

Newsletter

7 February 2024



So much fun!

Messy Play Day was such an awesome experience. Thank you for dressing your children for the occasion. Our Grade 1-3 pupils also had a lovely "Science Show" on Monday, and our preschoolers are in for a super 'Hospital and Germs Show" this Friday. And Grade 4-7, you won't be left out... you have a "Big Break Events Bird Show" tomorrow morning. Who said learning isn't fun?



Safety First...

Several of our staff members will be doing first aid and fire-fighter training on Saturday the 24th. The cost per person is R850. Parents are welcome to join, just pay in the office.

What happened to the Internet Café?...

Our Internet Café has been discontinued due to limited interest. However, our After Care pupils will have access to Chrome Books ("laptops") and the internet during their homework hour each afternoon. Internet usage is only for research and homework help, and pupils may not use non-academic apps and will be monitored in this regard. If you do not have internet access at home and your child needs to do research, please make a special arrangement with Mrs Helmbold for your child to join After Care for an afternoon or two.



Calling all sweethearts...

Don't forget that you can send a secret message to your friend or that "cute person" on Valentine's Day. Mrs Obbes will be selling Valentine's ribbons. They only cost R2 and will be anonymously delivered on Valentine's Day. Parents are invited to purchase ribbons to send to their children too! Ribbons will be on sale up to and including next week Monday. We will not take any more orders from Tuesday onwards.

Yellow ribbon = Friendship

Blue ribbon = You're loyal

Pink ribbon = You're cute



You can place your orders with Mrs Obbes, Teacher Kathy and Teacher Kathryn.

Our Grade 7s will also be selling chocolates on Valentine's Day. You do not need to pre-order those, but bring your pocket money to splurge out on some sweet fun.

Preschool vocabulary programme...

Grade RRR-R... you are receiving a vocabulary card every week in your bookbag. These words will also be available on the D6 App on your phone (see resources > vocabulary programme).

Your child will be tested on these words every Friday.

HOWEVER, the vocabulary programme was never designed to be a "rote learning" programme. We have specifically selected a few "common" words mixed with a few difficult or unusual words, to



encourage you to TALK, TALK, TALK, TALK, TALK about them!!! We have sadly noticed that parents spend little-to-no quality time talking to their children. When last did you explain where ice-cream comes from, or why the moon is sometimes out during the day?

Please use the vocabulary card as a guide to discuss the pictures with your child. As you spend time talking about the pictures, you will find that your child picks up on the words quite easily.

Please remember that the MOST IMPORTANT YEARS OF EDUCATION are from birth to 6 years! Ten minutes a day at THIS age is like planting seeds of academic greatness in your child for high school. We will be discussing the words and themes at school too. This double-up system helps the concepts to stick.

You might have noticed that the words are repeated in Grade RR and R. This gives you an opportunity to build on your previous discussion and to re-cap.

If you commit to the reading and vocabulary programmes of our school, we guarantee a smarter child in years to come.



Bank fees for cash deposits...

Please note that our school will charge bank fees for cash deposits into our account. Please rather bring the cash to our office, or better yet, make an EFT.

Reading programme and pizzas...

Remember to return your bookbag tomorrow morning. Please report badly damaged books to us on:

<https://forms.gle/hwZxp6ZHpd41NWrD8>

or with a general email if you'd prefer.

Remember that pizza orders for Friday will be taken in tomorrow at the office for R35.



Lost and found...



At Solids, any labelled clothing that gets lost is hung at the hall and handed out at line-up. Clothing that is not labelled is put on the stand by the gate for parents to help themselves. Please check that your child is not wearing clothing marked with another child's name on it. Some items of clothing have been misplaced this week and have not turned up at the hall or on the stand. This means that children have swapped clothing or accidentally gone home wearing the wrong clothing. Please be honest and return any items labelled with another child's name.

LAST REMINDER...



A FINAL reminder that we will request pupils to remain at home, or send them home, if their accounts (February school fees AND Outings/Shows/ Stationery included) are not FULLY AND COMPLETELY paid by TOMORROW.

Prayerfully and playfully
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Classifieds...

Established
Study Center
Afrikaans lessons

Grade 1-12

The focus is on vocabulary, grammar and speaking.

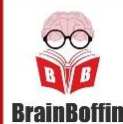
Tutor is graduated and has a language teaching certificate.

The fee is R800/month for 60min per week.

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BrainBoffin: Grade 4-12

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