



NEWSLETTER

**KAT RIVER VALLEY
PREPARATORY SCHOOL**

DECEMBER 2022

Vol 3 Issue 2

"Learning to Love to Learn"



INSIDE THE ISSUE

**HEAD OF
SCHOOL RECAP**

**TEACHERS
NEWS**

**COLOUR RUN &
HALLOWEEN**

**GRADE 7
FAREWELL**

**JUNIOR PRIMARY
OUTING**

SPORT

DEAR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS...

By Mrs Painter, Head of School.

As we reached the end of the year, we were able to look back on a year that was filled with many highlights, and I believe our school keeps going from strength to strength. We have had many events this term, in the classroom, school outings, fundraising events, a leavers dinner to bid farewell to our Grade 7's and our Carol Service. I wish all the Grade 7's the best in their high school years and hope they take with them the good values and work ethic they have learnt from our great school!

Our Colour Run fundraiser was a huge success, thanks to all our teachers who were involved in all the planning behind the scenes and to all the parents, children and visitors who supported our day. Not only was it a colour run, but a wonderful family day.

CONTINUED...

It has always been my vision and wish for the school to involve all the families and children on these special occasions. It was special to see parents sit back and relax and catch up with other parents, and for the children to have a thoroughly enjoyable day at their "Happy Place". We couldn't have asked for better weather either!

Our learners took part in the Conquesta Olympiad. We continue to benchmark our learners against the national standards, and I am proud of what each one of them achieved. Overall, our learner's achieved excellent results in their exams and formal assessments. I am proud to say we have the most dedicated teachers who are committed to all learners in helping them achieve their best.

I would like to thank our teachers for all their hard work and dedication throughout the year. They continuously strive to bring the best out of learners in their academics, sports, and general wellbeing. We bid farewell to 3 of our teachers, Miss Landu, who will be returning to the University of Cape Town to work towards her Doctorate. Miss Blunden is relocating to Dubai, and Miss Bell who is also going to be furthering her studies in Education.

All that is left for me to do is wish our parents and learners a very blessed Christmas. We look forward to welcoming all our learners back in 2023 which is sure to be full of new opportunities.

May God bless you all.



Pictured Above:
Khonaye after successfully participating in the KRVP Colour Run.



Pictured Above:
Sikho & Nipho dressed for Halloween.



Pictured Above:
Singalaka & Shekinah dressed up for Halloween.

WWW.KATVALLEYPREP.CO.ZA

TEACHERS NEWS - JUNIOR PRIMARY

By Aunty Thabi, Miss Bell, and Miss Weitz

Grade R:

What a wonderful year the Grade Rs have had. This year we have learned so much together. The learners have worked hard, played hard and grown so much. It has been wonderful to watch all my learners becoming independent and confident in their school work. They have learned to appreciate and celebrate each other's differences and I have enjoyed all the hugs, smiles and kind words they have shared with me.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the parents for their support: Thank you for letting me be your child's teacher, it has been a wonderful and rewarding year for me.

Grade 1:

The Grade 1s have ended their year on a good note throughout the whole curriculum. They have had a fun half of term learning about the world and all the different places you can travel to. We started off by going to the USA where we made S'mores. Next we looked through our binoculars at the South American rainforests. Next we traveled to Asia where we learned about cherry blossom trees, made our own fans and built the Great Wall of China from classroom materials. We finished off our Around-the-World theme with an outing to Mrs Painter house. We used our imagination and traveled to Europe's beautiful Italy. Each child was supplied with their own passport, and they finished the day off with Pizza. Overall the Grade 1s had a fun end to their year where we integrated our Maths and Phonics into our world adventures.

Grade 2 & 3:

This term was very busy with a new theme, Assessments and Sport. The learners enjoyed our theme "Around the world". We started with China, we learned interesting facts about China and also learned how to eat noodles with chopsticks. The assessment went very well this term, each learner gave their absolute best during the assessment period. I am so proud of each learner with their good marks. The Junior phase had an outing to Mrs Painter's house where we carried on learning about the different countries. We decided to go with an Italian theme this time. The learners had a fun day at the pool and ate pizzas. Thank you to each learner for the hard work put in this term.



Pictured Above:
Pre-Primary after their swim during their outing to Italy.



Pictured Above:
Lulamile enjoying his time in the pool during the Around-the-World outing.



Pictured Above:
Lugcobo on his trip to Italy.

WWW.KATVALLEYPREP.CO.ZA

TEACHERS NEWS - SENIOR PRIMARY

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

Grade 4 & 5:

Grade 4s and 5s were very busy this last half of term. In Sciences, they built cars and catapults, explored space and made our own "underground world" desserts. They were also mining engineers in Social Sciences and learnt all about minerals, coals and the conditions miners work under, where they had to use their imagination and write a letter to their families about their lives in the mines. Mathematics was a blast with the Grade 4s nailing conversions of measurements. The Grade 5s on the other hand had a slightly tough time with mixed fractions but eventually got it right and both groups were amazing at perimeter, area, volume and probability. We then ended the term with a fun class party to wind down after our hard work.

Grade 6:

The Grade 6s have had a tough, busy but enjoyable end to the term. The learners put considerable amounts of hard work into getting ready for exams and wrapping up the curricula for the year. We have had a brief introduction to a few new topics ahead of next year such as an introduction to advanced probability and some discussions about pivotal local history which will be covered in more depth next year. The class as a whole has shown significant improvement academically as they gear up to take on the big Grade 7 year next year and we hope to keep this momentum going.

The Grade 6s have embarked on a project to build a veggie garden at the school next year and a lot of fun has been had with designing it and discussing how it will all come together. The learners have already started spending a few hours a week outside with the first phases of building and wood-work for the project. We hope to incorporate the project into the classroom experience next year so as to use it as a vehicle to teach some of the important Natural Science and Business Science topics from the Grade 7 curriculum next year. I think everyone deserves a well-earned break and I can't wait to see everyone refreshed and eager after the holidays as we tackle the final year of junior school.

Grade 7:

The grade 7's have had quite a fun-filled busy term. We started off the term with planning for our market day. The day was filled with delicious treats and toys for everyone to buy. The day was a great success.



Pictured Above:
Elothando & Lunathi geared up in their Halloween outfits.



Pictured Above:
Lesedi dressed for Halloween

REMINDER

- School opens on Wednesday 11th January 2023.
- All pupils are to return wearing full summer uniform

WWW.KATVALLEYPREP.CO.ZA

CONTINUED...

By Miss Blunden

The students also participated in a mock trial amongst the class. We had a judge and jury, prosecutors, a defense team, a bailiff and witnesses. The trial took place in the classroom with evidence and arguments pouring out. In the end all the teams had fun and a new skill was learnt.

The students were put in groups of 2 for this year's science fair. Various experiments were completed from burning tea bags and watching them fly to creating tornadoes in a bottle. The winners were Gift Mpiana and Asangenathi Ngqola for building a geometric dome that could hold 5 magazines without breaking. All in all it was quite an eventful term with laughter and fun coinciding with academic work.

Grade 7s, getting to know each of you this year has been such an honour. I am so incredibly proud of the individuals you have become throughout the year. I adore our class bond and the relationship we have managed to build. You are all brilliant in your own unique ways and I have no doubt that you are going to thrive during your new high school adventures. I will be cheering you on every step of the way. Good luck!!

SPORT

By Mr Stretton-Bell

Sports this half of term was perhaps slightly less exciting than earlier in the term as we took time to focus on academics and formal assessments and wind the sports programme down. We spent the latter part of the term doing quite a bit of cross country and long distance running and I was very impressed to see the general levels of fitness improving over the weeks. The Junior Primary hosted Kidio for a series of u/9 soccer matches and did a stellar job, winning all the matches.

I am pleased to announce that we have re-registered the school with the Midlands Rugby Union, a branch of EP rugby, and we are in talks to join local leagues for cricket, hockey and netball. This will see us accessing a broader network of schools to play against next year as well as an opportunity to attend various sports days and hopefully get some of our stronger players to attend Border and EP trials next year. While the covid years have impacted our sporting calendar over the last few years we are eager to have it up and running at full capacity again next year.



Pictured Above:
Table setting for the Grade 7 Farewell.



Pictured Above:
Miss Bell taking Alu (Pre-P) for a swim during the Junior Primary outing.

REMINDER

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

WWW.KATVALLEYPREP.CO.ZA

GALLERY



Pictured Above:
Kungawo at her Grade 7 Farewell



Pictured Above (first):
Siyasanga (Gr 6) building a
veggie garden.

Pictured Above (second):
Lesedi, Inam & Nathi (Gr 6)
building a veggie garden.



Pictured Above:
Lihlonele in his tux for the Grade 7
Farewell.



Pictured Above:
KRVP hosting Yellowwoods for a
Chess match

**STAY SAFE AND HAVE A
FESTIVE HOLIDAY!**