



The Weekly Blah

Autumn Fun!



The Grade 000 Bee Class used all their senses to experience autumn. It was so much fun touching, crunching, rolling in, throwing, smelling and playing with all the autumn leaves.

News from the Ladybird Class (Grade 000)

There is so much to do in the Ladybird Class. It was especially fun to use all the autumn leaves at our disposal to create some colourful masterpieces!



HeadLines...

Nelson Mandela once said;

"No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite."

Xenophobia (noun)

An unreasonable fear or hatred of foreigners or strangers or of that which is foreign or strange.

Our country has not been a comfortable place to live in for the past couple of weeks. Whether we are experiencing xenophobia, or the results of frustration due to the lack of real progress and transformation in the lives of South Africans, is open to debate. The results have nonetheless been devastating. It is easy for us to talk about xenophobia as this "bad thing" which happens elsewhere, but it begins with all of us, in our own environments. We experience this in our own school and it is something which we try hard to deal with. It begins with our attitudes to others and it can be stopped by some basic steps:

- I can make sure that everyone always feels more than welcome in my school.
- I can make sure that everyone can say....this is my school....and really feel it. They must be able to say "I BELONG here..." rather than, "I am lucky enough to be here."
- I can treat everyone with respect.
- I can make sure that no one is excluded or left out.

.....I can stop xenophobia!

You may be wondering why I am addressing this topic, in this way, in this newsletter. It is simply because we deal with these issues at this school. Xenophobia is not necessarily only to do with foreigners - it certainly happens when others are perceived to be different because of race, ability (or lack thereof), culture or appearance. We are cognisant of this and address these issues as and when they arise. This was the topic of our assembly today, ahead of our celebration of Freedom Day. We can only be truly free when everyone is free.

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Family Tree

The Family groups created flags during their Family Lunch on our Cultural Day last term. The Family Tree looks beautiful!

Performers of the Week

This week the Grade 3s had 15 minutes to work with a partner to re-enact a nursery rhyme. The creative work performed by Aidan Herbertson and Liyema Jijana was very impressive. Well done, boys!



Hospice Cycling for life



Longer than the Argus, kinder than the Epic and more fun on a bike than the average cycle race - this is the Helderberg Hospice Cycling for Life 2015 to be held on Friday and Saturday 15 and 16 May at the Simpson Hall at Somerset House, starting at 6pm on Friday until 6pm on Saturday. For the sixth consecutive year, sponsored teams of cyclists will compete over 12 and 24 hours to clock up the most kilometres raced, on a trainer in one day. Many riders across the categories ride in memory of loved ones, while standing in solidarity with those currently undergoing treatment or receiving Hospice care.

Teams of 3, 6 or 12 riders take up the challenge to transform energy into money, with each team undertaking to raise a minimum of R3600 to ensure that the special care of Helderberg Hospice can continue to be made available to all in our community. This year's event boasts an Extreme category for the third time, in which teams (or individuals) will take on the challenge to ride for a relentless 24 hours! Bikes are placed on trainers with computerised speedometers, and cyclists pedal their way through a gruelling day of stationary competitive kilometres. Hi-octane music, big screen TV, delicious food to power leg-pumping action and spot prizes throughout the day keep the energy and enthusiasm levels up. Riders of all levels are welcome to be part of this remarkable race.

You are invited to be part of this amazing event by either entering a team or providing financial sponsorship to support those who ride to sustain the dedicated care of Helderberg Hospice! We will use our newsletter, website, Facebook page and other social media available to us to promote our sponsors, as well as in correspondence to the participants. We offer sponsors the opportunity to display banners and distribute advertising material at the event, and will run a slide show on the big screen displaying the sponsors' logos. The MC will also mention our sponsors by name during the day.

Contact Patricia McNaught Davis at 082 731 5736 or on patricia@helderberghospice.org.za for more information.

Hockey Block Shirts

If your child has out-grown a hockey block shirt (or two or three), or you have an extra one – please donate these items to the School 2nd Hand Shop. There are new pupils who urgently need block shirts while we wait for the new hockey shirts to be returned from the suppliers. Many thanks.

Urgent Appeal

Our Attic contains all the costumes and props from previous school plays and concerts. It's a wonderful service provided by the school, not only for Drama classes, but school theme days and outside school parties. The Attic is maintained by Giga Sanders and she is desperately looking for help on Tuesdays. Please contact her directly on 083 6788582 if you are able to help. Please make sure all the costumes get returned to the Attic box in Mrs McCulley's office as soon as possible.

The Rubbish Returns...

This week, the boys of Grade 5 formed The Crew and braved the chills of early morning autumn time. Some rather erratic WBDs started the day off with a bout or two of wobbling across the path of oncoming 4 x 4 x Fars. Thankfully, they settled to steadier manoeuvres and the whole system creaked into action. With 120 kgs more than last week, the GIPS had their work cut out and the chills were soon forgotten. However, bad news is lurking on the horizon...rumours from GI HQ suggest that our endangered third GI might well be on the extinct list and may soon be no more. This will indeed be a sad day as GI3 has become an integral part of the Crew and a good friend to GI1 and GI2, not to mention being much-loved by all the GIPs from over the years. The answer is that we need more paper to keep GI3 fueled and able to exist comfortably and safely...so, please gather together all your paper and let's rally around to save GI3!!!

2015	Weds 15 Apr	Weds 22 Apr	Class Totals
7A	6.7	4.6	11.3
7M	6.6	4.0	10.6
7R		8.0	8.0
6C	11.0		6.3
6M	6.3	20.2	31.2
6O		5.6	5.6
5B	113.2	5.9	119.1
5vG		9.5	9.5
4C	17.5	29.5	47.0
4M	12.7	42.8	55.5
3P	31.8	69.1	100.9
3R	31.0	81.4	112.4
2dP		15.9	15.9
2T	16.0	38.5	54.5
1B		23.5	23.5
1H		12.6	12.6
Weekly Total	252.8	371.1	623.9

- Please, please, please label your packages with the **HOME ROOM CLASS and WEIGHT (kgs)**. Those with no name or weight cannot be added into the totals.
- **Please also do not drop off packages after 07h55.** It is too late then to process them and we have to be down at Cloetenburg at 08h00. **Please be on time...!!!**



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Artists of the Week

“Reading by Candlelight” seems to be an entirely appropriate subject for a painting at the moment, and, with this in mind, the Grade 4 pupils have created these atmospheric pictures. Well done to Neil Human, Anna Downing and Emilie Smit for their lovely paintings.



Scavenger Hunt

On Tuesday morning the Grade 4s carried on learning about the History of Somerset House. They got into pairs and Mrs Roynon gave each group a tablet to share (to scan QR codes) and Ms Craig gave each group a whiteboard and a worksheet. Then they had to go do a Scavenger Hunt! On the hunt they asked questions about the school – like “Who were the Headmasters before Mr Storey?” and “What do we use the old Headmaster’s House for now?” All of us had great fun learning about the history of our school. (Anna-Rose George)



Sports News

BIDVEST WALTONS NETBALL AND HOCKEY TOURNAMENTS

We were blessed with wonderful weather for our Bidvest Waltons Netball and Hockey Tournaments this past weekend. We had a total of 8 schools participating this year, with a total number of 77 teams in action. Special thanks to all our Somerset House families who assisted us - either with donations of treats or with their time. It was a great team effort and all ran smoothly. Thanks, too, to Odette Boettger who ran our tuckshop with the help of various moms, and to our Guild for braaiing and selling boerewors rolls. This is the 14th year that Waltons has sponsored this event and we thank them for their wonderful support. Please see a summary of all the results below.

NETBALL RESULTS					
	G U9	G U10	G U11	G U12	G U13
1	Kenridge	Somerset House A	Kenridge	Kenridge	Kenridge
2	Somerset College	Kenridge	Somerset College	Bridge House	Bridge House
3	Temperance Town	Somerset College	Temperance Town	Somerset House A	Somerset House A
4	Bridge House	Bridge House	Somerset House A	Temperance Town	Temperance Town
5	Somerset House A	Temperance Town	Bridge House	Somerset College	Somerset College
6	Somerset House B	Somerset House B	Somerset House B	Somerset House A	Somerset House B

GIRLS' HOCKEY RESULTS				
	G U9	G U10	G U11	G U13
1	Somerset College	Somerset House A	Kenridge	Somerset House
2	Kenridge	Kenridge	Somerset College	Hershel
3	Somerset House	Somerset College	Somerset House	Kenridge
4	Bridge House	Bridge House	Hermanus	Bridge House
5	Hermanus	Somerset House B	Bridge House	Somerset College
				Hermanus

BOYS' HOCKEY RESULTS					
	B U9	B U10	B U11	B U12	B U13
1	Somerset College	Somerset House A	Somerset College	Kenridge	Ikhwezi
2	Kenridge	Kenridge	Somerset House	Somerset House	Somerset House
3	Somerset House	Somerset College	Bridge House	Somerset College	Hermanus
4	Hermanus	Bridge House	Kenridge	Bridge House / Hermanus	Kenridge
5	Bridge House	Somerset House B	Hermanus		Somerset College
6					Bridge House





CRICKET BOYS AT NEWLANDS

Six of our 1st Team Cricket boys were fortunate enough to play a cricket match for the Somerset West Cricket Club on Newlands. They played in the semi-final for the Feedem Pitseng knock out tournament and narrowly lost the match by two runs. Boys are Back left to right: Munnik Huysamer, Travis Norris, Jonathan Harley, Jason Shaw. Front Left to Right: Carel Mans and Andrew Whaits.



BOLAND ACTION CRICKET

The following boys were selected to represent the Boland Action Cricket team. They will be playing in a national tournament from 29 June to 4 July 2015 in Centurion Gauteng. Mr Harley has also been selected as the team manager for the team. Boys are as follows: Back left to right: Jonathan Harley, Mr J Harley, Ethan Gouws. Front Left to Right: Luke Herholdt, Arden Scholtz, James Royden-Turner.



Week 3: Programme for week ending 2nd May 2015

Mon	27 April		Public Holiday – Freedom Day
Tues	28		
Wed	29		
Thurs	30	07h45 10h30 – 12h30 13h00 13h40 – 14h30 14h45	Facilities Meeting MAD Outreach at St Paul's Primary Family Lunch Normal school closing times Zonal Rugby Trials, Stellenbosch
Fri	1 May		Public Holiday – Workers' Day
Sat	2		