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Thornhill enews



Dear Parents and Pupils

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 2019 have shown excellent growth and I hope they all put in the required effort during the last seven weeks to achieve all their goals they set for themselves.

As they head into the final straight of the year, I hope that they are able to continue embracing the ethos and values, as they leave behind their unique footprint with us at Thornhill. This ethos and values system has shaped and moulded them into the wonderful young teenagers they are today and have also prepared 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.

Alumni News

Leatile Bakwena attends the Tuks Sports School in Pretoria and he has done exceptionally well in his first year there. He is focusing on athletics and managed to place 1st in the 200m in a time of 24.70 at AGN League 1 and 1st in the 100m in a time of 11.70 AGN League 3. Well done and congratulations to Leatile and we will continue following your progress with keen interest.

Chloe Xavier who attends Maru-a-Pula School applied for an exchange programme to Canada next year. The programme was open to her year, as well as the year above. Six students were shortlisted and interviewed, and Chloe was chosen for the exchange programme. Well done, and enjoy the wonderful opportunity, Chloe.

Meanwhile at Pecanwood, James Clark has been selected as one of the Top 8 for 2020 prefects, and has been invited to apply for Head of School. Further to this, James has been selected for provincial waterpolo.

Also at the recent awards at Pecanwood, his brother, Philip Clark received the following awards: Athlete of the year, Swimmer of the year, Best Junior Sportsman of the year and the Sportsman's Trophy for 2019. To both James and Philip, well done on your outstanding achievements.

Finally, congratulations to Nikhil Iyer, who has been selected as Head of East House and prefect for 2020 at Michaelhouse. We are all proud of your excellent achievement, Nikhil.

To all our alumni who have been listed above, our sincere heartfelt congratulations on all of your achievements and for being excellent ambassadors for Thornhill Primary. Should you have any news on former pupils, then please feel free to contact me head@thornhillprimary.ac.bw

French DELF Exams

Congratulations to Anushka Arora - Std 6N – Delf A1.1, Zoya Modarrisi - Std 4M – Delf A1 and Rania Modarrisi - Std 2 – Delf A1.1 for their excellent success in the international French Examinations in April 2019. Bonne continuation!

Staff News

Welcome back to Mrs Margaret Moseitheng after her knee replacement. We hope that your rehabilitation goes off smoothly.

Pupil Achievements

Congratulations and well done to Bianke Van Staden (3V), who took part in the 'Kid's Talent Festival' in South Africa recently. Bianke won the 8 to 10 year age category, performing on the violin. We are hugely proud of her excellent achievements.

Nicholas Fern (3V) participated in the 5km Mokolodi Scorpion Race recently and was placed second overall. This is a fantastic achievement and we are very proud of Nicholas. He ran the race in 50.22 minutes.

Congratulations to Kagello Malumo (5B) for her selection to represent Botswana in the ITF / CAT African Junior Tennis Circuit in Mauritius at the beginning of November. Kagello will be taking part in the 14 years and under section and is one of 4 girls chosen to represent Botswana. What an achievement, Kagello! We are exceptionally proud of your achievements and we would like to wish you good luck.

Congratulations to Kristyn Xavier (6M), who entered her first Fencing tournament on Saturday, 12 October, in the Womens' Cadet Epee. She did exceptionally well to contest the final and was placed second overall. Well done on your exceptional performance and good luck for future events.

Thornhill visits the French Circus

Going to the circus has been a favourite pastime for many generations. This year, our Thornhill children had the amazing opportunity to see 'Tour de Cirque' at Maitisong. Marion and Farid from 'Tour de Cirque' presented us with an unusual encounter of their characters in a restaurant. The show was a metaphor of their mistakes with a mix of juggling, magic and lots of funny moments.

The children were mesmerized the whole time, as they realised this is not 'a typical circus'. It was more a 'modern circus' portraying artistic languages in a silent acting game. What an enriching experience!

Std 4 Cake Sale & Community Service initiative

Std 4 children, 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 children in hospital will be treated with festive season boxes filled with a variety of goodies, which were generously donated by the Thornhill community. This project involved all the children, from Reception to Std 7 bringing in items that will be put into each accompanying box.

The teachers are grooming the children to be socially aware and responsible citizens. On behalf of the school and children, Std 4 would like to thank all of those who have given so generously to this worthy cause.

Marimba Band News

The senior band was invited to play at the Kiddies festival held at 'Wagga Gardens' on Saturday, 05 October. It was a fun and exciting experience for the whole band. Although it was intensely hot, we still managed to play our very best, while all the blisters we got during marimba lessons, payed off. We had an exceptional audience watching us and they participated very well and cheered us on as we played. The energy was immeasurable; marimba hammers were flying all over the place. A big 'Thank You' to the organisers for inviting us and to our Thornhill staff for making it possible for us to attend.

In closing, I trust you all have a good election weekend and I leave you with this quote:

'Everyone you meet has something to teach you.' Unknown

I Greaves

Headteacher

Std 5, 6 & 7 Concert

The Std 5, 6 and 7 Concert was held over 2 nights starting on 9 October. The Marimba's from each class was outstanding and had every foot in the house tapping to the beat. Individual items done by the children included singing, dancing and instrumental pieces which was done by the children themselves. Every item on the list was phenomenal and entertained the crowd. 6N did a drumming piece put together by themselves in class. The evening came to an end with all three standards playing 'Imagine' on recorder. An amazing concert done by amazing children with fantastic energy and enthusiasm.

'On the night of the concert everyone did well. The dancing was phenomenal and the singing was fantastic. We had some amazing Marimba playing and enthusiastic drumming from 6N. Overall it was an amazing performance.'

Molly 6N

'I thought the Std 5, 6 and 7 concert was amazing! The performances were good. The marimba songs were also very nice. I liked the drumming that our class did. It was so much fun to be a part of it and to watch other children having fun on stage with what they were doing.'

Amber 6N

Std 1 visit to Pie City

This term the Std 1 students got the chance to visit the Pie City factory.

The children were all very excited about travelling in the bus all the way to Pie City. On arrival they were told about safety precautions inside the factory, as well as how they keep the factory clean and hygienic. Each child then had to put on an apron and a hat to cover their hair, they cleaned their hands with hand sanitizer and were finally able to enter the factory.

We first went to watch the process of how they make the dough in the big mixer and each child got their own piece of dough to feel and play with. We then watched how they spread the butter on the dough and how it was pushed through a machine to make the pastry.

The children then watched how they roll out all of the pastry on a big machine to get it ready to make the pies.

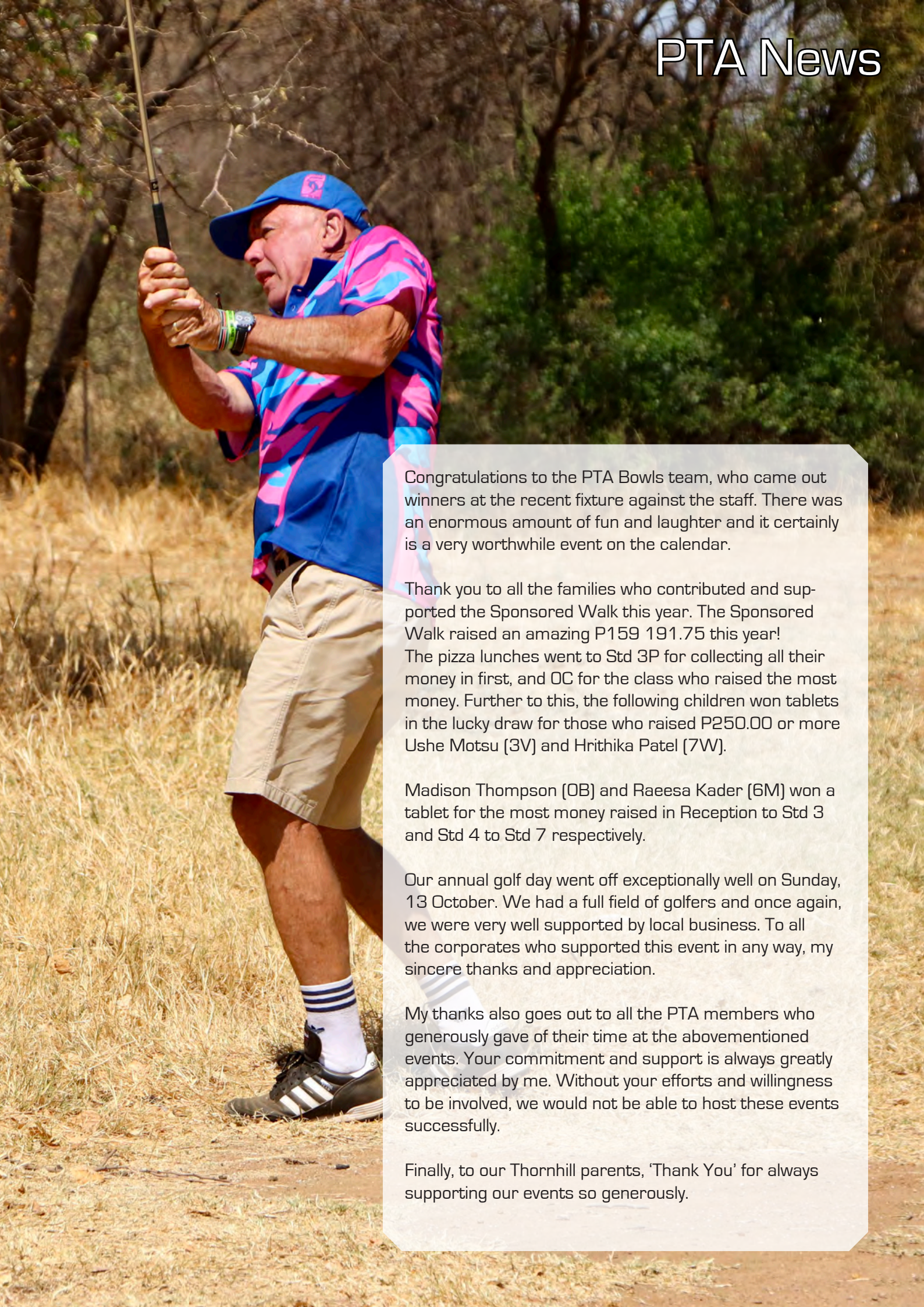
We then went to see how they make and cool all of the fillings for the pies.

After that, we went to see how they fill the orange juice bottles and each child got the chance to close the lid onto a bottle and had to make sure they heard the 'click' to know it was on tight.

Finally, each child got the chance to make their own pie and learnt how to press them down carefully, so that the filling doesn't spill out. They also saw how the pizzas are made and the big oven they are cooked in.

Before we left, every child was given a pie or pizza and juice to enjoy once they got back to school. Lots of fun was had by all!





Congratulations to the PTA Bowls team, who came out winners at the recent fixture against the staff. There was an enormous amount of fun and laughter and it certainly is a very worthwhile event on the calendar.

Thank you to all the families who contributed and supported the Sponsored Walk this year. The Sponsored Walk raised an amazing P159 191.75 this year! The pizza lunches went to Std 3P for collecting all their money in first, and OC for the class who raised the most money. Further to this, the following children won tablets in the lucky draw for those who raised P250.00 or more Ushe Motsu (3V) and Hrithika Patel (7W).

Madison Thompson (OB) and Raeesa Kader (6M) won a tablet for the most money raised in Reception to Std 3 and Std 4 to Std 7 respectively.

Our annual golf day went off exceptionally well on Sunday, 13 October. We had a full field of golfers and once again, we were very well supported by local business. To all the corporates who supported this event in any way, my sincere thanks and appreciation.

My thanks also goes out to all the PTA members who generously gave of their time at the abovementioned events. Your commitment and support is always greatly appreciated by me. Without your efforts and willingness to be involved, we would not be able to host these events successfully.

Finally, to our Thornhill parents, 'Thank You' for always supporting our events so generously.

Botswana Day

This year our annual Botswana Day for Independence was a little different. It was all about traditional games and cultural awareness.

We call these games, “metshameko ya Setswana”. These are a part of the Setswana Culture. They form part of who we are as Batswana. Gone are the days where one will pass by a street and find children playing ‘diketo, morabaraba, batho seifi’ just to name a few. There is no street play nowadays so at Thornhill we want to bring back that tradition once again.

The large crowd of attendees this term tells it all. The noise, laughter, screams and shouting that came from the back yard of our ‘Setswana house’, one can indeed tell that the children are enjoying and having fun. After all, that is the whole sense of the games. Not only, to bring the children together to interact and have social contact, but also to have a chance to sing the Setswana songs and dance to their rhythmic chants.

We are the Terena girls and boys of Thornhill
Ya banyana chuku chuku!!!
Ha e tsena chuku chuku!!!
Ya re uuuuuuuuuuu!!!!!!

Kese Ramsden and Siyanda Courage recently opened our Cultural Games, here are their respective speeches:

Kese Ramsden: Dumelang bana, batsadi le barutabana. Today we have come to celebrate Botswana’s birthday! 53 great years of independence! Wow, we have come a long way!
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Botswana Day

It was back in 1966 when Botswana gained its independence from the British. It was then when we had our first out of five presidents, Sir Seretse Khama, who was brought up by the tribe of the Bangwato. Botswana was a protectorate however, the three Dikgosi had struggled to ask for Britain's protection, but in the end they eventually got it. As Botswana, we take great pride in our tourism, great pride in our diamonds and great pride in our beef.

Culture, is as important to the Botswana. It shows how we live and how our parents were brought up, Ka Botho. Now it is time for you all to go and enjoy this celebration through these games. I hope you all enjoy! Ke a leboga.

Siyanda Courage: Dumelang, welcome to Thornhill's special Independence Day celebrations. 53 years ago today Bechuanaland gained independence from the British Empire. It is now known as Botswana. Every single one of us here today knows that Botswana is as strong as an African lion, as peaceful as a butterfly flying from flower to flower, as loving as all of our parents and as special as.... ooh please give me a second... oh right, there is nowhere as special as Botswana.

Botswana has a special place in all of our hearts. It is such a privilege to be celebrating this day with 54 year old Thornhill (who we all know loves a celebration) though I am sure this is going to be the best yet.

I just want to say thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to put this splendid day together and that it has been an honour to talk to you all of you about our beloved Botswana. Ke a leboga.



Softball

vs Baobab

U11 Girls won 17 - 6

U11 Boys won 16 - 2

U13 Girls won 20 - 1

U13 Boys won 22 - 1

vs TDS

U11 Girls won 21 - 4

U11 Boys won 21 - 1

U13 Girls won 20 - 1

U13 Boys won 21 - 2

vs Westwood

U11 Girls won 19 - 4

U11 Boys won 13 - 6

U13 Girls won 17 - 1

U13 Boys won 15 - 5

vs Northside

U11 Girls won 18 - 9

U11 Boys won 18 - 8

U13 Girls won 18 - 1

U13 Boys won 14 - 8

U11 Girls' Softball Festival

The U11 girls played three games in their Festival on Saturday, 05 October. They played Westwood, Baobab and Legae. They won all their games and the results were as follows:

vs Westwood won 6 - 3

vs Baobab won 6 - 1

vs Legae won 5 - 2



Tennis tour to Zimbabwe

A team of U13 and U11 players made their way across the border for a tennis festival with Whitestone School, Petra School and the Elite Tennis Club. Our players played some of their best tennis, as they were stretched by their opponents and had to dig deep for every point. It was a challenging, but fruitful trip.

Our players certainly gained a lot of experience and exposure during the three days of tennis in Zimbabwe. They also had a lot of fun as a team, travelling on the train and playing together throughout this time. The scores were as below:

Day 1: Thornhill vs Petra:

U13 Boys: 4 - 4

U13 Girls: 4 - 4

U11 Team: 1 - 2

Day 2: Thornhill vs Whitestone:

U13 Boys: 1 - 9

U13 Girls: 3 - 7

U13 and U11s: 3 - 7

Day 3: Thornhill vs Elite Club:

U13 Boys: 2 - 6

U13 Girls: 2 - 6

U11 Team: 5 - 5

Thank You to the fabulous team of parents that accompanied the team. Trips like this are about exposing our children and ensuring their growth within tennis.



Chess

vs Botlhale

Thornhill won 13.5 to 6.5

vs Broadhurst

Thornhill won 16 to 10

Well done to Arnav Sadhana (6C), Anoushka Arora (6N), Fariha Patel (3P), Sally-Louise Ingwe (6M), Madhav Kelat (3W), Miles Arthey (2K) and Dayyan Chand (5B), who won both of their games.



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