



THE
MAIDSTONIAN

Newsletter

TERM 2



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I believe that education is a blend of academic excellence and creativity.

We should all encourage and empower our children to grow as strong reflective and humble individuals with discerning minds as we prepare them to make a mark in all spheres of life.

Thank you to all staff members for giving our children the opportunity to grow holistically, as is evidenced by our electronic newsletter. Thank you to the school governing body and all parents for supporting the initiatives of our educators.

Happy Holidays!

Mr KA Pillay



Fire Safety

Foundation Phase and Grade 7 learners had an enlightening and exciting experience as they received a fire safety talk from firemen from the **Tongaat Fire Station**. Valuable lessons on fire prevention, emergency procedures and the importance of staying safe were imparted.

But it wasn't just educational; the learners had a blast during several demonstrations, watching eagerly as the firemen showcased their firefighting equipment and demonstrated how to use it.

While a lucky few had the opportunity to handle some of the equipment, getting hosed down was the clear highlight of the day for all:)

Big thanks to the Tongaat Fire Station team for coming out to us!







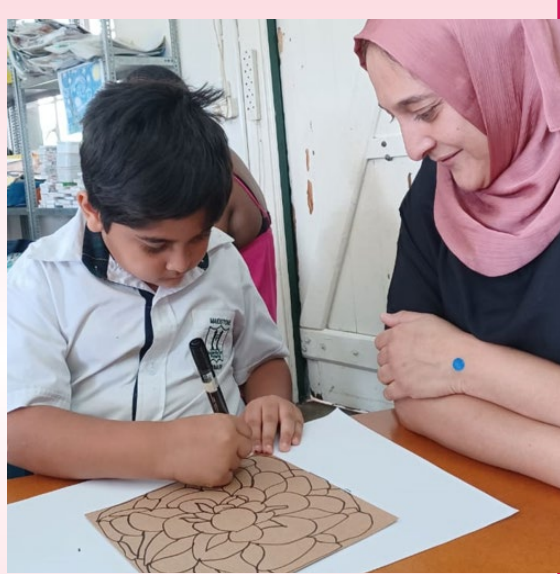
Mother's DAY

Foundation Phase celebrated Mother's Day with a memorable event that brought mothers and children together in a joyous atmosphere.

Participants tapped into their creativity during the art session, showcasing their artistic talents. Netball shooting allowed them to bond over friendly competition, while bath salt making added a touch of relaxation and pampering. Line dancing brought laughs & liveliness to the event, and the photo booth captured beautiful moments of shared love and happiness.

The celebration culminated with a delightful tea and an array of baked treats, ensuring a sweet conclusion to a truly special day.

Thanks Mums! We love you!







CheckMATE

The MPS Chess Team displayed their strategic prowess and competitive spirit during the highly anticipated Tonver Chess Prelims, winning all 4 of their fixtures in the U13 division.

Learners, under the mentorship of Chess Coach Mr M Murugan, showed exceptional skill and tactical thinking while engaging in intense games against talented opponents from various schools in the district.

We are proud of their impressive performance, and look forward to more riveting games during the Finals at the end of Term 3!

There is nothing more satisfying than saying
"Checkmate"

- *Thiraya Naidoo*
Chess Captain (Grade 7B)



MPS Chess Team: Kushal Varma, Sahilan Doorsamy, Thiraya Naidoo, Muhammed Raza Sayed, Kaylen Pillay and Ethan Naidoo



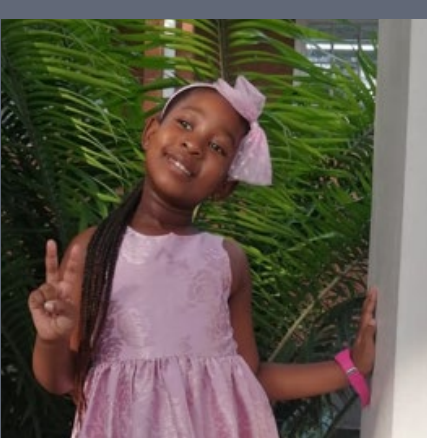


Coronation Day

Foundation Phase learners and staff embraced a historic moment as they joyously celebrated the coronation of King Charles III.

Learners dressed in regal attire, emulating the grandeur of the occasion and participated in a range of activities, including crown-making, royal procession, and storytelling sessions that delved into the rich history of the monarchy.

The day was marked with reverence as our learners learned about the significance of the event. This extraordinary moment in history was indeed honored & cherished by all celebrating, leaving a lasting impression on the learners' understanding of tradition and heritage.





Debate UPDATE

One of the many wonderful aspects of MPS's culture is to develop all-round learners.

For Maidstone Primary, this been the first experience our learners have had with preparing and participating in debates. Although nervous and unsure at first, our team quickly learnt what was expected of them.

Cluster Four, which consists of 7 schools in total, namely: Buffelsdale, Flambel, Liv, Maidstone, Mitchford, Silverdale and Trubel Primary all competed against each other through terms one and two.

Maidstone Primary placed fourth in the cluster. The overall winner and representative of our cluster is Flambel Primary. We wish them all the best and know that they will represent our cluster to the best of their ability!

Debates for the year have concluded but learners are encouraged to sharpen the skills they've learnt and get excited for the near future!

- Mrs M Naidoo (School Debate Coordinator)



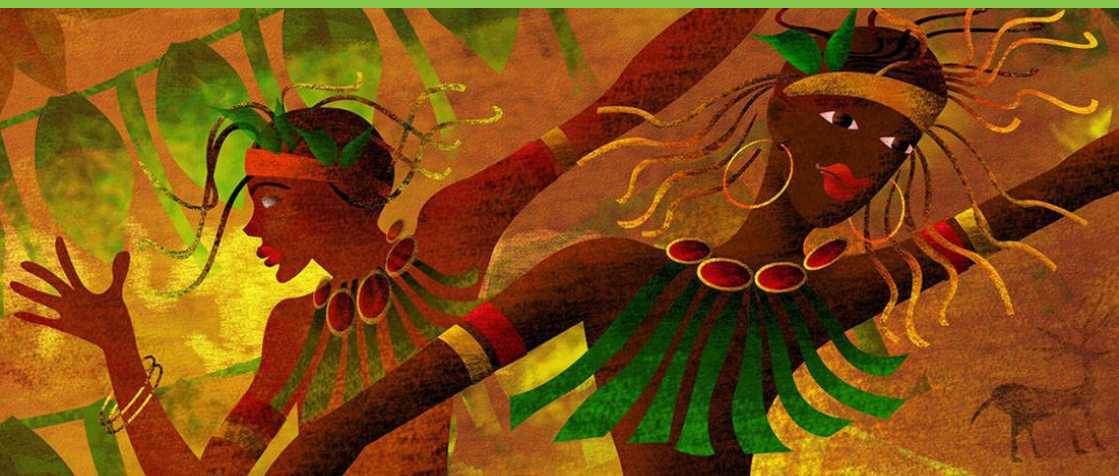
MPS Debate Team (Thiraya Naidoo, Karuna Sookdeo, Andrea Naidoo and Samishka Ramnarain) with Mrs M Naidoo.

Once you fully believe in what you are saying,
you know you are going to win.

- *Andrea Naidoo* (Grade 6M)

When you realise how much work you've put in,
you also realise how much you got out of it!

- *Samishka Ramnarain* (Grade 6M)



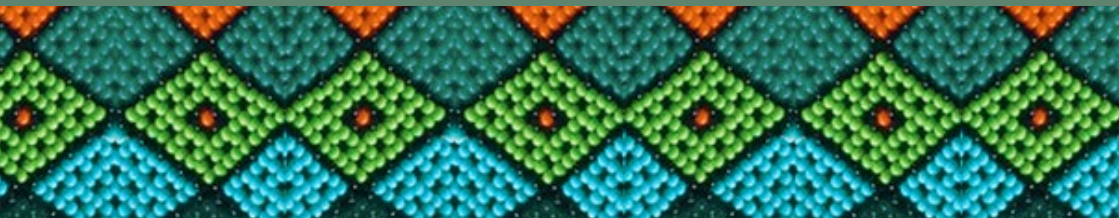
Africa Day

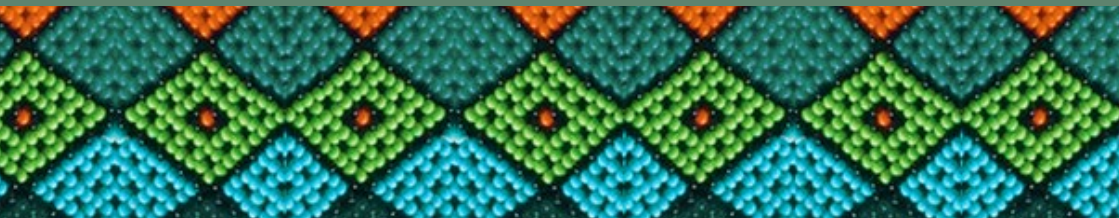
Learners came together in vibrant celebration of Africa Day, honoring the rich cultural heritage and diversity of the continent.

The school campus buzzed with excitement as learners showcased traditional music, dance, art and attire from various African nations.

Fascinating facts about African history, landmarks, and famous personalities were shared, fostering a deep appreciation for Africa's rich contributions to art, music, literature, and more.

We are grateful for this opportunity to have promoted cultural understanding, unity, and African pride.







Spelling WHIZZ

Intermediate & Senior Phase learners put their spelling skills to the test in the exhilarating intra-school Spelling Whizz competition.

Learners memorized forty challenging words, with a further ten unseen words presented on the day of the event.

Grade 6 learners, Devarshan Govender, Samishka Ramnarain and Sahilan Doorsamy qualified for the final round.

Sahilan triumphed as the overall MPS Spelling Whizz Champ & will progress to the inter-school phase of the competition next term!

Well Done Sahilan!



Autism AWARENESS



MPS learners joined other schools in the district to raise funds for Sunfield Home School's Autism Awareness Campaign. This initiative, under the guidance of Mrs. Folkard, has played a vital role in educating our learners about Autism and empowering them to make a difference.

Their collective efforts are a testament to the power of empathy and unity in creating a more benevolent world.

Mrs Folkard received a weekend getaway for coordinating the highest amount of money collected by a school: R10 500

Special congratulations to **Sahilan Doorsamy** who was gifted a ten inch tablet for collecting the largest sum of money (R1700).



WORLD OCEANS DAY

JUNE 08

Beach CLEANUP

Maidstonians rallied together on the 10th of June for a beach clean-up at Westbrook Beach, demonstrating their commitment to environmental stewardship.

Armed with gloves and trash bags, volunteers combed the shoreline, removing litter & debris. Kudos to all who joined forces for this important cause!

Together we have made a difference!





uShaka VIBES

A big theme for Grades 2 and 3 this term was
“The Ocean”

We began this theme in English by completing several reading and comprehension worksheets on various sea creatures. We continued with this theme during our Lifeskills lessons, learning about different ocean and river creatures and their habits.

The culmination of the Ocean's theme was our highly anticipated excursion to uShaka Marine World, on the 15th June.



During our visit to uShaka the children visited the aquarium led in groups by a facilitator who educated us on the various exhibits.

We then all met for the Dolphin Show, where our cetacean friends delighted us with their grace.

The educational center followed where again the children were grouped and became part of a hands on dissection of a fish, learning to identify parts that we won't normally see like the heart, gall bladder gills and stomach.

After much wrinkling of noses and thorough washing of hands, we were shown by means of a hands on activity the effects of pollution in the river water.

Lunch was a boisterous, happy affair and then it was time to come back home. We thoroughly enjoyed this trip.

- Mrs KA Govender







Going Green

Maidstone Primary School - guests of the City of Durban - was invited to a morning of nature conservancy celebrating the G20 presidency - hosted by Consulate General of India Durban.

The G20 International Beach Clean Up began with a private nature walk through the Beachwood Mangroves and ended with a yoga session on the beach.

Learners managed to leave a sizeable green footprint on local shores.





#WorldOceanDay aboard the INS TRISHUL

Learners were treated to first hand interaction with the super heros of the #IndianOcean

Commemorating the reinstatement of diplomatic relations between #SouthAfrica & #India - a private tour by the Indian Navy allowed the next generation student to understand the presence of India's frontline #warship as a dominant security force in the ocean shared by our countries.

The #INStrishul is known for rescuing merchant vessels, intercepting and capturing Somali pirates in the Gulf of Aden.

From missiles and torpedos to cyber capabilities and combative drills students were treated to a front row seat to all the action!



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA

Curtain Raiser

As a run up to the International Day Of Yoga Maidstone Primary in partnership with Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre - hosted a curtain raiser event (11 May 2023)

The morning of blood circulation, Vitamin D and cultural connect provided learners, Grade 2 to 7 with the tools to reach inward physically, mentally and spiritually. Maidstonians were treated to an art exhibition, yoga demonstration and a cultural program highlighting music, dance and the importance of mental hygiene.

Speech competitors, debate teams and quiz contestants drew attention to the International Year of Millets (2023), the benefits of yoga postures and the significance of identity - Stand out students in the performing arts recieved a private reception with Dr Anasuya Boligarla - Director SVCC







MPS joined scholars from across the globe in celebrating India's contribution to the world - in reaching holistic well being.

In the age of technology amidst continuous mental stimulation we thought it beneficial to expose our learners to a movement practice that promotes both physical & mental fitness.

Bearing similarities to Tai Chi, Yoga can improve balance, flexibility, strength, mobility, range of motion, mood, reflexes and thinking skills.

While vying for a Guinness World Record, learners enjoyed a day basking in the sun at People's Park, Moses Mabhida. Good food and great energy completed the trip with a mobile disco on the way home.





Movie NIGHT

Organized by our fabulous **Mum's Committee**, Movie Night brought an eve of entertainment & community spirit to the Maidstone Club field. Families gathered under the stars for a delightful cinematic experience featuring a screening of *Finding Ohana*.

Blankets were spread out, popcorn was shared, and laughter echoed throughout the night. The Mum's Committee worked tirelessly to create a cozy and inviting atmosphere, complete with a snack bar & fun lighting. This event served as a wonderful opportunity for parents, children, and neighbours to come together.





Movie Night was amazing! We got to be with our friends, the movie was funny & the food was good!

- *Kiara Pitamber* (Grade 6M)

I really loved the background music and the food.

- *Laranya Reddy* (Grade 3M)

It was such a joyful night that I will never forget!

- *Neerania Naidoo* (Grade 5N)

DAD
YOU ARE
THE★MAN

Dad's AMAZING DAY!

In honor of our Amazing Maidstonian Dads, our school held a **Father's Day Amazing Race**. The event was open to all Foundation Phase learners and their dads, who had a lot of fun learning about fatherhood and family.

Here are some of the activities that went down:

Shooting hoops: Our learners and their fathers showed off their basketball skills, shooting hoops to earn their next clue.

Hopscotch: Participants had a chance to test their agility & coordination, hoppingscotching their way through the course.

Tying shoelaces: Fathers flexed their parenting skills tying shoelaces with their children.

Drawing: Participants honed in on their artistic skills, collaborating on a cool monster illustration!

Puzzle: Learners and Dads had to work together as a team to assemble a puzzle that turned into a Father's Day card.

- Mr S Dupont



An amazing experience. Really grateful for the opportunity to make such a wonderful memory with my daughter. Well done Team Maidstone for an outstanding concept. A day that we will always cherish.

- Jasveer Mahesh
Ariana's Dad (Grade 3M)





Sugar RUSH

Grade 1 learners were treated to a wild outing to the Ndondlo Reptile Park at Sugar Rush Park in Ballito on the 15th of June.

Entranced by the fascinating world of reptiles, they encountered slithering snakes, majestic tortoises and interesting lizards. They listened intently to the park guides, Helen & Shaylen, who shared cool facts and reptile safety tips.

The fun continued at Sugar Rush Park, where lunch, a gorgeous forest walk and an imaginary paintball shootout ensued. Pew pew pew!

What a wonderful day!









Bully-Free ZONE

Mr M Ndlovu from the Tongaat Child and Family Welfare Society visited our school earlier in the term to deliver an anti-bullying talk. With a warm smile and a wealth of knowledge, Mr Ndlovu shared valuable insights on the impact of bullying and the power of kindness.

He encouraged learners to stand up against bullying, support one another, and create a safe and inclusive environment.

Mr Ndlovu's visit left an indelible impression on our minds, reminding us of the importance of empathy and respect.

Don't let anyone define who you are.



Billy Nair

DANCE CIRCUIT

In South Africa, Arts integration is becoming increasingly more popular. The Billy Nair Dance Circuit is an evolution of teaching strategy - that is a reaction to the global shift in education - from STEM to STEAM.

The inaugural inter-school competition (18/08 - Tongaat Sports Centre) will see 12 schools compete in 4 phases (Foundation, Intermediate, Senior & Open phases) with judging criteria highlighting the Creative Arts curriculum.

Maidstone Primary headed the drafting process placing emphasis on transitioning towards a more diverse-ability and culturally inclusive performing arts program.

Best of luck!



Soccer STARS

Both junior and senior soccer players have benefited from active participation in the sport, showing remarkable growth and development .

Here are the results of Term 2 fixtures:

Maidstone Primary vs Reddam (4 May 2023)

Grade 2: lost 1 - 5

Grade 3: won 5 - 2

Maidstone Primary vs Reddam (25 May 2023)

Grade 2: lost 0 - 3

Grade 3: lost 0 - 3

Maidstone Primary vs Beaches Primary

U10 won 2 - 0

U11 lost 0 - 3

U13 won 3 - 2

Maidstone Primary vs Durban North College

U11 lost 0 - 4

U13 won 7 - 5



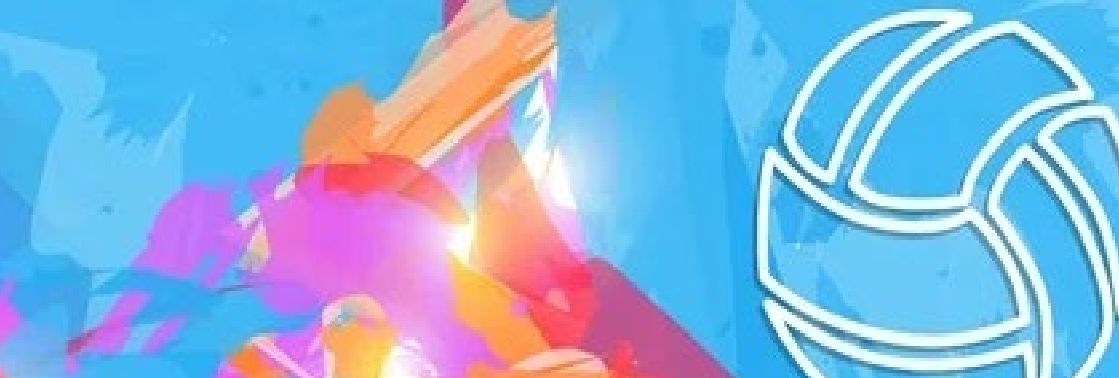
Sports STAR of the Term: Nashraf Sheha

Nashraf attended North Durban U12 Soccer Trials on 20 May, and was selected for North Durban U12 A Team.

Nashraf will participate in the final KZN U12 Soccer Trials at Kearsney College on 08 & 09 July.

Great job Nashraf!





Netball

Our netball players have also flourished this term, putting their heart and soul into every practice session and game.

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Maidstone Primary vs Beaches Primary

U10 lost 0 - 4

U11 drew 3 - 3

U13 won 7 - 6

Maidstone Primary vs Durban North College

U11 won 6 - 1

U12 won 5 - 3

U13 lost 0 - 8



Darnall Netball Festival

UNDER 9

vs Mtunzini Primary: lost 0 - 5
vs Darnall: drew 2 - 2
vs Eden Village: won 5 - 1
vs Domino Servite School: won 5 - 1

UNDER 11

vs J.W Prep: won 4 - 3
vs Darnall: lost 0 - 8
vs Mtunzini : lost 2 - 4

UNDER 13

vs Sagewood Prep: won 7 - 0
vs Domino Servite School: drew 2 - 2

TERM 3 SPORT

Please note: All Grades (1-7) boys and girls
will do Hockey as our Code of Sport for
Term 3 (Extra Mural Programme)

- Coach Arbee





Mini MARATHON

The Foundation Phase Mini Marathon, inspired by the legendary Comrades Marathon, brought exhilarating energy to our school campus as our little runners took on the challenge.

With determination and smiles on their faces, they showed fantastic athletic spirit while shredding the course!

Cheers to our young champions and to Mr Dupont for organising such a great event.







Arise **AWAKE**

MPS proudly clinched the second highest ticket sales for the **Tongaat Hindu Unity Forum Fun Run & Walk** (16/06), earning us a fantastic sports kit, a screen and projector.

This success was a testament to the collective efforts of the staff (sales spearheaded by Miss L Maharaj), learners, and their supportive families who always show up when it counts!

Go Green!









Afrikaans

As we come to the end of another successful term learning Afrikaans, I would like to commend all learners from grade 4 to 7 on their pleasing results. Thank you to the parents for their assistance regarding the preparation for the assessments. It is greatly appreciated.

Our learners have enjoyed different activities this term. Grade 4s wrote beautiful paragraphs about their favourite seasons, Grade 6s had fun writing tongue twisters and Grade 7s displayed their creative abilities in designing advertisements.

I celebrated my twentieth year as a member of the Maidstone Primary Family on the 17th of June 2023, and I am still, after all these years, in awe of our talented and hard working learners.

Geniet die vakansie. Bly veilig en gesond.

- Mevrouw P van Rooyen

My gunsteling seisoene

'n Beskrywende paragraaf
Geskryf deur **Afulela Ngcobo**, Graad 4M

Ek hou van al die seisoene. In die Somer swem ek in die swembad. Ek speel in die blare in die Herfs. Ek eet sop in die Winter. In die Lente speel ek buite in die tuin. Wanneer dit koud is dra ek warm klere. Wanneer dit warm is dra ek koel klere. Ek hou van wanneer dit koud is. Ek hou van wanneer dit warm is, maar ek hou die beste van wanneer dit nie te koud of te warm is nie.

Liefste Dagboek

My eie dagboekinskrywing
Geskryf deur **Tarini Moodley**, Graad 6F

My dag was baie vreemd. 'n Aap het in die klaskamer gespring! Die kinders in die klaskamer was baie bang. Die aap het my vriendin se kos gesteel. Ek het my kos gedeel. Sy was baie dankbaar. Die aap het op die lessenaar gespring! My onderwyseres het die aap gejaag. Ek is baie moeg van aap besigheid!

My eie advertensie ontwerp deur Liam Dunpath Graad 7B

SuperSpring Sokkerstewels
LAAT Jou Speel Soos
CR7 Suiii

Spesiale aanbod

Koop een en kry'n gratis
Nike bal.

50 persent afslag slegs
op Dinsdag.



R499



beskikbaar in rooi, blou, wit en swart.

beskikbaar by alle Sportgoedwinkels

SuperSpring Sokkerstewels
is gemaklik, help jou om
hoër te spring, vinniger te
hardloep en het goeie greep.

My land Suid-Afrika

'n Beskrywende paragraaf
Geskryf deur **Thiraya Naidoo**, Graad 7B

Die land waarin ek woon is Suid-Afrika en ek is 'n Suid-Afrikaner. Suid-Afrika is 'n land op die vasteland van Afrika. Daar is nege provinsies in die land. Ek woon in Kwazulu-Natal. Daar is baie stede in Kwazulu-Natal en ek woon naby Durban. Ons Nasionale vlag het ses kleure en elke kleur het 'n ander betekenis.

Daar is elf amptelike tale. Ek praat Engels en Afrikaans. In Suid-Afrika is daar die Groot Vyf diere. My gunsteling dier is die leeu. Ons nasionale landlied is baie pragtig. Die woorde en musiek van "Nkosi sikelel' iAfrika" is deur Enoch Sontanga geskryf. Daar is baie bergreekse in Suid-Afrika. In Kwazulu-Natal is daar die Drakensberg bergreeks. On is die Reenboognasie.



Performing ART

Folk and Fairytales of a utopian future.

Life is an evolving situation and life at Maidstone has evolved to reflect the colours of a rainbow. The journey in getting here has taught us the difference between religion and culture.

Borrowing ideas and breaking cultural borders has allowed us to diversify our thought processes and grow together in creativity.

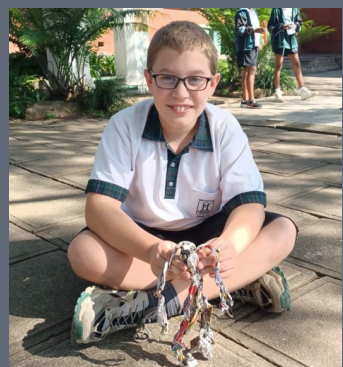
This was clearly evident in the folktales and fairytales created this assesment season.



Grade 6's dominated the playbill with glorious performances from both classes.



Grade 5's exploited the PRIME craze with product placement and explored protest art with a MALE NETBALL site specific piece.



Grade 4's ventured deep into their imagination and produced a fantasy dog-world and a fascinating take on a "banana republic".



Grade 3's presented the Buckle My Shoe variety show and took us down the rabbit whole to a world of magical ancestry.



Grade 2's won over our diplomat guests with their first public performance.



Grade 1's practiced the art of silence with mime.



It is interesting to note that although rooted in culture Maidstone learners have a strong grasp of the present and the future. It was interesting to see their work feature bionic and robotic characters.

Term 2 for Grade 7s was one of growing pains and creative noise - which is an important phase for developing artists - but with growth comes the responsibility of pruning. Adjusting our teaching methodology we aim to achieve a fruitful term 3.





IN THE *Art Room*

This term our learners truly unleashed their inner Picassos & Van Goghs in the Art Room, creating a colourful storm of creativity.

Armed with paintbrushes, pencils, and an abundance of imagination, our budding artists explored various techniques and mediums with enthusiasm and joy, experimenting fearlessly, pushing the boundaries of their artistic abilities.

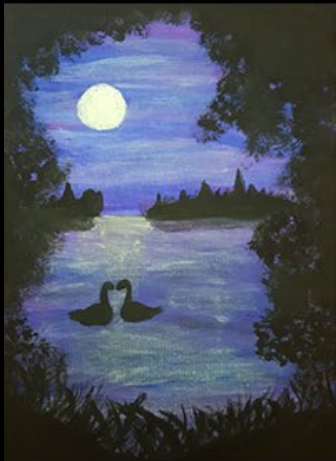
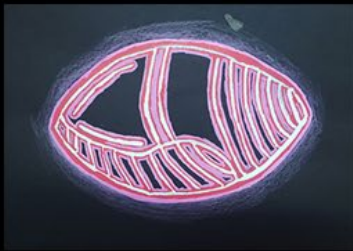
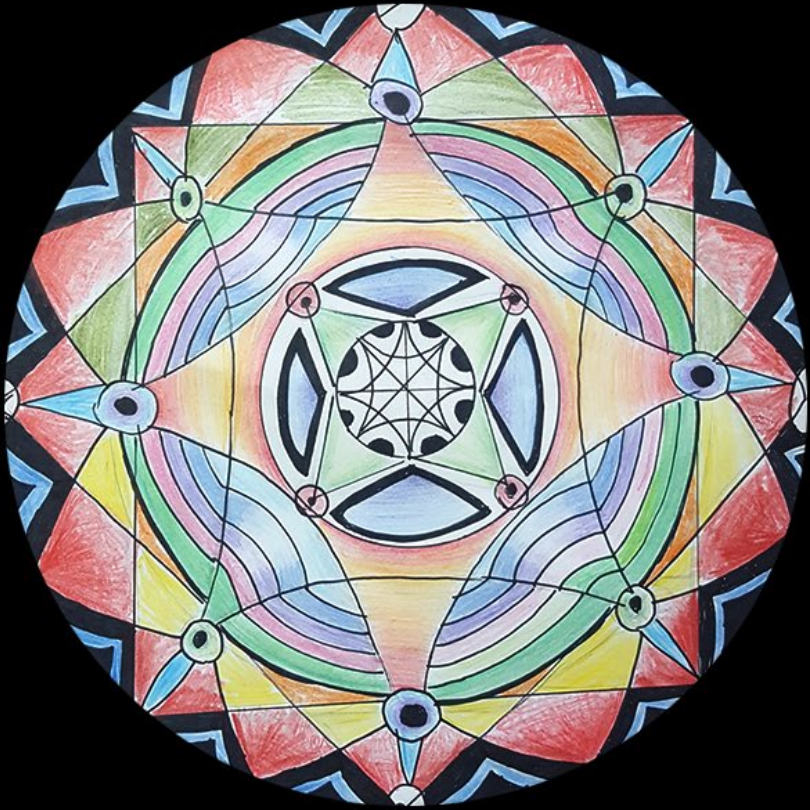
From abstract designs to whimsical illustrations, our Art Room was alive with vibrant colours and loads of laughter.

Whether watercolour painting or delving into mixed media creations, our young artists have proved yet again that art is not just about perfection but about embracing the beauty of self-expression.

Please enjoy this small offering of wonderful
Term 2 Creations...







Good News!

Well done to MPS Alumnus, **Samir Ramcharan** (below left) for flying the Maidstone flag high! Not only has Samir obtained distinctions in English, Maths, Physical Science, Information Science and EGD in Grade 11 (2022), but has also gone on to become Seatides Combined School's Head Prefect for 2023.



And big congratulations to Mr Dupont's son, **Tyler Dupont**, (above right) for successfully completing his Post Graduate Certificate in Education! Welcome aboard, Teach!



MISS RENALD'S *Kitties*

Maidstonion mascots **Jack and Jill** are kept warm and healthy by the marvelous Miss Megan Renald.

No stranger to the Foundation Phase, Megan is passionate about educating our junior learners on the pros and cons of caring for cats.

Since the pandemic our mascots have been abit recluse. However thanks to Miss Renald and her aspiring veterinarians, our kitties are slowly being socialized back onto campus.





PLEASE DONATE CAT FOOD

Whether it's a bag of dry food
or a few cans of wet food,
every contribution counts
towards giving ***Jack & Jill***
the nourishment they need.

**Please drop off any donations
during Term 3.**

Thank you for your generosity!





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