

Issue 93 November 04 2022

Thornhill enews



Dear Thornhill Family

The year is certainly flying by for most people, but more so for our Std 7 children, who find themselves attending many of the 'last' events, functions and games in their Primary School lives. Collectively as a group, our Class of 2022 have shown excellent growth and I hope they all put in the effort during the last few weeks to achieve all their goals they set for themselves. They have shown incredible resilience during the pandemic and I am proud of their achievements.

As they head into the final straight of the year, I hope they are able to continue embracing the ethos and values of the school, as they leave behind their unique footprint with us at Thornhill. Our ethos and values system has shaped and molded them into the wonderful young teenagers they are today, as well as preparing them for their future years at Secondary School.

So, to our Std 7 children, good luck and make the most of what time is left of your primary school career and aim for the stars.

Alumni News

Congratulations to Abigail and Maxine Tuffek, who have been appointed as school prefects, as well as Head of Sport and Head of Girls Hostel respectively at Cornwall Hill College for 2023. We are exceptionally proud of them and their achievements and wish them all the best of luck for the year that lies ahead.

Congratulations and well done to Reese Manowe, who recently performed exceptionally well at an Eisteddfod, which took place in Nelspruit. She was awarded 5 x A* and 1 x A, which is an excellent achievement.

Should you have any news on achievements of former pupils that you would like to share, then please feel free to contact me via email head@thornhillprimary.ac.bw

Cambridge Std 6 Examinations 2022

As we slowly returned to normality so the children settled to the task at hand. Our Std 6 classes showed remarkable resilience, tenacity and an unbelievable commitment to writing their Cambridge Exams. They were determined not to be defeated in their quest for academic success, rarely if ever did a smile leave their faces. As they walked out of the examination hall after their final exam, you could feel the sense of relief wash over them. All our children gave 100%, you can ask for no more. They are a credit to the school, their families and above all themselves. No matter what the final outcome is they can feel justly very proud of themselves.

PBIS News – Saftey Week

There are various ways of staying safe when trying to prevent and/or reduce hazards that may exist around us. Some of these hazards come in small but significant ways, but have a life-long effect on us at an early stage in our lives. Over the course of two weeks, the Std 7 children approached issues of consenting, drugs and alcohol.

We discussed the importance of giving permission and examined various scenarios that warrant consent. It was remarkable to realise how many children have strict boundaries that they don't like crossed and how giving permission to someone has so much power. We also took time to learn about drugs and alcohol and spent time on the perspective of "messaging". How are brands or the people around us making bad things look good? How aware are we of the influence of slogans, friendship conversations have on how we perceive wrongdoing? It was certainly an insightful time for the pupils and I am sure that there will be many who stop to think before indulging in harmful practices.

PTA School Fete – Friday 11 November

Excitement is brewing, as Friday, 11 November, approaches and we prepare for the annual Thornhill School Fete. There will be many fun activities for the whole family to enjoy, food to sustain the energy levels, crafters for mums and dads and loads of stalls and games for the children to enjoy. Please note, no children may attend the fete without their parents accompanying them. **We will be pre-selling entry tickets (entrance bands) for the Fete (P20 per ticket). Tickets are limited, so please buy prior to the event to avoid disappointment.**

Pupil Achievements

Tiisetso Motshubi (4S) recently participated in the Johannesburg Junior Start of Season U13 Open Squash Tournament in Gauteng. Tiisetso participated in the U13 category (although she is still U11), where she was placed first overall. This is a wonderful achievement from Tiisetso and we wish her good luck for her future tournaments.

Enitame Moletsane (4S) was recently selected to represent Botswana (8 to 9 year category) at an inter-provincial in Cape Town and attained a silver in Kumite and bronze in the Kata.

Aahana Sohoni swam at the recent BSSA League swimming gala and came 1st in the 200m Breaststroke and 50m Butterfly, 2nd in the 50m Freestyle and 3rd in the 100m Breaststroke.
3rd in the 100m Breastroke

Carmen Brasem and Jade Chilisa competed at the swimming meet held in Salsolburg recently and both achieved outstanding results and medals which we showcased in our last virtual assembly.

The Mathematics Collaborative Contest

On Saturday 8 October, one Std 5 team, two Std 6 teams and one Std 7 team from Thornhill participated in the Mathematics Collaborative Contest held at GIS. The competition involved eight schools.

It was a fabulous day, and even though we were slightly anxious, we were ready to take on whatever challenge the day threw at us. The first event was a team round, where we worked in our individual teams to solve problems that required some out of the box thinking. Next we did the relay round, which taught us how to trust each other no matter what. It brought us really close as a team!

Finally, we did the sprint round, a combination of sprinting and thinking. It really put our individual skills to the test. Each different event taught us valuable lessons about teamwork and different ways of attempting the same question. We met so many new people from the other schools and I am very grateful I got a chance to experience what this competition was like. Our Std 7 and Std 6'A' teams won their respective sections. The Std 6'B' were place 4th and the Std 5 team came 5th. Finally, a big congratulation to our Std 6 team, who scored the highest results in the competition – a truly wonderful effort. **Mira 7W**

I trust you all have an exciting November with us at Thornhill and that we see you at the many and varied events that are due to take place during the lead into the end of the academic year.

I leave you with this quote:

'Perseverance is the hard work you do after you get tired of doing the hard work you already did.'

I Greaves

Headteacher

DEL F Examination News

This year, a record sixty seven Thornhill pupils from Std 4 to 7 prepared themselves to sit for the International French DELF examinations. Bravo to each and every pupil for their interest and hard work in learning the language.

The DELF examination focuses on the four main language skills namely; Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking. The latter skill, speaking, is probably the most exciting and possibly scariest part of learning and being assessed in a foreign language.

We asked the children how writing this examination helped them to face their fears and how it challenged them to speak the language and here are some of their responses:

"I found that doing Delf really helped me to speak French more, because I feel like I know how to pronounce the words better than before and my spelling has improved." **Olivia 5W**

"I think the Delf Exam preparations helped me speak more because I wasn't getting high marks in French, but now I'm getting very high marks." **Ata 5L**

"I can't believe I used to not know how to say garden (jardin). I think if ever I go to France, I will be able to speak to people in French." **Ayanda 5G**

Mo Botswana, Batswana babuwa sefora!! Bravo, les enfants!

Pâte à Ghoux

Kreme
NUT

ATASHI
NUTS

Reception Seaside Day

The weather played its part on Tuesday 25 October, we could tell it was going to be a fantastic beach day. The children arrived at school in their beachwear, sunglasses and hats and the atmosphere was filled with excitement and anticipation to start the day.

We began with our seaside songs, singing our hearts out at the Std 2 assembly. After snack time, we changed into our swimming costumes and our four classes visited the teachers who manned a different experience for each class. We had floaties in the swimming pool, we played in wet sand, building sand castles, we investigated marine animals in the Science Room and we had imaginative play, as well as playing with shells and plastic sea animals.

We would like to thank Mrs Moskvich for the popsicles she provided for our children.

Everyone was happy and quite exhausted at the end of our fun filled day. A few children had something to share about our day:

Christiaan, "I liked the Science and touching the stinky fish."

Awetse, "I liked building the sand castles in the wet sand pit."

Ella, "I liked singing our songs in the big hall."

Damian, "I liked floating on the floaties in the swimming pool."

Kourtney, "I liked the swimming pool and touching the fish."

Arisha, "I liked eating the cold ice lolly."

Iswi, "I liked the floaty toys in the pool."

Hussain, "I liked the popsicles and the swimming."



Std 1 Trip to Madison Square




Recently the Std 1 children went on their first field trip to Madison Square Reptile Facility. There was so much excitement, as it was not only their first field trip, but their first time on the school bus.

Once we arrived at the Park, we walked around and had a look at some venomous snakes, including a black mamba, a spitting cobra and a puff adder. We then got the opportunity to hold an egg eater and a baby python.

We enjoyed a lovely picnic before making our way to see all the other animals who live out at Madison Square, such as tortoises, rabbits, bunnies, ducks, a hedgehog and we got to walk with pigs and a donkey.

It was such an incredibly special trip full of memories and experiences.

Reception Assembly



During October the Reception children performed their assemblies to their proud parents and family, who were happy to be welcomed back onto the school campus.

The stage was set beautifully by Mrs Stuart and the children were dressed for their part in costumes to suit their characters. They loved every minute of their performance of the 'Humpty Dumpty' rap, Goldilocks and the three bears, The Ugly Duckling and The Gingerbread Man. We were all delighted to see so many 'Thornhill Stars' in the making.

Thank you mums and dads for making this special time very memorable.

PTA Picnic

There had been thirty months of no PTA activities or events other than the annual Golf Day in 2022, when the PTA picnic took place on Friday, 21 October. It was a welcome sign that we are slowly returning back to 'normal.' The Thornhill families gathered on the field to enjoy some quality time.

"The PTA Picnic was a blast. We listened to music that we all liked and we spent time with our friends. If we were hungry, we went to the delicious food trucks that had the best tasting potato chips and some smoothies. While we were at the picnic, we also saw Mr Greaves walking around and some teachers, making sure we were not getting in any trouble."

"Our parents also kept an eye on us as they relaxed on the field. I think the PTA picnic was so much fun and since Covid came, this has been the most fun we have had. All in all, I really enjoyed it and hope next year we can have another PTA picnic."

"It was amazing at the Thornhill PTA picnic. We had live music by Liesl Graham and everyone brought their own snacks. It was great seeing so many people gathered after a long time without anything like this happening."

"Whilst Liesl Graham was singing beautifully, everyone loved it so much that they ended up going past the red and white chevron around the stage, as they danced. Parents were either up on their feet dancing the night away, or sitting down on the warm blankets they had brought. Children were singing along to all the songs, running around the field, or playing with their friends on the playground."

"I loved the picnic and hope we have another one soon."



Chess

Chess results to date have been as follows:

vs Rainbow - Thornhill won 10 - 8.

vs Bothale - Thornhill won 12.5 - 3.5

vs Broadhurst - Thornhill lost 4.5 - 11.5



Basketball

Weekly results from the basketball league have been as follows:

vs TDS

U13 Girls won 22 - 20

U13 Boys won 22 - 20

vs Baobab

U13 Girls lost 34 - 8

U13 Boys lost 16 - 10

Basketball Festival

The U13 Boys Basketball team attended a festival at TDS and Westwood respectively and the players were determined to perform well and the results were as follows:

vs Dayspring won 10 - 6

vs Rainbow won 9 - 4

vs Northside lost 4 - 6

vs Legae won 8 - 0

vs Baobab won 8 - 2



Boys Softball



Weekly results from the softball league have been as follows to date:

vs Baobab

U11 lost 8 - 12
U13 won 22 - 2

vs Broadhurst

U11 lost 8 - 10
U13 won 20 - 1

U13 Boys Softball Festival

The Softball season has got off to a great start for the U13 Boys team. The children have been away from the game for two full seasons due to the Covid-19 pandemic. However, they have worked incredibly hard and set the bar high for themselves during the pre-season.

The development of each player has been there for all to see, as this team still remains unbeaten to date in the league and festival format, but obviously we still have further fixtures that lie ahead in the term.

A number of our boys excelled at the zonal festival and were selected for the West Zonal side, who are set to play against the East Zonal team on Saturday, 05 November. Well done and congratulations to the following boys:

- Liam Freeman (captain)
- Advait Harith
- Calisto Courage
- Poeey Ngada
- Ganda Butale
- Logan Colley
- Keane Irish
- Hardit Ruprah

The selected side is working hard at their practices and we look forward to a memorable encounter. Good luck to all involved in the upcoming fixture.

Girls Softball

Weekly results from the softball league have been as follows to date:

Vs Baobab

U11 won 10 - 8

U13 won 16 - 6

Vs Broadhurst

U11 won 20 - 6

U13 won 11 - 1

U13 Girls Softball Festival

Tons of fun, loads of excitement and endless learning opportunities is how we can describe the girls' softball festival held at Thornhill on Saturday, 15 October. Having not experienced any softball for the last 2 years, the girls have had to start right from the very beginning, and what a great job they have done.

Their enthusiasm to learn and master a whole new game has been wonderful to witness. They have worked hard on building their skills of throwing and catching, as well as developing their basic understanding of how the game of softball is played. As a result, they experienced wonderful results at the festival:

vs Crescent won 8 - 5

vs TDS won 6 - 0

vs Baobab won 8 - 4

Well done and congratulations to the following girls, who were selected for the West Zonal team:

- Chané Cloete
- Lehakoe Molokwe
- Logan Meyer
- Nitya Dohara
- Samantha Chivazve
- Zara Ahmad
- Kushatha Manewe
- Leneo Gaopotlake
- Micaela Xavier
- Reagile Kgari
- Victoria Graves

Swimming



Thornhill swimming is back..... After a long break because of Covid our swimmers are back in the pool. We had a lot of interest in our trials, which took place at the beginning of Term 3.

A team was chosen at these trials and have been training twice a week since activities began. The children are swimming well and the competition in the pool has been fierce. We have competed in two galas this term; one at Northside and the other at Baobab. We have managed to choose two teams to swim at these galas. Our swimmers have excelled at both these galas and our one team have managed to win the majority of their races.

It is wonderful to see that the level of our swimming is of such a high standard and I would like to encourage all the swimmers to keep training hard for our upcoming events which are the Relay Championship Gala, which takes place at Thornhill on the Tuesday, 15 November and the Individual Top 8 School Gala, which takes place in Maun on the Saturday, 19 November.

We look forward to the upcoming events and wish our swimmers the best of luck.

November 04 2022
Thornhill ICT Department



@ThornhillPrimarySchoolBW

#ThornhillBW252

/thornhillprimary

