



Micklefield School

End of Term 3, 2020 Newsletter

Micklefield Art Eisteddfod



Micklefield organized its own internal Art Eisteddfod this year. We are very grateful to Cheryl Bauer, the Rondebosch Boys Junior art teacher, and Lee-Ann Keeton for stepping in as guest judges and helping us adjudicate the artworks.



Gernika Nonyane-Mancebo (Gr 2, left) was chosen as the winner in the Grade 1, 2 and 3 category for her charming cat lying on a rug.



Khethiwe Mashologu (Gr 7, above) was chosen in the Grade 6 and 7 category for her portrait with fish.

Thanah Isaacs (Gr 5, below) was chosen as the winner in the Grade 4 and 5 category for her painting of a girl in a field of sunflowers.



Grade 4s get Creative

Grade 4s have been learning about Energy and Change in Science. They had great fun making and playing their musical instruments made from waste materials. It was a fun way to demonstrate the transfer of energy.



Bits of Wiz

Sadly the school play, "The Wizard of Obz" was not able to take place this year, but Mrs G managed to salvage bits of the play for the Grade 7s to rehearse and perform for a small audience of their parents. The girls were all able to take to the stage, albeit in masks, in the roles they were chosen for after their auditions in the first term. The aim was to have fun while working together as a whole class on a project and feeling the reward of a job well done. There is nothing like being in a play and the Grade 7s were able to get just a taste of the magical experience.



The Grade 7s are extremely excited to announce that the end of year play production will be happening! We are absolutely thrilled that we have salvaged parts of the Wizard of Obz, to create our new version: Bitz of Wiz. It is a take on the Wizard of Oz, with our own modern twist! Despite the craziness of the year, the Grade 7s are exhilarated to bring the stage to life once again. It has been such fun reuniting and rehearsing with the whole class and putting our dramatic skills to the test.

Thank you, Mrs G, for all your efforts in making the Bitz Of Wiz production happen! The show must go on!

Written by Gemma MacGregor



The Amazing Race

The Grade 5s came together, for the first time in months, to compete in the ultimate game of, The Amazing Race! Teams had to tackle a variety of complex challenges, from the classic Egg Drop, to making a spaghetti tower! The champions enjoyed treats and have bragging rights for years to come. The fun didn't stop there, the girls also made beautiful beaded lizards and were treated to a very lively game of Kahoot, created by Grace Wilkinson, at the end of the day.



Proudly South African

The Grade 0s have been exploring South Africa as a theme. We have made our own South African money and created beautiful African sunset silhouette pictures. To celebrate our theme we had a day dressing up as proud South Africans, making South African flags and feasting on traditional South African food. It was so exciting to be all together at school on the same day!



Skills Galore in Grade 00

The Grade 00 girls had fun exploring The Body and 5 Senses themes. They loved having George the skeleton in class for a few weeks. We learnt about the body – skeleton, intestines, skin etc. They enjoyed creating their Body Book. We have spent a lot of time working on developing various basic skills such as cutting with accuracy, colouring in, pencil control and copying patterns by doing fun creative activities, painting, playdough and using small manipulative toys – such as pegboards, playdough and threading beads



Happy Spring!

The Grade 1 class made beautiful spring insects, inspired by the artist Raku Inoue, out of plants and leaves they brought from home. They also created digital spring trees on the online platform Seesaw. Here are some of the artworks the girls created.



Grade 2s Travel Around the World

Grade 2s have been very busy this term. They've learnt about the continents and our world, money and measurement and healthy and unhealthy food. The girls made their own passports and Joanna Twycross shared her wonderful Around the World poster of stamps. They have been analysing and counting money, measuring around the classroom and mining for coal with cookies and chocolate chips!



Living Maths Online Fun

The online Maths and Science show with Steve Sherman from Living Maths was just one of the treats from the special whole Grade 3 Crazy Science day in the last week of the term.



Family Kahoot Challenge

The Grade 7s are very excited about our gift to the school at the end of the year, and so we decided to hold a Fun Family Kahoot Quiz Night fundraiser. Each Grade 7 committee was assigned a grade to create a fun and exciting Kahoot that was suited to their level of knowledge. These quiz nights were from Grade 2-7, and there was even one for the staff. The Grade 7s had lots of fun coming up with all sorts of questions, under different categories like sport, literature and even geography. The Kahoot nights were a great success and were enjoyed by everyone. A fine sum of R2009 was raised. Thank you to all the families who supported us. Written by Rebecca Hewat



Grade 7s Reflect on 2020

Some of the Grade 7 girls chose the topic '2020' for their narrative essay writing assessment. This is what they had to say . . .



Zara Berrisford

We have had to change our lifestyles dramatically. Everything is now online for a lot of us. This affects everyone in many different ways. People have lost their jobs and now have no income. This has changed our economy. It's been a time of drastic change for everyone. We have all had to adapt to wearing a mask wherever we go and keep a two metre distance, wash and sanitize our hands as regularly as we can. This time capsule that we are in has been strange and bizarre. We can all agree that 2020 didn't go as planned. As all the adults in my life have said to me: "You can't change what's happening, but you can change how you deal with it." What a weird world we are living in.

Ella Bain

So here we are today. Cures are trying to be concocted, but there hasn't been much luck. This disease is not going anywhere. Living through it is not a curse if you look at it in the right way. Think about how many new skills you have learned from this experience. To our country, don't worry about why we fell or whose fault it was, worry about how you are going to get back up. You, one person, can save so many lives just by being responsible. So be responsible and save lives. Be the difference.



Sammy de Groot

But let's look on the bright side of things; scientists have discovered new stars, which are physically bright. Many people are looking for a cure for COVID-19, and at least three of them are on the third phase and final phase! And so we wait, tick by tock, day by day, week by week, month by month, we patiently wait. What will 2021 bring? An amazing year, a terrible year? New and cool discoveries, or weird discoveries, just like the human-pig hybrid they created this year. We will never know, until we get to 2021, because only when it is 2021, will we know.

Sophie Gebhardt

I know that I said whatever was thrown at me, I would handle. Yes, I have been upset and angry, but I am still standing. To me, COVID-19 is God's way of seeing if we can be resilient and deal with change, to see if we as humans can join forces to defeat the enemy, covid- 19.

We have been fighting a war
And there has been a siege at our front door.
It isn't all bad, because when it is done,
the world will be grateful, and the war will be won.



Luca Graaff

Although the global pandemic is tragic and many people have lost jobs and even lives, I believe that the virus is a portal to a fresh start to take care of the earth, environment, and people in it. We will get through this and come out on the other side more educated, having gained many skills such as technology skills, creativity, adaptability, emotional intelligence and problem-solving, and we will have learned how one small mistake can start a global crisis. These skills will benefit us all in day to day life.

Summer Sport Trophies 2020

Congratulations to the following girls who were awarded Summer Sport trophies in the end of Term final assemblies:

LUCY SMITH CUP FOR JUNIOR SWIMMING: Joanna Twycross

Awarded to a Grade 2 girl for progress and achievement

SENIOR SWIMMING TROPHY: Jess Burrell

Awarded to a swimmer who has shown commitment and loyalty to the sport and has been successful in all 4 strokes

DAVE PARKYN SENIOR TENNIS TROPHY: Gemma MacGregor

Awarded to a girl who has shown commitment and loyalty to the sport and who has achieved excellent results. She has represented Western Province at U10, U11, U12 and U13 level

JUNIOR SPORT TROPHY: Simone de la Harpe and Ella Gray

Awarded to 2 girls who have shown enthusiasm and commitment and who have participated in all 5 of the sporting codes

ROBIN DOUGLAS-JONES TROPHY FOR SPORTSMANSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO SPORT: Simone de la Harpe

Awarded to a girl who has shown good sportsmanship both on and off the field, as well as a commitment to all sports.



Digital Storytelling



The Grade 7s had a 3 day Digital Storytelling workshop in the second last week of the term. Facilitated by Asanda Ngoasheng the workshop dealt with issues of identity and race through the form of digital storytelling. It was an opportunity for the girls to be prepared to listen and hear and to have challenging conversations. During the course of the workshop the girls produced digital stories of themselves.

It's a Wrap

Term 3 ended with a whole class Fun Day for each of the grades. What a wonderful way to wrap up the term—with fun, laughter, games, a civvies day and the joy of being together as a class. Well done to the girls and teachers for juggling online and at school learning on alternate days, whilst keeping to all the health protocols. Thank you to the parents for their support in these extraordinary times.



Thank you!

A huge thank you to the crew of dads, JD Rowe, Glenn Upfold, Andrew McDavid and our Mphumzi Mabuyane and Jomo Daraza who assisted us with the putting up of desk screens in the Grade 3—6 classrooms. We are now ready for the daily return of all our girls from the beginning of the fourth term!

