



The Weekly Blah

Dissecting Lungs!



The Grade 7 children have moved on from cells to learn about cellular respiration and the human respiratory system. Last Thursday brought with it some nervous excitement and a bit of apprehension when they found a set of lungs still attached to the trachea of a pig lying on their desks in front of them. They were soon engrossed in the dissection of the trachea and then started cutting through the bronchi to find the bronchioles. As we all know, sometimes food goes down the wrong pipe and we choke so the Grade 7 children spent the rest of the lesson examining the lungs under a

magnifying glass trying to see if they could find a piece of corn lodged in the pig's lung. Well done to Emily Dyssel whose pig had obviously choked at some point on a piece of corn! There were a few disturbing discoveries of hair in the lungs as well. The Grade 7 classes worked well in their groups, although some of the children made mince meat out of their lung!

MAD Outreach – Tereo Boys visit Monkey Town

Our Somerset Boys group went over to Monkey Town with the Tereo boys last week. We had a hooting time with the kids and monkeys! We all helped the kids learn about monkeys and we learnt some new facts too. We had a super guide called Thokani who showed us around and taught us many things. I think the little kids had a blast and they probably would want to go



again. We saw lots of things like monkeys, birds, more monkeys, apes, tortoises and more monkeys. We even saw a deer or two. Over this year we have done many things like go to their school and plant flowers and trees, we had a world cup theme and much more great fun and activities. We cannot wait until the next MAD outreach with the rest of the groups.

~ Written by James Reade-Jahn

Security Update – Tag-reader at Drama Street Entrance

We have installed a tag-reader at the Drama Street pedestrian gate. Those of you with existing tags must swipe your tag at the gate on any weekday between 07h30 and 16h00 in order to programme your tag into that gate. Our Facilities Manager will ensure that the reader is in 'programme mode' between these times until 16h00 Friday 10th September. After this date you will need to make alternative arrangements for your tag to be programmed. Those who do not have tags are reminded that they are available from the Admin office for a deposit of R50.

Welcome, little Sophia!

Congratulations to Sam in Grade 1 Roberts and the rest of the Uys family on the birth of little Sophia on 24 August

Parents' Prayer Group

The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. And those who know Your name will put their trust in You. For You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.

Psalm 9: 9 - 10

The Parents' prayer Group meets every Thursday at 08h00 in the Archives Room.



HEADlines...

Proudly Primary Feedback

Welcome back to our seven staff members who attended “Proudly Primary” in KZN. The feedback so far has indicated that this was a very worthwhile event and that the staff who attended felt enriched by the process.



Kingswood Music Concert

Those parents and children who braved the chilly evening weather to attend the Kingswood College Concert band performance were richly rewarded with a fine display of varied musical arrangements, performed with flair and enthusiasm. The audience gave the band a standing ovation for their very entertaining and skilfully performed pieces. R 2900 was raised in the process for the Red Cross Children’s Hospital. Our thanks are due to the band for this!

E-Mail Issues

If you have mailed the school in the last week you have probably had your mails ‘bounced back’. We have been experiencing problems with our mail server. It seems to be sorted out now and we hope we can return to normality.

Chris Storey – Headmaster

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Term dates for 2011

Term	Start	End	Holidays within the Term
2011 Term 1	Wed 12 January	Fri 25 March	Mon 21 March: Human Rights Day
2011 Term 2	Tues 12 April	Fri 24 June	Fri 22 April: Good Friday Mon 25 April: Family Day Tues 26 April: School Holiday Wed 27 April: Freedom Day Thurs 28 April: Somerset House Holiday Fri 29 April: Somerset House Holiday Monday 2 May: May Day Thurs 16 June: Youth Day Fri 17 June: School Holiday
2011 Term 3	Tues 19 July	Fri 30 September	Monday 8 August: School Holiday Tuesday 9 August: Women’s Day
2011 Term 4	Tues 11 October	Wed 7 December	

Towers of Hope

We hope to see many Somerset House families at the Waterstone Centre on Saturday 4 September to watch our team compete in the *Towers of Hope* event in aid of Patch. The collection of coins from all pupils at Somerset House and co-ordination of the Somerset House team has been done by Nicholas Trafford as part of his Leadership programme Organisational Task.

Helderberg Art Eisteddfodd

All the artwork from the Eisteddfod is displayed in the foyer of the Simpson Hall until the end of the term. If you missed the exhibition come and enjoy the lovely work of our pupils in our own environment. The pupils all receive their certificates in Assembly today.

Poets In The Making!

The Grade 5s have been busy writing their own poems in Drama. They presented these poems to the class and here are a few of the results.

The Fluffy Cat

The fluffy fat cat
That sat in the hat
On one sunny day
He decided to go to the bay.

Along his walk
He had a nice talk
With his little brother
And his chatty mother.

They met a fly
Who loved to spy
He'd spotted a cute mouse
In his show like house.

They said good-bye
To the spy loving fly
What should we do now?
Lets head on home with a meow.

By Erin Williams and Moya Smith –5K

Friend's 4Eva

Our life is pretty cool
Our friends are awesome and fun
We see them everyday at school
They're always there when we need one.

We bite and fight
Then we mend our souls
It's not alright
But that's how we role.

Our friends don't debate
They'll be open and straight
We were brought together by fate
When we are with them its great!

Car, plane, bus or train
We'll always be friends, no matter what!
There will be no pain
Because a good friend we've always got!

By Kiera van Eeden and Kelsey de Haas – 5B

The Jungle

Inside the jungle
You hear the lions mumble
Their secrets are not to be told
Especially to the giraffe that's old.

Their beautiful flowers
Have magical powers
Snowdrops and daffodils
Daisy and blue bells.

I love the peaceful sound
When it's quiet all around
And the bird that always sings
With its wonderful wings.

There are scary gorillas
And hairy caterpillars
So be very aware
Because it's always quite a scare.

By Kelly Landon –5B

Somerset House

Somerset House is a cool school
It has a huge pool
Its students have lots of fun
Especially when they play in the sun.

All the children love to talk
Usually when they walk
The students like to write
Especially when the papers' white.

At second break we have lunch
Most of our meals go crunch
We play hockey, cricket, rugby
It is really funky.

Homework is what all teachers give
Oh, won't they let us live
I will have to say goodbye
Because I am very shy.

By Marais Kruger and Dylan Ribbans –5B

Artists of the Week

The Artists of the Week are Yvonne Huysamer and Stuart Campbell in Grade 2 for their beautifully drawn "I am a King / Queen". They were inspired by pictures and stories of kings and queens in their full royal regalia and completed multimedia pictures in koki, dye and collage to create wonderful layered paintings which are rich in colour.



Well done, Grade 6 Singing Group:

The Grade 6 Singing Group (Sabina, Tamika, Kaylee, Dara, Faye, Michelle, Courtney, Timon, Daniel, Michael, Ingrid, Joselyn, Brigitta and Kate) took part in the Helderberg Eisteddfod: Group singing. They entertained the adjudicator with the lovely 'Rock 'n Roll'-medley and



obtained a well deserved Gold Plus for their performance. The group showed incredible commitment and dedication as they worked hard to master and perfect every step and note. Their love for singing was evident!

Recycling ~ White Bakkie Man returns!

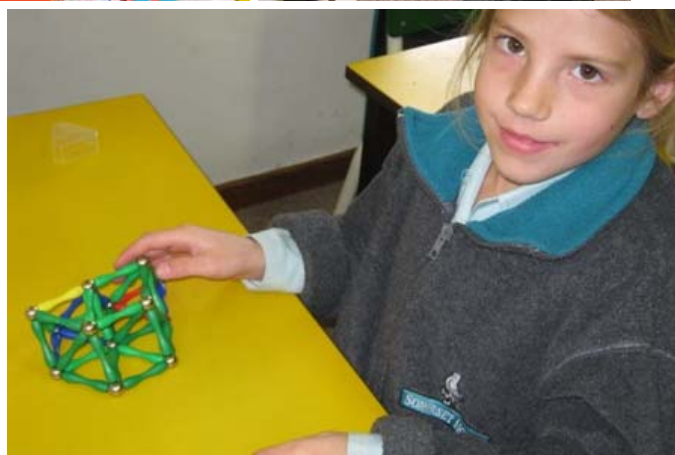
Not such a beautiful morning...the drizzle threatening and the cold, grey "Spring" clouds lurking overhead with definite intent!! Still the recycling continued apace. A new wheelbarrow driver under instruction and I fear he may be under instruction a while longer; he crashed his barrow into the kerb whilst carrying a load of shredded paper - the result was close to a snow storm, not very Spring-like!

Class	Weds 14 July	Weds 21 July	Weds 28 July	Weds 4 Aug	Weds 11 Aug	Weds 18 Aug	Weds 25 Aug	Weds 1 Sept	Total
7M	45.0	7.0	7.0		16.0	10.0	14.0	5.5	104.5
7W	2.0	11.2	37.5	23.0			9.0		82.7
6C		225.9	175.7	67.8	108.3	94.5	7.0	63.5	742.7
6W	19.0	26.3	41.8	16.0	16.0	4.0			123.1
5B	27.2	24.2	122.6	10.7	25.8	18.6	16.1	37.4	282.6
5K	60.8	47.0	4.5	26.0	62.7		49.2	31.9	282.1
4M	7.5	46.5	18.0	6.5	57.0			9.2	144.7
4vN	45.4	20.0	4.1	16.0	17.7	2.0	4.7	12.4	122.3
3P	20.0	43.5	44.5	66.4	17.4	4.0	22.2	14.9	232.9
3U	8.2	5.7	70.2	17.5	64.0		18.6		184.2
2P	59.0	32.0	20.8	76.9	21.0	87.9	10.5	32.9	341.0
2T	67.2	43.3	205.5	64.9	19.6	377.3	190.5	180.0	1148.3
1dP	44.0		7.0	32.0	13.4	2.2		16.0	114.6
1R	20.0	2.1	7.0	24.1	8.0	12.0	21.5	6.3	101.0
Weekly Total	425.3	534.7	766.2	447.8	446.9	612.5	363.3	410.0	4006.7

Mrs Thöle's Grade 2s are flying ahead and have now collected just over a tonne by themselves. Well done to them and as always well done to the intrepid Grade 5s who now run the recycling!

Grade 1s have fun when lessons are finished!

When their class work is finished, the Grade 1s are able to choose some games to play or books to read until the period ends.





Sports News

WELL DONE, JOSEFINE!

Josefine Hjalmer did her share for charity last Sunday! By completing the *Blisters for Bread 5km Fun Walk* she made sure that 21 children won't go to school hungry!"

CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

On Tuesday evening our Chess Championship finalists got together to battle it out for top honours. Ziggy Schulte played against Freddie Cooper in the Junior division, Grant Jansen

played Alistair Christmas in the Middle Prep section and Marcus Nel played against Jordan Haantjes in the Senior division. We congratulate all our finalists for making it through to this stage of the tournament. The finalists played the best of three matches and after some lengthy battles, the following children defeated their opposition's armies:

- Pawn Trophy (Junior Division): Ziggy Schulte
- Knight Trophy (Middle Prep): Alistair Christmas
- Rook Trophy (Senior Division): Marcus Nel



Special congratulations to our 2010 Champions!



HOCKEY VS SWPS

On Tuesday afternoon, our hockey teams headed down to Somerset West Primary for their final league matches of the term. 25 teams took part in the matches. Somerset House had a very successful afternoon winning 80% of their matches played. The U9A team played in the rain but managed to win 3 – 0. The Boys U9 teams ended their season on a high and continue to impress all who watch them play. The U9A team won 10 – 0 and the U9B Team won 6 – 0. The future looks bright for these young players! Our thanks to John Arnold for the wonderful job he has done with these teams. The Girls' 1st Team played their final league match against a very determined SWPS team. At half time the scores were level at 0-0. Somerset House then lifted their game and managed to score twice before SWPS responded with a goal. Our girls won this closely contested match 2 – 1. With this victory they managed to remain undefeated for their entire season of league matches. Congratulations, Girls! Their greatest challenge yet will be the WP Invitational Tournament which takes place next Friday, 10th September at Hartleyvale Stadium. The team is hoping for a hat-trick of victories ~ Top Helderberg Team ~ Kenridge Day/Night Champions and who knows maybe, just maybe..... WP Champions! We wish them the best of luck!

WP HOCKEY TOURNAMENTS

We wish our Boys' 1st Team as well as an U12 Invitational Team the very best of luck as they compete in Western Province Hockey Tournaments this weekend. Our Boys' 1st Team will be in action today and our U12s tomorrow. Both tournaments will take place at Hartleyvale Stadium in Cape Town against the top schools within Western Province. Good Luck Guys! ☺

ATLANTIC SEABOARD NETBALL MINI-TOUR

Next Friday sees all our U11, U12 and U13B netball players boarding a bus to Sweet Valley where they will play matches on Friday afternoon before heading off to Silver Palms Guest House in Noordhoek for the evening. On Saturday morning they will make their way to Parklands College in Tableview for matches before returning home. This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to experience the feeling of a tour, albeit, an overnight one. We thank our parents for making this get-a-way a reality.

ALTERED SPORTS PROGRAMME

An altered Sports Programme for the final 3 weeks of term was sent home with each pupil on Wednesday. Please have a careful look at this programme as it does consist of varied items and events. The main focus will be Inter-house netball, hockey and chess events, Parents vs Children Netball and Hockey matches, cricket practices for the boys and some soccer for the girls. You can also view this programme on our website.

<i>Week 9: Week ending 10 September 2010</i>			
Mon	6 Sept	08h10-09h30 14h45-16h00 14h30	JP Play Rehearsal No sport for Grades 4, 5, 6 and 7. Festival of Music Rehearsal - Senior Choir only JP Staff Meeting
Tues	7	12h00 bus leaves 18h00	Festival of Music Rehearsals in Strand. Senior and Junior choirs. Festival of Music – Senior and Junior Choirs (Strand Town Hall)
Wed	8	from 13h10 19h00	No early morning Senior and Junior Choir Practice Netball vs Moms Public Speaking Competition (Dining Room)
Thurs	9	08h30-10h10 from 13h10 18h30	JP Play Rehearsal Children v Parents Hockey Matches (Simpson Hall) Helderberg Prestige Concert (SWPS)
Fri	10	12h45 14h30 – 21h30	Atlantic Seaboard Netball Tour departs (Under 11to Under 13 A and B) WP Day/Night Hockey Tournament – Girls' 1 st Team (Hartleyvale)
Sat	11	08h00 13h00	Bridge House Rugby 7s Tournament U9, U10, U11 and U13 Atlantic Seaboard Netball Tour returns

Fields out of action.

Please note that the small rugby field as well as the Webb Field (next to Oakwood) will be out of bounds until the end of the term as they are being scarified. We ask that you not cut across the Web Field between Oakwood and the pool. Thank you for your co-operation!

Public Speaking Competition

Wednesday 8 September at 19h00

Cloetenburg, Staff Room

All welcome!