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REFLECTIONS OF THE WEEK

TERM 2 WEEK 6 (17 May 2024)

MATTER AND MATERIALS

The Grade 7 pupils have been learning about Matter and Materials this term. Part of their learning has been studying acids and bases. They had great fun using indicators (litmus paper and bromothymol blue) to investigate which substances were acid, base, or neutral.



RUGBY VS SOMERSET COLLEGE

Our **U7 and U8** combined team played a brave match against a team that played with a lot of momentum. It was tough to formulate hard tackles amid their numerous waves of attack. We are proud of our boys' efforts and will continue to work on their skills. Congratulations to Somerset College for winning 4 tries to 0. (Coach Fads)

The **U8 Stormers** faced Somerset College in a fiercely physical match this Wednesday. Somerset College took an early lead with a quick try, catching the Stormers off guard. However, this setback ignited a fire within the team, pushing them to raise their game. The Stormers showcased exceptional defensive prowess, delivering devastating tackles throughout the match. Notably, Malakai Leibrandt stood out as a defensive powerhouse. Despite the final score favouring Somerset College with one try to zero, this marked the first defeat for the Stormers this season. Nonetheless, I am immensely proud of the unwavering determination and spirit displayed by the team. (Mr O'Brien)

The **U9 Stormers** had another tightly contested match this week against Somerset College. It was a close game for most of the contest with moments of brilliance from our boys keeping us in the game. However, despite so many great individual performances it did not quite come together as a team effort. We ended up losing 4-1 to a strong team. Special mention must go out to Jack Bind for his noble defense and Othniel Plaatjies for his work rate and try. There were plenty of very positive signs for the rest of the season. (Coach Ben and Coach Josh)

The **U11s** had a highly improved performance winning 17-7, showcasing their potential both in individual and team performance. After conceding first, there was a definite momentum and mental change in the boys and their gameplay, not conceding any points thereafter. The electric performance from the back line was very present in every aspect of their game. They were dominant in kicking, defensive effort and attacking, and the team truly showed their talent. This partnered with a very physical performance by the forwards in both rucking, running and tackling, which made for a match to remember! Congratulations boys, you were awesome! (Coach Josh and Coach Ben)

Week in and week out, the **Warthogs Sevens Team** are showing more grit, passion and talent. Their hard work and dedication is paying off and, as a result, they are playing each game with far more confidence. They are now playing as a team and not individuals. It's easier to hide in 15's but there is nowhere to hide in 7's. The man of the match has to go to Adel Nyamuchiwa for a double try and his great defensive work. Congratulations on your super 21 - 5 victory. We are super proud of all of you. Onwards and upwards, Warthogs! (Coach Fadia)

In a gripping showdown against Somerset College, the **U13 Falcons** showcased unwavering determination and resilience on the rugby field. Despite facing an early deficit, the Falcons refused to give up, launching relentless attacks and displaying commendable defensive domination. Despite crossing the try line twice, match official decisions denied them points, but the Falcons refused to be disheartened. A lapse in concentration allowed Somerset College to capitalise, momentarily extending their lead. However, spurred on by their unyielding belief, the Falcons mounted a remarkable comeback. Dale Hobbs's sensational try, followed by Ben Hingeston's decisive score, shifted the momentum in favour of the Falcons, propelling them to a thrilling lead. A crucial penalty kick further solidified their dominance, securing a hard-fought victory with a final score of 17-10. With heads held high and the SH flag flying proudly, the U13 Falcons demonstrated true championship spirit on the field. (Mr O'Brien)





A MARVELOUS MARKET DAY!

We are thrilled to share the wonderful success of our recent Market Day hosted by the Grade R Squirrel class! It was bustling with enthusiasm and delight as our young entrepreneurs sold their delicious treats. Not only did our children learn the value of hard work and dedication through the process of baking and preparing for the market, but they also gained invaluable experience in "customer service" and teamwork as they interacted with their peers and teachers. Events like Market Day not only provide a platform for our children to experiment and plan using their creative thinking skills, but also instill important life skills such as communication, problem-solving, and financial literacy from a young age. The children loved getting together as a class afterwards, chatting about money, both paper and coins, counting in 5's and 10's and, at the end, guessing how much they thought was in the money box all together! We extend our heartfelt gratitude and a huge thank-you to all the parents who supported our little entrepreneurs!



GRADE 2 MATHS ROTATION GROUPS

As part of the Grade 2s math rotation groups this week, the children learnt more about 3D shapes and their relevance in our everyday lives. They had the opportunity to touch and feel the 3D solid shapes first, then create their own 3D shape using playdough.



JUNIOR PREP MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

Thank you to the pupils who performed musical items during a recent Junior Prep Assembly. We appreciate you sharing your talents with us!



LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

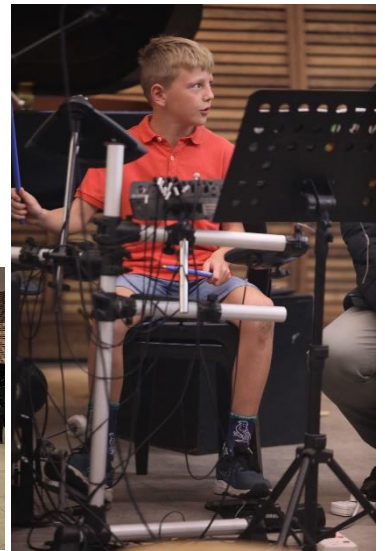
Learning is easy when done through playing educational games in groups. The Grade 1s had to read **VC** words to complete the game.



SWIFT SOUNDS

We love sharing music with our families and friends! On Tuesday we were treated to back-to-back Swift Sounds Concerts in Haydock Hall. Once again, the variety of the pieces and the complete concentration that it took to play them, amazed the jovial crowd. We love to see friends supporting each other and also noticed the tremendous growth of the Marimba bands that played so well.

Congratulations to all of teachers and pupils on their achievements!



CURRO HERMANUS MINI HOCKEY FESTIVAL

A bright and early Saturday morning start saw six of our Junior Hockey Teams and families making their way to Curro Hermanus to participate in their Junior Hockey Festival. All six teams played two full matches (4 Halves) on astro. It was great to see our children in action, and the progress made from Game 1 to Game 2 was exciting. Matches were played against Curro Hermanus, Curro Somerset or Meridian Pinehurst.

AGE GROUP	RESULTS
Girls U7	Played 2: Won 1, Drew 1
Boys U7	Played 2: Won 1, Drew 1
Girls U8	Played 2: Won 2
Boys U8	Played 2: Drew 1, Lost 1
Girls U9	Played 2: Won 2
Boys U9	Played 2: Lost 2

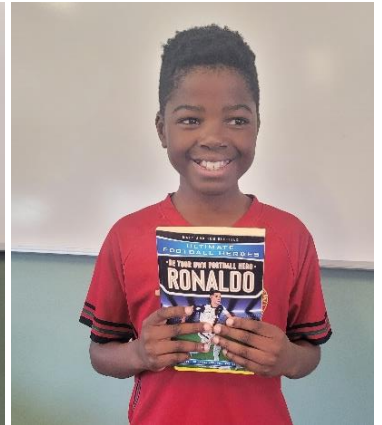
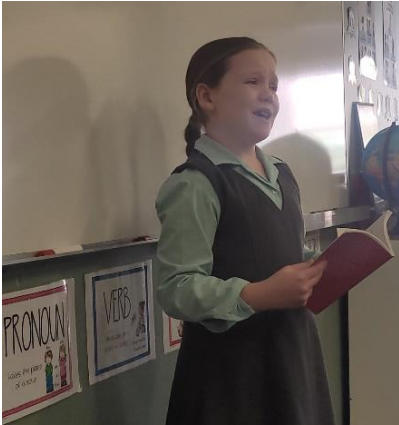
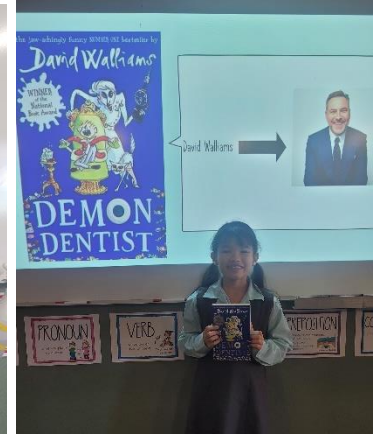
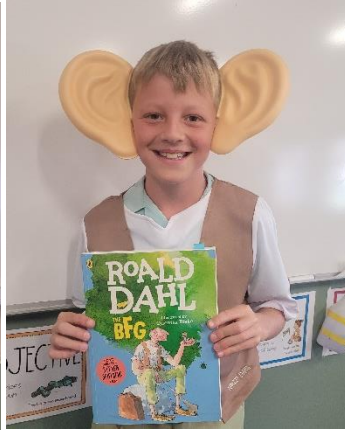


BOOK REVIEW ORALS

The Grade 4 pupils presented their fabulous Book Review Orals and prepared reading this week. We were treated to an array of different books from a variety of different authors. The pupils presented entertaining orals and wonderful reading. Keep it up, Grade 4!



The **MORE** that you
READ, the more things
you will **KNOW**.
The **MORE** that you
LEARN, the more places
you'll **GO**.



IMPRESSIVE!

There was some impressive block construction during early morning play, at Oakwood.

Great teamwork boys, you worked well together!



ASSESSMENT TIME

The Grade 00 teachers have enjoyed doing assessments with their children and checking in with each of them to see the incredible progress they have made this year. We meet each child where they are at and work with them as individuals to improve their skills and increase their knowledge of the world around them. We have been playing memory games, working with numbers 1-10, drawing pictures of ourselves, building with Duplo, and playing Bingo to revise letter sounds!



INTER-HOUSE NETBALL

Our netball courts were an array of colours on Wednesday afternoon as Hobby, Lanner and Peregrine battled it out for top honours at our Inter-House Netball matches. Well done to all our girls that participated, it was also great to see some girls there who don't normally play netball. The overall results were as follows:

HOUSES	POINTS	OVERALL RESULTS
HOBBY	13	1 st
LANNER	10	2 nd
PEREGRINE	8	3 rd



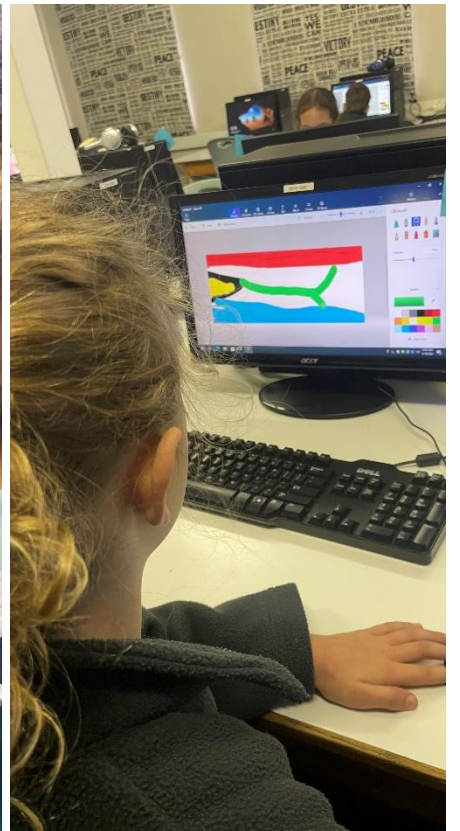
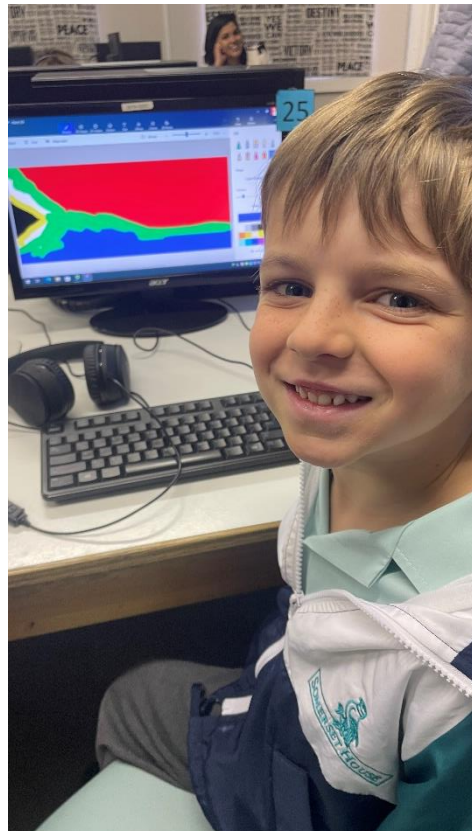
APPRECIATION POST!

Thank you to our Grounds Team for not only managing the big spaces on campus but also for paying attention to the simple little things that beautify our campus. It does not go unnoticed!



PROUDLY SOUTH AFRICAN

Our Grade 1s are navigating their way around a PC and becoming familiar with our South African flag. We are impressed with their first attempts at drawing their flags digitally.



CHESS VS SOMERSET COLLEGE

Somerset House played fantastic chess matches against Somerset College on Tuesday afternoon. The U9 and U11 teams won 4 – 2 and the U13s lost 5 – 1, sadly playing with one player short. Congratulations to the following players who won their matches:

- U9 Jason Griessel, Matthew Scheepers, Max Osterloh and Eli Lamprecht
- U11 Len Lorenz, Philip Human, Lincoln Massyn and Oscar Burger
- U13 Daniel Porter (Although only U10)



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PAST PUPILS

The local high schools have also just completed their Provincial Trials and we would like to congratulate the following past pupils who have been selected to represent various provincial teams.

- Boland U14A Hockey Girls:
 - Boland U14B Hockey Girls:
 - Boland U14C Hockey Girls:
 - Boland U16C Hockey Girls:
 - Boland U18B Hockey Girls:
 - Boland U18C Hockey Girls:
 - Boland U18 Hockey Girls:
 - WP U14A Hockey Boys:
 - WP U18A Hockey Boys:
 - Eastern Province U16 Basketball Girls:
 - SA U16 Basketball Girls:
- Yara Rhoda; Adrian Johnson
Katelyn Siljeur; Taylin Hilliard-Lomas
Mikyla Jordaan
Anna-Rose Cocks; Sarah Oscroft
Julia Brown
Ashley Hingeston
Jasmine Aitken (Non Travelling Reserve)
Liam Hughes
Aidan Hughes
Gillian Rank
Gillian Rank

(We do not get sent this information by High Schools or Sports Leagues so if we have omitted anyone, we do apologise. Please do let us know if this is the case. Thank you!)

CONSTRUCTIVE DOWN-TIME

The Grade 3s enjoyed some constructive and collaborative free time in the classroom.



SPOTTED ON CAMPUS

What better way to start a school day that to take a moment to notice and appreciate a spectacular sunrise?



INSECTS!

This term, the Grade 3 pupils have delved into the fascinating world of crawling creatures. We've embarked on an exploratory journey, investigating, and analysing various aspects of these tiny beings. Our class discussions and focus groups have covered a range of intriguing topics, including the size, shape, and colour of different insects, the anatomy of an insect, and the essential requirements for insect survival.



JACK TAKING CHARGE DURING A MATHS LESSON!

Child-led teaching is an educational approach where children take the initiative in their own learning process by teaching their peers. This approach creates a more interactive and inclusive learning environment, where students support and learn from each other. Well done, Jack Bind!



STAFF APPRECIATION TEA

All Somerset House Staff were spoilt to a special tea last Friday. Thank you to the Somerset House parents who kindly supplied delicious tea treats for all to enjoy. It was warmly received and greatly appreciated!

"THE GREATNESS OF A COMMUNITY IS MOST ACCURATELY MEASURED BY THE COMPASSIONATE ACTIONS OF ITS MEMBERS."

CORETTA SCOTT KING



Join us for the Staff Appreciation Tea!

Today at 10:15

Venue: Staff Room
Organized by the Connection Committee



BOUNCING EGG EXPERIMENT!



The Grade 2s observed the Bouncy Egg Experiment this week. Over two days, they watched the egg transform from a hard shell into a rubbery membrane due to it being soaked in a jar of vinegar. Many of the children predicted that the egg would bounce, attributing it to the vinegar reacting with the eggshell, evident by the formation of bubbles. This chemical reaction dissolved away the hard eggshell. So, when we tested the egg, it bounced numerous times, causing much excitement! However, the highlight was, of course, seeing the end result of a splat egg!



SEQUENCING SKILLS

The little Ladybirds (Grade 000) have been practising their sequencing skills this week. They used different apparatus to make a pattern using two colours. They built patterns with Duplo blocks and unifix cubes, copied pattern cards with colourful farm animal counters, sequenced two coloured tongue depressor sticks and threaded beads as well. While completing the different sequencing tasks, the children worked in groups, discussing and sharing their patterns with each other.

Sequencing is an important skill that helps children develop their memory skills, and concept of order, which prepares them for number concept work and pre-reading skills.



ISIXHOSA DIALOGUE

The Grade 7s presented isiXhosa dialogues on the Weather (Injani Imozulu) and did a brilliant job! Heke bafundi!!! (Well done, pupils!)



RHENISH CHESS TOURNAMENT

A number of our chess pupils gave up a full Saturday to participate at the Rhenish Chess Tournament. Well done to the following pupils: Travis Wills, Ethan Hughes, Milan Porter, Jason Griesel, Adam Lewis, Chloe Thomas, Daniel Porter and Philip Human. Special congratulations to Jason Griessel who won a medal for superb results on the day.



FOOTBALL VS MONDEOR

Our boys put in solid football performances, away from home, against Mondeor Eco on Monday afternoon. The teams showed good tactical discipline and scored some beautiful goals. We're all very excited to see them continue to have fun and grow from strength to strength. We are really proud of them all!

RESULTS
Won 3 – 2
Won 4 – 0
Won 7 - 1



SPOTTED ON CAMPUS

Lunches are for sharing, apparently!



HOCKEY VS HENDRIK LOUW

Our hockey players headed to Hendrik Louw Primary on Thursday afternoon. Our teams gave of their best and we would like to send a special shout-out to our B Teams, who played against Hendrik Louw's B Teams. Despite the opposition having great depth with some age groups being able to field 4, 5 or 6 teams, our players never gave up and fought until the bitter end. Thank you too, to our Girls U11, many of whom stayed on to help out our Girls 2nd Team. What a wonderful experience for 5 U11s to play in a full field match and despite not practising together, only went down 2 – 1. Well done, Team SH!

TEAMS	GIRLS	BOYS
U7 Falcons	4 - 5	2 - 3
U7 Squirrels	0 - 8	0 - 2
U8 Falcons	0 - 3	1 - 0
U8 Squirrels	0 - 14	0 - 3
U9 Falcons	2 - 2	0 - 6
U9 Squirrels	1 - 0	0 - 4
U9 Owls		1 - 6
U10 A	2 - 4	1 - 4
U10 B	1 - 5	3 - 1
U11 A	1 - 0	0 - 2
U11 B	1 - 0	0 - 1
2 nd Team	1 - 2	0 - 2
1 st Team	0 - 1	1 - 0



GRADE 1 AFRIKAANS

Die Graad 1 leerders het hierdie week 'n opwindende nuwe tema in Afrikaans aangepak. Hulle het al die verskillende tipes vrugte geleer en hoe om hulle in die taal te noem. Om hierdie konsep te versterk, was hulle uitgedaag om 'n boom in te kleur en hul gunsteling vrugte daarop te plak. Sommige leerders het egter hul eie unieke draai aan die projek gegee deur self hul vrugte te teken en dit op die bome te plaas. Hierdie kreatiewe uitstallings van vrugtebome word nou uitgestel in die Junior Primêre Knowledge Centre, waar ouers met trots na die handewerk van hul kinders kan kyk.

