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Dates to note

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| 28 June | Country Walk |
| 28 June - 8 July | Mid-term Break |
| 10 July | Entrepreneurs' Day Elliot's Boma |
| 11 - 19 July | Year 7 Assessments |
| 18 July | Charity Drive - SPCA |
| 26 July | Pyjama Day |
| 26 July | SISA Chess |
| 7 August | Entrepreneurs' Day Owl's Nest |
| 8 August | Primary School Reports |
| 8 August | Term 2 Close at 11:00 |
| 12 - 23 August | Holiday Care - Preschool |
| 3 September | Term 3 School Opens |



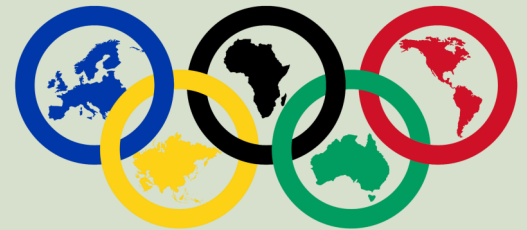
Gold Reef City Excursion

The Cotswold News

Montessori Message about peace and the Olympics 2024

With the Paris Olympics 2024 approaching in July, it's a great opportunity for our children to learn about one very important element of Montessori education – that of Peace education. Watching the Olympics can be a perfect opportunity to learn more about heritage, culture, flags, sport and the things that bring people together. Determination, perseverance, respect and fair play are all important values on display as we watch the various events.

The Olympic rings symbolise unity and friendship between the five continents' peoples.



The Olympic torch is transported from Greece to Paris by many runners of all nationalities and is also a symbol of peace and harmony.

Sport can bring people together and help us understand each other better.

Fair play is important in everyday life as well as sport. In Montessori classrooms, everyone can succeed without anyone else failing. All can work towards their own mastery by practising fair play at school, home, and in daily life. At times we would like to remain polite, calm, be a good sport and a good friend but don't always manage it. It's not always easy to be respectful and polite, but this can be learned through role modelling and discussion.

Here are some tips for practising fair play in everyday life:

- Give your best and do your best. Exceed your own expectations rather than trying to be better than your peers.
- Be respectful.
- Know what makes you angry or frustrated.
- Take deep breaths (up to 30 seconds) to calm your emotions before reacting.
- Try to see things from a different perspective (a team, opponent, pupil, parent, teacher etc).
- Be polite and modest.
- Pursue internal motivation rather than external reward.
- Be resilient and learn from negative outcomes.

As a parent, it's important to role model positive responses to negative outcomes and address bad or losing behaviour in ourselves and our children. In this way we can contribute towards building peace.

“Everyone talks about peace but no one educates for peace. In this world, they educate for competition, and competition is the beginning of any war. When educating to cooperate and owe each other solidarity, that day we will be educating for peace.”

Maria Montessori

Notices

Benoni Eisteddfod

We wish all of our pupils who are entered into various items in the Benoni Eisteddfod all of the best. Many pupils from The Cotswold will be taking part in musical items, or a variety of English or Afrikaans items. Parents are reminded that Primary School pupils should be neatly attired in their Cotswold uniform with hair neat and tidy and shoes polished. Preschool pupils may wear clothing of their own choice but should wear solid colours, no logo's, look smart and have their hair neatly tied back off their faces.

Winter Uniforms

From the 1st of June pupils started to wear their winter uniforms on uniform days. Please note that pupils may layer under their shirts but these items should not be visible at the neck. The navy-blue V-neck jersey and Bomber jacket may be worn for extra warmth. The Dri-mac jacket is not part of the uniform unless it is raining.

Tuck Shop Volunteers

The school tuck shop is operated every Friday between 09:00 and 11:45 by volunteers in our school. We are currently looking for additional help in the tuck shop on Fridays and ask mothers and/or grandmothers of our school to let Azel or Tersia (in the school office) know if they are in a position to assist.

Entrepreneurs Day - Elliot's Boma

On the 10th of July the pupils of Elliot's Boma will host their Entrepreneurs' Day. This event gives our pupils an idea of what it is like to run a business and teaches them invaluable life lessons. The rest of our pupils gain independence by being able to go shopping on their own in a safe environment.

Pyjama Day

On the 26th of July our pupils will participate in a pyjama day at school where they will enjoy wintery treats to keep them warm. A donation of R10.00 per pupil will be greatly appreciated.

Year 7 Assessments

Year 7 assessments will be held between Wednesday the 11th and 19th of July.

Preschool Puppet Theatre - Meet My Forest Friends

Our preschoolers were entertained on Friday the 21st of June by the Puppet Theatre to "Meet My Forest Friends".



What our pupils thought of Gold Reef City

On 23 May 2024, The Cotswold Country Montessori School went on a history tour at Gold Reef City. Keagan said, "It was an amazing experience."

The children did an underground mine tour and learnt the history of Johannesburg. Thembelisha commented, "It was very interesting." The children got to see how the miners worked back in the 1900s. Pupils had the chance to hear how



the miners drilled into the walls. The children learnt that the miners created a language called Fanagalo. It is a mix of three languages, Zulu, Afrikaans, and English. Keketso shared her thoughts. "I think it's pretty cool, I find it interesting."

We had the chance to see the dynamite they used to use, their first aid kits, and coco pans (a small mincart).

The children went down a mine shaft into the mine 75 meters deep.

Thineo shared that, "It was very fun, I enjoyed it a lot."

The pupils saw how the owners of the mine lived in their houses. There were many antique things inside the houses. We got to see what the rooms and the antique clothes looked like. Heidi felt that they were so beautiful and well maintained.



What our pupils thought of Gold Reef City

The children got to watch a gold pour and how they made gold bars. Oakley said, "It was intriguing." Keagan also shared that, "The weight of a gold bar is approximately 12.5 kg. It is worth about 15.5 million Rand. I am amazed at how high the price is."

The children got to see the Tower of Terror ride. They heard the people on



the ride screaming. "It was funny." Said Keagan.

The pupils also got to see a very cool science centre that had many interesting things.

In conclusion, it was really amazing and I would recommend going on the history tour, it is very interesting.



The article on Gold Reef City was compiled by **Rafael Romão**.

Netball and Soccer

Netball

We had lots of fun practising and playing netball this past term. As we have learnt in assembly, it is the journey that is important, not the destination. Our skills



definitely improved during the season.

The girls felt that they had learnt about team work and proper communication as well as how not to be



sore losers or boastful winners. Overall they appreciated and enjoyed the experience.



Junior primary Soccer

The lower primary children thoroughly enjoyed the season and learnt many new skills. They played four tournaments and were excited when they won their games.



Senior primary soccer:

The soccer boys enjoyed the friendly soccer matches played this term. The goals and fields at schools we visited were very big but we had lots of fun.

Luke Morgan

