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# Thornhill enews



# Dear Thornhill Family,

The first quarter of the year has come and gone and I trust your child has enjoyed the first term. As the holiday approaches, please take care and remember to be vigilant and practice all the Covid protocols no matter where you find yourself.

## Administration Office Times

With the upcoming holiday, please note, the office will not be open after the Easter weekend. With this in mind, the administration office times will be as follows:

01/04	Closes at 11:00
28/04 to 30/04	09:00 to 13:00
03/05	08:30 to 15:00

Normal office hours will apply from Tuesday, 4 May.

## Uniform Shop Times

The Uniform Shop will be open as follows prior to Term 2:

30/04	12:00 to 15:00
03/05	12:00 to 15:00
04/05	12:00 to 15:00

From 5 May, the uniform shop times will revert back to normal, namely 12:30 to 14:00 on a Monday and Wednesday.

Please ensure you follow the COVID-19 protocol by making an appointment to visit the uniform shop by contacting Ms Sally Chabedi and booking an appointment through the administration office.

## News from Std 6


Another unusual start was seen to the year, with Covid-19 restrictions becoming the norm. However, this has not dampened the spirits of our Std 6 children, who have embraced the new year with enthusiasm and an undeniable commitment to work. Yet, amongst all of this they have not forgotten those who are less fortunate than themselves. In this regard, they organised the sponsored "Spelling Bee" and raised P5400.00 for St Peter's who cater for orphaned children. A stupendous achievement and well done to all involved in this endeavour!

This attitude is a recipe for success and we know that they will continue to blossom and grow.

In closing, I would like to wish you all a happy holiday. Relax and enjoy and we look forward to welcoming you all back at school on Tuesday, 4 May.

I Greaves  
Headteacher

# PE Fun Hour



What a fantastic three days of 'Fun Hours' we have had in Week 10. It was the battle of the three classes, which added a little bit of competition to the six different activities. There clearly was a competitive edge when announcing the final results not only between the children, but the year group staff as well.

As I overheard a few boys discussing the ratings of the activities, all had very good ratings, however, the one which came out on top was the obstacle course! Let's just say, I think the obstacle course was a big hit with all the children and it was wonderful to see them enter into the fun of it all. I am not so sure some mums were so happy to see a bag of really dirty washing come home on the day. Nothing that a bit of soaking and scrubbing didn't sort out.

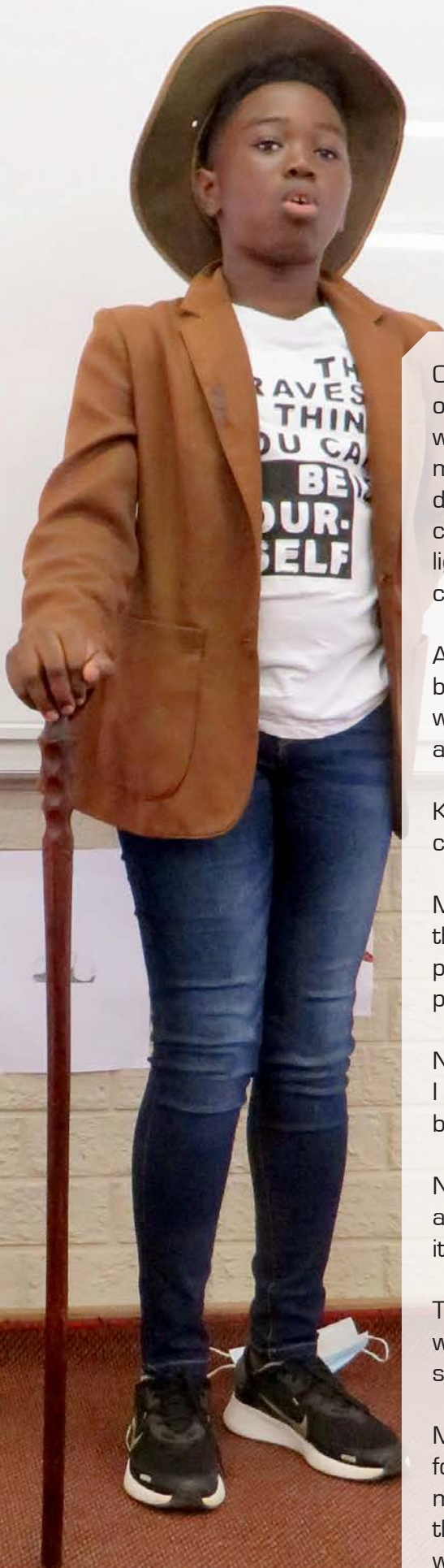
Thank you to all the class teachers who played their part in dressing up as 'whatever animal, or bird' their class happened to be and also for their help in the running of the various events.

When asking one of the Std 6 boys about their last camp and whether they never did any form of obstacle course and got dirty, we found out that their last camp was Mokolodi in Std 4. This is very sad indeed, but hopefully this kind of 'fun day' can become a feature in each term with a few more twists to them.

Well done and congratulations to the overall winners in each year group, which were as follows:  
3P, 4S, 5J, 6B and 7W

Well done to our PE Department for another super well organised event.

# Std 5 "Camp Week"



Camp week is one of the most highly anticipated weeks of the year in Std 5, and as we were not able to go away, we were determined to have a week of fun activities to make up for it. As teachers, we got creative and included dance, performance poetry, impromptu speeches, inter class battleships, as well as the PE fun hour being a highlight for many. Here are some of the thoughts from the children.

Ayesha 5A: 'I really enjoyed the inter class battleships because it was so much fun (and Mrs Burkett told us we were even learning Maths at the same time) and it was also good because our class won!'

Katlo 5J: 'On the final day we got to wear our 'home' clothes, bring in snacks and watch a movie, it was fun.'

Miles 5J: 'We did a really fun activity at the beginning of the week, which was a teacher interview. I also liked the performance poetry, as there were so many options of props to bring in.'


Neo 5G: 'It was so much fun, especially no homework! I really enjoyed the performance poetry, but I think the best bit was that we all played and worked together.'

Nicholas 5G: 'On Monday we didn't know what to expect and felt a little sad that we weren't going on camp. But, it was a good week and we had lots of fun.'

Theo 5A: 'I liked the PE fun hour. The obstacle course was the best bit, but I think Mrs Tweed had the most fun spraying us with water.'

My thanks to the Std 5 team for organising this event for the children. It was wonderful to see the pure enjoyment and excitement, as the children participated in the various activities. I am sure they will remember this week for time to come.

# Interhouse Cross Country



During our PE classes, all the children from Std 3 to 7 ran the same route within the school grounds and using where they were placed within the class, we calculated points for the inter house competition. The route was about 700m and the children ran this once a week for a total of three weeks. All places within each class was recorded and an average calculated. Taking all the results from the 15 classes into consideration, the results were as follows:

1st - Notwane  
2nd - Chobe  
3rd - Limpopo  
4th - Shashe

Congratulations to Notwane on their victory and we hope to have many more inter house competitions during the next two terms.

Most of the children had loads of fun and the competition within their classes was fierce. The children worked hard to try and improve their place each time they ran. I think this was quite a successful event, however, to run every morning or every second morning, would be more beneficial to the children's health.

# Poem for Std 6

Below, is a poem written by Mr Newbery for Std 6:

The Std Sixes have come in this year  
Full of laughter and cheer  
Everyone works with a smile  
All prepared to go that extra mile

Civies Day has become a time of pride  
Not even the teachers dare to hide  
This has added to all our fun  
Working together all as one!

Even though they wear masks about their face  
Still the classes are a happy place  
Pens and pencils working in every book  
All wearing that concentrated look

They work extra hard every hour  
Not one lesson is dark or dour  
Even Maths is joyfully done  
All as easy as one plus one!

Mr. Chetty has yet to use his paper gun  
Never does shout you are the Chosen One!  
Mrs. Whitfield so meek and mild  
Yet rumour has it she can be quite wild!

And of course Mrs Botes at the end of the row  
Is she there because she has no place to go!  
Mr. Greaves often puts his head in  
He has told us we all have the will to win

They even cheer when there is a test  
All want to do their very best  
So Std 6 a great first term  
But remember there is still lots to learn!

# Std 2 ICT Virtual Trip



The Std 2 children usually head off on a trip to the Gaborone Game Reserve in Term 1, but in the times we find ourselves, this was not possible.

So, we decided to use the magic of technology and Google Classroom to bring the Game Reserve into the computer lab by filming a trip to the Game Reserve and then showing it to the children. The virtual trip was like a flight through the Game Reserve and the music and excitement of seeing the animals was lots of fun for everyone.

We used the virtual trip to practise our keyboarding skills and typed up sentences and a paragraph about our favourite 'things' from the virtual trip.



As the 2021 Art Exhibition looms, the teachers and children are extremely busy preparing their best work to be presented next term for the final presentation. Even with Covid ever present in our lives, the children and teachers have adapted well to the 'no sharing' of brushes, paint and materials needed to create their 'masterpieces'.

Science and Art are the very nature of human attempts to understand and describe the world around us. With this in mind, the theme for the upcoming Exhibition is, 'The Art of Science.' The children are experimenting with different mediums and are enjoying the process tremendously.

### **Thornhill's Talent**

One of our young artists Alexander Rodger, from 6C, has recently displayed his art at the Honeycomb Hub. He is the youngest artist to display his Art at their recent Art Fair.

Alexander brought along his beautiful watercolour miniatures of animals and birds from Botswana. They were beautiful, unique and he had already sold many before the fair had even opened. His stunning creations drew the eye of another artist, Nancy Horenburg, who invited him to showcase his work at the next art event that she is organising. Congratulations Alexander, we are exceptionally proud of your achievement.



# News from the Setswana Dept

Go ithuta go bua le go kwala Setswana

Ngwaga o, o simolotse ka bana ba lokwalo lwa boraro ba ithuta go bua, go bala le go kwala Setswana. Motsadi kwa gae o ka ipotsa gore thuto e ya Setswana re e amogana jang le baithuti. Re ruta bana medumo, dinoko le go ikagela mafoko. Tse tsothe re di dira jaana go thusa ngwana go lemoga fa puo e ya Setswana le yone e le puo jaaka tse dingwe e bile e nale boleng ka jalo e ba fa bokao le go ba rotloetsa go nna motlotlo ka ngwao le puo ya bone.

Baithuti bone ba reng?

Akeelah (5A): Ke rata dibuka tsa rona tse diša.

Masa (3P) - 'Setswana se monate.'

Motheo (7B) - 'Setswana se monate thata, se re ruta go le gontsi ka botshelo

jwa Batswana. Ke Mmirwa ko gae ke tswa Bobonong.'

Lebogang (7B) 'Ke mokgatla ke tswa Mochudi.'

Masa (30) - 'Nna ke ithutile go aga diele ka Setswana.'

Botho 4S - 'Re rata dibuka tse re di diretsweng ke barutabana ba rona.'

Tana 4M - 'Re ithuta go le gontsi ka ngwao ya Batswana.'

Re lebogela thotloetso e re e bonang go tswa kwa batsading ba baithuti ba Thornhill go ba rotloetsa go bua Setswana.

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