



The Weekly Blah

Lion and Falcon Award recipients!



It is a long-standing tradition in our school to make these awards to children in Grade 7 who have made a significant and special contribution to the school over a significant period of time. These children have worked exceptionally hard to achieve these awards and we congratulate them on this outstanding achievement.

- A *Falcon Award* is made to a child in Grade 7 “who, through ability, consistent effort and application has made a significant contribution to Somerset House in several fields of activity.”
- A *Lion Award* is made to a child in Grade 7 “who, through diligent effort and application in class, a contribution to the cultural life and sport at school, as well being a caring and reliable citizen, has made a special contribution to Somerset House.”

Congratulations to the recipients of Falcon and Lion shields:

Falcon Awards	Lion Awards
Bella Gebers Emily Dyssell Emma Demes Justin de Nysschen Kate Boonzaier Amy Sedgwick Kirstin Meiring Nicholas Trafford Rhys Williams Rijk Diepeveen Sophie Gebers Steffen Engelmann	Ashlea Rutherford Natasha Furness Sineád van Eeden

Class Party and Beach Run

The Class Parties this year are scheduled for Tuesday 30th November for both the Junior Prep and Senior Prep. We will be combining these with an amended Beach Run, as this was cancelled because of the weather. The children will be transported to and from Strand beach by bus and the children will finish school at the normal times.

The Beach Run will be the first activity of the “Party”, taking place on the beach by the Life Saving Club. The children will then have a two hour session at Waterworld before being brought back to school. The JP will have lunch at school, ready to go home at 13h00. We will take lunch to the SP children and they will be back at school, ready to go home for 14h30.

Junior Prep Children (Grade 1 – 3; 141 children)	Senior Prep Children (Grade 4 – 7; 183 children)
08h30: Depart from Somerset House 09h00 – 10h00: JP Beach Run 10h00 – 12h00: Children at Waterworld 12h00: Children return to Somerset House Children have lunch at School 13h00: Children go home	10h30: Depart from Somerset House 11h00 – 12h00: SP Beach Run 12h00 – 14h00: Children at Waterworld Children have lunch at Waterworld 14h00: Children return to Somerset House 14h30: Children go home

Photos

If you have taken photos of Somerset House children during the course of this year in any part of their school life we would be most grateful to get copies of those photos for possible use in our school magazine as well as for marketing and archiving purposes. Photos can be given to Tracey du Toit on flash disc, CD or DVD. Photos can also be e-mailed to info@somersethouse.co.za but please send them in small groups and in the highest resolution possible. Many thanks!

The School shop will be open during the following times:

2, 3 and 6 December from 08h00 – 13h00

The dates that the shop will be open in January will be advised in the last newsletter of the year.

HEADlines...

Grade 000: Kyla Daniel

Congratulations to Ms Kyla Daniel who will be teaching our Grade Bees (000) class next year. Kyla stood in for Caroline Hodge earlier in the year and has also been assisting with the running of our Aftercare. We welcome her to her new position in the Somerset House family.

ICT: Siobhan Louw

Congratulations to Ms Siobhan Louw who takes over as Information and Technology teacher next year. Siobhan will be responsible for the teaching of ICT across all the grades of our school. Her focus will not include the technical support side at all as the school has decided to split this function so that she will be able to focus completely on the teaching. We welcome her to Somerset House.

Carol Service

Our Christmas Carol Service will take place on Wednesday evening under the oak trees behind Cloetenburg. Please bring a blanket or cushion to sit on and your singing voice. Please note that this is not a picnic, but a religious ceremony which we wish to treat with due respect.

Class splits for Grade 2 to 7

Please note that the Staff put a lot of thought and consideration into the process of allocating children to classes. It involves consideration of their peers, academic performance, gender balance and personality and personal factors. For obvious reasons we do not enter into correspondence on this issue. These lists are finalised after school closes and class lists for Grade 2 – 7 will only be made known on the morning that school starts i.e. 12 January 2011.

Registration of Siblings

Siblings are placed in the 'priority' section of our waiting lists but offers for places are often made a year before the desired year of enrolment. To assist us with our planning for future classes, please ensure that siblings are placed on the waiting list early. There is a simple form to complete and a R250 administration fee to place a child on the list. Please contact Tracey du Toit – info@somersethouse.co.za – for more information.

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Newspaper Collection

Competition is hotting up, as indeed is the temperature in the mornings! Wednesday morning was busy; Thomas Mudge was driving the wheelbarrow - more or less without incident. He did cut off the Chairman of the Board - who smiled and waved him through... All in all it was another extremely efficient operation - from the Grade 5 recycling crew. Messrs Weights & Measures process the labels and check standards; the transport department run a smooth operation and the final fillers of the igloos are becoming faster and faster. Perhaps some outside auditing is required as Grade 5B slips into the lead...watch out 2T, there are only two Wednesdays left.

Class	Weds 6 Oct	Weds 20 Oct	Weds 27 Oct	Weds 3 Nov	Weds 10 Nov	Weds 17 Nov	Total
7M	13.0	13.6			18.0		44.6
7W	9.5			6.0	3.0	8.5	27.0
6C	176.0	38.0	5.4	8.0	3.0	5.0	235.4
6W			17.9		18.0		35.9
5B	53.1	14.9	317.5	20.2	35.2	115.9	556.8
5K	17.0	62.7	6.0	43.7	30.7	16.5	176.6
4M	50.0	13.5	50.0	10.0	25.0	13.0	161.5
4vN	50.8	18.6	17.3	8.0	25.7	26.7	147.1
3P	12.6		14.8	43.1	33.0		103.5
3U	14.2	3.4	15.0	31.2	63.7	9.0	136.5
2P	19.0	12.4	24.0	11.2		148.8	215.4
2T	62.3	185.4	66.8	38.8	175.6	24.7	553.6
1dP	6.9	33.5		22.6		1.5	64.5
1R	1.0		15.6	21.7		40.0	78.3
Weekly Total	485.4	396.0	550.3	264.5	430.9	409.6	2536.7

Please help Little Angels

The Little Angels Preschool which we help as part of our MAD programme does not have enough chairs and tables for all its children. We are hoping that some of you might be able to donate small plastic tables and chairs which your children have outgrown. If you can help us please contact Caroline Gelderblom 083 262 3362. Ideally we would like to hand them over on Tuesday 23rd November when we have the Christmas Party so it would be appreciated if you could call Caroline as soon as possible. Many thanks

News from the Owl Class

Sam Chemaly's cousin, Samantha, is studying bats at UCT and brought the Owl Class her pet bat 'Slinky'.



Artists of the Week

The Artists of the Week are Hannah Chemaly and Hazel van der Watt in Grade 4 for their beautifully drawn and painted “Chameleon” pictures. Well done!



2010 Artwork

The pupils' artwork will be sorted out and sent home over the next two weeks. Please keep an eye open for them and enjoy them. I will be selecting some artworks (about 20) to be framed, but I will notify these pupils personally.

When the mice are away – the squirrels will play!

This is what the squirrels get up to when the mice are away! When all the children were rehearsing their songs for the concert our family of squirrels had great fun playing on the tyres and pinching the teachers' sandwiches!



Sports News

2010 TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Unfortunately, the wind played havoc with our plans to play the Tennis Championship Matches outdoors on Tuesday afternoon. Fortunately we have a Sports Hall and a quick decision was made to move the matches indoors. This is the first time in the school's history that our Tennis Championship Finals had to be played indoors. Spectators were treated to some very exciting and nail biting tennis and one would have thought that our players play indoors often, as they adjusted to the quick surface with ease. The format changed from the original best of 3 sets to ~ first player to 9 games, with players having to win by two games. Congratulations to all our finalists who played exceptionally well with long rallies and strong cross court winners being the order of the day. Special thanks to Mrs Bouah, Mr Knott, Mrs Pienaar and Mrs Van Niekerk for assisting with umpiring and tough line calls. The first match started at 15h00 and the final one ended just before 19h00. The final results were as follows:

	Junior Girls	Junior Boys	Senior Girls	Senior Boys
Runner-Up	Kiera van Eeden	Migali Giagas	Ash Rutherford	Liam Wrightson
2010 Champion	Rosalyn Trafford	George Huysamer	Sineád van Eeden	Cassius Vlok

ZONAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to our five players who participated in an inter-zonal tournament last Saturday. Kiera van Eeden, Rosalyn Trafford, Migali Giagas and George Huysamer represented the Helderberg U11 teams while Sineád van Eeden represented the U13s. They were up against tough competition, and despite having to play 4 matches each, they played like superstars. We await the final results to see how the Helderberg Team fared overall. Congratulations to all of you, we are unbelievably proud of your achievements.

MIGALI LEADS HIS TEAM TO VICTORY



Migali's U11B Football team, playing for De Beers, has had an exceptional season. Not only was he captain of the team, but also joint top goal scorer with 12 goals for the season. The team won the League's Knockout Cup and came third in the Cape Town Tygerberg Football League. The team was also voted as the Junior Team of the Year at De Beers Soccer Club. Well done, Migali. This is quite an achievement!

GRADE 6 vs GRADE 7 GIRLS CRICKET CHALLENGE

Our annual cricket match between our Grade 6 and 7 girls took place on Wednesday afternoon. There is always great excitement for this event. Each grade's girls are divided into two teams with one match taking place on the Webb Field and one on Naburn Meadow. Both matches were equally important with the results from each one being added together to determine the winning grade. Matches lasted 15 overs per innings. There was some super batting taking place on Naburn Meadow and Natasha Furness, Maria Small-Smith and Emily Dyssell each retired in order to give their fellow team members a chance to bat ~ thank you girls! Some individual awards were also made and we congratulate the following cricketers for their fine stats and performances on the day:



	Best Fielder	Best Bowler	Best 'Batsman'
Grade 6	Faye Tunnicliffe	Brigitta Selb 1 Wicket / 2 Overs / 8 Runs	Anya du Plessis 18 Runs
Grade 7	Stacey Maggott	Sineád van Eeden 2 Wickets / 3 Overs / 4 Runs	Justine van der Merwe 16 Runs



Congratulations to the Grade 7 girls who were victorious this year. The final runs were as follows:

- Grade 6s – 131
- Grade 7s – 186.

Both matches were played in good spirit and the girls seemed to have loads of fun. Special thanks to all our umpires! ☺



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL TOURNAMENT FOR JORDAN



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Jordan Haantjes recently represented Western Province at the South African Junior Golf Championships which was held at Clovelly Golf Club. Provinces from all over the country participated in this tournament. Western Province played exceptionally well, coming 2nd overall after the 54 Hole Competition. Congratulations to Jordi and all his team mates.

WEEK 8: Week ending 27 November 2010

Mon	22 Nov		Grade R - Grade 1 Orientation morning
Tues	23	10h30-12h30	MAD Outreach Party
Wed	24	09h30 14h00 19h00	Oakwood Christmas Concert - Dress Rehearsal Grade 1 – 4 watching U9 Internal Cricket Match (hard ball) – all U9 boys Carol Service
Thurs	25	10h30 - 11h45 12h30 - 14h30 16h00	Grade 1 and Grade 5 Buddy Party Inter-house Relay Gala Sports Coaches Function
Fri	26	08h00 - 13h30 09h00 17h00	Grade 3 Helderberg Hike – meet at Nature Reserve Oakwood Christmas Concert (Simpson Hall) Night League Cricket Final (possible)
Sat	27	18h30	Leavers' Dinner