



# Micklefield School

Term 1, 2021 Newsletter

## Developing Leaders

### Gr 7 Leadership Workshop

From the 22nd to the 24th of February, a leadership workshop was held in the school hall for the Grade 7 class. Mrs Goedeke, the head of Herschel Girls High School, gave an inspirational speech to the class about leadership. She motivated us by speaking about many famous female prime ministers and social activists. During the course, many important discussions were held, and throughout these we were encouraged to ask ourselves important questions, such as: What makes a good leader? What are the habits of a leader? We covered topics such as conflict management and resolution and the celebration of diversity. Some of the highlights of the workshop included the blind race - a game where we were all blindfolded and had to trust our friends to guide us around the Foundation Phase playground, as well as the exciting drumming session.

Written by Ilham Abrahams



### Outreach Committee

Beginning the year, the Outreach Committee had shared a goal of sharing our love elsewhere, other than to our special little school. We organised a card with sweet messages from each girl in the Grade 7 class as a thank you to our police officers at the Rondebosch Police Station. When Valentine's Day arrived we visited the police station with a special speech, sweet treats and presented our card. Still new to our roles as leaders and with it being quite a busy and chaotic first term, we unfortunately couldn't do much other than that, but we have already started planning and brainstorming some ideas for what we can organise in the next term.

Written by Saara Moosa



### Pastoral Committee

This term the Pastoral Committee decorated the staff room for Valentine's Day. The whole Grade 7 class made cards with little treats attached to them for all the teachers. We decorated the staff room with pink decorations, balloons and other things. The teachers then enjoyed tea, cake and other treats in their decorated staff room. Now the Pastoral Committee is cooking up a great event for Term 2 that many of the grades will hopefully enjoy.

Written by Emily Wilson

## Cultural Committee

The Cultural Committee has had a successful first term of the Grade 7 year, considering all the challenges that the pandemic has laid before us. Valentine's Day was one of the main events this term, in which each portfolio contributed something to this occasion. The Cultural Committee presented a speech in assembly on Friday, 12th February. We explained the true meaning of what we feel love is. Later that day some girls from the committee made a trip to Kingsbury Intensive Care unit, where we gave the staff some sweet treats to show our appreciation and we made a special card to say a big thank you. We hope that in the next few terms we can contribute more to really express the importance of cultural diversity and take a hold of more opportunities that come our way.

Written by Kira Vassen

## Robins Report

As a group, the Robins House Captains have been working hard to organise many different events. The first event that we worked on was a collaboration between all the house captains. This event was Valentine's Day and the house captains organised all the girls in the Grade 7 class to bake a treat to sell at the Valentine's Day Bake Sale, as well as write a card for every girl in their family group. In preparation for Sports Day, we carefully picked out our favourite songs and came up with a march which we would present on the day. We practised the march during break time. We presented our last march and enjoyed our last Sports Day at Mickelfield.

Written by Morgan Faught

## Kingfishers Report

The Kingfishers house captains have been involved in some delightful activities. We took part in the Valentine's Bake Sale. We planned a house march that included the Grade 3s to 7s. On the 18th of March we paraded our fancy hats - the Kingfisher house captains will also made a joint hat. On the 19th of March is Sports Day, one of the most exciting days in the year for the house captains. We have really enjoyed leading the girls in this very exciting term.

Written by Zoë West

## Swallows Report

This term, the Swallows house committee has provided treats for the Valentines Day Bake Sale and also sold the baked goods at the market. We organised a march and came up with some songs for Sports Day, and held regular meetings to practise with the other Swallows girls to make sure that they knew what to do when we presented our march.

Written by Amélie Bennett



## Take 2!



Stages around the world might be empty and Theatres closed, but the Drama Department at Micklefield is alive and well! The Grade 00, 0 and 1 classes really enjoyed acting parts from a new book called "Tooth Fairy in Training". You might find that there are a lot of little tooth fairies at large over the holidays perfecting their skills! Aesop's Fables always provide good dramatic content and this term the Grade 2 and 3 class enjoyed acting the story of The Fox and the Baboon and learnt what a good leader was in the process. The Grade 4 class enjoyed dramatising some scary poems while the Grade 5 and 6 class learnt how to design a programme of plays they had just produced and performed.

A highlight for the Grade 7 class was being given the opportunity to make a movie. This was instead of performing their play, Bits of the Wiz, as last year's Grade 7 class was able to do. Not being permitted an audience, made this impossible. Making a movie, however, was an entirely new experience; a filmmaker was hired, the movie was storyboarded and on the 23rd March the movie was shot. The filmmaker will now edit the film (which is the most time consuming part) and we look forward to its release next term!



## An Action Packed Term in Gr 0

The Grade 0s have had a super start to the year. They have explored 3 different themes so far: Under the Sea; Shapes and Our Families. The Grade 0 Programme is filled with free and facilitated play, gross motor movement and exploring the garden, working together in micro groups as well as whole class discussions and lots of creative art. We have embarked on our pre-reading journey, exploring each letter and relating them to words, using our thinking maps to compare and sort objects from home. What fun we have in Maths, building towers out of cubes, counting down days to birthdays and sports day as well as exciting dice games.



## Colour Mania in Grade 00



The Grade 00s have had a wonderful start to their Micklegate journey! They have settled well and are having such happy days at school. They are making friends and embracing all that is on offer. They have thoroughly enjoyed exploring our themes; Summer and Holidays, Teddies and Colour. We had so much fun creating our "Colour Books". Each day we did a colour with an activity to add to the book. The girls really "dressed up" for each colour!

## Fabulous Fives

It has been wonderful having the whole Grade 5 class back in the classroom this term! We have particularly enjoyed reading our class novel, *The One and Only Ivan*, where we explored a variety of themes. Friendship, freedom vs captivity, animal cruelty, identity, and art and creativity were some of the themes the girls formed their orals around. A journey of exploration into the lives of the Khoisan people of Southern Africa was a highlight in History,



where many discussions took place. A debate around the idea that the San people were the most successful society in the world led to some deep thinking and a buzzing conversation! There has been a real focus on learning how to apply our knowledge to a variety of situations, and the Grade 5 girls have thoroughly enjoyed expanding their minds and developing their critical thinking skills.

## Curating Personal Museums

Grade 4s all worked very hard collecting, organising and interviewing people for their Personal Museums. Our classroom was transformed into a museum of curated artifacts with curators all on hand to tell their stories. We loved listening to each other's stories and getting to know our personal histories a bit better. Such an interesting time of sharing and learning.



## We are all Unique

The Grade 2s started the year settling into their new classroom and getting to know their new teacher. We made a collage of our pictures of us in our first few weeks of school! Valentine's Day was celebrated this year in their red, pink and white. Every Grade 2 girl painted a friendship love rock and hid it in the playground for another Grade 2 friend to find.

The Grade 2s shared the fun with the Grade 00s by sending them a heart in the colour of the day during colour week!

In the classroom the Grade 2s have been learning about greater than and less than and admiring their unique beauty in the mirror. It has been a long and busy first term in Grade 2! It's time to rest these holidays.



# Persisting in Grade 1

The Grade 1s have been working on the Habits of Mind and have done six different habits so far - persisting, finding humour, striving for accuracy, responding with wonderment and awe and gathering data through all the senses.

*I persisted with learning to hang upside down on the monkey bars* - Zoe Cole

*I persisted with learning to swim* - Maya Hayes

*I persisted with learning how to draw* - Scarlett Buys

*I persisted with learning to read* - Kate Kruger

*I persisted with counting in 2's* - Eve Tobler

*I persisted with learning to do a cartwheel* - Lwamila Ndindwa

*I persisted with doing puzzles* - Stella-Mari Pike



# Learning about Insects & Birds

The Grade 3 girls have enjoyed exploring their Natural Science themes this term. They have learnt about various insects, focusing on re-searching, finding information and recording the information in their own words. For their bird theme they focused on learning to identify 30 species of water birds find in the Western Cape. Here are some examples of the lovely work completed by the girls.



## Introducing the Cello



Beatrix Bryan joined the Micklefield family in 2020 and has rediscovered her love for the Cello.

We were treated to her first performance with her teacher, Nikki Fyvie at our Grade 4 and 5 Assembly.

Thank you to all the lovely musicians and their teachers for the live musical performances in Assemblies this term.

Here is a video link to the lovely cello performance:

[Cello performance: Beatrix Bryan and Nikki Fyvie](#)

## Inter-House Cross Country & Sports Day

Despite the lack of spectators and an abundance of sanitizer, the spirit was high and the competition fierce. Well done to all the girls for their terrific participation in the Cross Country and Fancy Hat creations, their team spirit, sportsmanship and unstoppable enthusiasm. A special thank you to past parent, March Turnbull, for once again stepping in as the guest announcer, to our wonderful team of "catcher" dads and Sandi Blackbeard for organising such a slick event. Congratulations to the Robins for winning the Sports Day Trophy, Swallows for the Cross Country Trophy and Kingfishers the Spirit Trophy! Click on the link to watch [Sports Day 2021](#)

