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PREPARATORY SCHOOL**

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DEAR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS...

It has been a busy term with all our learners getting stuck in with academics, sports and extra mural activities. With covid restrictions easing off this term, we have been lucky enough to start competing in sport against our neighbouring schools. I have been most impressed with the talent we have on our soccer field. Our learners and parents had a most enjoyable morning at the Yellowwoods School Soccer Tournament where we all witnessed some super talent in our teams.

Something I have been stressing to our learners as often as I can is good manners. In today's fast-paced, technology-driven



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society, teaching our children manners is something that is more crucial than ever. It is one of the most important jobs we have as parents, to help our children develop social skills, show them how to interact in a polite manner with people, and teach them to treat others with respect. This is something they have really had to use when playing sports matches against other schools and interacting with other teams, coaches and visiting parents/spectators.

I am proud of every child at our school on their good manners, behaviour, and interaction I witnessed at past sports matches this term.

I am very proud to announce that we passed our **UMALUSI** Audit and we are now officially fully accredited. **UMALUSI** conducted a full in-depth audit on our academic curriculum, our teacher's planning, formal assessments, grounds and facilities, financials, qualifications of teachers, our academic standards and so much more. To be given full accreditation is a huge feather in our cap and says so much about our schools standards. Thank you to all our teachers for their unbelievable dedication and professionalism on always giving their best for our learners. A huge thank you to our Academic Head, Tamsin Bush, who ensures our academics are of a very high standard. We could not have done it without her!

We have had great fun in beautifying our school with painted murals on our buildings. We have finally completed our new classroom building with lots of beautiful colours and patterns.

I would like to thank all the parents who donated money towards new library books. With the parents contribution as well as the schools contribution we have raised R13 000 to buy new library books. Our library is growing with many wonderful books to choose from. We have now also started a separate library for our Junior Primary children. Children in the Junior Primary will be issued with a "Golden Ticket" when they have reached a certain level of reading and they will then be allowed to take out books from the Junior Library. Great excitement and motivation for them to practice their reading everyday.



Pictured Above:
Onex & friends.



Pictured Above:
Liminathi, Eldana, Miso & Uya.



Pictured Above:
Chubbs, our Sports Manager,
allocating team mates for the
soccer match against Yellowwoods.

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We celebrated World Book Day with teachers & children dressing up as their favourite book character. A big congratulations to CJ Holmes (Grade 3), for winning best dressed as Harry Potter, who received a book as a prize.

We bid farewell to two of our Teachers, Miss Sheard and Miss Hart. Miss Hart got engaged to be married and will be moving to live with her fiancé. Miss Sheard is also moving to live with her partner in Cathcart. We wish them well in their new beginnings and thank them both for their dedicated service. We hope they will visit us if ever they are in the area!

We welcome our new Grade 7 teacher, Miss Bridget Blunden, and Miss Marizahn Weitz, our Grade 2 & 3 Teacher. They are both very excited about joining our team and giving the best education to your children. They are both passionate about teaching young children.

SPORT

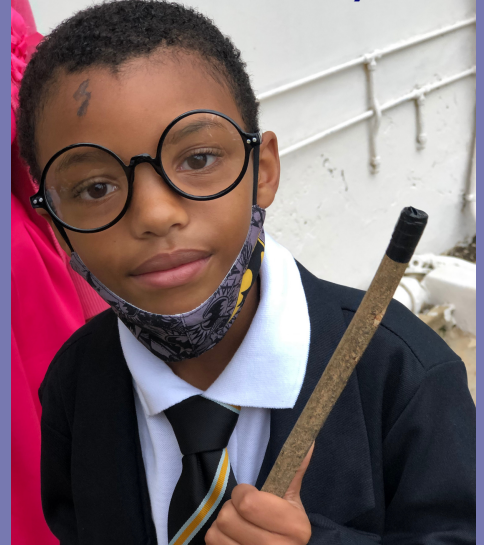
In sport, both the Senior and Junior primary have placed a heavy focus on soccer this half term with the juniors playing eight aside mini soccer and the seniors playing full field soccer. The Junior Primary has had resounding success with multiple wins against Yellowwoods. The Senior Primary has seen mixed results in their fixtures with the u/13 team suffering two close defeats while the u/11 squad has recorded two good wins. Towards the end of term the learners also participated in workshops on sporting etiquette which has culminated with the learners designing the schools very own sporting code of conduct. Next term the school will shift our sports focus to winter sports: rugby, netball and possibly hockey and have many fixtures against other schools planned.

Pictured Below:

Coach Mr Stretton-Bell, and his U13 Soccer Team, after their match against Yellowwoods.



Pictured Above & below:
CJ dressed as Harry Potter!



Pictured Above:
Chubbs, our Sports Manager,
allocating team mates for the
soccer match against Yellowwoods.



Pictured Above:
Azingce enjoying fun activities in his Pre-Grade R class.

REMINDER

Next term we start wearing Winter Uniform!

Boys to wear a full tracksuit, girls have the option to wear stockings with their school dress, or a full tracksuit.



Pictured Above:
Lulamile (Grade 1) giving a thumbs up on the playground.

TEACHERS NEWS - JUNIOR PRIMARY

By Aunty Thabi, Miss Bell, and Miss Hart

The Pre-Grade R and Grade Rs have been busy learning about Dentists and teeth, Pets and Easter. The learners have been busy with fun activities learning how to take care of your teeth. They all loved making fruit salad and brushing their teeth at school. The learners made beautiful pieces of art and they all enjoyed making their paper plate pets.

The past few weeks the Grade 1s have been doing lots of fun activities. In theme, we moved on to recycling where we made paper, made cupcakes to raise funds for recycling bins and learnt all about the importance of recycling. We went on a school outing to the Albany museum where we saw and learnt about so many special things in our world whether they are still alive or not. We have also done lots of fun activities in class which included a teddy bear picnic and building exciting things with blocks. In art, we have made beautiful grass heads and hot air balloon paintings. The Grade 1s can be really proud of their general behaviour and academics this term as they have improved hugely since the beginning of the year.

The Grade 2s and 3s have had a fun-filled term. We focused on the theme "recycling".

In Maths we have started with our new NumberSense books, which was designed to support children's development and understanding of mathematics. We have also incorporated a lot of mat work, which consists of children participating in group work. We recently went on an outing to the Albany Museum in Grahamstown which was very interesting and educational for the learners. They got to learn about the Solar System, Dinosaur Fossils, and birds and other wildlife. We then ended off our day with a well-deserved, delicious ice-cream. We are looking forward to a well-deserved break over Easter after such fun and excitement over the course of the term.



TEACHERS NEWS - SENIOR PHASE

By Mr. Stretton-Bell

The Grade 4s and 5s have had a very interesting half term. Miss Landu reports that a highlight of the last few weeks has been the class's recent dabbling in poetry which culminated in writing and reciting their own poems. In Science the learners have been having fun learning about frame structures which included building skeletons and houses while the Grade 5s also experimented with building reservoirs for geography. Miss Landu says that the learners are also very excited to be practicing Mental Maths on their new white boards.

The Grade 6 class has had a very intense few weeks catching up work missed during the disruptions in the first half of the term. A huge highlight for the learners has been our lengthy process of building a model forest which has involved many new skills for the learners such as building wire armatures investigating how to make realistic foliage and blossoms out of foam. The project is far from complete and will be continued next term when the learners commence with sculpting and painting. Learners also report that they enjoyed the introduction of many interactive classroom games into some subjects. In English there has been a focus on poetry and prose with learners writing and reciting their own nature inspired poetry. Mathematics has seen a broad range of topics covered with a recent focus on geometric patterns as well as 2D and 3D shapes. In Social Sciences the learners have been learning about international trade as well as the adventures of Marco Polo which was a hit.

During the second half of this term the Grade 7s have looked into many new and interesting topics. Some of the more exciting points were in Natural Science where the class looked into the process of evaporation and made crystals as well as their project on recycling which involved making recycled clothing for a fashion show. In Mathematics there has been a focus on drawing shapes using a compass and protractor which was an interesting process for them to grasp. An absolute hit was the topic on volcanoes in Social Sciences which ended with the learners designing and building their own exploding volcanoes. They also had an interesting term with regards to art where they looked at cubes of different textures, 3D constructions and drawing unique colourful portraits. Overall a very exciting term which the learners have enjoyed considerably due to many interactive activities.



Pictured Above:
Nina (Grade R), showing off her
paper plate dog.



Pictured Left:
Grade 7s partaking in the Recycling
Fashion Show

GRADE 8 ANNOUNCEMENT

We have had interest from some of our Grade 7 parents to offer Grade 8 at Kat River Valley Preparatory. We are excited to announce that we will be commencing with Grade 8 as of 2023 on our campus!

We will also be accepting students from other schools. Please inform the school office if you wish to apply for your child to register for Grade 8. We are extremely excited to witness our school grow, and to accommodate some of our learners for one extra year.



Pictured Left:
Likuye (Grade 1)
showing off his
grass head that
he grew.

Pictured Right:
Khonaye & Uya
enjoying their
teddybear picnic



GALLERY

