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PREPARATORY SCHOOL**

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DEAR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS...

By Mrs Painter, Head of School.

It has been a busy term so far and our children have given their best in academics and sport to date. I am also super proud of the hard work the Grade 7's have put in for their formal assessments. It has been an absolute pleasure welcoming our two new teachers, Miss Blunden and Miss Weitz and I am amazed at how quickly they have settled in and got to know our pupils. We have also welcomed a part time rugby coach, Mr Koeberg, and the children have so enjoyed their rugby coaching with him. It has been amazing to watch all our pupils get involved with hockey which is a new sport offered at the school.

We celebrated World Bee Day once again, and Mr Brett Smit, who is an old boy, gave an interesting talk on the importance of bees. The children thoroughly enjoyed his presentation and engaged well with Mr Smit.

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It is that time of the year where new parents are visiting our school to enrol their children for 2023. I can say I am always so proud to walk them around our beautiful campus and introduce them to all our teachers while teaching their classes. I must commend all our learners on their exceptional manners when meeting prospective parents. Something that does stand out is the effort our teachers put in their daily lessons and making each of their classrooms so inviting. Our learners are so fortunate to be at such a caring school with such dedicated teachers. I am thankful each and everyday for the wonderful children and teachers we have in our school.

Youth Day recognises that the young people are the future leaders and must be treated as such and we celebrated Youth Day in an incredibly special way this year. Every child looked amazing in their beautiful bright yellow Youth Day T-shirts. Thanks to Miss Wilson for designing them. All children performed amazingly singing their chosen songs and ended off with the most amazing song, "We are the World" sung by the whole school. Please view the post on our Facebook page. It was our goal to make it the best youth day for our children and we certainly succeeded with playing exciting soccer matches and then ended the day with a braai!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents for your continued support and I hope you and your children enjoy the half term break. Keep warm during this chilly winter and we look forward to welcoming all our learners back on Tuesday, 5 July. We have a busy second half of the term planned, and I am excited to get going with all our staff and students.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Sam Painter
Head of school



Pictured Above:
Our learners enjoying Chess Club.



Pictured Above:
Rori, Gift, Lithemba, Rhanesha & Nipho after their English plays



Pictured Above:
Brett Smit giving a presentation to KRVP on the importance of bees for World Bee Day.



TEACHERS NEWS - JUNIOR PRIMARY

By Aunty Thabi, Miss Bell, and Miss Weitz

Grade R:

It has been a great term for the Grade R learners. They are enjoying the theme "Books" and discovering new things. We have covered the following themes: Caring for Our World, Trees and Wood, Winter Clothes and Farm Animals. They all enjoyed making beautiful pieces of art based on their theme books. We also had a naartjie peeling competition which they all enjoyed taking part of.

Grade 1:

In the first half of the 2nd term, the grade 1's have really got into the swing of how things work at Kat River Valley preparatory. Many exciting things have happened this term: science experiments, sea creature artworks, starting hockey and baking. Their reading has improved drastically, and they all are starting to love doing it while sitting in our fun reading corner. In Maths, they have learnt to count in 3's and learn to work well independently. We have been learning about under the sea in theme and integrated it into our art. We have made octopi, turtles, and under-the-sea water bottles. They have absolutely loved seeing all the shells and learning about the ocean. The science experiments have involved blowing up balloons with bicarbonate of soda and vinegar and making magic milk with dish soap and food colouring. Overall, it has been a fun first half to our second term, and I am looking forward to what the grade 1s do next term.

Grade 2 & 3:

We started the term off on a high note. We chose our class theme to be Bees. During the term we had an educational talk about the importance of bees and why we must look after them, so we as a class decided that we are going to make our theme Bees. For art we painted our bee hive with paint using a finger paint method. All the learners enjoyed it so much. For father's day we made smudge and we also made a dinosaur as a father's day gift which the learners thoroughly enjoyed as well. During the term we also started with our cursive writing. The learners are picking it up well and have done a great job getting to grips with this new skill. I hope they all enjoy our well deserved half-term and I can't wait to see everyone back on the 5th of July.



Pictured Above:
Uya, Luniko & Linamandla getting ready to sing for Youth Day!



Pictured Above:
CJ posing for the camera in class.



Pictured Above:
Jamal & Zunaid showing off their bees that they created for World Bee Day.

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TEACHERS NEWS - SENIOR PRIMARY

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

Grade 4&5:

The Grade 4s have been hard at work in geography, learning about the world, and the 7 continents and especially our wonderful continent; Africa and all its states and their capitals. I am proud to boast that the majority of the Grade 4s and 5s can confidently name all seven continents. The learners took a trip back in time where they pretended to be the early African farming society and wrote a diary entry depicting a day in the life of an early African Farmer of the iron age or his wife which counted towards their English and History marks. In NST the learners enjoyed an Oros ice cube as Miss Landu demonstrated the changes in states to them on the last day of half term.

Grade 6:

The Grade 6s have had a very productive term and are now ahead of syllabus on most subjects. A huge hit with the learners has been the introduction of collective storytelling sessions in English which have been incorporated in a game format with various groups of learners responsible for creating characters and then playing through a series of open ended challenges, riddles and problem solving tasks to progress the story. To date, the class has come up with the first 4 chapters of our very own novel which we hope to share at the end of the year. The learners have also enjoyed their science this term which has seen them partaking in a multitude of hands-on experiments regarding solutions and mixtures as well as water pollution and methods for purifying it. Maths has seen learners learn decimals for the first time which most seem to have taken up without any difficulty as well as sections on; mass, capacity and volume and viewing 3D objects.

Grade 7:

There were multiple fundraising events this term for the grade 7s to get money for their grade 7 farewell. There was a civvies and crazy hair day that allowed the students an opportunity for some fun as a way to bring in money from all the grades. This half of term also found the grade 7s writing their first set of formal assessments. The students spent lots of time preparing and writing for hours at a time. Although all the results have not yet been released the students can be proud of their dedication and their hard work.



Pictured Above:
Grade 4s & 5s singing "Children of the World" for Youth Day.



Pictured Above:
Onika & Khonaye reading in the Grade 1 reading corner.

REMINDER

- School opens on Tuesday 5th July.
- Our website is now live! Check us out on www.katvalleyprep.co.za

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SPORT

By Mr Stretton-Bell

Sport has seen great growth and development this term with the addition of two new disciplines at the school. The Chess club has taken off with resounding success and we have over forty learners competing on the ladder already.

The school has also introduced hockey as a full time sport for both boys and girls. While the initial learning curve has been rather steep, we have played matches across all age groups against Yellowwoods and the learners can be proud of their successes and improvements. Ms Weitz has taken girls to play netball against both Yellowwoods and Bedford country school and the girls seem very eager for the next round of matches. In rugby KRVP has brought in a new coach in the form of Mr Koeberg, The learners report that they are really enjoying him as a coach and he has begun taking the boys rugby to an all new level. We are in talks with Yellowwoods to create combined 15 aside teams after half term so as to compete against some of the bigger schools in the area. All in all, a very busy half term on the sporting calendar.



Pictured Above:
u9s post-hockey match against
Yellowwoods



Pictured Above:
Grade 6s & 7s at Netball practice
with their coach, Miss Weitz.



Pictured Above:
Khonaye practicing his hockey
dribbling.



Pictured Above:
Hockey drills in practice

**STAY SAFE AND HAVE A
LOVELY HALF-TERM!**