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Kwartaal Verhaal

Ons Skoolhoof se Spesiale Dag



Ons fantastiese skoolhoof, Mnr. Kachelhoffer, het op 16 Mei die bewonderenswaardige ouderdom van 63 bereik. Die hele skoolgemeenskap het saamgekom om hierdie jaarlikse, onvergeetlike mylpaal te vier.

Mnr. Kachelhoffer is oorlaai met kleurvolle ballonne, vleierende woorde van die toegewyde skoliere, en 'n hartroerende video wat deur al die leerders en personeel saamgestel is om hom inniglik geluk te wens met sy verjaardag. Elke kind is bederf met 'n heerlike, delikate kolwyntjie om die vreugdevolle oomblik saam met hom te deel. Mnr. Kachelhoffer beskou hierdie betekenisvolle gebeurtenis as 'n opwindende en buitengewone verrassing, en dit sal vir altyd in sy herinnering voortleef.

Volgens astrologie word Mnr. Kachelhoffer beskryf as 'n Stier, wat die waardes van lojaliteit en toewyding simboliseer. Alhoewel hierdie eienskappe beslis 'n treffende beskrywing van hom is, is Mnr. Kachelhoffer nie heeltemal oortuig dat hulle slegs as gevolg van sy geboortedatum voorkom nie. Wat hy wel van seker is, is dat hy 'n verstommende goeie braaier is.

Mnr. Kachelhoffer openbaar hom as 'n gereserveerde persoon wat die voorkeur gee daaraan om sy verjaardag in stilte en gemoedsrus saam met sy dierbare gesin te vier. Ons wens hom 'n oorfloed van gesonde en voorspoedige jare toe en hoop opreg dat sy laaste twee jaar by BPMS 'n bron van ongekende vreugde en vervulling sal wees.

Deur Stella Combrink

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In die kollig



Ons Junior koor het 'n A++ by die Artistatue koorkompetisie ontvang.



Ons o/7 skaakspan is ligawenners.

Highlights

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Read about our annual Mini Makiti on page 11.



Read about the grade 1s IsiZulu learning journey on page 6.

Thank you...

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Grade 1



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Busy Bodies or Baby Geniuses?

Our Grade 1s have completed their first six months of "big school," and we asked Mrs. Desire Antunes, the Head of the Department, to tell us more about what they have been up to so far. Besides learning maths, spelling, and reading, they have also enjoyed many other activities.

Every Friday, the Grade 1s have "Lees met Gees" or "Radical Readers" from 12:20. Parents come to school and take students in small groups to read with them. Most importantly, they get spoiled with a sweet! This year, the GDE and BPMS have implemented a third language, and the Grade 1s have an IsiZulu lesson with Ms Andile Mthethwa, who comes to school every Thursday. So don't forget to greet them with a "Sawubona" on the playground.

Wednesday mornings are for J-Kids, which also started this year. The Grade 1s love these 45 minutes of singing and dancing to praise and worship music, and this forms part of their music education.

The mini netball and rugby teams have also had a great season. With practices from 13:00 to 14:00, they were ready for every game and tournament.

The rugby boys lost a tooth here and there on the rugby field, and all the moms made sure their boys had mouthguards for all their games, but all in all, they had a great season and won most of their games. Our little mini-netball stars also did very well and enjoyed the season.

They may be young but aren't afraid to make their voices heard! They've participated in two group public speaking competitions as well as individual public speaking competitions, and one of the teams even made it to the national round. They will also participate in public speaking competitions in term 3. Believe it or not, we also have Grade 1s in the junior choir with angelic voices who did very well in their competitions. They received an A++ in the Artistatue competition.

The Grade 1s also participated in tennis, cross country, chess, robotics, and all the fundraisers with so much enthusiasm. Our Grade 1T class won the Kaskar or go-kart fundraiser and enjoyed a fun day at Bounce as their prize.

Our Grade 1s had an eventful first six months and have impressed us with their achievements in all areas and activities. They are heading in the right direction to become the future sports stars, orators, and leaders of BPMS.

By Mila Kapp

Graad 2

Lees met gees



Die vyfjaarlikse internasionale leesvaardighede peiling (Pirls) het bewys dat 8 uit 10 Graad 4 leerders nie met begrip kan lees nie. By Bryanston Parallel Medium het ons die wenresep om kinders te help om met begrip te lees. Die projek se naam is "Lees met Gees" en is al aan die gang vanaf 2015. Lees met Gees bring die ouers, kinders en onderwysers bymekaar deur hande te vat om die leerders te help om met begrip te kan lees.

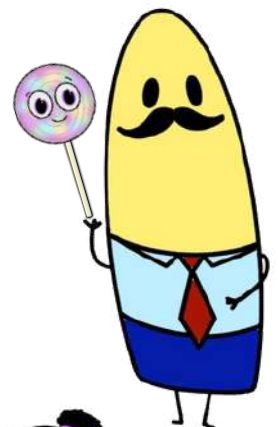
Lees met Gees vind op Vrydae vir die laaste halfuur van die dag plaas vir die Graad 1-3 leerders. Daar kom gewoonlik 3 tot 4 ouers of oumas en oupas per klas om te help. Die juffrou van die klas gee vir die volwassene die boekies wat die kinders moet lees. Die volwassene kry elkeen 5 tot 6 leerders wat 'n stukkie uit 'n boek moet lees. Nadat die leerder die boek gelees het, vra die volwassene vir die leerder vrae oor wat hul gelees het om hulle begrip te toets.

Juffrou Carmen Bruce-Webster, Graad 2B se onderwyser, sê dat die leerders mal is oor Lees met Gees en vra altyd op Vrydae wanneer dit gaan begin. Sy sê dat Lees met Gees definitief die leerders help om beter met begrip te lees.

“My gunsteling deel van Lees met Gees is aan die einde van die sessie kry ons “sweeties”. Dit motiveer my om meer te lees,” sê Christy Grobler in Graad 2B. Zander Pelser in Graad 2 sê dat hy baie van Lees met Gees hou. Dit het hom gehelp om meer van lees te hou en om te verstaan wat hy lees.

Een van die grootste geskenke wat jy vir 'n kind kan gee is om 'n liefde vir lees van kleins af by 'n kind te kweek. As jy wil betrokke raak by hierdie projek, kontak gerus jou kind se onderwyser.

Deur Danielle van der Westhuysen



Grade 3

Fun and learning collide!

Get ready to dive into the excitement of Grade 3! It's all about having a blast while soaking up knowledge. Every Friday, the Grade 3 learners take part in "Radical Readers," a fun event where parents join in for a reading extravaganza. This special time helps them become reading champs!

This year also saw the launch of J-Kids, where all the Grade 1-3 learners come together for praise and worship. This is so much fun, and all the kids just love this time of the week.

Our teachers are up for some amazing challenges too. Miss Michelle Botes's class has a fun activity each term, which makes me wish that I am in her class. Her class has a flower that they must complete at the end of the term and each time they do something nice or behave in class, they get one petal on their flower.

In the middle of the term, they have a fun activity, like the teacher dressing up as a school learner. Her class enjoys this, and they are excited to behave well to complete the flower. The Grade 3s did, however, state that they were nervous about their first upcoming test. It is all part of the adventure Grade 3s!

Don't you just want to be back in Grade 3?

By Lisa Voogt



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Grade 1 Language Journey



Embarking on an IsiZulu adventure



In the hands of dedicated educators, our Grade 1 learners are not only acquiring new language skills, but also embracing the rich cultural tapestry of IsiZulu. This valuable experience promises to foster their appreciation for diversity and expand their horizons as they navigate the exciting world of language learning.

Fun Facts:

- Kwa-Zulu Natal is home to the majority of the Zulu population.
- The Zulus have a strong belief in ancestral spirits.
- To address older people, the Zulu language mostly features respectful terms.

By Ntokozo Buthelezi

Resource:

Smith, A. 2020. Understanding the Zulu culture, traditional attire, and food. Website: <https://buzzsouthafrica.com/zulu-tribe/> Date of access: 3 June 2023.



Our Grade 1 learners of 2023 have been presented with a wonderful opportunity to embark on a journey of learning IsiZulu! This remarkable initiative is receiving well-deserved acclaim.

Ms Andile Mthethwa explained that teaching the children this language is not without its challenges, yet she finds great joy in guiding them and witnessing their progress in pronunciation. While maintaining a firm approach, she emphasises the importance of accurate learning.

"The children are already familiarising themselves with nouns," she shared with pride, highlighting their impressive progress. The teacher's vibrant personality shines through, and her enthusiasm for the learners' language acquisition journey is evident. Ms Mthethwa joyfully remarked, "Teaching the Grade 1s is a delightful experience. If given the chance, I would undoubtedly do it again."

Graad 4



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Die sprong van Graad 3 na Graad 4

Die sprong vanaf die junior na die senior fase is van aansienlike aard, maar mense vra hulleself af...is dit werklik so moeilik? Ek het met 'n paar Graad 4 leerders en onderwyseresse gesels om te bepaal wat hulle dink en hoe hulle die transisie van Graad 3 na Graad 4 ervaar.

Akademie: Die leerders word ewe skielik blootgestel aan 'n aansienlik groter aantal vakke en onderwysers. Hulle moet gewoon raak aan die veranderinge en boonop moet hulle ook leer hoe om vir toetse en eksamens voor te berei en dit te skryf! Juffrou Shani Grobler stem saam dat die akademiese sprong die mees uitdagende sprong is, veral met die toename in vakke en die behoefte om aan verskeie onderwysers gewoon te moet raak.

Kultuur: Die Graad 4 leerders het nou oorgeskakel na die senior koor onder leiding van meneer Duncan en het ook vir die eerste keer die geleentheid gehad om die jaarlikse koorkamp in Februarie by te woon. "Die senior koor is lekkerder as junior koor, omdat daar meer en nuwe liedjies is om te leer," dit is Morgan van Rooyen, wie van die junior koor na die senior koor geskuif het, se ervaring.

Sport: In Graad 4 moet die seuns en meisies vinnig gewoon raak aan sport in die senior fase. Eerstens kry hulle die geleentheid om aan 'n groter verskeidenheid atletiekaktiwiteite deel te neem. Juffrou Hélène van Eeden bevestig dat hierdie aktiwiteite nuwe baaniteme, soos hekkies, en velditeme, soos hoogspring, verspring en gewigstoot, insluit.

Tweedens moet die Graad 4 netbalspelers gewoon raak aan al die nuwe netbalreëls. Kaitlyn Winnan is van mening dat sy die senior netbal meer geniet as die junior netbal omdat die reëls vir haar 'n uitdaging bied en dit die spel meer opwindend maak. Die seuns moet ook oorskakel na senior rugby, waar hulle nou begin skrum! Kell Coertze vind senior rugby lekkerder omdat hulle soveel meer geleenthede kry om te oefen. Laastens mag die tennisspelers ook in Graad 4 begin deelneem aan wedstryde.

Is die sprong van die junior na die senior fase werklik so groot soos wat mense glo? Ja, oor die algemeen vind die leerders Graad 4 meer uitdagend omdat hulle met 'n groter hoeveelheid vakke te doen het, aan 'n rooster moet gewoon raak, klasse moet wissel, veral met 'n swaar tas op die rug, en 'n groter aantal onderwysers het. Dit moet egter ook genoem word dat die meeste leerders Graad 4 baie geniet en dit as 'n opwindende ervaring beleef.

Deur Chanté Röhrs



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Grade 5

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Our learners share valuable lessons and morals

As term 2 comes to a close, the Grade 5 students have graciously shared their insightful lessons and morals. These valuable nuggets of wisdom will guide them into the next term with confidence.

Victoria from 5V imparted her scientific knowledge, stating, "The north side of the magnet repels the other north side of the magnet." This simple yet essential lesson in magnetism shows the curious nature of our young learners.

Jeremy, also from 5V, emphasised the importance of kindness, stating, "You should treat people the way you want to be treated." This timeless moral lesson encourages empathy, respect, and inclusivity.

Mokone shed light on cultural awareness, by discussing the San and the Khoikhoi's lifestyle. Exploring different cultures and traditions broadens our horizons, promoting diversity within our school community.

Erin wisely advised against retaliation in the face of bullying, stating, "You should never bully back".

This moral lesson promotes understanding and seeks peaceful resolutions even in difficult situations.

These insightful quotes from our Grade 5 learners remind us that education extends beyond textbooks. As the philosopher Socrates once said, "I cannot teach anybody anything, I can only make them think." Learning is a journey that empowers students to think critically, make informed decisions, and contribute meaningfully to society.

We must also acknowledge the dedication of our educators. Mrs Snyders, their teacher, has had an eventful term. On a lighter note, her love for plants is evident as her collection continues to grow. If you have creative ideas for naming her plants, please share them with her class.

As we wish the Grade 5 students luck for term 3, let us also remember to cherish the upcoming holiday as a time for relaxation, reflection, and rejuvenation.

By Milla Makkink

Graad 6



Ons Groot Akademiese Avontuur

Ons wil graag aan al die Graad 6 leerders 'n groot gelukwensing stuur vir hulle uitstekende akademiese prestasies hierdie kwartaal. Ons wil ook 'n spesiale dankie sê aan almal wat gehelp het by die Graad 6 koekverkoop. Dit was a reuse sukses!

Juf. Loyd-Townsend het ons vertel hoe trots sy op die leerders in haar klas is. Sy besef egter dat daar leerders is met die potensiaal om beter te presteer. Dit sal meer ywer en dissipline verg.

Toe ons haar gevra het of die Graad 6 leerders opgewonde is oor leer, het sy met 'n glimlag geantwoord: "Nee, hulle raak nie altyd opgewonde oor leer nie, maar hulle is baie bly om die onderwysers te sien."

Ons was nuuskierig om uit te vind waarom sy 'n onderwyser wou word. Sy het gelag en gesê: "My gunstelingonderwyser was my Biologie onderwyser op skool en ek het lief geraak vir die vak. Ek is lief vir kinders en ek geniet dit om hulle suksesvol te sien."

Ons het ook met Juf. Strydom gesels om meer insig te kry oor die akademie in die klas.



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Sy het ons vertel hoe bly sy is as sy sien dat die leerders die doelwitte bereik wat sy vir hulle gestel het. Daar is egter altyd ruimte vir verbetering, veral met betrekking tot leervaardighede en geheuetegnieke.

Toe ons gevra het of die Graad 6 leerders opgewonde is oor leer, het sy met 'n glimlag geantwoord: "Ja, hulle is. Baie leerders kry meer as 70% vir elke vak!"

Sy het gekies om 'n onderwyser te word omdat sy 'n verskil wou maak in die lewens van die leerders. "As iets goeds gebeur, is dit wonderlik om te weet dat jy die een is wat 'n verskil gemaak het. Die grootste beloning is om die leerders te sien glimlag as hulle ons sien," het sy met 'n warm hart gesê.

Alhoewel die Graad 6 akademie baie goed is, is daar altyd ruimte vir verbetering. Onthou dat julle akademie belangrik is om 'n blink toekoms op te bou. Onthou dat elke dag 'n nuwe geleentheid bied om te groei en te presteer. Mag julle Graad 6 avontuur 'n onvergeetlike reis wees vol wysheid, pret en sukses!

Deur Ntokozo Buthelezi en Morné Joubert

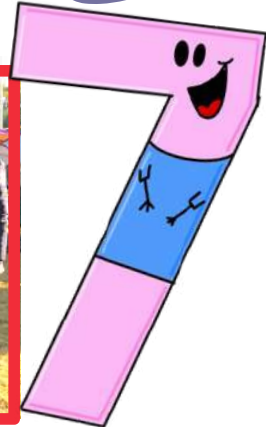


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Grade 7

Celebrating Achievements and Perks!

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Let's give a big round of applause to our Grade 7 students because, let's face it, they've got a lot on their plates. They juggle more subjects than anyone else, gear up for high school, and tackle more exams than you can shake a stick at. No wonder they've got some seriously amazing perks at BPMS. Check out these four awesome privileges that make the Grade 7 experience extra special, and trust us, they totally deserve it:

Grade 7 shirts: Every Friday, the Grade 7 crew get to rock their own Grade 7 shirts, paired with jeans and sneakers. While the rest of the school is sporting the same old uniform, these guys and gals are strutting their stuff in style. Talk about feeling like a VIP!

Grade 7 excursion: Sometime during the school year, all the Grade 7s embark on an epic adventure day. It's a chance to ditch the books, forget about exams, and just have a blast.

Grade 7 Entrepreneur's Day: Entrepreneurs in the making, listen up! Grade 7s get an entire day to unleash their inner business tycoons. They come up with their own genius ideas and try to make some cold, hard cash. Who knows, we might have some future millionaires among us!

The School Whisperers: After spending years at the school, these Grade 7 experts know it like the back of their hands. They know all the secret hiding spots, shortcuts, and hidden treasures. If you ever find yourself lost and in need of a guide, just look for a Grade 7 student. They'll lead you out of any maze!

Let's give a high five to our Grade 7 champions for taking on the world and making the most of their special privileges. We salute their hard work and wish them endless success as they continue their educational journey. You rock, Grade 7s!

By Stella Conbrink and Sadie Chater

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Marvelous Mini Makiti:

- It was that time of year again. One of the highlights of the school year. The annual Mini Makiti
- Makiti! The event took place on Tuesday, June 13th, and it was a day filled with excitement
- and joy for students and staff.
- As always, the Teddy Tombola or raffle stole the show, leaving students thrilled as they went
- home with the very teddies their parents sent to the office just a week earlier. And let's not
- forget about the mouthwatering pancakes, yankees, and boerewors rolls that satisfied
- everyone's cravings. Despite the chilly weather, the atmosphere was warm with laughter and
- camaraderie as friends gathered to play games, go on exhilarating rides, and indulge in
- delicious food and sweets. The best part? No school! It truly was a treat that made the day
- even more special.
- Mrs Swart and Miss Esterhuizen worked tirelessly to make sure everything was perfect, and
- they did an outstanding job. The regular raffle offered a fantastic array of toys to win, and the
- sweets stall was a paradise of yummy treats. While all the learners enjoyed the Makiti, the
- Grade 1 students were overjoyed to experience their very first Mini Makiti.
- We couldn't resist asking some of the Grade 1 students about their day, and here's what they
- had to say:

Werner Kapp (1T) couldn't contain his excitement, saying, "It was so much fun! There were boerewors rolls, snow cones, and jumping castles. It was amazing!"

Emma-Marie Forsyth (1T) happily shared, "I had a really great time. The giant slide was fast, and the rock climb felt like it went on forever!"

Reuben van Loggerenberg (1V) exclaimed, "It was awesome! The rocket ship ride went up and down really fast, and there were slides and yummy food."

Emily-Kate (1V) grinned and said, "The Mini Makiti was fantastic! There was delicious food, cute teddies, and bouncing activities. I loved it!"

John (1A) had a big smile on his face as he shared, "The Mini Makiti was super fun. I enjoyed all the rides, and the best part was they were free! It was an awesome time."

Lyla Poole (1A) expressed her joy, saying, "It was nice and fun. I loved going on all the rides. They were so much fun!"

Christiaan van der Westhuizen (1K) couldn't contain his excitement, exclaiming, "It was a blast! I went on the slides and bounced on the red bouncy balls with my friends. And the pancakes were delicious!"

Khumo Lehobye (1K) added, "It was so much fun. I had a great time playing with my friends and swinging on the red balls. It made the day even more exciting!"

What an awesome day it was! It's safe to say that everyone is already eagerly looking forward to next year's Mini Makiti.

By Mila Kapp

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Sport



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Photo credit: Lisa Voogt



Prestasies in die Rugbyliga

Die reuk van vars gesnyde gras vul die lug terwyl die menigte, opgewonde toeskouers toekyk. Die rugbyveld is die toneel van opwinding en adrenalin, en in hierdie spel bevind ons talentvolle spelers. BPMS se rugbyspanne het besonders presteer, met vier spanne wat in die semi-finaalwedstryde van die Goue Leeus Rugbyliga gespeel het. Die o/9, o/10, o/11 en o/13-rugbyspanne het hard gewerk om hierdie prestasie te behaal.

Die o/9 span verdien beslis erkenning vir hul uitstekende prestasie. Onder leiding van afrigter Mnr. Jarryd du Pisanie, het hierdie jong spelers bewys dat hulle die potensiaal het om ver te kom in die rugbywêreld. Die o/11 en o/10 spanne het ook uitstekend presteer. Met 'n ongeslaagde rekord het hierdie jong atlete bewys dat hulle passie en talent het vir die spel. Hulle beïndig hulle seisoen as ligawenners.

Ons tweede span het 'n verdienstelike derde plek in die liga behaal. Hierdie prestasies is die resultaat van harde werk en toewyding.

Ons spanne het reeds bewys dat hulle bekwame rugbyspelers is, en ons sien uit na die stralende toekoms wat vir hulle wag. Bly julle drome najaag en onthou dat passie die sleutel is tot sukses.

Deur Morné Joubert

Netball Fever at BPMS: Camps, Tours, and Triumphs

The netball season at BPMS got off to a good start with the netball camp for all U9 to U13 girls. Despite the high temperatures, the girls still played their hearts out and performed very well. Everyone had the chance to improve their skills and had loads of fun at Camp Discovery.

We must not forget about the mom and daughter netball camp for the U8s. It sounded like lots of fun and plenty of netball - even the moms got to show off their netball skills.

Our first team travelled all the way to George for an exciting tour during the March school holidays. Mrs Enslin, one of the first team coaches, said, "It was an awesome tour with loads of fun and enjoyment. You can see how the girls improved as they spent time together. They played very well in their matches and learned valuable lessons."

BPMS netball was invited to the TV show, "Yayits#netballfriday". The U12 and U13 A teams were part of the audience and listened to tips and opinions on netball.

The mini netball participated in various tournaments and the girls made us so proud. Our senior teams once again participated in the JOMO league. Various teams across senior netball were undefeated this season. Our U12 and U13 teams made it to the regional play-offs and the U13 team participated in the Gauteng regional tournament.

Tannah Smit, a player from the first team said, "It is so much fun, but we started off rough. I guess we had to get to know each other to realise how good we are. This team made my last year of primary school netball better than I could ever have imagined. I will miss this team and always remember them."

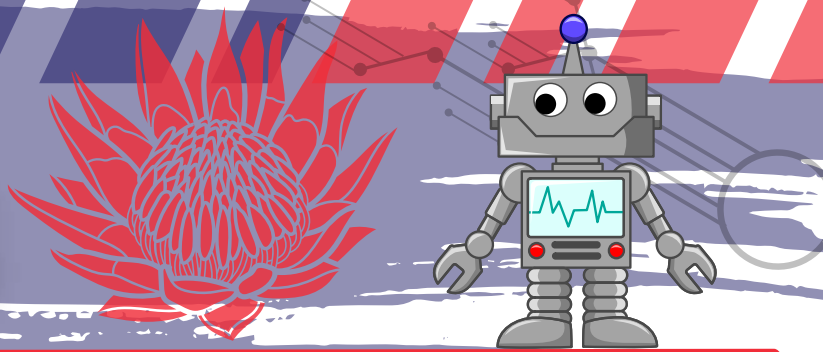
2023 was once again a huge success for BPMS netball!

By Lisa Voogt



Photo credit: Tannah Smit

Robotics



BPMS learners' Robotics victory dances earn top places!

On Wednesday 31 May 2023, learners from BPMS's robotics team took part in the Interschools Robotics League (ISRL) competition at Pridwin Preparatory School. Learners from different schools were paired and given a challenge they needed to solve and complete with their partner within a time limit. The challenges are focused on different programming and building skills. Learners could not prepare for this competition as the learners only get the challenge at the competition.

Adam Westoby (GRD 4) and his Pridwin Preparatory teammate took first place in the beginner category, whilst Connor Hartlet-Swanepoel (GRD 4) and his Redhill teammate followed in second place.

Mike van Wyk (GRD 6) and his St Sthians Boys' Preparatory teammate took first place in the intermediary category, whilst Izabella Bernott (GRD 7) and her St Sthians Boys' Preparatory teammate followed in second place. There was also a prize for the team with the best teamwork, which was awarded to Chantoné Vermeulen and her St Peter's teammate.

Mike van Wyk said, "It was totally different to work with a learner from another school. The challenge was difficult because you had to make your robot drive to a specific point and do a victory dance. We worked well together which led to us coming first."

Our Mini-Botz performed brilliantly at their first Robotics Interhouse which took place on 12 June 2023. Kara Meiring and Lené van der Westhuizen, as well as Helgardt Schulze and John Roberts were honoured with Brainiac awards.

Claiming the second place spots were Ben-Luc Zeeman and Bjorn Aspeling, while Danielle Leach and Fleur Erasmus achieved third place.

Securing the top position and ensuring their names on our brand new Mini-Botz trophy were Ruben de Klerk and Benjamin Hattingh.

The BPMS World Robotic Olympiad Interhouse Competition for our seniors took place on 14 June 2023. The Brainiac category winners this year were Andrea Jooste, Lumi Mhlalo, and Steyn Bronkhorst, also known as the "Third Power" team. Our other Brainiacs were Lea Vorster and Megan van der Westhuizen or the "WROWizards of Wisdom".

In the Elementary division, "www.pinkpanther.co.za," consisting of Benke du Preez and Claudia Leach, secured the third place.

Claiming the second place in Elementary were the talented duo of Christiaan Kruger and John-Pierre Bosch, known as "The Doggos".

Taking the first place in Elementary was the formidable "Shadow Ship" team, led by Ethan Bethell, Reynard Heyneke, and Ruben Röhrs.

Moving on to the Junior High division, Zacree Wessels and Jenna Alberts' team, known as "Boty," earned the third place.

Securing the second place in Junior High were Chanté Röhrs and Danielle van der Westhuizen, competing as "The CDs" team.

Finally, the first place in Junior High was claimed by Mieke Marais and Wehan Slabbert, representing the "Wehieke" team. They also earned the prestigious BPMS Senior Robotics trophy.

With impressive performances across different categories, our teams demonstrated their programming and building skills while fostering teamwork and resilience.

By Danielle van der Westhuysen





Culture

Melodies, masterpieces, and marvels

One of the exceptional educators who plays a significant role in nurturing our culture department is Mrs Luzanne Matthee, the Head of Culture at BPMS. We take immense pride in the accomplishments of our junior and senior choir that have earned remarkable awards. The junior choir received an outstanding A++ at the Artistatue choir competition, while the senior choir achieved a well-deserved A+. Moreover, the junior choir captivated audiences with their spectacular performances at the Junior Jive Festival.

Mrs Matthee expressed her deep admiration for the choirs, recognising their exceptional talents and the special place they hold in her heart. Curious to know how she would describe these choir groups in three words? She responded with, "Consistent, hard-working, and talented."

In addition to their musical achievements, our students have displayed remarkable proficiency in public speaking. Mrs Matthee proudly commended their exceptional efforts and emphasised their consistent dedication that fills us with pride. Notably, Annabella van der Linde and Jordyn van Nieuwenhuizen successfully qualified for the ATKV national final. Congratulations to both of them!

We have also witnessed outstanding achievements in the realms of art and chess.

Our learners from Grade 4 to 7 participated in the Visual Vibes art competition, showcasing their impressive artistic skills. We extend special recognition to Ilze Ras, who emerged as the winner in the Grade 5 competition. Our art students are fortunate to have Mrs Henriette Swart as their teacher, guiding and inspiring their artistic journeys.

This term marked a significant milestone for our chess team as they participated in their first chess league in 18 years. Their dedication and determination paid off, with our u/7 team securing the league victory. Additionally, the u/9 and u/11 teams achieved a commendable fourth place. Under the continued guidance and leadership of Mrs Michelle Kotzé, we have every confidence that our teams will continue to flourish, securing many victories in the future.

Mrs Matthee expressed her utmost satisfaction with the learners' performance in cultural activities this term, emphasising her immense pride.

Congratulations to all the students who have achieved remarkable milestones in cultural activities this term. Your unwavering dedication has elevated the reputation of our school. We are truly impressed by your exceptional talent, creativity, and intelligence.

By Sadie Chater



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Grade 6 Science Expo

Science helps us progress as a society by increasing our knowledge of the world, spurring technological advancements, and enhancing our overall well-being.

Congratulations to the following Grade 6 learners who participated in the science expo:

Matter and Materials: Technology and Innovation Photo credit: Jaden Lightbody

1st: Danielle van der Westhuysen

2nd: Lené Goosen

Energy Efficiency and Energy Conservation

1st: Milla Makkink

2nd: Izabella Greyling

Life Sciences: Plants and Animals, Food and Health

1st: Helena le Grand

2nd: Lauren Jansen van Rensburg

Earth Sciences: Environment, Weather, Astronomy, Ecology

1st: Nathan Parker



How to stay healthy during the winter

- Exercise regularly and get some fresh air.
- Drink water to stay hydrated.
- Eat healthy foods. Yes, unfortunately that means no chips and sweets.
- Wash your hands to avoid spreading germs.
- Cough into your elbow to keep others safe.
- Get some rest. At least seven hours a night.
- Consume vitamins, such as vitamin C, to combat the flu.
- Help around the house. It helps with emotional well-being and will put a smile on your parents' faces.

By Chanté Röhrs

Resource: Western Cape Government. 2015. 10 Ways to stay healthy during winter. Website: <https://www.westerncape.gov.za/general-publication/10-ways-stay-healthy-during-winter> Date of access: 4 June 2023

Ken jou onnie...

Nails@Tiffany's

“Dit is vir my interessant en lekker. Dis vir my 'n manier om nie aan skoolwerk te dink nie. My ma en my sussie verf, so om naels te doen is my kreatiewe kant.”

Met behulp van YouTube het ons eie Juffrou Tiffany Strydom haarself leer naels doen. Juffrou Strydom het in 2020 haar eie naels begin doen, toe haar familie sin en later in 2021, het Juffrou Strydom haar eie besigheid – Nails@Tiffany's – begin, deur ander se naels te verf.

By haar opslaantafel en rakkie vol produkte doen Juffrou Strydom haar kliënte se naels - oor naweke en na vyfuur die middag op weksdae - van haar huis af. Juffrou Strydom gebruik 'n verskeidenheid produkte, naamlik: Acrylics, Gelish (met 'n rubberbasis om dit sterker te maak), Poligel ('n sterker kombinasie van acrylics en gel) en haar nuwe produk – gel met sagte punte.

Volg vir Juffrou Tiffany Strydom op Facebook en Instagram by Nails@Tiffany's en maak JOU afspraak vandag!

Vinnige Feit: Juffrou Carika van Loggerenberg is Juffrou Tiffany se beste kliënt.

Deur Mila Kapp

Shakespeare's corner

I have a dog called Daisy

I have a dog called Daisy,
she is definitely not lazy.

She likes to run
and have fun,
and sometimes lie in the sun.

She can do tricks
and loves giving licks.

She is my best friend
and for her safety I intend.
She even lies with me in bed.

We will never be apart,
maybe in distance, but never in heart.

My dog called Daisy
will be forever with me,
that is true even though it sounds crazy.

By Kayla Robinson

Always try your best

If you always try your best,
you will never have to wonder
about what you could have done,
if you'd just summoned all your thunder.

By Kyle Swart

