



# *The Weekly Blah*

## **Growing Beans!**



The miracle of germinating a bean never ceases to fascinate children. The excitement of watching their little radicles appear and then become larger roots always brings gasps of pleasure. The Grade four classes have been observing the growth of beans in cotton wool and soil. Noah van Wyk was voted "Jack and his Beanstalk" in Mrs van Niekerk's class. His stalk grew 26cm long! Marlon Brakhoff and Liam Ahern were also successful. It was amazing to see how many grew so well in the cotton wool.



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***It is here! And the Grade 1 classes are feeling it!***



### ***Artists of the Week***

The Artists of the Week are Skyla Geldenhuys, Rebecca Day and Brett Roberts in Grade 4 for their amazing puppets. Each one has its own unique character and has been well-made, beautifully painted and finished off with feathers or fur. We can't wait for next term to see the wonderful puppet shows that will be the result of this art project.



### ***General Knowledge Bloopers***

- Which South African singer is known as “White Zulu”? Answer: **Zakumi**
- Name the heart surgeon who performed the world’s first human heart transplant? Answer: **Neil Armstrong**
- Name the first democratically elected president of South Africa. Answer: **Aca Bama**
- What is a snoepie? Answer: **A blanket that you sleep with.**
- What is amasi? Answer: **A mozzie**
- What is amasi? Answer: **You can’t breath well, then you need an asma pump.**
- What fraction of Africa’s electricity does South Africa produce? Answer: **Quite alot.**
- What is a snoepie? Answer: **A dog.**

## News from the Squirrel Class (Grade 0)



In continuing with the Squirrels theme of looking at different countries, the squirrels got to make and taste scones and jam from England and apple pancakes from Germany. Helen and Georgia butter their scones while Robert, Melissa and Thushani enjoy their pancakes made by Mrs Bohmert.

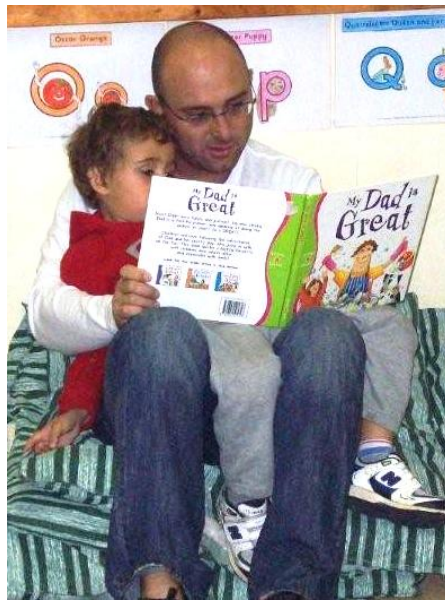


Jamie, Eric and Joshua enjoy playing with the Knights.

## Oakwood celebrates Fathers' Day

Fathers' Day was a great success - with lots of play, and cuddling taking place. Children and their dads enjoyed some special time together.





## ***New Sandpit!***

The Oakwood children have really enjoyed their new sandpit. Sincere thanks to the Guild Committee for the construction of this wonderful play-area!



## ***Fashion Club***

The 'fashionistas' have been working overtime to complete the garments that they have designed this term. They all started off with a small drawing, made their garment out of paper, and then made it out of fabric. The final garments were worn by the designers in Final Assembly. Well done to all the designers. They can be proud of their hard work!



## ***Knitting Club***

The Knitting Club got off to an enthusiastic start at the beginning of the term. It must be said that Craig Weber was

our star knitter and that he managed to complete the soft toy that he started. He has now moved on to knitting a beautiful blue scarf! Thanks to Mrs Eldri Malan who joined us on Wednesday afternoons. She and Mrs Van both sincerely hope that the new skills that were learnt, will translate into many woolly garments for family and friends in the future. Well done to all the boys and girls that tackled this challenge. We are proud of all of you!



## ***Gentlemen's Club***

The gentlemen of this special club were involved in a cooking competition to see which gentleman was most skilled. Presentation and taste were assessed by our two professional judges. Congratulations to Joshua van der Merwe, Nicholas Williams and Troy Harris who won the competition with their brilliant boerewors and superbly spectacular salad.



## **Contribution from Bystander... Spring Flowers**

Let me take you on a walk high up in the snow-capped Alps in high summer, say June or July, and we'll see three seasons unfold before us in a matter of an hour or two. Moving down through the wintry ice to the edge of the snowfield we'll come to a narrow band of freshly exposed stones and gravel, glistening wet from the melting snow. And there, just centimetres away from the edge of the ice, only days after the snow has melted, there will be the first life:, miniature snowdrops and crocuses. They'll be tiny, shy, crouching for shelter between the stones, but nevertheless in bloom.

As we go on down we'll come to stronger, more developed flowers: the snow white Edelweiss, the electric blue Gentians and the palest pink Orchids. And then, when we get right down into the rolling meadows, we'll see a wild profusion of tall, strong, truly summer flowers: Irises, Lilies and Poppies, flaunting themselves shamelessly in the summer sun – and even the wild strawberries with their fruit already sweet and quite ready to eat.

That was the treat we were given last Thursday evening.

From the first hesitant notes of Beethoven's Ode to Joy being blown so self-consciously, right through to a positively virtuoso performance of Dussek's Allegro non Tanto, filled with sensitivity, feeling and confidence, we watched and listened to the blossoms unfold. And the blooms that emerged were quite spectacular with all the colours that the flutes, violins, recorders, pianos, guitars, drums and, not to forget them, angelic voices, could conjure up.

To be able to witness how the talents locked up in our children are nurtured and steered until they positively burst out, was a moving experience indeed. So, thank you Mrs Louw, Mrs Human, Mrs de Kock, Mrs Joubert and Mrs Fourie – thank you so much.

## **Newspaper collections**

The sun broke through and the huge pile of newspapers, phone books and magazines was clear. Many had been hoarding, a new rival to "White Van Man" and "White Bakkie Man" was already at the bins unloading a massive 150kgs for the Grade 7M class (He also has a white Bakkie, so what do we call him?). "White Van Man" made a late appearance and was nearly disqualified!! The Grade 5 and 6 newspaper crew were, as usual, superb - another big thank you for helping to process almost a tonne of rubbish in 30 minutes - well done!

Class	Weds 14 April	Weds 28 April	Weds 5 May	Weds 12 May	Weds 19 May	Weds 26 May	Weds 2 June	Weds 9 June	Total
<b>7M</b>	65.8	12.9			15.6	8.0	3.0	150.0	<b>255.3</b>
<b>7W</b>	7.0	31.0	7.5	14.0	10.0		34.0		<b>103.5</b>
<b>6C</b>	104.6	76.0	35.0	53.0	107.0	110.0	410.3	255.8	<b>1151.7</b>
<b>6M</b>	24.3		7.0	14.5	7.0		26.0	10.0	<b>88.8</b>
<b>5B</b>	40.6	4.5	5.2	10.2	122.2	67.9	35.9	65.0	<b>351.5</b>
<b>5K</b>	55.3	37.8	11.5	34.0	35.0	79.1	86.4	10.0	<b>349.1</b>
<b>4M</b>	28.0	28.8		10.5	17.0		51.6	39.3	<b>175.2</b>
<b>4vN</b>	16.2	29.9	30.3	32.7	36.2	12.0	41.2		<b>198.5</b>
<b>3P</b>	70.9	9.5	8.0	16.2	13.9	41.9	8.9	6.6	<b>175.9</b>
<b>3U</b>	13.4	40.0	14.5	18.5	38.7	17.0		62.5	<b>204.6</b>
<b>2P</b>	48.8	108.8	16.5	28.7	8.0	78.9	82.4	32.1	<b>404.2</b>
<b>2T</b>	231.9	121.5	69.6	179.2	149.7	56.3	9.6	220.9	<b>1038.7</b>
<b>1dP</b>	17.9	56.4	3.0	10.5	13.0	27.3	19.5	5.0	<b>152.6</b>
<b>1R</b>	5.0	8.5	4.0	7.1	8.0	4.5	45.0	8.2	<b>90.3</b>
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>729.7</b>	<b>565.6</b>	<b>212.1</b>	<b>429.1</b>	<b>581.3</b>	<b>502.9</b>	<b>853.8</b>	<b>865.4</b>	<b>4739.9</b>

My class have done it! The first time a Senior Prep class has won the newspaper competition. Well done to Timon and the gang - let's double that next term. It's all good fun; we are doing something good for the environment

and we're raising money for our MAD programme. Have a good rest during the holidays, start collecting and we'll be back on the first Wednesday of next term. ~ Mr Cod.

# Sports News

## BRIDGE HOUSE HOCKEY FESTIVAL

Last Saturday our Girls and Boys 1<sup>st</sup> Hockey Teams participated in the Bridge House Festival. Both teams were in desperate need of match practice as they leave on a tour to KZN early next term. The girls played 5 matches, won 4 and drew 1. They scored a total of 14 goals in five 15-minute matches with no goals being scored against them. As the day progressed, their structure improved and they took advantage of attacking situations. Somerset House was complimented by complete strangers for their exciting style of play. Well done to the entire team. A summary of the results is as follows:

SH vs Reddham	Won 1 – 0
SH vs Eikestad Primary	Won 3 – 0
SH vs Bridge House	Drew 0 – 0

SH vs Edgemeanad B	Won 7 – 0
SH vs Edgemeanad A	Won 3 – 0



Although the Boys' Team did not have too many opportunities for practice, the boys hit their straps right from the first game. Their interplay and one touch hockey was outstanding to watch and their domination of possession never gave any of their opposition a chance to score. If Bafana Bafana could emulate the SH style of play that was demonstrated on Saturday, the FIFA World Cup Trophy would stay in this country at the end of the World Cup! The boys played really well and although mistakes were made, valuable experience was gained and the side is really starting to gel and play good team hockey. We played five matches, winning three and drawing two. In both of our drawn games, we scored goals that were disallowed by some rather interesting umpiring decisions. Unfortunately, that is how hockey goes and the results stand. The game of the day for the side was undoubtedly our match against Paarl Boys, which saw hockey played the length and width of the field. We controlled the midfield and a dazzling run down the right hand side of the field saw the 'keeper and defenders sucked in and allowed a simple back-stick pop-in goal to be scored. What a great result! Well done to each boy for representing your school with outstanding manners, great team spirit and a passion for winning!

SH vs Edgemeanad Prim. A	Won 1 - 0
SH vs Bridge House	Drew 0 - 0
SH vs Edgemeanad Prim. B	Won 6 - 0

SH vs Paarl Boys	Won 1 - 0
SH vs Eikestad Primary	Drew 0 - 0

## HOCKEY TOURNAMENT AT DE HOOP PRIMARY

Last Saturday our U7 and U8 hockey players took part in a tournament at De Hoop Primary. It was a wonderful opportunity for our B and C teams to get a bit more time on the field. All the teams tried their best and we were very impressed by their good sportsmanship. It was a very enjoyable morning. We would like to congratulate all our teams especially our U7 boys on their excellent results. They have not been playing for long, but they showed De Hoop how it is done.

<b>U7B GIRLS</b>	lost	0 - 2
<b>U7C GIRLS</b>	lost	1 - 3
<b>U8B GIRLS</b>	won	4 - 1
<b>U8C GIRLS</b>	won	2 - 0
<b>U7B BOYS</b>	won	3 - 0
<b>U7C BOYS</b>	won	4 - 0
<b>U8B BOYS</b>	lost	0 - 3
<b>U8C BOYS</b>	lost	0 - 2

## THIRD TERM SPORT

The full sports programme starts on the first school day of next term - Tuesday 13 July. The only change to the Term 2 programme is that U7 and U8 hockey and rugby teams will have a practice on match days from 13h10 – 14h00 if their age group does not have any match fixtures on that specific day. This means that netball, hockey and rugby practices will take place on their match day if their age group is not involved in the league matches. As a result, teams will have a second practice and children will most certainly benefit from this arrangement. We look forward to another busy but exciting term!

## RHENISH CHESS TOURNAMENT

A number of our chess players participated in a tournament at Rhenish last Saturday. It was great to see some more girls playing this time and we congratulate Victoria Brakhoff, Hannah More O'Ferrall and Jessica Meissner for stepping out of their comfort zones. An average of 30 players played in each age group and we congratulate the following pupils for doing exceptionally well:

- U10 Section - Nicholas de Waal - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
- Ziggy Schulte - 5<sup>th</sup> Place
- U12 Section - Zac Fagan - 4<sup>th</sup> Place  
- Alistair Christmas - 5<sup>th</sup> Place

## SPORT SHIELDS

We congratulate the following pupils who have been awarded sports shields this term for their super achievements in hockey.

	<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>HOCKEY AWARDS</b>
1	Ash Rutherford	WP U13 A (Captain)
2	Natasha Furness	WP U13 A
3	Emma Demes	WP U13 B
4	Keegan Ahern	WP U13 A
5	Nic de Villiers	WP U13 A
6	Justin de Nysschen	WP U13 B
7	Sinead van Eeden	WP Tennis & Helderberg Zonal Hockey
8	Emily Dyssell	Helderberg Zonal Hockey
9	Maria Small-Smith	Helderberg Zonal Hockey
10	Rijk Diepeveen	Helderberg Zonal Hockey
11	Che February	Helderberg Zonal Hockey