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SOMERSET HOUSE

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The Weekly Blah

Grade 6 Biology!



The Grade 6 children have been learning about the human digestive system in Biology. They broke up into groups and designed their own digestive systems. This proved challenging as the size of the organs and positioning had to be fairly accurate.

Not just a school ~ a way of life

The end results were excellent, with some of them even able to pass water through the whole system!



Lost Property

The following items are in the Grade 5 bins in Mr Cod's classroom. Any items collected that are named are returned to the owners – these are all the un-named items!

Uniform Box	1 x jersey 5 x school shirts 2 x grey trousers 1 x grey shorts 1 x SH scarf 2 x fleecies 1 x lonely green glove	Sports Box	2 x teal shorts 3 x blue T shirts 1 x white golf shirt 1 x girl's costume 1 x lonely hockey sock 1 x rugby jersey 1 pr shin guards 1 x scrum cap	Socks Box	20 pairs grey socks 2 lonely grey socks 1 pr white socks
Hat Box	3 x white hats 1 x casual hat 1 x peak	Shoe & Hat Box	3 pairs shoes 1 lonely shoe 1 pr sandals 3 hats 1 peak		

News from the Dormouse (Grade 00) Class

While learning about different occupations, the Dormouse Class visited the Music Department and the Learning Support Centre.



Helen and Nika using the rope and ladder while Helen's Mum showed us the equipment she uses when teaching.



Stefani and Douw playing on the xylophone before Stefani's Mum gave us a fun music lesson.

HEADlines....

Thank you for all the birthday wishes!

I was really spoiled on Monday this week when my office was flooded with cards of all shapes and sizes for my birthday. I am very grateful for all the care and hard work that went into these cards, especially all the very accurate drawings of me! Thank you so much to everyone from Grade 000 to Grade 7.



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Thank You Guild!

The children at the Prep School Aftercare are really enjoying the new Jungle Gym purchased by the Guild Committee!

Grade 5 Poetry

Below are a few extracts from the "I am" poems that the Grade 5s wrote in class last week.

I am creative and clever.
I wonder how water was discovered.
I hear my dogs talking to me.
I see fairies and pixies.
I want a lot of money.
I am creative and clever.

Courtney Lord 5C

I am gentle and stage loving.
I wonder what I'll find.
I hear my private thoughts.
I see my imagination.
I want to be an actress.
I am gentle and stage loving.

Michelle Gelderblom 5B

I pretend that I am the best golfer in the world
I feel great with God's hand on my back.
I touch the sky and know that I can succeed.
I worry that my family will get hurt.
I cry when people I know die.
I am a funny boy who likes to play golf.

Jordan Haantjes 5C

I pretend I'm acting in a movie.
I feel scared sometimes.
I touch people when they're not there.
I worry about my parents.
I cry when people are mean to me.
I am funny and silly.

Josephine Cooper 5B

I understand my sisters when they are mad.
I say I love rain but sometimes I hate it.
I dream that I can fly.
I try to do my best in Drama and Art.
I hope I will always be with Sabrina.
I am lovely and kind

Katelin Hodge 5C

I understand when I go wrong.
I say I am strong.
I dream I was a famous person in the whole wide world.
I try to do my best in everything.
I hope I will succeed.
I am kind and special.

Phumudzo Netshivhongweni 5B

I am kind and funny.
I wonder what year the wheel was invented.
I hear a talking dog.
I see a walking building.
I want to walk on Pluto.
I am kind and funny.

Christiaan Rabie 5C

I am joyful and fun.
I wonder if UFO's exist.
I hear another world out there in space.
I see things waving from Mars.
I wish I could fly.
I am joyful and fun.

Joshua van der Merwe 5B

I pretend to sing in the choir
I feel enlightened by my encounters with the angels.
I touch the cold hard hand of a mysterious figure.
I worry about the people I love.
I cry when people get hurt.
I am friendly and love to laugh.

Sabina Botha 5C

I pretend to explore the unknown.
I feel very sheggle.
I touch a gobbledegook.
I worry technology might take over.
I cry at the death of my loved ones.
I am enthusiastic and joyful.

Michael Burke 5B

I understand everyone is different.
I say friends and family are people you must respect.
I dream about my future.
I try and do well in sport.
I hope I go to Heaven with God.
I am funny and out going.

Kate Thöle 5C

I understand that you must enjoy life.
I say I believe in heavenly spirits.
I dream to be a star.
I try to live life to the full.
I hope I shall be given wings of faith.
I am a special and giggly girl.

Joselyn Brazer 5B

Missing Guitar

A guitar went missing from outside Mrs Bouah's classroom on Tuesday afternoon. The black case contained a marked guitar in light wood, a turner and various picks. Please contact Eltanin James on 082 295 1758 or Mrs Bouah if you know of its whereabouts. Reward offered!

Artist of the Week

Hannah More O’Ferrall in Grade 3 is the Artist of the Week for her beautifully drawn and descriptive painting of “The Magic Carpet”. Well done, Hannah!



Helderberg Art Eisteddfod

The Helderberg Art Eisteddfod was held at Somerset West Primary School this past week. Somerset House entered 89 artworks and our pupils received the following results:

- 9 Cum Laude
- 22 Gold +
- 18 Silver
- 10 Silver +
- 13 Bronze
- 7 Merit

Well done to all our

artists. You have made us very proud!

Newspapers

Last week’s challenge has certainly been met! This week’s whopping total is the best so far – thanks to everyone who brought paper in – and thanks to the stalwart group of collectors, wheel barrow drivers (and passengers!) and orange-paper-bin-fillers! Let’s see if we can crack the 3 tonne mark by the end of term!

	Weds 22 July	Weds 29 July	Weds 5 Aug	Weds 12 Aug	Weds 19 Aug	Wed 26 Aug	Class Totals
7W	2.9	5.5	21.0	15.8	7.0	10.2	62.3
7U	0.0	1.2			3.0	59.7	63.9
6dV	20.1	19.5	34.8	9.0	139.7	43.9	267.0
6M	10.5	10.5			4.0	43.5	68.5
5B	19.4	10.5	17.8	22.4	2.0	25.4	97.5
5C	14.7	16.8	7.1	13.3	7.0	10.6	69.5
4M	17.3	26.0	19.2	24.1	32.0	8.0	126.6
4vN	43.1	70.1	13.1	32.3	5.1	19.7	183.3
3P	12.0	3.5		17.2	1.0	3.0	36.7
3S	1.9	6.5		25.0		41.9	75.3
2P	17.8	11.5	24.4	10.0	21.0	19.1	103.8
2T	111.0	35.0	8.6	170.6	61.6	57.0	443.8
1dP	37.9	18.5	20.6	13.0	14.5	42.8	147.3
1R	22.3	39.9	30.1	46.1	15.5	136.0	289.8
Weekly Total	330.9	274.9	196.6	398.7	313.4	520.8	2035.2

100Club

Congratulations to Ziggy Shulte for being this month’s winner in the 100Club draw!

Sports News

Inter-schools Mountain Bike Ride and Saturday's Beaumont Adventure Update

The weekend started off with very wet conditions for those participating in the Radloff Park Inter-schools Mountain Bike Challenge, but it didn't deter our riders. We managed to retain and earn some more of the top positions with a total of 16 cyclists earning 66 points for the school. The U11 Boys completed 3 laps of the course covering 9.6km with Greg De Vink taking first position followed by Daniel Le Riche in second, both competing for the first time. The U7 boys had 5 new competitors from Oakwood who faired exceptionally well against the Grade 1's with Nicholas Cilliers coming first. U9 Girls and Boys took both second place positions with Josefine Hjlamner and Matthew Cilliers coming in just behind the leaders. The next ride is on Friday 4th September at Radloff Park. Entry is free and each participant earns points for their school.



On Saturday a number of our pupils took part in the Beaumont MTB Ride/Run at Delvera wine farm outside Stellenbosch. This was a trial for Beaumont hosting an event of this nature and we are hoping that it will also become a regular on the MTB schools' calendar. There was a short course for Grade 0-3 which consisted of a 900m run and a 2km cycle, all off road and a long course for the Grade 4-7 repeating the run and cycle for a second time. Although we were not a large contingent from Somerset House we still managed to win both the girls' short and long course as well as the boys' short course. We will keep you posted should there be a follow up event.



Dean Laubser, Theo van der Westhuizen and Nicholas Cilliers waiting patiently before the start of the race.



Matthew Cilliers (1st - Boys' Short Course)
Katya Schulte (3rd - Girls' Long Course)
Hannah Chemaly (1st - Girls' Short Course)
Lara Schulte (1st - Girls' Long Course)

WALTONS TOURNAMENTS

There was great disappointment last Friday morning as the decision was made to cancel the Waltons Netball and Hockey Tournaments. Our fields were simply not safe to play thirty rounds of matches over the course of the two days. Unfortunately we have not been able to re-schedule as we don't have any free weekends available; neither do the other twelve schools who would have been participating. We will just have to look forward to next year and hope that the weather will be kinder to us. Our sincere thanks go to WALTONS for their continuous support and sponsorship of this exciting annual event.

HOCKEY VS HENDRIK LOUW

Last Thursday our children made their way to Strand for hockey matches against Hendrik Louw. A total of twenty matches were played, Somerset House won 15, drew 2 and lost 3. Special congratulations to our B Teams who played exceptionally well.



HOCKEY VS WOODRIDGE PREP

On Wednesday afternoon our Girls' and Boys' 1st Hockey Teams played matches against Woodridge Prep. The Boys' 1st Team played well, beating them 2-0. The Girls' 1st Team also played a great game, but they were unfortunately not able to complete the countless attacking moves they put together. The final score was 0-0.



WP HOCKEY CHAMPS

Congratulations to our Boys' 1st Hockey Team who beat De Hoop 3-2 on Tuesday to confirm their entry for the WP Hockey Championships. It was a rather scrappy game on a very heavy field, but the team should feel satisfied having scored the necessary goals. This means that both our Girls' and Boys' 1st Hockey Teams are amongst the top two schools in the Helderberg and they will be competing against the top two Cape Town schools in each zone on Friday 4 September.

CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

We are nearing the final stages of our annual Chess Championship Competition. Congratulations to all our participants for the manner in which matches were played. The first round of the finals (best of 3) will be played on Monday afternoon from 14h30 to 15h30, with the final rounds taking place on Tuesday afternoon at 16h00.

CHESS VS HENDRIK LOUW

Last Friday our Chess teams played matches against Hendrik Louw. A total of fifteen players were involved. Some tight games were played and the following players won their matches: Zac Fagan, Marais Kruger, Timon de Freitas, Dyllon Gibson, Gary-Paige Mattheys and Marlon Brakhoff. Richard Ribbans halved his match with his opponent. Hendrik Louw just pipped us to the post, winning 7½ boards to 6½.



PARENTS VS. CHILDREN HOCKEY – THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

You should have received a letter about this fun-filled event. If you would like to play, please return the slip to Mr Cod or Miss Mac on Monday.

WEEK 7: Programme for week ending 4 September 2009

Mon	31 Aug	8h10-10h10 14h30-15h30 14h45	Junior Prep Rehearsal Supervised Prep: Mrs L Minnaar 1 st Round of Chess Championship Finals Junior Prep Staff Meeting
Tues	1 Sep	10h30-11h30 14h30-15h30 16h00	Spring Day Celebration Tea at Oakwood Junior Prep Rehearsal Supervised Prep: Mrs H van Niekerk Final Round of Chess Championship Finals
Wed	2	From 13h10	Inter-house Netball and Rugby Matches
Thurs	3	10h30-12h30 From 13h15	MAD Spring Party (Simpson Hall) Hockey Matches - Parents vs Children (Simpson Hall)
Fri	4	08h10 09h00-10h10 13h30-14h30 14h30 14h30	Assembly: Ms C Potgieter 'Family Group' Day Grade 5C – Design and Technology Day Junior Prep Rehearsal Chess vs Gordon's Bay (H) Hockey vs Glenwood House Touring Teams (H) - U9, U11 and U13 WP Hockey Championships (Stellenbosch) Boys and Girls 1 st Teams
Sat	5	09h00 09h00 – 13h00	Rugby and Netball vs Glenwood House Touring Teams (H) U9, U11, U13 Patch Towers of Hope (5c pieces) - Waterstone Village

School Uniform Shop Times

During Term time the Shop is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 07h30 and 08h00 and between 13h00 and 15h00. Please use only the designated times.