



THE
MAIDSTONIAN

Newsletter

TERM 3

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Term 3 has been a busy term with lots of achievements accomplished by our learners. Many events co-ordinated by MPS staff were successfully undertaken, providing the opportunity for our learners to develop holistically.

MPS had a wonderful and enjoyable athletics meeting (the first since Covid19) at the Kings Park Athletics Stadium. Lots of fun was had by parents, learners and staff.

In this newsletter we capture the highlights of Term 3.

Thank you to parents, learners and staff for your continued support.

“Together we are stronger”

Mr KA Pillay

Principal



Foundation Phase

Term 3 has been quite an eventful one. Learners had fun & games, went on an excursion to the Flag Farm, wrote FEMSISSA (external) Maths and English tests, and represented the school in speech, show and tell, chess and Maths competitions at Circuit Level.

The Foundation Phase had much fun as we celebrated special days such as Grandparent's Day, Heritage Day, and World Literacy Day. Learners have flourished academically really well this term and have made good progress overall.

I wish to place on record my sincere thanks and appreciation to the hard working, dedicated and motivated Foundation Phase team of educators. A big thank you to the parents for your support and co-operation throughout the term.

Looking forward to Term 4 and ending the year with positivity, encouragement, perseverance and motivation.

Have a safe, blessed holiday.

Mrs J Naidoo

Foundation Phase Departmental Head

Intermediate & Senior Phase

Warm Maidstonian Greetings!

I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for making the third term a resounding success. Your dedication, enthusiasm and hard work have made a significant impact on our department and the entire school.

This term has been filled with remarkable achievements, memorable experiences, and a shared commitment to excellence. Our learners' growth and progress have been truly inspiring, and it is a testament to their determination and the unwavering support they receive from their parents/guardians.

To the parents/guardians, your trust and active involvement in your child's education have played a pivotal role in our achievements. Your encouragement and guidance are deeply appreciated and contribute immensely to our learners' success.

To our incredible learners, your enthusiasm for learning, creativity, and perseverance are truly commendable.

You have shown that with dedication and hard work, you can achieve remarkable results, and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of you.

As we look forward to the next term, I am confident that our collective efforts will continue to yield outstanding results.

Let's keep the momentum going and strive for even greater heights.

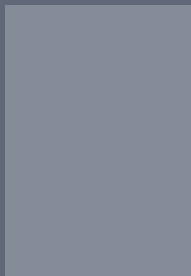
Once again, thank you for your unwavering support and dedication. It is an honour to be part of such a wonderful school community.

Wishing you a restful & enjoyable break. Looking forward to an even more successful term!

Warm regards,

Mrs M Govender

Intermediate and Senior Phase
Departmental Head



New beginnings...

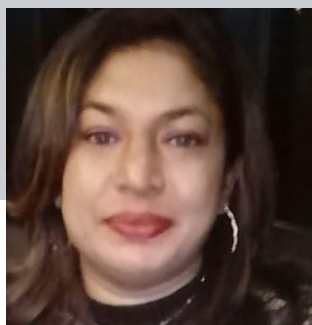
Earlier this term MPS learners and staff bid a bittersweet farewell to Foundation Phase Sports Coach, *Mr S. Dupont*, who has since emigrated to England with his family, and Foundation Phase Departmental Head, *Mrs VP Naidoo*, who has joined Rockford Primary in Phoenix.

We are grateful for their enormous contribution to MPS and wish them well for their new adventures.



Mr S Dupont (left) and Mrs VP Naidoo (right)
with Mr KA Pillay (centre)

...*welcome* to our new Foundation Phase Departmental Head, *Mrs J Naidoo*, and Foundation Phase Sports Coach, *Miss T Maphumulo*.





We also said goodbye to our **Student Teachers:**

Mr D Matthews, Miss L Kandan, Miss V Govender,
Miss A Arthur, Miss M Jugaloo, Miss N Ramkaran,
Miss M Mari, Miss C Sara and Mr S Govender



As well as our effervescent, never-say-no
Educator Assistants:

Mr M Maistry, Miss N Mhlongo, Miss A Pillay,
Miss Q Dube and Miss Z Cele



67 MINUTES

with **Mrs KA Govender**

This July 18th, the Grade 2s dedicated their 67 minutes to a cleanup campaign of our school campus. Armed with gloves and bin bags we made sure that at the end of our 67 minutes our school looked spruced, all the while developing an awareness of the importance of community service.





GRADE 5

Community Outreach

with **Mrs S Shaik**

Serenity Wellness & Transformation Centre NPC is a community-based organisation forged out of the need to help the still suffering addict overcome the difficult period after rehabilitation.

They aim to support recovering addicts to achieve their full personal, social and economic potential to once again become an active and valued part of our society.

There is an urgent need for a facility to serve the community of Tongaat & surrounding areas by supporting addicts on their road to recovery, and most importantly, empowering them to remain sober.

Serenity Wellness & Transformation Centre have been apportioned land on a farm in Esenembe by a generous donor for this much needed facility. The construction required is extensive as there is currently only a shell of two worker pre-fabs in complete disrepair. The centre requires much assistance by donating and sponsoring building materials and equipment.



"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love"

Mrs Shaik and Grade 5 learners (below) handing over R2000 to Nicolyn Naidoo from Serenity Wellness & Transformation Centre.



Casual Day

A grand total of R2370 was collected by our wonderful learners for the National Casual Day initiative. Proceeds were donated to Sunfield Home School in Verulam.



Love for St Luke's

Thanks to Mrs S McCulloch for co-ordinating toiletry collection for St Luke's Home of Healing in KwaDukuza, and kudos to all those who contributed!



Goodbye, **TRAFFIC!**

The start of the term marked the launch of our highly anticipated carpark, bringing much needed ease and flow to both morning and afternoon traffic.

Noodle Time

This term Kellogg's surprised our children with a yummy treat! Learners from Grades 1 - 7 lined up for their share of freshly cooked noodles, and were later gifted their very own noodle bowls and forks!





Grandparent's Day

with **Ms L Maharaj**

Grandparents provide children with the essentials that they need most. They give unconditional love, kindness and patience. They help create fond childhood memories and pass on some of life's most valuable lessons.

On the 21st of July 2023, we celebrated these special souls with pomp and splendour. They were welcomed by beautiful art pieces done by their grandkids and dazzled by performances rendered by the learners.

Treasured moments were captured at the photo station and the festivities ended with a sumptuous picnic provided for by our generous parents. Thank you to all those involved.

Looking forward to an even grander celebration in 2024.





Behind the podium

with **Andrea Naidoo**, Grade 6M



There are three rounds in the competition. The first round was a breeze. It was just my teacher (Mrs Moosa) and my classmates, so there were no butterflies in my tummy, no worries in my head, and no judges in front of my face. I nailed it!

I felt confident and ready on the morning of the second round, however, once we arrived at the competition, anxiety kicked in. After presenting my poem though, it fell away, and my speech was a breeze. I was awarded second place and I was through to the next round.

The last round went much like the second, but I did not win the competition, in fact, I was not even placed in the top four! Nevertheless, I learn something, I was humbled and realised no one is perfect, no one is the best.

You can only perform to the best of your ability.
There is always someone out there who is better
than you, and there's also someone better than
that person.

In conclusion I would like to say, practice makes
progress because nobody is perfect. So do not
worry too much about your mistakes...

Just be the kid you were born to be :)



Andrea Naidoo (centre) with other awardees

Mrs M Govender with Intermediate Phase contestants:

Kyle Govender (Grade 4), Paeton Boucher (Grade 5),
Andrea Naidoo (Grade 6) & Sajana Maharaj (Grade 7)





Mrs KA Govender with Foundation Phase contestants:
Nasia Moosa (Grade 1), Sophie Munisamy (Grade 2)
and Ariana Mahesh (Grade 3)

Well done to *Hirena Naicker* who placed first in the Afrikaans Storytelling Contest hosted by the Ethekwini Municipality Library.



LEXICONS & *Luminaries*

with **Sahilan Doorsamy**, Grade 6F



Exacerbate, surreptitious and vicissitude.

These were some of the words that I added to my vocabulary whilst learning for the Pinetown District Spelling Bee. The first part of the event consisted of schools from Tongaat and Phoenix. Samishka, Devarshen and I proudly represented our school. The word 'lieutenant' was my downfall and I placed third. I went on to the next round with two other contestants from Hopesville Primary.

Forty competitors, but only one winner. This was the second part of the Pinetown Spelling Bee. All the other top three district players had made it here. Jouissance filled the air as all competitors waited impatiently for the spelling to start.

We were juxtaposed to each other, which did not help the noise. Then complete quiescence. The pronouncer walked in. It had begun.

My words were inkling, mysterious, labyrinth and exacerbate respectively. The word exacerbate knocked me out and placed me in the top fifteen. Although I did not make it to the provincial leg of the tournament, I did end up beating the two pupils from Hopesville :) Oh, the look of absolute jubilation on the winners faces were just awe-inspiring.

I would like to thank Mrs TJ Govender for accompanying me on this trip. It was her birthday, she came home two hours late AND did not spend the day with her class.

Unfortunately, I will not enter the spelling bee next year as I would have exceeded the age limit by then. To my successors, I wish you many correctly spelled words and trophies!



TONVER *Endgame*

with **Ethan Naidoo**, Grade 7B



I took a very keen interest in Chess from grade one. It is a challenging game that allows me to stretch my mind. When I focus on a game I am able to block out everything around me.

The Tonver Chess Tournament has really been an awesome experience. It was well organised and it was fun meeting amazing chess players from other schools. Having to compete with these strong competitors has built my confidence. The exposure of such an event gives Chess enthusiasts like myself the opportunity to interact with a diverse group of people who showcase their strategic moves.

I would like to acknowledge my chess coach, Mr M Murugan, for his continuous mentorship & leadership that has allowed me this opportunity to participate. Over the years he has taught me patience, skill, technique and perseverance in order to have a successful game, even against a strong contender. His time and effort in me has allowed me to flourish in chess.

I hope to be selected for future Tonver Games.

The Maidstone Primary Chess Team walked away champions, winning all matches in the final round of the Tonver Games.

Well Done Team!



Thiraya Naidoo, Ethan Naidoo, Kaylen Pillay, Sahilan Doorsamy, Kushal Varma and Mr M Murugan



DIGITAL AGE Mathematics

Cami Maths a fun and interactive educational software system that helps learners understand mathematical concepts. Introduced to MPS in 2017, *Cami Maths* has been a fabulous addition to our Mathematics Programme.

Our morning *Cami Maths* schedule is as follows:

Mon: Grade 1 & 4 **Tues:** Grade 2 & 5

Wed: Grade 3 & 6 **Thurs:** Grade 7

External Exams

Grades 1 to 7 participated in the annual **Quintathlon** Olympiad, aimed at testing higher-order thinking, logic and EQ.

Learners also completed the Mathematics and English exam, **FEMSISSA**.

Results for both exams will be posted in Term 4.

WORLD *Literacy* DAY

On September 8th MPS learners & staff celebrated the transformative power of the written word. Two special assemblies were held, hosting two very special speakers:



Kiara Mahadeo, creator & founder of the dynamic STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Maths) centred educational enterprise *Girltivity*, addressed our Foundation Phase learners about the importance of education and female empowerment



Intermediate and Senior Phase learners were privy to the wisdom of a beloved and familiar face, Tongaat Central Library's Head Librarian, Mrs V Padayachee.





WORLD
Literacy
DAY

BOOK CHARACTER
DRESS UP







Sandwich DRIVE

Fourth year Education student, Miss L. Kandan held a successful sandwich drive for the less fortunate. This formed part of her college project for service learning. Foundation Phase learners and parents were more than happy to assist, generously donating delicious, healthy lunches!

#ProjectHealthyMeHappyMe



Water Safety WITH THE NSRI

Brendon from the National Sea Rescue Institute took some time out to speak to our learners about beach safety. Foundation Phase learners learnt to identify potential dangers & how to use everyday items to help save a life, while Intermediate and Senior Phase learners were shown how to administer basic CPR.

Womens Month ASSEMBLY

Foundation Phase paid homage to womankind at their special assembly with poetry, songs and speeches.





Flag Farm Fun

with **Shay Kuwar Kanaye**, Grade 3R

This was the best excursion I ever went on. It was so much fun! The bus ride was super long. At the Flag Farm we saw lots of animals like fat cows, big donkeys, nice horses and cute foxes!

At break time we carried baby goats. I even saw a horse with one eye! We did lots of stuff there, we even milked a cow! Most children never wanted to, but not me.

I just want to tell you some stuff: there were chickens roaming free. We saw statues of big dinosaurs, and there were pretty peacocks. One even peed on me.

When I came home it felt like a holiday in school clothes! I recommend you go there!







Spirit of Adventure!

with **Amara Shaik**, Grade 6M



We went to the amazing Spirit of Adventure on the 10th of August. My adventurous trip was an experience of a lifetime. It was a chance for me to step out of my comfort zone and experience and explore the great outdoors with my classmates.

The trip was filled with day and night activities such as abseiling, the snake pit & raft building. Although I am very afraid of the dark and small spaces, I went into the snake pit, and it was really awesome. I was so afraid when I got stuck abseiling, but the instructor was so reassuring and helped me on my way.

At night, we prepared and cooked our own meals. It was so enjoyable talking, laughing, and cooking with friends. Sitting around the campfire and playing games was fun.



I learnt a lot about working as a team and helping others. I had a lot of hidden strengths that I was not aware of. This trip allowed me to push myself to the limits. I had a fabulous & enthralling time with my friends outdoors.

I hope all schools allow their learners an opportunity to visit Spirit of Adventure as the trip helped us to unleash our inner selves. This was a trip of a lifetime which I will cherish forever!



Drakensville

with **Aariz Abdool** Grade 7B



This amazing trip started the night before, which I can only describe as a night of sleeplessness, preparation and most of all, excitement.

Waking up early for this exciting day yet to come was a terrific experience, from going to school and meeting my ever so joyous friends, to saying our goodbyes and embarking the bus with our suitcases.

Our fun filled adventure had finally begun! The best part of the trip for all was the four-hour bus ride. From music and dancing to the scenery – it was truly breathtaking. After this amazing drive we finally arrived at ATKV Drakensville which was our place of stay. We quickly exited the bus to our rooms and got ready for our first activity, zip lining. Zip lining was full of fun – the whole class zip lined across a huge lake!



We then ate a good supper and set out to a game in the bushes of Drakensberg – Stalk The Lantern! - where we had to crawl on our bellies to capture a light - military style!

After this battle it was lights out, or was it? The night was an absolute vibe, packed with eating, dancing, singing and pranks which lasted until Mr B. came in.

We had an early start the next day, so it was off to breakfast and the most awaited and feared activity of all, abseiling! Mt friends and I looked down quite a big cliff and thought: *We're going down that?!!!* Turns out it was loads of fun and all of us had a chance to go down, Tom Cruise style! We then moved on to Paintball!

Paintball was rather amusing, laughing at our paint covered friends. But it soon turned to pain when it was our turn to get covered in paint! The best of all the activities was definitely swimming. We all got to swim in a huge heated pool which was really relaxing after all the activities. It also helped combat the cold.



We then set out to supper after this tiring day, filled our bellies and were off again to another night activity.

Every single one of us played a game of night volleyball which was packed with smiles and laughter. The trampoline also proved to be great fun! After this exhausting day we actually had a night of rest and did not at all look forward to the morning.

Sadly it was time to leave Drakensville and head back home to our anxious parents. We had our last breakfast with our guides, took some photos and hit the road once more.

Luckily it was another bus ride of madness, which lifted our spirits! Our parents received us back at school, and just like that, our Drakensville trip had ended.

This was the craziest adventure!

- *Allysia Gopal* (Grade 7B)

This trip has been a rollercoaster of memories that I will never forget!

- *Sarah Lee Daniel* (Grade 7B)





It was spectacular!!!
- *Oshriya Pillay* (Grade 7B)







Market DAY Magic

From Lemonade Dreams to Profit Schemes!

On September 22nd, our school grounds transformed into a bustling marketplace, filled with creativity, innovation and entrepreneurial spirit. A place where dreams became reality. Teachers & fellow students flocked to the stalls, supporting our young entrepreneurs and experienced firsthand the magic of Market Day.

Grade 7 students took the reins of their Market Day project as part of their curriculum, learning valuable entrepreneurial skills that will serve them well in the future.

They weren't just students; they became young business minds, creating business plans, marketing strategies and financial plans that would make any entrepreneur proud.

Our young entrepreneurs banded together in groups, collaborating like seasoned professionals to make their businesses shine. By joining forces, they were able to pool together their unique strengths and create an unforgettable Market Day.

From crafting exquisite handmade crafts to offering mouthwatering treats, interactive games, and personalized services to designing mesmerizing posters and advertising campaigns, they worked tirelessly to create a day to remember.

These young innovators took it up a notch with their advertising wizardry. Posters that could rival professional designers, jingles that got toes tapping, and slogans that left a lasting impression—our Grade 7's made sure the whole school knew that Market Day was an event not to be missed.

And when the big day arrived, our Grade 7's not only showcased their creativity but also their top-notch customer service skills. They faced some tough cookies on the playground, but they handled those tricky situations with grace, a smile and a dash of that Grade 7 charm!

The true beauty of Market Day goes beyond the delicious treats & handmade crafts. It lies in the lessons learned, the friendships formed and the resilience demonstrated by our Grade 7 students. They faced challenges, adapted to unexpected situations and emerged as stronger, more confident individuals.

Market Day wasn't just about the giggles and goodies; it was a masterclass in financial smarts and business brilliance. Students whipped up budgets, projected income statements and played detective with cost prices, selling prices and markups.

They learned that success isn't just about creativity; it's also about managing finances and making cents (pun intended)!

After the excitement subsided, it was time for the grand tally. Learners carefully counted their earnings from the day and produced income statements as part of their business plans. Profits were well earned and shared as per their partnership agreements, fostering teamwork and trust.

As we bask in the afterglow of Market Day's success, we can't help but celebrate the spirit of entrepreneurship, creativity, & unity that our Grade 7 students radiated.

As they continue their educational journey, may they carry the valuable lessons learned during Market Day with them. This experience has not only empowered them with practical skills but has also shown them the boundless possibilities that await in the world of business.

With a standing ovation
and a round of applause,

Mrs K Moodley

*Remember, at Maidstone Primary School,
we make dreams come true,
one adventure at a time!*









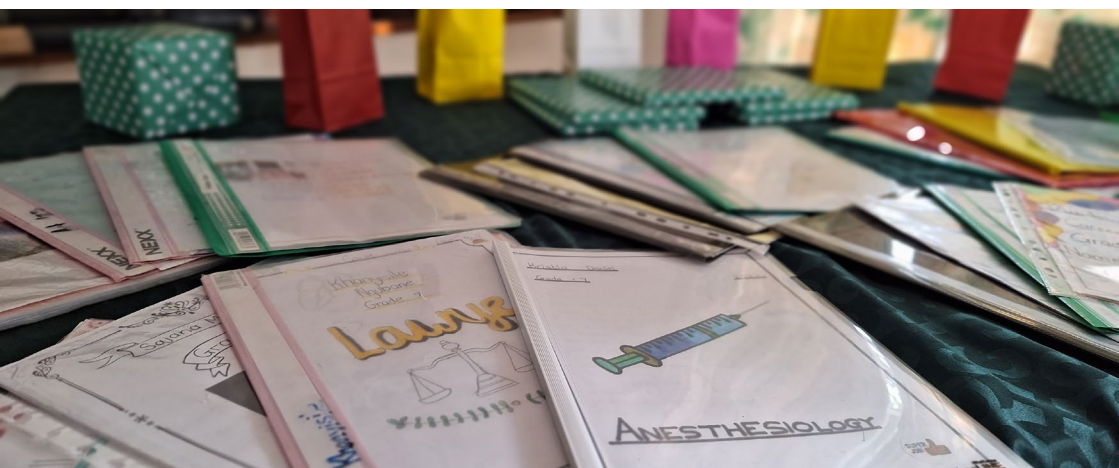












Career Day 2023

with **Mrs M Govender**

Maidstone Primary School introduced Career Day 2023, for the first time, as part of the Grade 7 LO (Life Orientation) Term 3 Project. This Project focuses on Career Simulation Activities. Career information at our school provides learners with valuable insights into the various professions and career paths that they could venture in.

On Wednesday, 27 September 2023, we celebrated Career Day with the aim to help learners explore different career options, understand the requirements and opportunities associated with them, and gain inspiration for their future careers. The event included a variety of activities and presentations designed to engage learners and foster their curiosity about the world of work.

We hosted a diverse group of professionals who volunteered their time to share their experiences and expertise with our learners.

Careers presented varied from health care professionals; safety and security; IT management to banking & financial consultants. Grade 7 learners actively participated in the sessions and were dressed in their career-specific attire.

The highlight of the day was RUSA landing their helicopter on our school field.

Career Day was a resounding success, providing our learners with valuable insights and inspiration. We are grateful to all the presenters, volunteers and sponsors who made this event possible.

We look forward to building on this success and continuing to support our learners in their journey towards meaningful and fulfilling careers.



Guest Speakers:

Dr L Naidoo, Mrs R Naidoo, Mrs A Perumal &
Mrs Prenola Nair, Mr I Daniels, Mr M Ramjathan,
Mrs T Cabe and Mrs M Bonga, Mr P Balram
Mr S Paul







Inter House CROSS COUNTRY

Tigers - 911 pts Pumas - 849 pts Lions - 829 pts



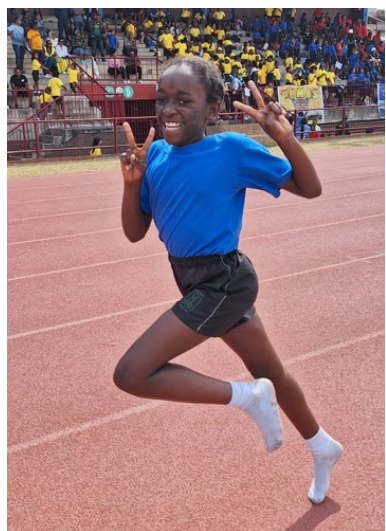
Inter House ATHLETICS

Tigers - 280 pts Lions - 154 pts Pumas - 146 pts











Mothers Race (top), Fathers Race (above), 800m Champs (below),



50m(junior) & 80m(senior) Champs



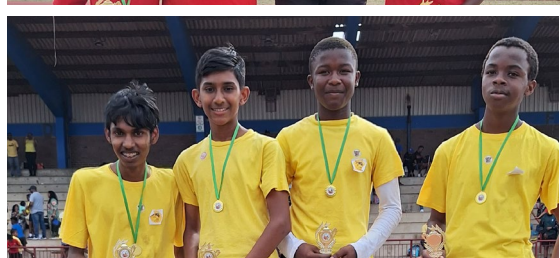
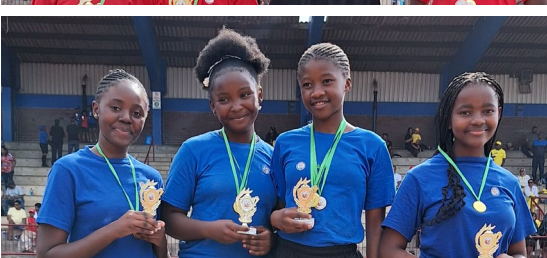
80m(junior) & 100m(senior) Champs



Shuttle Relay Champs



Relay Champs





Congratulations **TIGERS!**

Junior Victrix Ludorum: Dee-Anca Jugdeo (Tigers)

Junior Victor Ludorum: Sayur Ramsaru (Tigers)

Senior Victrix Ludorum: Mercy Matiwa (Tigers)

Senior Victor Ludorum: Saziso Mtambo (Lions)



Inter Class Hockey

(26-27 September)

WINNING CLASSES:

Grade 3M, Grade 4M, Grade 5S, Grade 6M

Hockey Results

vs Dbn North College:

U13A Girls: drew 0 - 0

U13A Boys: won 1 - 0

vs Darnall:

U9 Girls: drew 1 - 1

U11 Girls: won 1 - 0

U9 Boys: drew 4 - 4

U11 Boys: lost 0 - 8

U13 Girls: drew 0 - 0

U13 Boys: won 6 - 0

**Congratulations to the following boys who participated
in the KZN U13 Cricket Week (15-17 Sept):**

Nadel Gounden, Ethan Naidoo, Kaylen Pillay,
Nashraf Sheha & Liam Dunpath

PLEASE NOTE:

Term 4 will see a return to our summer codes
i.e. Swimming and Cricket

met **Mevrou P van Rooyen**

A very big thank you to all my learners for their good work and enthusiasm during the Afrikaans lessons this term. The grade 4 learners had fun writing information about their favourite stories. The grade 6 learners enjoyed writing their own short stories and the Grade 7 learners amazed me with the fantastic dramas they wrote.

Het is geweest...

Afrikaans has been influenced by several other languages, including Dutch, Malay, Portuguese, and Khoisan languages. As a result, Afrikaans is a vibrant and diverse language.

My gunsteling storie

voltooi deur **Hana Chicktay**, Graad 4M

Die titel van my gunsteling storie is Wolraad Woltemade - 'n held. Die storie is waar. Die hoofkarakter is Wolraad Woltemade. Die storie is oormense. Die stories is hartseer. Die prente is goed. Wolraad Woltemade - 'n held is a baie goeie storie. Dit maak my hartseer.

Ek hou van die storie. Dit is die beste storie.

My gunsteling storie

voltooi deur **Dee-Anca Jugdeo**, Graad 4M

Die titel van my gunsteling storie is Die prinses en die padda. Die storie is 'n fabel. Die hoofkarakters is die prinses and die padda. Die storie is oormense en 'n dier. Die stories is snaaks en goed. Die prente is kleurvol. Dit was baie snaaks. Die storie was lekker. Ek het die storie geniet.

Ek hou van hoe hulle se:
"Hulle het vir altyd gelukkig saamgewoon."

My eie storie:

MOENIE 'N BOOK VOLGENS DIE VOORBLAD BEOORDEEL NIE

voltooi deur **Sa'ad Mitha**, Graad 6F

Eendag lank, lank gelede was daar twee mans.

Die een man was spekvet, sy naam was Camavinga. Die ander man was brandmaer, sy naam was Mbabe. Camavinga was jolig en het geen trots gehad nie, maar Mbabe was gemeen en het trots gehad. Hulle het in 'n piepklein dorp gewoon. Die dorp was oulik en uitstekend.

Op 'n dag het Mbabe vir Camavinga vertel dat hey vir hom vyftienkoeie sal gee as hy 'n resies wen. Mbabe was seker hy sal wen, want Camavinga was spekvet. Camavinga het kliphard geoefen en Mbabe het nie geoefen nie!

Die volgende dag was dit tyd vir die resies om te begin. Mbabe was voor, hy het na sy vriend gestap en 'n gesprek gehad. Stadig, maar seker het Camavinga opgevang. Uiteindelik was die resies verby en Camavinga het gewen.

Mbabe was smoorkwaad, want hy het al sy koeie verloor geleentheid. Hulle het gou beste vriende geword. Aan die einde het hulle vir altyd gelukkig saam gewoon.

My eie storie:

DIE HAAI EN DIE KRAP

voltooi deur **Samishka Ramnarain**, Graad 6M

Eendag lank, lank gelede, by die see, was daar 'n haai. Sy naam was Jack. Jack was swaart en wit in kleur. Hy was altyd in 'n slegte bui. Jack die haai het nie vir dae geeet nie. Hy was baie honger.

Op 'n dag was Jack doodmoeg en hy het besluit om 'n bietjie te slaap, maar het 'n drukkies op sy maag gevoel. Dit was a krap. Sy naam was Saby. Saby was rooi in kleur. Jack het besluit om Saby te eet omdat hy doodhonger was. Saby die krap het vir Jack gesoebat om hom te laat gaan. Jack het besluit om Saby te laat gaan.

Die volgende dag het Jack iets op die water gesien en Jack het stadig na dit gegaan. Dit was 'n net. Toe was Jack in die net gevang.
Jack het vir hulp geskree.

Aan die einde het Saby die krap die net oopgesny en Jack gered. Tot hierdie dag is hulle beste vriende. Aan die einde het hulle vir altyd gelukkig saam gewoon.

My eie drama:

'N LES GELEER

voltooi deur **Karuna Sookdeo**, Graad 7B

Die verteller: Dit was a pragtige dag in Drakensville en die graad sewe klas is op pad daar heen. Hulle is baie opgewonde vie hulle drie dae uitsappie. Meneer Balkissoon, Mevrouw Daniel en Meneer Dupont vergesel die graad sewes. Die klas is het baie pret on die bus. Toe ruk die bus skielik en hulle hoor 'n harde geraas.

Maya (Die uwe): Ag nee! Wat is die probleem met die bus? Hoe lank gaan dit neem?

Meneer Balkissoon: Graad sewe, die bus het bietjie moeilikheid, maar ons is oor 'n uur terug op die pad.

Neo: Penny, Sai en Maya, ek wil nie een uur wag vir die bus om reg te kom nie. Kom ons sluipt uit die bus en gaan stap.

Penny: Ja, ek stem saam.

Sai: Nee ek dink nie ons moet dit doen nie. Ons kan in baie moeilikheid beland. Dit is 'n slegte idee.

Maya: Sai moenie so 'n pretbederwer wees nie. Ons sal verveeld raak op die bus.

Neo: Presies. Die sal pret wees.

Sai: Julle drie kan gaan, maar ek wil nie die risiko loop om in die moeilikheid te kom nie.

Penny: Wat ookal, ons sal op ons eie gaan.

Neo: Presies. Die sal pret wees.

Die verteller: Penny, Maya en Neo het van die bus afgesluip en sonder toesig na die winkels gestap. Hulle het gese dat hulle net betyds op die bus sou terugsluip vir wanneer dit vertrek.

Mevrou Daniel (streng): Luister graad sewes. Die bus se band het 'n klein gaatjie gehad, maar is gereed om te vertrek.

Meneer Dupont: Ons gaan nou 'n koptelling doen, so gaan sit en wees rustig.

Meneer Balkissoon: Hier is net vier en dertig graad sewes. Drie van die leerders word vermis.

Sai (senuweeagtig): Neo, Penny en Maya het van die bus afgesluip. Ek het vir hulle gese om dit nie te doen nie.

Meneer Dupont: Ek het 'n idee!

Die verteller: Sai bel hulle en se die bus het vertrek. Hulle skrik en het 'n les leer.

Neo: Ek is jammer dat ek uit die bus gesluip het.

Penny: Ja!

Maya: Ons belowe dat ons dit nie weer sal doen nie.

Die verteller: Die drie het hul les geleer en hulle het hul uitsappie geniet.



We are the champions!

Performing Arts - Term 3 has been one of vigour and victory.

Our dance squads (Grade 3, 4, 5 and 6) won 3 of 4 segments at the Billy Nair Dance Circuit - placing MPS as the BNDC overall winners amongst 13 educational brands.

We are proud to have our class-work permeate across the school being prevalent in major events such as the Athletics meet and Edufair as well as smaller events including Market Day.

Our success has been in large part due to the constant dismantling of “red flags” and a continuous promotion of green flags.

Scaling to more professional performances requires greater challenge in class. At this juncture, as custodians of developing minds we must be mindful to reinforce growth strategies and refrain from compounding complaints.

As we break to rejuvenate before the final push of
"23, I leave you with the words of Kahlil Gibran...

ON CHILDREN

Your children are not your children.
They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing
for itself.
They come through you but not from you,
And though they are with you yet they belong not to you.

You may give them your love but not your thoughts,
For they have their own thoughts.
You may house their bodies but not their souls,
For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow,
which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.
You may strive to be like them,
but seek not to make them like you.
For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday.

You are the bows from which your children
as living arrows are sent forth.
The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite,
and He bends you with His might
that His arrows may go swift and far.
Let your bending in the archer's hand be for gladness;
For even as He loves the arrow that flies,
so He loves also the bow that is stable.







IN THE Art Room

with Mrs P

So much has happened this term, in our lovely place of creativity!

Grade 1's showed great dexterity with their **Rainbow Fox** Illustrations:



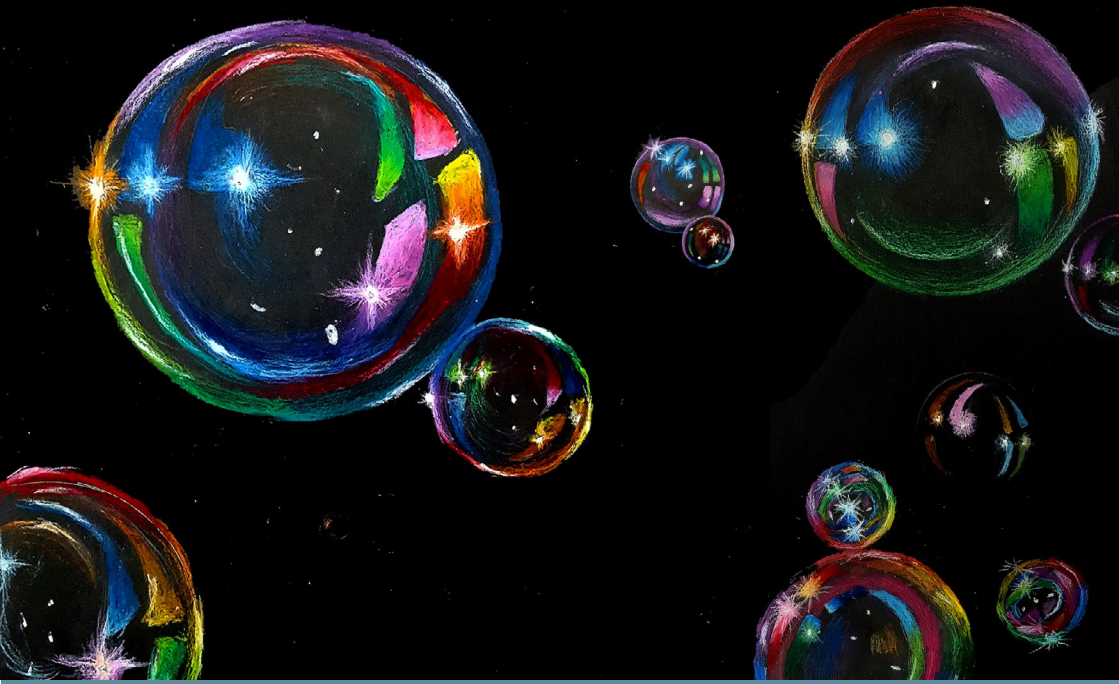
Grade 2's demonstrated their drawing skills and knowledge of warm and cool colours with their **Sun & Moon** mixed media pieces:



Grade 3's created **Berry Nice** oil pastel illustrations:



Grade 4's wowed us all with their oil pastel
Bubbles:



Grade 5's turned **Old Shoes**, into **New Shoes:**



Grade 6's rocked their **T-shirt Designs**:



And Grade 7's completed their **Starry Night** mixed media pieces:





Good News!

Congrats to Mev van Rooyen's daughter, Clarice, (below left) for having been admitted to the bar!

And big love from us all to Mrs McCulloch's daughter, Kierra (below right), who welcomed her son, James, into the world on the 8th of August.



Happy Belated Secretary's Day to our very own Mrs N Maharaj, who completed 41 years of service this year.

Help feed our school cats

Donate cans, pouches or
bags of cat food. Thank
you in advance for your
generosity.





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