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Thornhill enews



Dear Parents and Pupils

Well, we have raced past mid-term and beyond and the school is abuzz with much energy and laughter. I cannot believe that we are nearing the end of Week 10, December holidays seem a very distant memory and holiday plans are already being made for April.

Community Service

Towards the end of last year, we were privileged enough to upgrade one of our computer labs at Thornhill. The upgrade has given us improved technology for our children to use while they utilise their divergent creative skills within the curriculum.

It is with this upgrade in mind that we have decided to donate 15 computers to Stepping Stones International (SSI). This is an innovative school and community outreach programme established in 2006 in Mochudi, that serves orphaned and vulnerable adolescents (ages 12 to 25+) and their caregivers. Through school counsellors and the community, SSI identify orphaned youths, who under-perform academically, live in abusive environments, or have basic unmet needs.

Through a holistic programme model, which combines life skills, leadership, psychosocial support and community mobilisation, they enable the youth to heal the scars of the past and reconnect with their lost childhood, while growing into self-sufficient young adults (from the SSI website).

We hope and trust that our donated computers will help the programme and assist in driving this very worthwhile project.

Pupil Achievement

Congratulations to Setso Kewakae (Class of 2012), who was selected as the Head of the Boys Boarding House at the Lebone II College of the Royal Bafokeng in Rustenburg.

Congratulations and well done to Anè, who took part in a competition at the Notwane Equestrian Centre and performed as follows: 1st in Dressage Pony Riders Preliminary 2 and 2nd in Show Jumping.

Anoushka recently participated in the Gauteng Regional Ranking Judo tournament on Saturday, 25 February 2017, and won a gold medal. She is now ranked first in the region. Well done and congratulations, Anoushka!

Nikhil Iyer (Class of 2015) was recently awarded the John W. Hamilton internal scholarship at Michaelhouse. This is awarded for one year to the boy with the top year mark aggregate in each House Block in 2016. He is the recipient of an academic scholarship and we are extremely proud of his wonderful achievements.

House Captains 2017

Congratulations to the following children who were elected as House Captains for 2017:

	Notwane	Shashe	Chobe	Limpopo
Captain	Philip Clark	Keagan Berry	Adina Egner	Ludo Chiyepi
Vice Captain	Bilalal Tajbhai	Yaone Mokgatle	Maxine Egner	Letona Mtonga

I hope the children take advantage of all the opportunities that are afforded to them during the term and in so doing, grow and develop accordingly!

I Greaves

Headteacher

Std 2 Game Reserve Visit



Std 2J and 2C classes recently visited the Gaborone Game Reserve. We have not seen so many beautiful wild flowers and thick grass cover in many years. What a magnificent sight to behold! The children were very excited and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Here are a few extracts from the children:

On Wednesday we went to the game park in the bus. Abel was our driver and when we got there Mrs Jogee paid. Then we took a photo of the boys in front of the huge elephant statue. Then we got into the school bus again and saw the shiniest starlings ever and Mrs Jogee showed us some rock rabbits. We saw hundreds of impalas and so many ostriches. The bus stopped, so we could drink some water, and we did a 'scavenger hunt.' We saw shiny, green dung beetles rolling dung. It was cool. After that we came back to school. We had so much fun. **Luca**

We saw lots of impalas and zebras and we saw a rock dassie cave. We did a 'scavenger hunt.' We were in groups and we found dung beetles and then we found frogs. The best thing I liked was when I found worms on the tree trunk. They were wiggling about. I really liked the trip. **Daisy**

Marimba Band Tour

At the beginning of term, the Thornhill Senior Marimba Band travelled to Phikwe for a Music Festival.

We were hosted by the kind and loving teachers of Morula School and there was never a time when we didn't feel at home.

During the workshops we were split into groups comprising of students from Thornhill, Morula and Kopano. Some of the enjoyable workshops were marimbas with Mr Kamwi and Mrs Holzapfel, where we learnt difficult, but amazing songs, and Boomwhackers with Mrs Price, in which we played creative melodies and tunes.

We also drummed our hearts out with Mrs Moremi and danced like our lives depended on it (they almost did!) with Sally. The best thing about learning new things is doing it with new friends.

After continued practicing for two days, it was finally time to showcase our talents. Thornhill, along with Kopano and Morula, put on a marvelous show. We played the marimbas in our groups and schools, boomwhackers, recorders and drummed. **Rebolokeng**

Librarians

Congratulations are due to the following Std 6 pupils, who have shown that they have the attitude and skills required to be library monitors:

Alyssa Maplanka
Amora Madibela
Gabrielle Lau
Jada Rugara
Lisa Smit
Tashatha Semausu
Maxine Tuffek
Gabriella Kalayamotho
Pamela Molomo
Kgosì Tau
Ammar Sheikh
Alicia Motlhabane
Sienna Gavrielides

These children have demonstrated a willingness to take on responsibilities. They have proved themselves to be team workers and have shown that they will assist in making the Thornhill Library a warm, organised, welcoming place for pupils and parents to visit.



Std 6 Visit St. Peter's

Our Std 6 children visited St Peter's Day Care Centre as part of their community service and this is what the children had to say:

It was heart breaking to see that so many children don't have parents. **Puleng**

The little children were adorable and they are very energetic and can make anyone tired. **Unathi**

I was so happy to play with and help those children with no parents. **Sacha**

I felt very sad that they have hardly anything and I'm happy that I gave them a big packet of chips. **Suhail**

I loved the faces of the St Peter's children when I saw them, they were so friendly and I love them so much. **Atang**

It was heart-warming to see their faces light up when we arrived. I was proud to have done something for them. It was also fun to play with them; I enjoyed it and will definitely do it again. **Michael**

I was so happy to see their big smiles when we arrived. We were teaching them how to count and draw. When we left and everyone got on the bus, it was silent for a while and I was just thinking how lucky we are to have a family. **Abigail**



Std 3 Recorder Workshop



From 6 to 8 February, the Std 3 children, along with some of their parents, took part in a recorder workshop to give them a good introduction to recorder playing. The children learned many techniques, lots of music notation and also worked on rhythms using drums. We were fortunate to have a few of our top Std 7 recorder players leading some of the sessions and the Std 3 children really enjoyed being taught by them. The workshop ended with a 'concert' to showcase all they had learned and the Std 7 children also played for them to show how well the children will be able to play in the future, if they work hard.

Thanks must be extended to all the parents who attended parts of the workshop: it meant a lot to your children to have you there and we hope you will continue to learn to play the recorder along with them. These are some comments from Std 3:

I loved it when the Std 7 children taught us to play the recorder and they played for us too. **Sego**

I like playing the recorder and I loved it when my daddy and mummy came and watched. **Ameeca**

I liked my mum coming to the workshop. I loved working with the Std 7 group and I loved performing in the hall. **Leah K.**

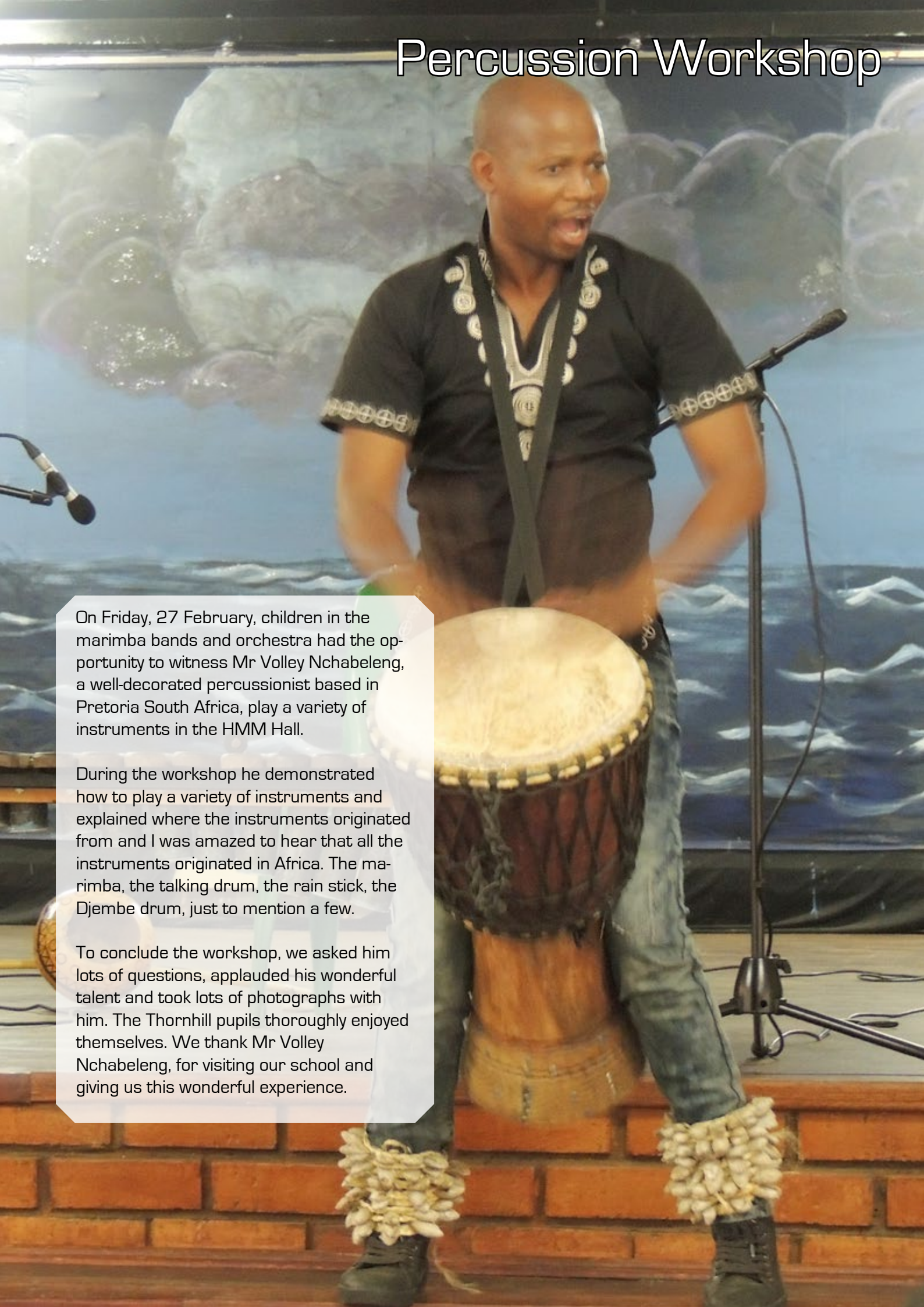
I liked seeing my parents at the music workshop. It was fun and I learnt a lot of stuff. **Hamza**

Percussion Workshop

On Friday, 27 February, children in the marimba bands and orchestra had the opportunity to witness Mr Volley Nchabeleng, a well-decorated percussionist based in Pretoria South Africa, play a variety of instruments in the HMM Hall.

During the workshop he demonstrated how to play a variety of instruments and explained where the instruments originated from and I was amazed to hear that all the instruments originated in Africa. The marimba, the talking drum, the rain stick, the Djembe drum, just to mention a few.

To conclude the workshop, we asked him lots of questions, applauded his wonderful talent and took lots of photographs with him. The Thornhill pupils thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We thank Mr Volley Nchabeleng, for visiting our school and giving us this wonderful experience.





Interhouse Cricket Round 1

Notwane 62 for 5 off 10 overs
(Roelof 2 for 12 & Jon-Martin 15)
Shashe 63 without loss (Patrick
21* & Yusuf 22*)
Shashe won by 10 wickets

Limpopo 58 for 4
Chobe 62 without loss (Aidan 23*
& Michael 14*)
Chobe won by 10 wickets

Shashe and Chobe will contest the
final, while Notwane and Limpopo
will fight it out for third and fourth
respectively.

vs Broadhurst

U13

Broadhurst 64 for 5 (Ammar 3 for
8)
Thornhill 68 without loss (Aidan
50*)
Thornhill won by 10 wickets

vs Northside:

U9

Thornhill 149 (Rayhaan 37* and Ali
Ahmed 29*)
Northside 61
Thornhill won by 88 runs

U13

Northside 84 for 7 (Patrick 3 for
21 and Bilaal 2 for 6)
Thornhill 88 for 3 (Aidan 33, Patrick
26 and Keagan 26)
Thornhill won by 7 wickets

vs Westwood

U9

Thornhill 115 (Rayhaan 30* and
Joshua 28)
Westwood 43
Thornhill won by 72 runs

Tennis



vs ISSA

An excited group of 15 players in the U11 and U13 Tennis Team travelled to Mafikeng, South Africa in February for a friendly match against ISSA. There were many new, young players in the team and a number of supportive parents, who travelled with us.

Each player had at least 4 matches, and 40 games later, the Thornhill players proved themselves and winning by quite a large margin of 33 to 4, with 3 drawn matches as well.

SCSA Tennis Selection

Congratulations to the following children on being selected for the Southern Botswana team:

Shane Tapera
Aidan Lees
Abigail Tuffek
Rebo Morwaeng
Judith Machokoto
Ashikasai Reddy(Reserve)

Swimming

Zone IV Championships held in Zimbabwe saw three present and three past Thornhill pupils representing Botswana at these swimming championships. Tumo Matija, Yaone Mokgatle and Maxine Egner all posted personal bests and Maxine brought home 2 silver medals and 1 bronze medal.

In addition past pupils Amantle Mogara, Andile Bekker and James Freeman also managed to post personal bests, as well as bring home some medals. Andile won bronze in the 800m Freestyle, while James excelled winning 6 gold and 3 bronze, as well as the age group victor ludorum for the meet.

Well done to all these swimmers and the Botswana team, who with just a small number of sixteen swimmers managed to place 6th overall out of the 13 attending countries.



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