



16 March 2018

Dear Parents

Thanks to all the parents who came to the interviews. It is always such a joy to watch your children growing in confidence and beginning to explore their worlds. Please remember that even though these interviews were an opportunity to meet one on one with your teachers, we are always available for a chat, a bit of advice or a giggle.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 18 March Community celebration of Greek National Day at SAHETI
- 21 March Human rights day
- 23 March Greek national Day ([school closes at 11am](#))
- 29 March End of term 1

### GREEK NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

**23 MARCH**

In 1821 the Greeks secretly conspired to liberate themselves from Ottoman oppression , which they had endured for centuries. They engaged in numerous valiant battles on land and at sea and eventually managed to drive out their enemy. Greece was reclaimed and people were once again free to fly the flag

and engage in traditional activities without fear. The bravery of our heroes and people who courageously and fearlessly strove for Greek independence is celebrated annually.

At Playschool we will be celebrating this auspicious day.

**We encourage all children to dress in Blue and white** – the traditional Greek colours. The children will be treated to cake and will eat Pita and Tatsiki , traditional Greek foods and sing and do some Greek dancing. **School will close at 11am and there will be no lunch or naps.** Aftercare will be available

## LAMBATHES – EASTER CANDLES

Lambathes are special candles for Easter, which are given to children as gifts by their parents and Godparents. These candles are used for midnight mass on the Saturday night when we celebrate the resurrection of Christ

The candles will be on sale in the foyer. The money raised goes towards our PTA.

## 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

## WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED AT SCHOOL???





### TRACEY, ANDY, DOMINEC

The three younger groups have been immersed in learning the concepts of colour and shape. Colour and shape are the building blocks of the world the children experience all around them. At this stage it is very important to develop the small muscles in little hands, as this is a pre cursor to handwriting and tool manipulation at a later stage. The classrooms have been awash with the colours yellow and blue. Children were offered opportunities that engaged every area of learning development. They stamped, painted, threw beanbags though hoops, stacked, twisted, peeled, stuck and posted, all the while engaging with the colours and shapes.

Wishing you all a restful weekend



SOULA, CHANELLE, IRENE

This week our little learners built a house out of a cardboard box. They painted bricks on the house with rectangle sponges and reinforced the colour Red. Sensory and tactile development was enhanced when we glued shredded paper on to the roof surface of the house. We discussed that homes have different shapes and sizes as well as different colours and textures thus adding new vocabulary. We also viewed the various rooms and room uses with books, pictures and songs on the smart board. Spatial awareness was exercised in our movement ring using our bodies as tools to explore position in space like in front, behind, on top and under. The children received much enjoyment from Sensio-pathic play drawing with their fingers in dry mielie meal helping the children discover texture with the sense of touch and experimentation.

We look forward to our next theme "Easter" which is always filled with delight and excitement for all.

We wish you a fun and happy weekend.

*Have a lovely weekend...*

*Andy Haefner*

*Vice-Principal*

*SAHETI Pre-Primary/Playschool*