



Dear Parents

Thank you to those parents that have accepted the Class invitations from your teachers to join Dojo. We encourage everyone to sign up so that we are able to communicate effectively with every parent. We look forward to sending snapshots and happenings of your precious little people. We will wait until all parents are connected before we start sending anything.

Please note that we are moving rapidly towards cooler weather. Please dress your children in layers as they do run around and get very warm during the day and still need short sleeves.

If your child has had a fever or has vomited the night before, please don't send them to school. At this time of year, viruses and bacteria begin rearing their ugly heads and our young children are very susceptible to contracting them. The school follows a strict cleanliness and hygiene regime when dealing with the children and everything they come into contact with on a daily basis.

We therefore request that parents take cognizance of the fact that this alone will not stop the transfer of infectious germs as germs are airborne, so if your child is not well please keep them at home. We appreciate your partnering with us in this regard.





UPCOMING EVENTS

- 13 & 15 March Parent feedback/interviews
- 18 March Community celebration of Greek National Day at SAHETI
- 21 March Human rights day
- 23 March Greek national Day (school closes early at 11am
- 29 March End of term 1

PARENT INTERVIEWS

13th and 15th March

Parent interviews are a time for parents to meet with their child's class teacher and Greek teacher on an individual basis. It is still very early in the year and the children have not yet been assessed formally. This interview will be an informal chat with your teacher and both parents are welcome to attend.

Lists with available times are in the Foyer. We look forward to chatting with you about your child.

GREEK NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS AT SCHOOL

THURSDAY 23 MARCH



In 1821 the Greeks secretly conspired to liberate themselves from Ottoman oppression, which they had endured for four centuries. They engaged in numerous, valiant battles on land and at sea and eventually managed to drive out their enemy. The Greeks reclaimed Greece and they were free to fly their blue and white flag with pride and children could attend school freely and were no longer compelled to quietly attend classes at night. People were free to practise their traditional activities without any fear of reprisal. The bravery of our heroes and people, who courageously and fearlessly strove for the independence of Greece is celebrated annually.

At the Playschool we will be celebrating this auspicious day in our Perception Area with stories about our great heroes and songs. Art Work and Baking will also be included to reinforce the theme of the week.

On the day school will be closing at 11h00, but there will be Aftercare available for those requiring this service.

RAFFLE TICKETS

The Greek teachers are selling raffles. You can buy them at reception or in the classes. They cost R100 a booklet which consists of 10 tickets. Prizes include: R 10 000 cash, R 5000 cash and various other vouchers. The proceeds collected will go to SAHETI school and the Greek Federation of South Africa who assist the community of Greeks in South Africa. There are two weeks left to buy if you haven't done so. Thank you to those who have supported us.

BAKERS DAY

The new format for Baker's day will commence next term. Each teacher will have a list up next week of educational baking experiences that the children will be engaging in. Each parent will be requested to rather bring baking ingredients instead of the ready-made product and the teachers will bake with the children during the school morning. This will re-inforce concepts such as sequencing, measuring, counting, and fine motor development.

OUTREACH

Saheti playschool partners with a school called Botlhale Ke Thuto in Alexander. The school consists of 24 very underprivileged kids and their benefactor Sanna Hlamalani Boloji tries her very best to teach them and care for them and she relies solely on donations. In consultation with Sanna she noted that most of the children would not even receive even one Easter egg. We have therefore decided as a community school and to teach our children the values of giving rather than receiving that we would like to collect Easter eggs to donate to these gorgeous children. We will have a box in the foyer and Sanna will collect it and distribute the eggs to her kids. We thank you in advance.

Have a lovely weekend...

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