

Newsletter

8 March 2023



3 sleeps until Sports Day!

A reminder that our exciting and fun Sports Day is THIS WEEK SATURDAY!!

Date: 11 March 2023

Time: Preschoolers (Grade RRR-R) - 7h30 for 7h50.
Grade 1 to 7 - 8h30 for 9h00.

Expected ending times: Preschoolers - 9h30; Grade 1 to 7 - 11h30

Where: Laerskool Mooifontein

Dress Code: PE uniforms. Bibs will be provided to Grade 1-7 pupils on the day to divide children into their correct "Houses".

What to bring: Parents can bring chairs or blankets to sit on. Don't forget sunscreen and sunhats for you and your children. Mooifontein tuck shop will be selling food, sweets and cooldrink, but we recommend you pack in extra water.

A reminder that every child (Grade RRR-7) is expected to attend Sports Day. Please RSVP to your child's teacher if you are unable to attend.

We can't wait to see you there!

Messy Play Day...

Looking at the weather report, our long-awaited preschool day of glorious muddy fun has also arrived!! On Friday, our Grade RRR-R pupils will wade through things like spaghetti, goop, paint, and shaving foam to get down and dirty without any grown-up saying "don't touch"! It's an annual highlight that leaves us with cringes and smiles. To prepare them for the mess, please can every pre-schooler come to school on Friday wearing their oldest clothing. These clothes will get dirty! Please also pack in a towel, a plastic packet (for dirty, wet clothing) and a clean change of clothing to change into AFTER the messy fun. Label everything, because items do get swapped and dropped on this marvellously messy day. What happy yuckiness!



A very sweet thank you...

Grade 1C and Grade 4D had very successful cake sales last Friday. Thank you so much for your support parents. It means the world to these teachers.



Once upon a time...

Hooked on Books will be presenting a show to our Grade 1-7 pupils on 16 March (next week Thursday). They usually do a gripping theatrical performance in which they act out short

teasers from various books, inspiring pupils to read them to "find out what will happen next". Hooked on Books will also set up a stall after their show to sell the books that have been "acted out", as well as other books they recommend.

Our school has already purchased a set of books from the show for each grade to add to our English class libraries, but sometimes pupils really can't wait to read the books from the show, and there aren't enough to go around. Pupils are therefore welcome to buy their own books, but they must please keep their money safe in neck wallets. We recommend on budgeting on average about R200 per book.



Voortrekker fun...

Our Grade 4s are off to the Voortrekker Monument this coming week Tuesday and Wednesday. Geniet dit!

Policy changes...

As you know, schools are dynamic and evolving entities, and we aim to always strive for excellence! In the light of this, please note the following important school policy changes that will be implemented as of this coming week:

D6 and diary homework uploads:

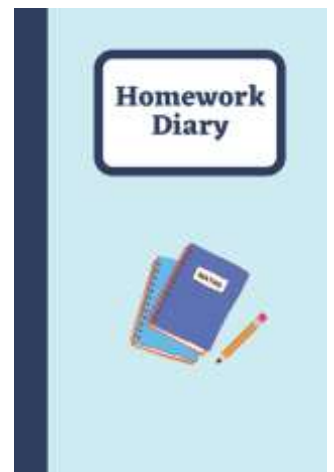
All pupils at Solid Foundations (Grade 1-7) are expected to record their own homework daily either in their homework books or a diary.

Please ensure your Grade 5-7 pupil has a diary.

Grade 1-5 teachers are expected to upload all homework requirements, together with their due dates, on the D6 daily.

From this coming week, Grade 6 teachers are only expected to upload bigger homework assignments that will be given marks e.g. projects, speeches, tests etc. on the D6. Information will be given on the D6 regarding these assignments, together with their due dates, but Grade 6 pupils are expected to keep their own records of daily homework in their diaries. These smaller homework assignments will not be uploaded on the D6.

Grade 7 teachers do not upload ANY homework requirements on the D6 at all, as the responsibility lies entirely with the child to maintain their schedules and homework diaries. In this way, we are preparing our pupils for high-school and can send them off with confidence that they are able to record and plan their daily homework activities.



Priorities

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School fees and Outings/Shows, or extra-murals:

The payment of school fees remains the highest priority of all financial obligations at our institution.

In the event that a family's school fees account is not paid up to date, the money originally allocated to "Outings and Shows" (paid in February) will be re-allocated towards outstanding school fees.

Unfortunately, this means that pupils may not attend any outings or shows until all balances have been paid in full again.

In addition to this, pupils may not attend extra-murals if their school fees accounts are in arrears.

Please be aware of these changes in the light of the upcoming Grade 4 fieldtrip to the Voortrekker Monument, as well as the "Hooked on Books" Show scheduled for Grade 5-7 for next week. Unfortunately, if fees are in arrears, pupils may not attend these events.

YAKOL

Camp plans for the year end...

A reminder that our senior primary camp will be at Camp Yakol this year. Camp fees are R2250 per child. You are welcome to pay this amount off in increments to save yourself the pinch in October.

Upcoming fun:

Here is a peep at some other upcoming fun events...

17 March - our school celebrates "Parents Day" (drive through our parking lot so that we can acknowledge your amazing job as our parents)

20 March - National school holiday day (announced by DBE)

22 March - Grade 3 Medieval Fayre

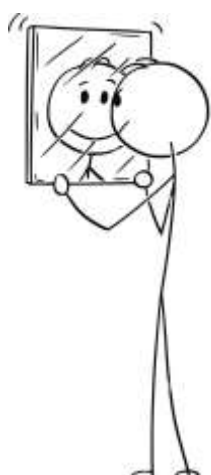
22 March - Grade 1 and 2 "baking day"

23 March - Grade 4-7 Reptile Show

23 March - Grade 1-3 Field Trip to People's Theatre

23 March - Senior primary sleepover

24 March -break up day



Looking smart...

Please note that since Boundary Silk Bazaar is up and running again, our uniform will not be stocked by "Silky Bazaar" anymore. The shorts some of our parents are currently buying at "Silky Bazaar" have large labels with "St James" on them. Please note that these are not regulation school shorts. Our school shorts are plain black KDA basketball shorts.

We also recommend that you start purchasing your winter tracksuits over this coming month to be prepared for the colder months ahead. As of this year, thick black school bomber jackets (only made by Boundary or MS Uniforms) are also permitted as an accessory to both the formal and informal uniform.

Please label everything!

Chess moves...

Congratulations to the following Solid Foundations learners who participated in the Kempton Park Schools Individuals Chess Tournament on Saturday: Mokgethwa Machuisa (Gr 1), Amogelang Kodisang (Gr 2), Thembelihle Bulane (Gr 3), Leben Machuisa (Gr 3), Andile



Muyambo (Gr 5), Nonjabulo Ntshembeni (Gr 6), Mohau Matlaba (Gr 6) and Christian Chavula (Gr 7). They all played above their age standard. Both Leben and Mohau took 6th place in their categories, and Christian took 8th place, qualifying them for the Ekurhuleni Finals. More than 200 players from top chess-playing schools attended the tournament. We are so proud of our little chess champs.

Another shout out...

Congratulations are also due to Olwethu Khoza and Keratilwe Tanti who made it to the second round of D6 netball and soccer trials this last week. Well done!



Remember your book bags!

Grade RRR-2, a reminder to return all book bags tomorrow. If you would like to report any badly damaged books, please click on the link below...

<https://forms.gle/hwZxp6ZHpd41NWrD8>

Prayerfully and playfully

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