



Green Gossip

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FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

Food for thought: *Perseverance Is The Only Way To Success* (Prefect Body Motto for 2004)

Matric Achievers Assembly - 2009

What a fine group of young men and women assembled for our Academic Awards ceremony this past week. Stirling Primary School experienced one of those very special occasions when we could pause and appreciate what has been achieved and the part that our school has played in the lives of these young people. We were reminded of how privileged we are to be a part of our exceptional school. To see the calibre and achievements of the forty one individuals was an encouragement to teachers and pupils alike. It was obvious that they had all been very happy at Stirling Primary School and that they were keen for us to celebrate their achievements with them.

The 2004 Grade Sevens have certainly lived by their motto over the past five years and it has borne excellent fruit. It will stand them in good stead in the years to come. It should encourage each one of us, teachers, pupils and parents to persevere in all of our endeavours.

We wish all of our 2004 Grade Sevens well for their final Matric Examinations and encourage them to find and pursue their life's purpose. Let us know how you are doing!

Kind regards
P.M. Johnson
Headmaster



U.K. HOCKEY TOUR

We were all extremely excited to hop on the aeroplane and head off for the United Kingdom. We couldn't sleep very much on the plane which is a pity because when we got there we were very busy and did not have much time for rest. Our first match was against Clifton in Bristol. We won this match 5-0. Then we played Penarth and beat them 3-0. We also had a shortened match against St. Johns School and drew that match 0-0. Even the rain and cold couldn't get us down when we beat Badminton School 3-0. After playing a 7 a side match against Brecon School and beating them 6-0 and 5-0, we had a free day when the exchange children were at school. We went 10 pin bowling and some people learnt not to run after balls on bowling alleys ever again. The only match we lost was against the Vixens, who were older than us and were the best players in the area, we lost to them 4-1. We can all say that we had a fantastic tour! Thank you so very much to the teachers for making this tour such a wonderful experience for everyone!

Caroline



TOURING TEACHERS' THOUGHTS

It is clear that all the children who went on the U.K. tour had loads of fun but what about the teachers who were there? All the teachers had one specific highlight in common and that was the *We Will Rock You* show. Everyone loved it and the actors even got some of the children to stand up and jive around. Some of the teachers' other highlights were Thorpe Park, London, Chepstow and Miss Marshall's favourite was the u13 girls' hockey fines. We also discovered that the teachers did get homesick too. Most of them were homesick for family, Cream Soda and biltong. We were also amazed by how considerate the teachers were to give up their holiday so we could have our once in a lifetime experience. So we asked them what made them decide to go on tour? The teachers explained that they did not see it as giving up their holidays because for them it was a just as great an experience as it was for us! Every teacher who went on the tour recommended that any teacher who gets the opportunity to go in future should take the opportunity willingly with both hands because it is an experience of a lifetime as you will realize just how lucky you are to be working with the staff that we have and you are bound to have fun. I'd like to say well done to everyone who went on the tour because every teacher gave a positive comment about their group. On behalf of the whole tour group we want to thank our teachers for making this trip such a memorable experience for all of us! We really appreciated it and will never forget it.

Micaela

U.K TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

In the U.K we all had loads of fun but here are a few that really rocked our boats.

- "MEETING OUR HOSTS" - We were all very lucky to have wonderful hosts and even gained some friends that we will never forget.
- "ORIGINAL BUS TOUR" - a great way to see the places we would later be visiting at a glance.
- "RIVER BOAT CRUISE" - An unforgettable experience in unbelievable comfort. A different view of London's amazing buildings and landmarks.
- "WE WILL ROCK YOU" because it was an awesome show that had all of us on the edge of our seats rocking away.
- The adventure at "THORPE PARK" was amazing! We really enjoyed the thrilling rides that Thorpe Park offered us.
- "MADAME TUSSAUDS" because we got to pose, be famous for a day, stand next to our favourite 'celebrities' and take LOADS of photos. For most of us Big Brother was the best.
- In the "LONDON EYE" we were able to see London from an aerial view. The sight was breathtaking!
- "LEGOLAND" was definitely an adventurous theme park that kept us busy for a long time without us getting bored. It was a great preview of what to expect from Thorpe Park.
- The evening performance of the "LION KING" was truly remarkable!
- In the "LONDON DUNGEON" we learnt about 'Jack the Ripper', 'The Great fire of London' and 'The Plague'. We were all stunned afterwards.
- "SKIING AT GLOUCESTER" because it was a new adventure to enjoy and even though some people kept falling down the slope, fun was had by all!
- The famous "MILLENNIUM STADIUM" allowed us to feel like true sports and superstars.
- The Historic landmark - "WARWICK CASTLE"

Lihle and Amber



SPEAKERS' CORNER

One afternoon our teachers decided to take us to Speakers' Corner in Hyde Park. This was a great way to explore the feelings and thoughts of some British people. One lady drew a lot of attention with her crazy statements and many people did not agree with her and felt that she was plain "nuts!" We all enjoyed this outing and will enjoy these memories for many years.

Charnelle and Tayla



JONGINENGE - GRADE 1

My bandana was blew. I felt happy and exated. Sphelele got sike. Shame.

Mia

My favourite activity was the canoeing. Alex fell overboard. I had a muffin, Oreos, Powerade, smoked beef and a kitty kat.

Kyle

I wed a red bandana. I saw eleven monkeys.

Khanyi

I wearing a penk bandana. I saw a muk and he dun trikts at me and he poel fune fas at me.

Leyden



These lovely fun in the sun shots were taken on the beach during the Spring Walk.



GRAAD 5 MONDELINGE

In Graad 5K het ons n mondeling gedoen oor restaurante. Daar was ook seuns wat soos meisies aangetrek het. Dit was een van die lekkerste mondelinge.

Robin

BACK TO SCHOOL

Clothing, Shoes, Stationery!

The School Shop Trading Hours

Open until 10 Dec 2009: 12h00 to 15h00

Also open 6 Jan 2010 to 12 Jan 2010: 10h00 to 15h00

Open Saturday 9 Jan 2010: 09h00 to 12h00



SMS - Stirling Moms Social Club

www.stirlingmoms.ning.com

This is our BLOGSPACE where we network, chat, schedule events, share happiness and sorrow, and so much more!
Blogs of interest to you....*Care Group, 2nd Hand Gold, Merit Assembly well wishes, and Safety Tips!*
Soon to come...Movie Reviews, Going Green!!!

Register today - we'd love to welcome you!

****PS. We now have a movie club in place...watch NING / Term Planner for details****



SMASHING STRAWBERRIES

Mrs Sorour's Grade 1 class went to the Salzwedel Strawberry Farm and spent a wonderful morning riding on a tractor trailer and picking strawberries.



PERFECT PIZZAS

The third term Junior Monitors had a fantastic time creating their own Pizzas at Nina's.



OVERHEARD

While doing break duty one day, Qilima came and sat next to Mrs Hayes. She noticed that he had K.F.C in his lunch box and remarked "Yummy - you must have had Kentucky for supper last night!" Qilima replied in surprise: "Wow, Mrs Hayes, I didn't know you could speak Xhosa!"

LAST TERM OF 2009

After our short holiday, we are prepared for our last term of 2009. It's going to be very sad for our Grade 7s as we set off for a five year adventure in high school. But for the most of the term it will be fun, some of us have just returned from the U.K and we are very excited about our Farewell, and other exciting events. Of course, who can forget the upcoming Final Assembly with all the water works as we receive our gift and walk for the final time down the aisle in the hall.

Shelby



GRADE 4 MARKET DAY

Market Day was fun and we made lots of money and learnt how to be an entrepreneur. There were lots of things to buy such as sweets, candy floss, pizza, cake and much more. I made a profit of R5 – I never made much.

Stefan

GRADE 2 INTERNATIONAL DAY

When we were learning about China we made chinese paper bowls and ate rice in them. For the sauce it was sweet and sour sauce. It was fun eating the suspicious food. It was very hard eating with chopsticks and fun.

Kayleah

We made chinese bowls and then Mrs Hayes cooked the nice rice and I just wanted it all. and I had three bowls and I had lots of FUN.

Tayla

We had the most delicious Chinese rice. It was so sweet that my eyes popped out. Oh those vegetables were so nice that I nearly fainted. We made plates oh it was hard that my hands were burning! Oh it so nice that I had 3rds. Oh it so nice to be in Mrs Hayes's class I'm sure grade 1's in 2010 you will like Mrs Hayes.

Qilima

I really really liked the tea!! Very very much!! It was so so delishis and the couscous first looked like rise. But at the end they were devine!

Zama



SURVIVORS' SLEEPOVER

Many of our Foundation Phase dads proved that they have what it takes to survive a night with 'the kids'. Despite the weather being more than a little chilly, our keen dads (and a mom or two) set up tents and caravans on our field and prepared for a night of camping with their children. This is the stuff memories are made of... our pupils had a fantastic time running around and playing with their friends before enjoying some of dad's braai and settling in for the night.



GRAAD 4 - KOS MONSTERS

Koos se kop is van kool gemaak. Sy oog is 'n ui, sy mond is van rooi peper gemaak. Sy bene is van selery gemaak en sy hare is 'n wortel.

Lank gelede was daar 'n baie lelike see monster met die naam van Koos. Koos het nie vriende gehad nie. Hy was altyd alleen. Een dag het 'n haai verby geswem en besluit om Koos te eet. Die haai het 'n groot hap gevat en net Koos se kop het oorgebly

Tyla

My kos monster se naam is Koolkop. Ek het 'n wortel gebruik om die arms te maak. Ek het druiwe gebruik om die oë te maak en kool vir die liggaam. Die neusie en tande is van wortels gemaak. Die hare en mond is van groenboontjies gemaak. Ek het tandestokkies gebruik om die groenboontjies aan te sit. My kos monster woon in my tuin en eet al die wortels op.

Jayden



FANTASTIC FUN (@ 4)

Our school's youngest pupils the Fun at 4s have been exceptionally busy recently. Not only have they been teaching each other about different countries around the world, but they even went on an outing to learn about horses and ponies. We are not sure whether the bus trip on the big songololo or the ride on a pony was a bigger highlight for some!



Our staff bonding (and competing!) at a recent bowls team building afternoon.

IN HONOUR OF A LEGEND

Our ever friendly and courteous Mr Harry Hunter recently left the Stirling family. He dedicated 10 years to Stirling. Rumour had it that Mr Hunter was leaving us to find his beloved 'cockroach' (our old school bus). He has in fact moved to Cape Town with his wife so that they could be closer to their family. We held an emotional farewell assembly where we acknowledged the impact Mr Hunter has had on everyone at our school and thanked him for his years of service. We will really miss your warm greetings and friendly hugs, Mr Hunter.

Tayla



MARVELLOUS MATHS MOMENT

This Grade 6 photo was taken at 09:09.09 on the 09/09/09.

Pupils in the Mathematics Academy learnt all about the properties of division and multiplication by 9.



QUEENSTOWN EISTEDDFOD

Recently some of our talented and excited Solo Singers travelled all the way to Queenstown to take part in the Queenstown Eisteddfod. This is the first time that Stirling has taken part in this Eisteddfod. We were feeling a bit nervous but this did not stop our Stirling Nightingales from doing well. Congratulations to everyone as we all did very well. Special mention must go to Charnelle, Phillip and Robin for achieving double gold awards.

Charnelle



VICTORS ENJOYING ICE-CREAMS

Mrs Dell's Grade One pupils enjoying their ice-creams. In each grade, the class that brought in the most money for the Spring Walk was treated to yummy ice-creams. Well done to all these classes.



A heartfelt THANK YOU to all Stirling families who so generously donated items to the Parkside fire victims recently. The affected community sincerely appreciated the material assistance we were able to give them and were grateful for our support during this tragic event.



MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD

On Friday 24 July 2009 the Mathematics Academy pupils and 22 selected Grade 3 pupils took part in the Nelson Mandela Bay University Mathematics Olympiad. The pupils wrote Grade 3, 5 and 7 papers with Grade 4's and 5's writing the Grade 5 paper and Grade 6's and 7's writing the Grade 7 paper.

The pupils who performed the best in their respective papers were chosen to write the second round in September. These papers are prepared by the University to stimulate and challenge our divergent thinkers in Mathematics. In total we had 128 participants.

Our top performers were: Grade 3 Jethro Newton with 18/20, Grade 4 Gabby Bonker 14/20, Grade 5 Tristan Jackelman 17/20, Grade 6 Simanye Mavume, Andre Nel, Pamela Pretorious and Luke Seymour all with 14/20 and Grade 7 Amber Newton 18/20 and Grade 7 Justin Kindness 17/20. Well done to these pupils and all who took part.

R. Harris - Mathematics Academy



PRECIOUS PAMPERED PET

Aunty Jenny's little pup, Tequila, 'recuperating' at the aftercare.

TRAVELLING BOOKSHOP

This year was a great year for the Travelling Bookshop at Stirling. The book sale was very successful with awesome books on display for all ages to enjoy. Although only a few people bought books on the Friday because of the Spring Walk, the Thursday had been a bumper day and Mrs Proud was able to choose many wonderful books for our library.

Tando

POSITION AVAILABLE

@ *The School Shop*
Shop Assistant
All CV's to the School Office or
e-mail: projects@stirlingps.co.za

READATHON WEEK

Another year is almost gone, and everyone's enjoying READATHON! Once again the Foundation Phase has dedicated the whole week to encouraging a love for reading. Extra time has been set aside for pupils to read at school and many reading related activities have been built into the week. Pupils also bring a book from home to read, BUT...the fun doesn't stop there as the children even get to dress up as their favourite character! Even the teachers get in to the spirit of Readathon week (Trust us - We've seen many 'freaky' looking teachers in the past!!!) This is a fantastic way to inspire little ones to read. The aim is to make reading fun for all.

Nicole and Tayla



MERRIFIELD MUSIC FAIR

After many hours of playing the same song, the time finally came for our school band and the marimba band to shine at the Merrifield Music Fair on Saturday the 19th September. Playing our songs with our family and friends watching us was an experience we will never forget! A fun day was had by the participants and the audience. Thank you Merrifield for organising and hosting this event.

Tando