

## NEWSLETTER 3/2022

Wow! Wow! Wow! What an amazing trip around the world we had! Concert 2022 was a big success. We had an incredible two evenings of singing and dancing. The community came out in numbers to support us and everybody had an awesome time. The children looked beautiful and the dance moves were impressive. The staff and the children enjoyed it and had lots of fun together. The best way to describe it...pure joy!

Here we are ending of the evening with *Juicy Wiggle*:



The two evenings were just as crazy as the photo. There were princesses, super heroes, pirates, ballet girls, African girls, soccer and rugby boys and many more.



We were busy during the school holidays as well.



We had a visit from the NSRI, the Western Cape Parliament brought us some food parcels and the Grade R learners had an outing to Harold Porter Botanical Garden.

The NSRI came to talk to our children about water safety which is very important in Kleinmond, because we do get drownings down at the beach.

The Western Cape Parliament surprised us with food hampers which we could use at the school. The children always enjoy the Harold Porter outing. They love riding in the bus and they learn interesting facts about nature.



Our staff was surprised with a bucket full of goodies by Child Welfare. It had some toilet-ries and other treats in. They wanted to thank the staff for all their hard work.

This was a nice gesture from them, because our children receive a lot, but most times the staff are overlooked. They do put in a lot every day and it takes a lot of energy to be an ECD teacher.

Our Dance Mouse children had a special event one Saturday. The parents were invited to come and see what they have been up to during the year.

Our children stole the show and they danced beautifully. They each received a certificate.





In and out of the classrooms we were busy. The children learned about Winter, Wild animals, Reptiles, Dinosaurs and Insects. We put up a Wild animal display for them, we received a new tug-o-war rope that they used during movement and we continued with all our other educational activities.

In one of our classes the teacher let them paint while sitting on the floor. They loved it!



We were very lucky to get another opportunity to send two teachers to the Lego training, so now all our teachers have been trained.

We also received another four boxes of Duplo Lego, which we are very grateful for. All our classes have Duplo Lego now and are enjoying learning through play.

This was all made possible by the Rooi Els Outreach Programme and Care for Education.

I had the privilege to attend Enlighten Educations Trusts 20 year birthday celebrations. They had professor Jonathan Jansen there as guest speaker.

I found it very inspiring and he had a few suggestions on South African educational system and how to improve it:

1. Build the system from the ground up.
2. Teachers must have knowledge about the subject they teach.
3. Fix basic infrastructure at schools. This will have a motivational effect on the staff and children.
4. De-politicize education.
5. Ensure there are consequences for corruption.
6. Hold the entire system accountable for results.



A lot of interesting points; especially when you look at number 1, because that is where ECD comes in and what they have been saying for a long time. The building blocks needs to be right before you can work on the rest. Now we just need the support from government.



We were lucky to have some nice Spring weather and for the first time since Covid, the children went for a walk to the harbour. It was nice to be able to take them out again. They had a lovely time exploring and had a picnic while they were there.



We had a visit from the Walking on Fire team. They came to plant a tree, clear some weeds and did a marching show for the children.

We always appreciate any help we get with our garden, because there is always work to do. The children enjoy it when they do the marching for them.

We started this term with the “Mandjie” project with our Grade R parents. This program focus to give parents/ guardians tips and advice so they can support their children at home with informal activities to promote learners self esteem, language and maths.

The goal is to show the parents that they can, by playing, do a lot to make their children ready for school and that it can be a nice experience for the child and parent.



Grade R and 1 together forms the basis on which all learn and development are based. It is very important that we do all we can to create opportunities so that our children can develop the necessary skills for learning.

We had a very busy blessed term. We are privilege to be able to go out with the children, do our concert again and to constantly have support from all over the world.

Thank you and all the best for the last stretch of the year.

Love and happiness,

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Wish list:

- Jungle gym for the Grade R playground.



You will notice there is only one item on our wish list. This is now our biggest priority at the moment. The Grade R classes were opened in 2020 and are still waiting for a jungle gym.

We will start saving for one and any donations that are made now will go towards the jungle gym. There will also be a plaque put up with all of the names of people/ companies who contributes towards this project.

