



23 June 2017

Greetings from the Playschool.

This week we continued with our theme of 'Wild Animals'. The little ones have found this to be a riveting subject. They have eagerly brought their soft toy wild animals to school as well as their books relating to the theme. In the classroom they have used the wild animal toys imaginatively in their creative play.

This morning we hosted our Grandparents Day. The little ones impressed their Yia Yias and Papoudes with their enchanting singing and moves. In the garden they showcased their skills on the equipment and cheerfully introduced their friends to their grandparents. We thank the staff and children for creating this amazing opportunity to observe our little ones in action and for allowing our visitors to experience a wonderful morning at school. Well done to all our little treasures!





As from this afternoon, school is officially closed for the Midterm. However, a holiday programme will be running during the break. Please consult the Sherpa Kids notification in this regard. We wish everyone a restful Break. Be safe and we look forward to your return on 3 July. Drop Off time is as usual: 7H40 until 8H20.

Hereunder are some fun holiday activities:

- Reading – Paging through books, tracking the words on pages, making up stories, recapping, sequencing, discussing pictures.
- With the older children ask them to describe their favourite toy or animal. Allow them to hold the toy/animal they are describing, as this can be used as a prompt.
- Tearing newspaper.
- Scrunching tinfoil into balls.
- Rhyming.
- Counting – rote counting and on a one to one correlation to 3
- Picking up small objects with tweezers.
- Sorting beads into colours.
- Playing with big boxes.
- Playing with shaving foam on a window.
- Drawing on a vertical surface.
- Attach a paper under a low table and draw on it whilst lying down.
- Paint with water outside – use a paintbrush and dip into water.
- Draw with chalk on the floor.
- Baking.
- Visual perception – what is different – change something in environment and ask your child to identify the difference. This exercise can also be repeated by changing something on a person.

- What is missing – display objects, remove one and child must guess which one is missing. Repeat with different materials.
- **PLAY – Imaginative, creative, physical, scooting, climbing, balls, swinging, balancing, jumping, dancing, moulding with dough.**

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Mandela Day – Tuesday, 18th July
 - Mid –Term Break – Friday, 23rd June to Monday, 3rd July, dropping off at 7h40 until 8h20
 - Occupational Therapy Parent Address – July (date to be confirmed)
 - Mini Walk – Saturday, 22nd July
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- Parent Interviews – Tuesday, 25th July and Thursday, 27th July
 - School Closes – Friday, 4th August.

MINI WALK



Please diarise this date, Saturday the 22nd July. Everyone is invited to participate in our Mini Walk, which will be starting at 9h00 and finishing at 12h00. The children love to take this opportunity to impress us with their physical stamina. They revel in the encouragement from their parents and find it a treat to spend the morning with mom and dad at school. After midterm you will all receive a hard copy of the sponsorship form and we ask all moms and dads to obtain sponsors. Grannies, grandfathers, uncles and aunts are always keen to sponsor their little treasures. Instructions on how to complete this form will be provided with the sponsorship form. Payment will be according to the laps covered. In total there are 25 laps of approximately 40m each, they are short rounds. Complete your forms and return them to school by the 19th July. If you do not wish to get sponsors, moms and dads you are free to make a donation. Please mark this off on your form and you may place your monies in the envelope provided. More details of this event will follow in the forthcoming newsletters. On the day our little ones need to wear comfortable shoes, hats, sunscreen and clothing which is layered.

OUTREACH

MANDELA DAY DRIVE

THE GERMISTON SPCA

- Last week we took our first load of Pet Food to the SPCA. They were most grateful for our contributions and two of our little boys spent some quality time

with the animals, giving them the tender loving care which is so lacking in these unwanted pet's lives. We will be continuing with our endeavours in assisting the SPCA. We thank all the parents for their contributions.



DONATIONS

- We extend our thanks to the parents for their generous donation of clothes. We will be donating these to various Outreach ventures.

REMINDERS

- **Baker's Day** every Friday, please check with your child's class teacher.
- Box of tissues each term
- For our younger children – 5 nappies a day, barrier cream and wet wipes
- Please continue to apply sunscreen before school in the mornings
- Hats
- Appropriate change of clothing for your child's bag, please include a warmer top for the cooler days.
- Should your child be using the Aftercare facilities please ensure that there are at least an extra 3-5 nappies available in his/her bag daily.
- Please book your child's birthday with Denise – and no party packs. A cake is sufficient.
- Library will be commencing this term and bags can be purchased from Esquires for the safe transportation of books.
- **Should your child be off colour, vomiting, have a fever, earache, diarrhoea, infected nose and coughing please keep them at home as they will have a miserable day at school and infect others.** Please notify Denise in case of absenteeism.
- Daily hours – **7h40 to 13h30/14h00** on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
7H40 to 13.15/13.30 on a Wednesday

- **MY SCHOOL CARD** can be swiped at any of the following outlets Woolworths, Toys R Us, Reggies, Waltons, Jack's Paint, Altech Netstar and Supa Quick. A small percentage of the amount spent will be forwarded to the school. ***Please remember to swipe your card.***

THEMES FOR WEEK ENDING 7 JULY 2017

THEME	Under the Sea
PERCEPTION	Revise numbers 1, 2, 3
EVENT	MIDTERM – 23 JUNE UNTIL 3 JULY

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