



Green Gossip

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FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

TIME'S TOP TEN!

10. Take time to work: It is the price of success.
9. Take time to think: It is the source of power.
8. Take time to play: It is the secret of perpetual youth.
7. Take time to read: It is the foundation of wisdom.
6. Take time to worship: It is the highway to reverence.
5. Take time to dream: It is hitching one's wagon to a star.
4. Take time to love and be loved: It is a privilege from God.
3. Take time to live and laugh: It is the beginning of success.
2. Take time for friendship: It is a source of happiness.

And the number one reason to "Take Time" is ...

1. Take time to pray: It is the oil that lubricates your day

From: A Cyber-Daily-Devotion

Kind regards
Peter Johnson



COOL CAPS AT THE SPRING WALK

For our Spring Walk, Mrs. Henchie's pupils had a surprise up their sleeves. Two of their moms organised for the whole class to receive a special sponsored cap. This was exciting for them and the caps were embroidered with 'Mrs Henchie's class of 2008, best Grade 4 class x far'. The class would like to say a big thank you to Luke and Jeffrey's mom for organising the wonderful caps.

Candice



COLOURFUL SPRING WALK

As the clock struck 8:30, we were all seated on the netball court at the Tuck Inn. When Mrs. Moss' class arrived there was a loud noise and laughter as everyone noticed that the boys were dressed as girls. Since it was their last Spring Walk, they had decided to add some fun by dressing up, there were also other classes with themes like pyjamas, two different colours on each item of clothing and lots more. Mr Malherbe announced the lucky draw winners and after the announcements we were told that there would be a theme song for each grade. The Grade 7's theme song was 'Who let the dogs out?' (We felt so insulted). The walk was very festive and we all had lots of fun walking with our friends. The Grade 7's will surely remember this day as it was one of the biggest highlights of the 3rd term.

Philasande and Kayla

As one of our big fundraising drives, the Spring Walk was extremely successful and the amount raised far exceeded any expectations. The R156 000 raised will help to fund the new big bus, the palisade fencing and a set of marimbas for the music department.



CRAZY PLANS FOR THE UK?

What are some of the Grade 7 pupils planning to do while on tour in the U.K?

Aiswarya – Eat 5 different ice-creams that I've never tasted as well as eat 10 different chocolates.

Kayla – Try some of the foods we don't get here in S.A (not too much though). I would also like to sing our school song while entering Heathrow Airport - just kidding!

Philasande – I want to get on top of Tower Bridge while it is opening!

Mikaella and Alirian – Sing the South African National Anthem outside Buckingham Palace!

Azi – Wrestle the giant Teddy bear at Harrods!

Dannica and Kristine – Sökkie sökkie down busy streets.

Kayla and Aiswarya – Talk to some people in Afrikaans.

Jordan – Kiss Beyonce's wax figure.

Lindsay – Sing "Sho Sholoza in a busy street.



HELLO, MRS. DUCROQ!

Mrs. Ducroq joined us at the beginning of this term and we are thrilled to have her in the Music Department. She will be working with the Senior Choir while Mrs Clifford teaches the solo singers. Mrs. Ducroq has come all the way from Cape Town and said she came to Stirling because she thought it was a good school. Well, she sure is right! She is impressed with our pupils saying that our manners are fantastic and that we are very friendly. Mrs. Ducroq has 5 children, the oldest being 9 and the youngest 5½. Some interesting facts about her are that she is addicted to salt and vinegar chips and loves swimming. Mrs. Ducroq believes that a choir is special because it's a chance to share music and make a wonderful sound. Mrs Ducroq focuses on teaching breathing exercises to her singers. We hope you enjoy working with the choir Mrs Ducroq and we are sure you are going to enjoy getting to know and work with us.

Candice



BEAUTIFUL SPRING BLOOMS

Early in the morning we put our vases on the table. Then we decided how we were going to arrange our flowers. We shared our flowers with each other. When I took my flowers home, my mommy said fantastic, Janne'. She was so proud of me!

Janne' Grade 1

On the 4th of September we had to choose some flowers to put in our vases. My mom got some for me. It was fun to do it. Then we arrange the flowers into the vases. We got to swop flowers. I swopped with Caitlyn. Then I swopped with Jade. I then went to swop with Paige then I was finished.

Jemma Grade 1

When it was the flower arrangement I got some flowers from my garden and at school I set them up. I cut some of the flower stems. I had roses. I swoped one of my roses so I could have a dasey. I put one sunflower in frint. And I put some greenery in too. I tried to put flowers in the middil and I put greenery around the flowers and then I made a taebel cloth. That's how I made my flowers.

Caitlyn Grade 1



THE END OF SEASON INTERHOUSE AND STAFF VS PUPILS HOCKEY MATCHES ARE ALWAYS A LOT OF FUN



SPRING SPROUTS AND SPUDS

On Monday the 1st of September the Grade 2 pupils had to bring fruit and vegetables. We were very excited and nosiey. Alex made an ostrich with a baby potato. Who would win? Who would be the best? We sat down to put together lots of lovely animals. At the end the classroom looked like a zoo with animals from all around the world.

Kiara Grade 2

UK TOUR 2008

Keep up to date with our touring pupils and send them messages too.

<http://www.uktour2008sps.blogspot.com>



WHY GUYS LIKE GIRLS

Guys haven't yet found the secret that makes girls tick. The most popular reasons why guys like girls are:

- The way girls always smell nice even if it's just shampoo
- The way they always look good no matter what they are wearing
- The way they hit you and expect it to hurt and apologize when it does hurt
- Finally the way they take forever to answer after you have asked them out unexpectedly. This usually ends up with rejection.

Well, I think you guys get the idea.

Dylan Grade 7



ATTRACTIVE ART

We are very proud of our talented pupils who excelled at the recent EL Schools Art Exhibition. The pupils pictured above received 6 double gold and 23 gold awards.

UNDER 10 GIRLS HOCKEY

The under 10 girls hockey teams finished the season with inter-house hockey matches. The teams were also part of a war cry competition. Congratulations to Brown House on winning!





INTERESTING INKWENKWEZI

When we arrived at Inkwenkwezi we were so tired and excited at the same time. We went down the hill to look at the elephants and learn more about them. When the elephants arrived, they told us their names. They told us about the elephants which was very exciting and interesting. We then got to feed one of the elephants. It was scary, but cool. I really enjoyed the outing.

Sipumze Grade 5



SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF OUR VICTORIOUS JUNIOR FUN WITH WORDS TEAM



CYCLING THE SOLE DESTROYER

Phillip Jordaan and Nicole Venter recently completed the grueling "Sole Destroyer" Mountain Bike ride in searing heat. They were extremely dirty and dusty afterwards. Nicole was the 2nd lady home in the event - a remarkable feat. Well done, Nicole and Phillip!

SMS4FFF FIRST SOCIAL FUNCTION

The SMS4FFF (Stirling Moms' Society for Fun, Friends and Fundraising) held their first social evening on Thursday, 4 September in the Gleneagles Room. The ladies enjoyed a fantastic evening and went home with fabulous gifts. A special thank you to the teachers who came to show their support!

The atmosphere was brilliant and the room looked beautiful! Tables were decorated with homemade candles and gorgeous spring flowers. Not long after the first guests arrived, the room was rocking with uproarious laughter and this was to set the tone for the rest of the evening! Chairlady, Marietjie Jordaan, introduced the committee and in her own humorous and inimitable style, told those that attended about the committee's goals and visions for the future.

Our guest speaker, Glenda Taylor from Creative Lifestyle Centre, gave an interesting and informative talk on herbs with lots of practical examples. She had produced a leaflet especially for us detailing the various herbs and their properties, including wonderful stress recipes that will help to soothe any mom's frazzled nerves! Glenda then showed us a digital photo show of her recent overseas garden tours as well as inspiring local gardens that she and her team have worked on recently. Glenda also showcased the most magnificent garden sculptures that are made by a Zimbabwean artist and which are all available at the Lifestyle Centre. We are now all inspired to get stuck into those spring gardens!

The informal structure of the evening saw moms enjoying wine or juice and pizza whilst listening to the guest speaker and it also gave those present the chance to network and promote their businesses and/or talents or just simply to chat and get to know each other a little better. The evening was rounded off with the excitement of a lucky draw, where fortunate moms were spoiled with pampering gifts.

The committee is already planning the next function to be held early in the fourth term and we sincerely hope to see more moms there! Do yourselves a favour and take a bit of time out - who knows, you might just have some fun.....!

Annie Odhav



DRAMA ELFEST EISTEDDFOD

Congratulations to the pupils pictured below who achieved in the Public Speaking, Prose and Monologue sections of the recent Drama Eisteddfod.



SACEE PUBLIC SPEAKING

On the 11th of September Mikaella Bodeux and Dylan Billingham competed in the SACEE public speaking competition. It was a tough competition, but Mikaella managed to gain second place in the unprepared section. Congratulations!

Dylan



MEET THE TSONGOLOLO

In our last edition we said goodbye to the old cockroach. This is the new girl that replaced her. Pictured here is Mr Brent Thorp, Managing Director of Meyers Motors, handing over the new 33 seater Isuzu bus to Mr Johnson. She already seems to have been nicknamed the Tsongololo by the pupils.

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MOVIE TICKET DRAW

Sarah Raats won both movie tickets in this term's lucky draw. This was a well-deserved win as Sarah has submitted many stories to the Green Gossip. Congratulations!



GRADE ONE RUGBY TALENT

On Saturday the 13th of September, the Grade 1 rugby team took part in a festival at Hudson Park. The team played against 5 other schools and were victorious against 4 of them. Well done on an action-packed, fun-filled morning. It was great to see all of the parents and staff supporting this event.

EXCURSION TO ANIMAL HEART MOUNTAIN

Mr. Lightning walked into the classroom with the biggest grin any of us had ever seen. "Class," he began, unable to stop grinning, "I am very pleased to be the bearer of this great news. We will soon embark on a great excursion to the ancient Animal Heart Mountain Range! The whole class gasped and began murmuring to one another. "Calm down, class calm down," Mr Lightning said. The class went quiet and Mr. Lightning began the lesson.

On the day of the excursion, everybody was ecstatic and eager to get to the mountains. The children would be split up between the three teachers in charge, these teachers were Mr. Lightning, his fiancée, Ms. Flower and their lifelong friend, Mr. Fire.

As soon as we arrived we had lunch and were assigned to our groups. I was assigned to Mr. Fire whom I wanted to be assigned to. We then set off. During the walk I noticed an interesting rock structure and wandered over to study it. I found that it roughly resembled a tall stork.

"Hey, guys come have a look at this!" I called over my shoulder. When there was no answer I turned around and discovered the group had moved on without me. I raced up the rocky path we had been moving on, but stopped when I came to an area where the path split off into three different directions. I quickly chose the left one and sprinted down it. I then realized I was hopelessly lost and sank down and cried. It felt like hours before I heard voices calling my name and saw bright torch beams sweeping the area. "I'm here!" I yelled over and over again in my hoarse voice. Finally a torch beam rested on me and I was picked up in Mr. Fire's large, gentle arms and then blacked out.

When I next woke up, I was in a hospital surrounded by all my friends who were overjoyed to see me alright.

James Grade 5



FRACTION FRUIT SALAD

On Monday, 15 September, Mrs Malherbe's class had to make a fruit salad. Everyone had to bring a certain type of fruit to the classroom. The purpose of the exercise was to learn about fractions. Everybody was chopping and peeling to their heart's delight. So, did everyone enjoy the project? Yes they did, (except me, I had to wear a gas mask to protect my sensitive self.)

Phillip Grade 5



OUR DADS HAVE A GREAT TIME AT FATHER'S CLUB. SOME EVEN WON PRIZES AT THE RECENT GET TOGETHER SPONSORED BY MOTORLAND



JUNK NEEDED FOR ART

Our art department would be very grateful for any interesting looking junk that could be used to create a masterpiece. Please send to Miss or Mrs Birch. They need things like:

- scraps of material
- bread packet clips
- old buttons
- bottle tops of any kind
- old wool

Thank you



ROBOT RULES

Blue Group at Peter Pan recently had fun with a real robot (traffic light)! Their theme in class has been colours and Dominique's dad brought the robot so that they could learn what each colour meant. The robot could switch on and change colours just like the ones in the street!

ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS

Market Day was fun. I sold ice-cream cones with sweets inside and marie biscuit at the bottom. There was melted chocolate dribbling from the top downwards. I made R110. our class got to stand outside under the trees. Market day is a great way of making stuff. I enjoyed it.

Ashley Grade 4

Miss Marshall's class had a market day. What a fabulous and exciting day it was. I sold chocolate marshmallows and what a profit I made. I made R82.00. The Grade 4's made a big effort.

Koncko Grade 4



BOYS HOCKEY

The under 13A hockey boys went to Queenstown recently and were really successful.

They were the overall winners as we won 3 games and drew 1. No goals were scored against us the whole week end.

Mr Knox is a brilliant coach and the teachers were great with the boys.

(Submitted by a mom)

Our boys have, in fact, played so well this season that they have won the under 13 league and have been invited to a tournament in Potchefstroom. There they will play against some of the top teams in the country.



DID YOU KNOW?

One of our teachers has won a national ICT award. Mrs Brown will receive a laptop as first prize at a special event in Cape Town during the holidays. Well done, Mrs Brown. We are very proud of you.