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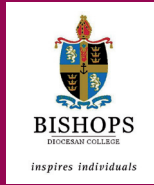
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A year with Frog and Toad kids

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HEAD OF DEPARTMENT'S REPORT

Outreach and Social Awareness:

Once again as a school we supported Casual Day with each boy buying a sticker that allowed him to come to school in civvies one Friday. Our contribution went to support Sunfield Wellington in the wonderful work they do assisting the mentally challenged. During our Readathon Week, we held a Civvies Day when the boys paid a fine in order to come to school in civvies. We collected R2901 in 'fines,' and this together with R2000 that was so generously donated by a grade R pupil Morné Ogada, who asked his guests to contribute towards a charity instead of giving him birthday presents, will be used to purchase books for St Paul's in Bokaap. We had The Travelling Bookshop visiting in the foyer and they gave us 10% of the sales in books – so we were able to purchase books to the value of R1565 from them that will also be given to St Paul's. The idea is to develop an Independent Reading Programme that will allow children to take readers home on a regular basis that they can enjoy, and which are suited to their individual reading ability. The boys continued to bring an extra sandwich on Tuesdays which were distributed at Athwood Primary each week.

Staff news

We congratulate Nazli and Russell Meredith on their marriage which took place in the Brooke Chapel on Saturday, 24 September. Many staff members attended the wedding and were invited to celebrate afterwards with them at The Wild Fig. A highlight for Nazli's class was that they were all invited to attend the ceremony, and to sing for the congregation during the signing of the register. It was lovely to see her spending time with them afterwards posing for pictures under the tree in the garden. Teachers met with parents in the run-up to the end of term. These meetings replace a written report and so were important for everyone. We also had the pleasure of meeting the



A Year with Frog and Toad Kids



*Charles Carter, Seth Nieburg,
Armaan Trikam during make-up*



Mrs Meredith and her class: What proud gentlemen!

come break as we prepared to tackle the last term of the year.

Noell Andrews

News from Grade R

Exploration defines the third term in the Grade R block. The security of knowing what is expected as a member of the Grade R family has given the boys the confidence to test out their skills and make new discoveries. We get so excited when they want to show us their accomplishments either outside or inside the classroom. Our themes lend themselves well to the boys' desire for reaching new frontiers. New learning was to be found from the depths of the ocean to the infinite realms of our galaxy. It has been an inspirational term! We started the term with the familiar. Our young gentlemen had fun practising their communication skills; pretending to be town planners designing



City designing is busy work!

functional yet attractive cities (in preparation for Cape Town being chosen as the World Design Capital for 2014 of course!) After exploring the land around us, it was time to dig deep and discover what lay beneath. The boys put their sand pit skills to great use in role playing archaeological digs in the search for dinosaur bones and fossils. We were asked several times a day if the latest find was indeed a diamond – salt crystals can



*Above: Snack break for our busy planners
Jack Howard and Solloy Nankin*



*Right: Seeds of Knowledge shared
by Grandparents*

be very misleading! It was then time to set sail and follow in the steps of Christopher Columbus. Great fun was had in mapping out routes for the family's next continental visit. Whilst discovering the bizarre creatures that survive in the depths of our oceans, the boys in Mrs Nolte's class were astounded that one of the fathers, Mr Marriott-Watson, frequents these depths as well - with the aid of highly specialized equipment. Brave man! To be a successful explorer, the boys realised that you need to be fit and healthy. The educational visit from Fansa had the boys happily waging war on all germs, and our soap supply quickly diminished. Our health visitors were most impressed by the knowledgeable questions and answers from the boys. It appears some of the boys will be follow-



3,2,1 Lift Off! Dr Martinez and his son

ing in their parents' medical footsteps. Spring apparently arrived and with it we welcomed in the boys' grandparents. Grandparents Day is a very special day when the boys proudly show off their achievements at their new school, but most importantly get to exercise their manners and hosting skills. The grandparents in turn got to share their pearls of wisdom: **Timothy Walsh's** Granny: Families, who play together, stay together; **Andrew Dalls' Granny**: Listen before you respond verbally; Jack Howard's Granny: Always be true to yourself and know that you are special; **Zoran Funkey's** Grandfather: Clean hands and short nails; **Liam Winstain's** Granny: Say thank you to the lady who washes and irons your clothes; **Austin Graaff's** Granny: Stay still for a while and think of how lucky you are.

With their newly gained insights it was time for the boys to head for the stars. Our Space theme was action-filled with boys drawing magnificent rockets; building a huge rocket to play in, and rockets that were blasted off into space. The launch of the rockets was witnessed with suitable shrieks of delight! Thank you to Dr Martínez, one of our dads, who made this possible. Our Drumkidz drumming workshop brought our explorations full circle. The theme was the Rugby World Cup which took the boys on an imaginative whistle stop tour of the major players' countries. Bokkie was an integral part of the adventure! So, to the chant of, "Let's do it again!" our boys left for a short holiday with optimism beating a strong rhythm in their hearts. The Grade R team look forward to "doing it again" next term with continued enthusiasm and pride in our Bishops Boys! City design-ing is busy work!

Geordie Nolte, Carron Cale and Carmen van Zyl

News from Grade 1

The boys were pleased to get back to school and see all their friends after the long winter holiday. It was to be a very busy term, as we were staging the production of *A Year with Frog and Toad Kids*, as well as keeping up with our normal programme. We went straight into rehearsals, set building, planning the costumes and make-up, etcetera. The school was abuzz with excitement. For many it was their first experience of performing on stage. We count ourselves lucky to have the use of the Bishops' theatre, as being on stage with professional sound and lighting gives them the true theatre experience. It was so much fun, and a great success. We were all so proud to be a part of such an outstanding production. Our main theme for this term was, "Looking Up." We started with Birds and ended with the Solar System. As always, our reading material, creative writing, mathematics and art work centered on our themes. This term we celebrated Arbor Day, World Environment Day, and Heritage Day. To coincide with Heritage Day and to end off the term, our final theme was, "Proudly South African." The boys worked together in groups creating posters and learning about our national symbols, cultures, foods, songs, and etcetera. They even learned our National Anthem, which they sang with great gusto! We also celebrated Readathon Week with many fun filled activities. We started the week with a wonderful show by the Johannesburg company; "Hooked on Books". We also had mums in to read and share their love of books during story time, and ended with a dress-up day on the Friday.



Grade 1s enjoying story time with some mums during our Readathon Week



Another fabulous show that came to our school was *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. The boys are so fortunate in being exposed to such wonderful literature and dramatic productions! Our practical maths covered the introduction to capacity and graphs. We taught the boys to use both bar and pictorial graphs when we recorded the weather during the month of August. We had lots of fun discovering the properties of a liquid; what sinks and floats; and learning to read and measure liquids. Tag rugby continued, and as always it was a highlight each week. Many thanks to the dads who gave up their Friday lunch hour to coach the boys. This was an extremely busy and exciting term. So much was learned and so many happy memories were made.

Rosemarie Harris, Anne Atkins and Ann van Breda

News from Grade 2

We all arrived back at school after the winter break, and the boys had lots of news to share about their exciting holidays. Dylan Davies: I flew to London Heathrow and we drove to an express store and the whole wall was filled with sandwiches. I had a smoked salmon sandwich and then we arrived at Chepstow and we were just in time to go and feed the chickens with my Granny. Solomzi Tsiki: On Friday I went to the airport. The plane landed in USA. I went to someone's house. I slept over there for four days then I went to Miami. I slept in Miami for one day and then I went on a cruise. The boat was called the "Oasis of the Seas." Laine Ridgeway: I went to the beach and I caught 2 squid and 1 fish and we used it for bait. I also went surfing. It was my first time standing on the board. I can even turn on the board.

The term also began with much anticipation as The Rugby World Cup 2011 was about to begin! The boys collected newspaper articles to keep the class informed of the upcoming events in New Zealand. The favourite spelling sound of the term, had to be 'y' for rugby! We were all so proud of Bryan

Habana as he broke the record for most tries scored by a Springbok. We decided to write letters of congratulations to him. **Max Rebe:** Congratulations on breaking the record. I am your number one fan; you are my best player in the Springboks. I'm wishing you a good World Cup: and I'm going to give you hope all the way. **Mpofana Skwatsha:** I like the way you scored the try: it was very original. Anyway, good luck on your next game. **Jack Walker:** Congratulations for breaking the team record. I wish that I could be like you when I grow up. I love the way you play rugby. I know that you can run as fast as a springbok. **Keanan Walker:** Congratulations on your record and keep up all the hard work. It's amazing! I think you are the best player in the Springbok team. You rock! **Muhammad Zia Koor:** You are the best rugby person and I like your skills, and when you have the ball you must try and try all the time. You are a good person. When I am big I want to be just like you, and I want to go on the field and score more tries than you.

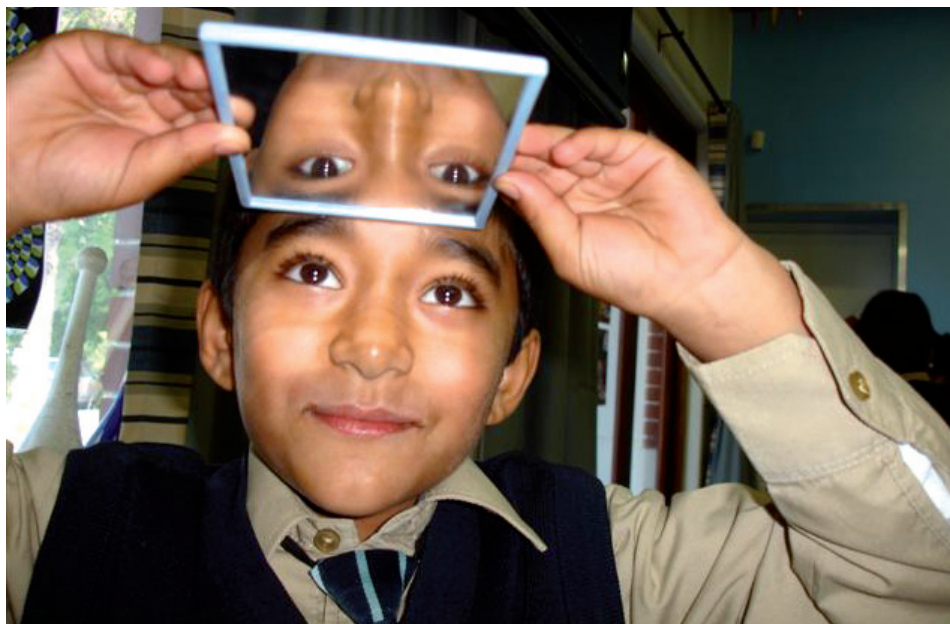
The theme of the term was 'People Who Help Us'. We investigated many careers, and tried our hand as magicians, as we visited The Magic School House to learn about optical illusions; bakers, as we baked bread... just like the Little Red Hen; authors as we wrote our own books; cowboys at our Pig Pen Party and actors as a few boys got the opportunity to take small parts, in *The Hooked on Books* and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* productions as part of our Readathon week. This is what some of them wrote about 'What I want to be when I grow up': **Imad Khan:** A doctor or gynaeccologist because you make a lot of money and it is quiet. **Oliver Kennedy-Smith:** I want to be a rugby player because you can work as a team and you can score a try. **Cameron Parker-Forsyth:** I want to be a surfer because I like to be in a contest and win trophies and be in water. **Peter Njoroge:** A scientist because they invent stuff and I want to invent things like a flying car. **Luke Parker:** I want to be a professional rugby player. I want to play fly half because it's cool and I get big muscles and I get lots of money. You get to score tries and a fly half gets to take the kicks sometimes. All the boys got true experience as actors as they all took part in our production of *A Year with Frog and Toad Kids*. The boys are to be congratulated on their patience – as they practised many songs and actions, as well as their fine acting skills! This is what some boys wrote about the outing to The Magic School House: **Cameron Toy:** What did we learn? Well, lots of things. Actually my favourite part was when we learnt all about light. Why do you think we did it? I think for fun. I'm not saying that you should think that, that's just what I think. **Armaan Trikam:** We learnt about light, colour and optical illusions. Then we mixed colours and then Prof. Bayla did the



Solomzi and Liyema during make-up



*Thomas Newton exploring things at
The Magic School House*



Kaleel Hassan at The Magic School House

bucket trick. He took coins out of our head and ear and he put it in his bucket.

Keeping in the theme of sport, we ended the term with our Family Chapel Service. Miss Fry's class wrote some prayers for our rugby team and for all of us to treat each other with kindness and love. **Cal-lum Musselwhite:** We pray that you will help the poor people that live on the streets. And we hope that you help them to find some cash on the ground. **Brian Daniel:** Please will you make our weaknesses turn into talents. **Sergey Huish:** God, I hope you have a nice day. **Edward Woods:** Please help all the rugby players to do their best and to play as a team". **Dino Vavatzanidis:** I hope our rugby players stick together as a team and this has happened to me before when I played soccer. I didn't pass the ball and I lost and when I passed it was a goal so I worked as a team. **Chris Scheepers:** Thank you for this wonderful world and for all these wonderful creatures. Please help all the poor people that live on the street and in Khayalitsha. Thank you for all your might. We would like to join you in Heaven. Thank you for sending your Son to earth to wash away our sins. Please keep the Springboks safe when they are in New Zealand. Please keep them together as a team while they are in New Zealand. Thank you for everything. **Luke Solomons:** Thank you for all the things you have given us and God if it weren't for you, none of us would be alive. Please help us to be nice to others and if we are nice to others they will be nice to us. Thank you for the wonderful fruit and all the animals that live on this planet. Thank you for all our moms and dads and grannies and grandpas and all our other wonderful relatives. But most importantly, please help us to be nice to others so that they will be nice to us.

Nazli Meredith, Lindy van Stormbroek and Laurelle Fry

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