full summer uniform

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SPORT

By Mr Stretton-Bell

A few sporting highlights this term have been the reintroduction of tennis with many learners very keen on learning a new sport. We also continued our good form in cricket and football with matches played against Yellowwoods and St Andrews Prep in football and against Yellowwoods for cricket. While our football has remained strong, we have been very excited to see the improvement in our cricket and hope to capitalize on this going forward. The chess club also played our inaugural chess match against Fort Beaufort Primary, which we narrowly won. We have a rematch scheduled for the next half of term as well as a match against Yellowwoods.



Pictured Above (first): Kwanda & Linamandla enjoying their u9 Tennis practice

Pictured Above (second): KRVP chess club playing against Fort Beaufort Primary



Pictured Above: Grade 6s Big Draw art competition



Pictured Above: u11s during Soccer practice



Pictured Above: Miss Bell coaching u9 Tennis

STAY SAFE AND HAVE A LOVELY HALF TERM!