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Thornhill enews



Dear Parents and Pupils

We are speeding down the home straight and there are less than 20 school days left. As we move into 'silly season,' we ask you to please ensure you support your children at the many events that will take place between now and the end of the academic year.

Thornhill Alumni News

Congratulations to Nicola Payne on her appointment of Head of House at Cornwall Hill College.

Grace Hungwe is currently the Head Prefect at Arundel in Zimbabwe and has had an exceptional year.

Standard 4 Cake Sale and Community Service Initiative

Std 4 students, with the support of their teachers, began an initiative of raising funds through cake sales, with the aim of buying wheelchairs for the Children's Wards at Princess Marina Hospital. The response from their fellow students was overwhelming, as the cake sales were very successful. The children in hospital will be treated with festive season boxes filled with a variety of goodies, which were generously donated by Thornhill students. This project involved all the Thornhill students, from Reception classes to Std 7 classes. The teachers are grooming the children to be socially aware and responsible citizens.

French News and Delf Examinations:

The French Department had a busy time of internal French tests and oral exams, as well as external DELF exams written in conjunction with the Ministry of Education in France. A large number of pupils prepared and looked forward to writing the Delf exam this year. There were candidates in 3 levels – Delf Prime A1.1 (First level), Delf Prime A1 and the well-known, Delf Junior for upper primary students to lower Secondary School age candidates.

Most pupils feel very optimistic about their performance and expected results. This is what they had to say about it:

'I really liked it. I learnt more French and I also had an opportunity to write an International exam'.
Simphiwe 5M

'The Delf exam is a great thing to be a part of. It allows you to express the French that you know, and to build confidence. It is a great thing to do.'
Ismail 7S

'The exams were pretty challenging and we had to put in a lot of into our work, but it was fun. I have really benefitted from this and would definitely do it again.'
Patricia 7J

For those of you who have experienced the year end at Thornhill, will realise that we wind up and not down. There are many wonderful events that are due to take place between now and the end of the year and in so doing, making wonderful lasting memories for the children.

I Greaves

Headteacher

Std 2 Organic Farm Visit

The Std 2 children visited Kingfisher Organic Farm to follow up and learn more about recycling, compost heaps, organic soils and planting and growing seeds and seedlings. There was much excitement and we were very impressed with the children's contributions to our recycling drive.

The children had to recycle yoghurt tubs for planting their seedlings and glass jars for their bean growing experiments.

The children learned to identify various vegetables and herbs. They also saw how drip irrigation works and the composition of organic soils. Finally, they got to plant their own Vera lettuce seedling in the tubs to take home.

Some 2J children had the following comments about the trip:

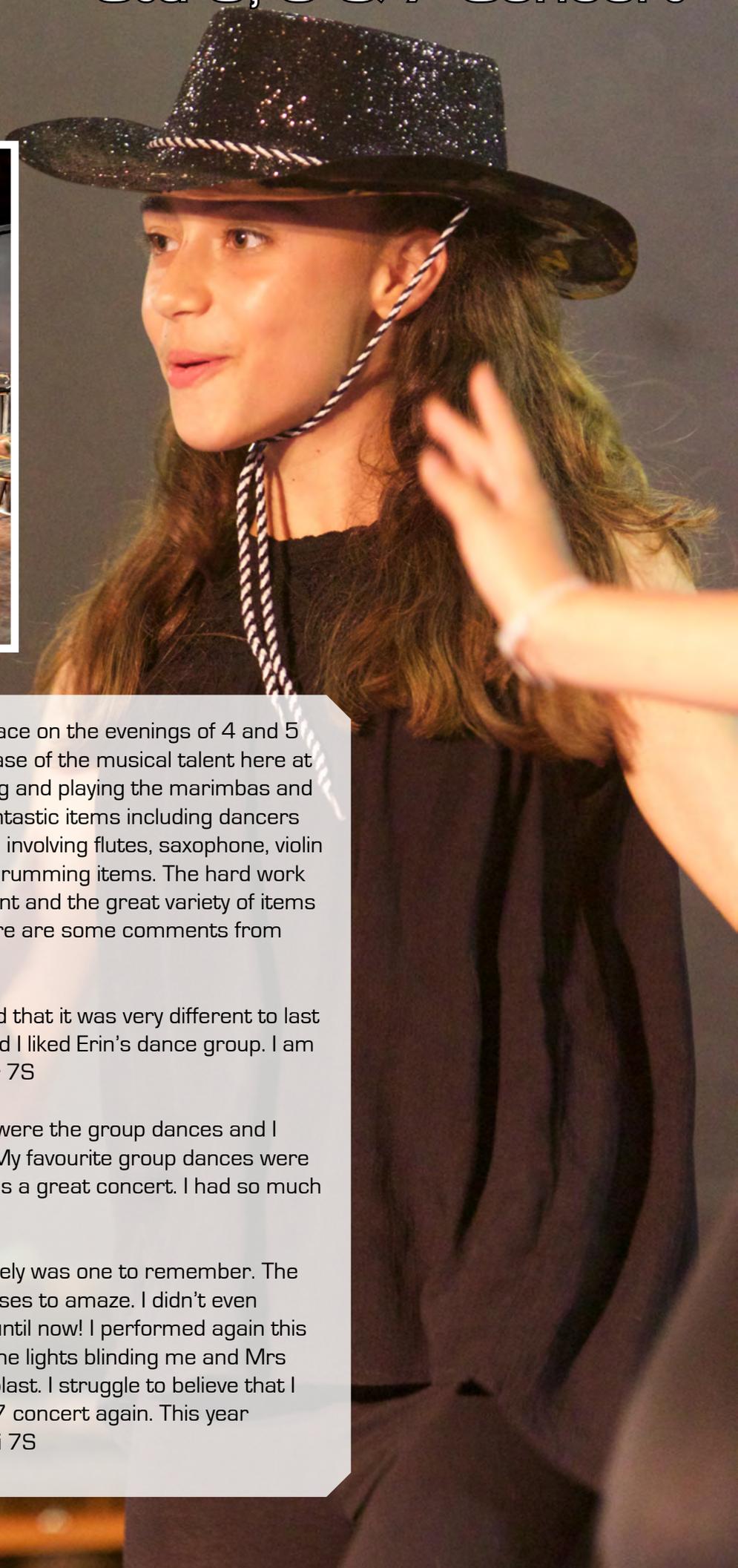
We must recycle materials to help protect our environment. We can use yoghurt packing containers and tubs from the supermarket. We can plant seeds or seedlings in these containers. Group 1

Wow! We saw lots of different vegetables that are growing at the farm. We saw carrots, artichokes, tomatoes and green peppers. We also saw lots of herbs. Parsley, thyme, basil, mint, chillies, coriander and rosemary. Group 2

We saw edible flowers. Edible means we can eat them. Nasturtiums, day lily, calendula, roses. These are beautiful and delicious. We loved being on the farm. Group 3



Std 5, 6 & 7 Concert



The Std 5, 6 and 7 Concert took place on the evenings of 4 and 5 October. It was a wonderful showcase of the musical talent here at Thornhill with all the children singing and playing the marimbas and recorder, as well as many other fantastic items including dancers and singers. There were also items involving flutes, saxophone, violin and guitar, as well as some mass drumming items. The hard work from all the children was very evident and the great variety of items displayed their talent to the full. Here are some comments from Std 7:

I liked that it was well organised and that it was very different to last year. All the marimbas were fun and I liked Erin's dance group. I am sad that it was my last one. Zander 7S

The things that I enjoyed the most were the group dances and I really loved playing the marimbas. My favourite group dances were Kimberly's and Ludo's groups. It was a great concert. I had so much fun. Lindiwe 7S

My final Std 5, 6 and 7 concert surely was one to remember. The sheer talent of my peers never ceases to amaze. I didn't even realise the skills some others had until now! I performed again this year with Sarah Beth and despite the lights blinding me and Mrs Smith forcing me to smile, I had a blast. I struggle to believe that I will never participate in a 5, 6 and 7 concert again. This year certainly has been memorable. Vati 7S

The PTA Golf Day hosted in October by the Gaborone Golf Club was again a huge success. The PTA were on hand to supply food and beverages for the sponsors and the golfers and all who played, certainly enjoyed this event.

The PTA sponsored walk prizegiving recently took place and there was an enormous cheer when Mrs Williams announced that we had raised a whopping, P144,245.30 from this event. The children who collected the most money received an iPod and were; Diane, Eun-Seu Hala and Sophia.

The children who collected P250.00 or more, were put into a draw for an iPod and the lucky winners were; Kaiyah and Nikita.

Finally, the class that brought in the most money was Std 1B and the class who returned all their forms first was Std 3P. Well done to these classes, they received a pizza lunch!

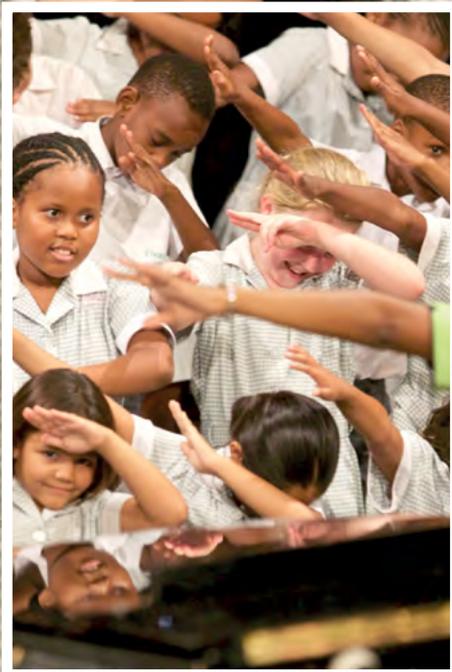


Choir



On 7 October, a select group of children from the choir took part in the annual Botswana National Sports Council (BNSC) Awards ceremony. This took place at Boipuso Hall. Having spent every break-time for the week leading up to the prestigious event, the children sang the National Anthem with gusto and made the nation proud. The highlight of this for them was appearing on National television as the event was live, and also getting to meet local celebrity 'ATi,' famous for singing, "Lekhete" and "Khiring Khorong". Thank you to the parents for allowing the children to take part and well done to the following children for doing so well.

Naiko, Rebo, Amora, Sahana, Jaydon, Reese, Karla, Kao, Molly, Simphiwe, Sally, Srivats, Kaiyah, Elisha, Abigail.



Chess

vs Thuto

Thornhill 16 Thuto 8

vs Legae

Thornhill 19.5 Legae 4.5



SCSA Softball

Congratulations and well done to the following players who were selected to represent the SCSA side against their northern counterparts:

Girls:

Tebogo Pillar
Abigail Tuffek
Maxine Tuffek
Rethabile Tlholwe

Boys:

Roelof Naude
Aidan Lees
Patrick O' Connell
Shane Tapera
Philip Clark

Both the boys and the girls won all their matches.



Swimming

The third term sees us participate in relay galas and the children have been working hard during training to prepare themselves for these galas. It is a good opportunity to see new children entering the team for the first time and showing off their talent against the other schools.

We have swum three galas so far this term and have done very well at all of them, with our swimmers coming out tops.

Our Inter School relay gala was held on Tuesday 7 November, and our Thornhill swimmers performed superbly. Thornhill were adjudged winners even though the gala had to be suspended, due to unrest on an adjacent road. Well done to all the swimmers on a hugely successful year.



Basketball

U13 Basketball Tournament:

The U13 tournament took place on Saturday, 28 October, at Baobab. Both teams prepared well for the tournament and while the competition was strong, the children acquitted themselves well.

The results were as follows:

Girls:

Thornhill 16 - Raserura 8
Thornhill 2 - TDS 10

Boys:

Thornhill 10 - Baobab 6
Thornhill 0 - TDS 14
Thornhill 2 - Raserura 4
Thornhill 8 - Westwood 7

The girls were placed second and the boys ended fourth.



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