



NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2021



Kindergarten class with their teacher

Grade R:

Here we are and it's hard to believe that we are at the end of another school year. Through creative play, story time, artistic activities and outdoor play the children worked on language development. This year we managed a mixed cultural group of 25 children with six different mother tongue languages yet all were taught in English. What an achievement!



Grade R wearing their felt bags that they made.



Grade R pupil learning how to do blanket stitch with the Teacher

Class 1:

The children can now put sounds together to form short words. They made their own reading books full of short stories. The class enjoyed their trip to the petting farm, where they had a picnic with guinea pigs, goats, peacocks and llamas.



Class 1 feeding the animals at the petting farm



Class 1 with their Teacher and assistant to the Teacher

Class 2:

Class 2 was one of the classes that won a prize of a milkshake at the Cancer Awareness fundraiser sponsored by the Mugg & Bean Coffee shop at the Whale Coast Shopping mall. On the 3rd of December the children were taken to Fernkloof Nature Reserve where they had a picnic. The children are ready to move to Class 3.



Felt fishes made by Class 2



Assistant to the Teacher helping Class 2 girls with their reading



Class 2 with their Teacher

Class 3:

It has been a great year for Class 3. We were busy with different lessons which the children enjoyed so much. They loved our Bible stories and all participated with great enthusiasm. We presented our plays for our assembly.

The children worked very hard and most of them are ready for next year. It has been a journey of learning and I was privileged to be part of their journey.



Due to bad weather Class 3 had their picnic in the school hall!



Class 3 with their Teacher

Class 4:

Articles by Class 4 pupils.

1st Article:

I have been a pupil at the Hermanus Waldorf School since Class 1 and I am now in Class 4. Our school accommodates pupils of all races. I feel comfortable and safe at my school. There are 19 children in our class and we have a very good teacher. We do a lot of different subjects; my favourite subject is Maths, because I find it easy. I am looking forward to Class 5 next year.

2nd Article:

In Class 4 we work very hard and look forward to our daily work challenges. I come to school early in the morning and this gives me time to revise all the things I have learnt. I love the morning circle with our very fun jabulani dance. There were so many new things that we learnt this year. The maths numbers became bigger, but our teacher always encouraged us to work hard, and to ask if we don't understand. I also love the plays of Thor's hammer. I am looking forward to Grade 5 next year.



Class 4 with their Teacher

Class 5:

Articles by Class 5 pupils:

1st article:

On the first day of school this year all the children were chatting about their holidays. Although Covid-19 was still making people ill and some even dying, we still enjoyed our holidays and even forgot about Covid-19. Our teacher taught us Greek Mythology main lesson that made our curiosity run over. It was my favourite main lesson. It was very funny acting the main lesson. I also loved plant study.

I was very excited to hear that we will be attending a Marimba competition next year. My Mom was proud of my report last year. I aim to impress her again this year.

I am glad nobody suffered because of the virus.

2nd Article:

Class 5 was a nice experience, my class and I enjoyed this year, even though we had a lot of work, our teacher made it fun. We did a lot of fun activities but my favourite was handwork and woodwork. The head of our school teaches us woodwork which the class enjoys. The class also enjoys painting and art, two terms ago we painted beautiful butterflies. This year went very fast, I love my school and look forward to returning to Class 6 next year.



Beautiful butterflies decorate Class 5's door



Class 5 with their Teacher

Class 6:

Article by Class 6 pupil.

I have enjoyed being in Class 6 and all the work we did especially the main lessons. We did the History of Africa where we studied the different African kingdoms in Southern Africa from AD900 – AD1450. We learnt a lot about Mapungubwe and the great Zimbabwe. I also enjoyed learning about rocks in mineralogy. We discovered that we have many sedimentary rocks at our school which we found most interesting. We worked hard in music and learnt many songs in preparation for an on-line competition organised by Education Africa. We learnt how to play songs like, I Paradisi, Pata Pata, Jerusalema, I Koko, Lion King and Hamba Nathi. I enjoy playing on the marimbas. I also had fun sewing our beautiful stars in handwork class. This was a good year for me as I learnt a lot.



Class 6 boys with their stars that they made



Class 6 with their Teacher

Class 7:

Articles by Class 7 pupils.

1st article:

This has been a fun, exciting and weird year. The weirdest that I am now in Class 7 and I must set an example to the younger pupils. I hope that I did that. The fun and exciting thing is that I learnt new things and that I have learnt from my mistakes.

My dream is to become a world famous artist, like Leonardo da Vinci, Picasso, Michelangelo, Raphael and Donatello. Art is a big part of my life and I hope that my dream will come true.

I have learnt many different things, some of the stuff was boring, for example maths. Some of it is fun like visual art and English. I found out many things I did not know about.

My sponsor Maria visited me at school and gave me a sketch book and cookies for the class. At break we spent time talking about many different topics. It was fun and it was lovely to spend time with her.

I will miss all my teachers when I go to high school next year.

2nd Article:

This has been a tough year but we still made it to the end of 2021. In this year we have learnt a lot and had so much fun, Class 7 is the last year of primary school so I made my end memorable. There were not a lot of outings this year. I wrote a play about Romeo and Juliet which we will perform at the end of the year. We also made a mosaic with a number on it for each classroom. I am so excited about next year; I can't wait to meet all my new teachers and friends. It is not easy making new friends and I hope I will have an amazing time getting to know everyone there.



Class 7 pupil with mosaic number made by the class.



Class 7 with their Teacher

Other news:

The school had a visit from Maaïke all the way from Haarlem in the Netherlands. Maaïke was a volunteer at the Summer School 17 years ago! This time she stayed for 3 weeks and helped with handwork in the Kindergarten and in various classes at the school. She organised games in the upper classes, helped in the office and was such an inspiration for us all! We all hope this is the first visit of many



Maaïke third from left with teachers and office staff

School grounds, vegetable garden and buildings.

Our ground and housekeeping staff put a lot of energy and effort into keeping the grounds neat, the vegetable garden flourishing and buildings neat and clean.



The old pathway was cleared of rocks and is now easier to walk along



Look at our beautiful peas!



The pumpkins are starting to gown



Making soup with the vegetables from our bountiful garden



Maintenance staff moving a water tank



Off to clean bathrooms and classrooms



Our beautiful St Joseph lilies

School Dates:

School closes on Thursday 9th December 2021 and re-opens for pupils on 19th January 2022.

Teachers will be at school from 17th January 2022

School Fees:

The office will be open until 15th December 2021 for payment of school fees. Alternatively school fees can be paid into:

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Account: Hermanus Waldorf School

Account Number: 5247 1041 452

Reference: Child's Name

THANK YOU

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you once again for your continued kindness and generosity to our school. It is very much appreciated!

With warm regards from the staff and children of the Hermanus Waldorf School

