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Solid's have got talent too ...

As part of a fund-raising drive for the Grade 7 farewell, the Grade 6's have decided to host a Solid Foundations Talent Show (**Grade 1 - 7**) on the last day of this term. The school is buzzing and humming, not to mention tapping and rapping!

The following issues have been decided:

- Auditions for the show will be held during your child's music lesson in the next two weeks. Ask your child which day
 they have music and help them to remember their backing CD's or instruments for the audition.
- All audition entries cost R10. This means that your child needs to pay Teacher Bonnie R10 before trying out their particular item. Group entries need to pay R10 per group member e.g. five kids in a dance group= R50 entrie fee.
- Teacher Bonnie will give the thumbs up or down on items. The R10 is non-refundable (even if your child gets a thumbs down) and Teacher Bonnie will post the final list of accepted items on the hall door on Friday the 11th of September. Not to worry...Teacher Bonnie is very lenient and items will more than likely only be scratched if the show is too long and there are too many of the same type of item being auditioned.
- An entrance fee of R5 will be charged at the door for all pupils (participants included) to view the show.
- Participants will be rewarded within the following categories: singing, dancing and singing combined, dancing, instruments, comedy, art and "other".
- To enter the "art" category, children are invited to make an art work before-hand and then present it at the talent show for judging. (Each art piece entry will cost R10 payable to Teacher Bonnie).

We would really like to encourage as many pupils as possible to participate. It is a healthy character and confidence-building activity and has the added bonus of being loads of fun! Encore!



The mike is yours...

We are sending out our annual school survey in hard-copy format for all parents today. Please check your child's suitcase and take a few minutes to complete it. The survey is an Umalusi requirement and gives us an indication of your thoughts and general feelings as our clients. We have implemented changes in the past based on the comments given by parents in this survey... so you really do have an impact on the goings on at our school! Please return all completed surveys by this week Friday.

Giving charity our hearts...

Solid Foundations loves to support charity drives and we are all behind the national "Casual Day" sticker drive for the 4th of September. Stickers cost R10 and are available in the office. Grade 1-7 pupils wearing stickers are welcome to wear spring-coloured civvies next week Friday, but we would kindly ask that our preschool children go a further step and wear fancy dress on the day. Anything from princesses to pirates are welcome. "Casual Day" coincides with our spring day celebrations and we always start the new season in our preschool with a dress up extravaganza!





Double cake sale...

Next week Thursday is a double cake sale day! Mrs Muller and Teacher Laura will both host cake sales, so the Solids and Mickey Mouse pupils are in for some delicious treats. Bring your change to show your support!

Pied pipers...

Teacher Bonnie would like to introduce recorder lessons in music classes from Grade 1 to Grade 3. The school will purchase recorders for our pupils to use in these classes. We will wipe the recorder mouth pieces with disinfectant between classes, but this might not suit some of our germ-conscious families. If you would like your child to have his/her own personal recorder, you are welcome to purchase one. Alternately, we can place an order for you in the office. The recorders we will purchase cost R85. All orders for recorders will be placed by next week Friday. Please let us know if you would like your own before then.







Circle the date...

Some eager entrepreneurs have been asking us for the "Young Entrepreneurs Day" date. We have decided on the 24th of October - early next term. For our new parents... this is a Saturday morning where our CHILDREN (Grade RR - 7) make, buy and sell their own items or games. We have an awesome day with e.g. "beauty salons", bubble-blowing stalls and tombola's. Parents are invited to help but the idea behind the day is to teach our kids basic business skills. Stalls cost 10% of profits made on the day, but owners of stalls requiring electricity will need to purchase an electricity licence for R50. More information will follow, but for now...circle the date and start planning! If anyone has old

books that they would like to donate to the school for a book stall at the Young Entrepreneurs Day - please drop them off at the office or give them to Mrs Obbes. This stall will be raising money for the Grade 7 farewell.

Bring on the weekend...

The Mickey Mouse pupils were treated to a "Dilly Town" show last week Friday and this week Friday we will enter the magical world of shadow play! The teachers are going to act out a classical fairy story behind a white screen and only their shadows will reveal the secrets of what happens in the deep dark woods! This exciting show is an annual hit for both the teachers and the kids, so check out the web for some cute pics.





Camera shy...

Teacher Kathy has been sending so many cute pictures of activities happening in our school into the Kempton Express lately. Please give us a heads-up if your child is not allowed to be photographed for the school website or for the newspaper. Thanks.

Booster shots for our 6 year olds...

Just a reminder that our Grade R pupils need to visit their local clinics for their immunisation shots during the course of this year. As working moms and dads we tend to forget this last set of shots in the busyness of life... so make an appointment before it slips your mind!





Eisteddfod stars...

Our senior primary results are all in and congratulations go to the following children:

A for own choice poetry: Avuziwe Mbebe, Daelin Nainaar, Christopher McIntosh, Ashleigh Alcott, Kayla Smith, Merushka Govender

A+ for own choice poetry: Ofentse Ledwaba, Kiara Maikoo, Lindiwe Nkosi and Robyn van der Merwe, Kyle Rabie, Kriya Sing, Remofilwe Motsuenyane, Phumelele Mashika, Jeanette Nyamende, Lusanda Talazo

A++ for own choice poetry: Kgoshigadi Matebane, Connor Gray, Kevin Masuku, Timothy Klaas, Lehlohonolo Nale, Marang Letsika

We're so proud of the pupils that boldly, neatly and voluntarily addressed a large audience! That takes courage. Well done!

Thank you!

We would like to thank the following people for donating material towards the Grade 6 project for cancer children:

Mrs N Bradshaw

Mrs Muller

Ms Lathwood

Mrs Reddy

You have helped us make a difference!

Theme for Mickey Mouse next week...

That wonderful thing called SPRING!

Don't forget our weekly vocabulary tests. Words are emailed every Friday, so please contact us if you didn't receive them for the week. We remind you that your discussions at home make a big difference in our classes, so keep up the garrulous work, and don't forget to read-read!

Prayerfully and playfully, the Teachers