



Micklefield School

Mid-Term 3, 2020 Newsletter

Dinosaur and Winter Fun

The Grade 00 girls have been thrilled to be back at school. We have been exploring our Winter and Dinosaur Themes and have so enjoyed being able to play with some of our washable toys at school – alone at our special places. A highlight for the girls has been their own personal “stash” of stationery! We have been amazed at how they have adapted and coped with the new restricted way of being “together”. They are superstars!



Up, Up and Away

In Grade 0 many of our girls had birthdays in lockdown so we have been celebrating April in July. For Micklefield's birthday outreach we practised our new writing skills by making cards to spread the love to health workers. We have also been exploring our transport theme. Up, Up, Up and Away in bright hot air balloons.



Gr 1 Bear Chairs

The Grade 1s have thoroughly enjoyed their Baby Bear Chair project this term. Done on the online platform seesaw, they listened to the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and were tasked with making a new chair for baby bear. Here are some of the creative designs they came up with.



LoveArt for the Hospital of Hope

Our Grade 3 and Grade 7 girls took up the challenge to do some LoveArt to decorate the CTICC Hospital of Hope. The doctors, nurses, porters, cleaners, admin, security and support staff are so grateful that the big impersonal space, with lots of blank walls, has been transformed and the spirits of the patients and staff have been uplifted. Here are a few of the beautiful posters that were created.



iPad Exploration

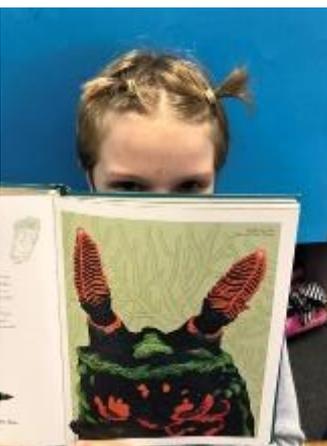
The Grade 3s have enjoyed exploring the new class iPads, integrating learning from home and school.



On Board the RSM Titanic

The Grade 4s have been writing letters as passengers aboard the Titanic and donning wonderful hairdos in keeping with the sea theme.

I had a swim in the pool. It was so wonderful. I have never swam in a ship before. I went to a party and it was the cats whiskers. There were some awfully delectable nibbles and when we all came down stairs I came down with the men and then we had to wait half an hour for the ladies to come down. I overheard a man saying that the Titanic was going to hit an iceberg but I don't believe him, third time is always lucky. An excerpt of Isla Cameron's letter as written by passenger Margaret Brown.



Gr 5 Learning in full swing

Each day is an adventure in Grade 5. Despite the craziness and unpredictability of our current times, the girls have adapted extremely well to their new way of learning. This term we take a journey through Ancient Egypt, looking at evidence presented to us and making inferences. There is so much that can be learned from the evidence left behind by the people of the past.

Soil Investigations have allowed us to get in touch with the nature process, and we are currently exploring the world of mining and minerals in Geography, questioning the value we put on certain materials and the sustainability of non-renewable resources. Minecraft seems to feature prominently in our discussions around this topic! So, despite the chaos of our immediate situation, the Grade 5 girls arrive happily at school each day, ready and eager to engage in conversation and debate about the world around them. Learning is in full swing inside the sanitized walls of Mickelfield.



Grade 2 Dress up

Although the new term has come with its own set of challenges, the Grade 2s have still managed to keep their happy, fun-loving spirits. We had various dress-up days. Check out our funky style!



Getting used to the new school routine and protocols took some time – but the Grade 2s have got the hang of it and have been working hard at school **and** online on SeeSaw.

Can [YOU](#) dance (click on the link for their GoNoodle dance move video) as well as the Grade 2s?



Micklefield's 92nd Birthday Bake

Micklefield is celebrating its 92nd Birthday! Teaming up with the Pinelands CAN-Bakers as part of the Cape Town Together initiative, Micklefield girls have been baking up a storm and making cheery thank you cards for the hospital staff at Groote Schuur Hospital, Doctors Without Borders, Red Cross Children's Hospital, Mowbray Maternity Hospital, Robins Trust and Victoria Hospital. Thank you to Pinelands CAN-Bakers for graciously welcoming us aboard for the week of 3-7 August and huge gratitude to all the health care workers for all their hard work and sacrifice on the front-line.



Back in Action

It is exciting to see our girls back out on the astro, enjoying both the Phys Ed lessons as well as break time play! There is a happy noise outside as the girls participate in hockey and netball (Phys Ed) and social distanced tennis and soccer (break time)!



Grade 6 Entrepreneur Programme



Most people think of the Micklefield Market as a time to have fun and play around with friends, but the Grade 6s see it as a great opportunity to raise money for their Social Entrepreneurship Project. So many people in the same space are willing to buy goodies that we sell, such a great opportunity to help better publicize our causes. And so it has become customary for Grade 6s to sell things at the Micklefield Market. This year the girls came up with the most wonderful ideas from second-hand toys to henna to baked goods. We think we did an awesome job, we hope you did too.
Written by Zoë West

Please take a moment to read through the organisations that the Gr 6s have chosen to support this year for their Entrepreneurship projects. Many of these organisations are desperate and are close to closing their doors. The Gr 6s would like to raise awareness for these organisations and spread the message of helping all those in need, especially during these unprecedented times.

This year, we have chosen to support the organisation **Greenpop**. Due to Covid-19 Greenpop and many other organisations have been struggling to get donations and funds. Although this has been a tough time for Greenpop, Greenpop has taken action, and has come up with many fun ways for everybody to get involved! If you're interested in helping out, visit this link to find out how you can make a difference: [5 Ways You Can Make a Difference](#) They would really appreciate it if you could make



a donation too: [Make a Donation Here](#). For any more information, visit their website: [Greenpop's Website](#). Anna, Simone and Amelie.



We are Saara, Kira and Ilham and this year we have decided to support an organisation known as **Children of Light School**, located in **Rondebosch East**. They have really struggled during this time, as they are a non-profit organisation and are unable to open due to the Covid-19 restrictions. The Children of Light Educare have taken precautions to ensure that the teachers as well as the children stay safe during this tough time. This school opens their doors for all children, ages 3 - 6 and are in need of non-perishables. Masks and easy open spray sanitisers will be of good use too. If you are willing to get involved and possibly make a small donation visit <https://colt.org.za/>. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated and bring smiles to the faces of so many children. Remember to stay safe!

This year, we have chosen to support reading literacy in South Africa. Due to the closure of public schools it is very difficult to operate at all. So **Shine Literacy** is having a food drive for the children that attend various schools, to contribute go to <https://www.quicket.co.za/events/103010-wynberg-can-fund-raiser/#/> for more information. They are also in need of masks or donations for masks. For more information on how to help, go to their website at <http://www.shineliteracy.org.za> Please support them at this time. Zoë West and Gemma Parkin.



This year we are supporting **F.A.L.L.E.N Angels** which is an organisation which helps animals that have been Forgotten, Abandoned (abused), Lonely, Lost, Emaciated, Neglected (FALLEN).



For our social entrepreneurship project we had to support a charity. Neve and I chose to support Have a Heart Equine Horse Sanctuary. Due to Covid-19 and lockdown we have not been able to sell and raise lots of money for our charity. We are still figuring out what people could donate to support us. We will let you know once we have figured it out. Have a heart and support the horses! Neve Williams & Elise Makin



For my social entrepreneurship project I am supporting the Kitten Cottage, the Kitten Cottage is a non-profit organisation that helps find rescue and abandoned cats homes. The Kitten Cottage would please like cat beds, bowls, blankets and food. Go to their website and donate today! [The Kitten Cottage](#). Georgia Morkel

This year for my social entrepreneurship project I am supporting DARG. DARG is a non-profit organisation that rescues, cares for and rehomes previously abused, neglected and abandoned cats and dogs. DARG would please like Beeno dog biscuits, achilles bones and cow hooves, as well as money donations. DARG is also selling items for animals and people. Go to their website to donate today! [DARG](#). Emily Wilson



I am Jaime Thompson, the River Warrior and this year I chose to support an organisation called Help Up. They do river clean-ups along the Liesbeek River and employ people from the townships to help them. This benefits the people from the township as they get supplied with food, water and will get paid for however many bags they do. It also helps to keep our environment clean and healthy. During lockdown Help Up had to stop with the river clean-ups, but they didn't stop helping people in poorer communities. They collected money and used it to buy maize meal which was sent to the townships. Using my money from the Micklefield Market, I too supplied food for 10 families for two days. Help Up has gone back to clean-ups, but are still feeding the community. For

more information go to <https://www.facebook.com/helpuptoday> or find them on Instagram @helpuptoday.

This year, we have chosen to support **Christine Revell Children's Home**. Christine Revel Children's home holds about 40 children in the home at the moment, from 0-5 years old. CRCH strives to build brighter futures for the children they are raising. CRCH are in need of wet wipes, dettol, non-fragrance creams, disposable nappies, baby milk and fruit or veg. You can drop the donations outside the Gr 6 classroom in the cardboard box.

We hope you can help to support them this year.

CRCH Website: <https://christinerevellchildrenshome.co.za/>
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Ella Gray, Liya Williams, Jemima Kennedy-Smith, Salma Variawa and Rebecca Perez



Outliers is an organization which helps to make education across South Africa fair and equal. During COVID - 19, children had to start learning online. This cannot happen for all children living in rural areas as many of them don't have access. Outliers are working very hard to print, make and send edupacks to the children of South Africa. If you would like to visit their website, click [here](#) and kindly make a donation. Morgan Faught

Bright Start is an organisation that raises money to educate children by sending them to schools and various extracurricular activities. Their objectives are to facilitate access to quality education for children from historically impoverished communities and to encourage positive parenting and caregiving. Please visit their website <https://brightstart.org.za/> and make a donation. Talia Kennedy



Yin Yang

The Grade 7s have been working on Yin and Yang in English. Here are two poems on opposites.

There is no Peace without War by Aisha Richards

High and low by Abby MacDonald

There is no Peace without War

Imagine a scale,
This scale should be perfectly balanced,
Each side the same,
On either side of the scale is peace and war.

Two opposites,
One good and the other bad.
Yet one cannot survive without the other.

Peace is seen as good,
Spreading a sort of light across our world,
There is peace in everything.

A raging river eventually,
Will soon end its journey calmly.
A wild fire, burning everything in its path,
But once the flame is extinguished, new plants will grow.
Even in war, there is peace.

War is seen as bad,
Cruel, monstrous and chaotic,
Intoxicating the body and mind to do terrible things,
Covering the world with a dull overcoat.

Like peace, there is war in everything,
But because everything is balanced,
Wars come to an end.
But not all.

By: Aisha

High and low

Think you're a cloud?
Chasing the invisible.
Pursuing new heights.
Only to fall back down.

Grappling air.
Crash landing, nowhere.
A gaping wound.
A Drained glass.
Cold feet.

Every ounce of energy.
Projected height.
High hopes.
High expectations.
How high?

Grounded.
How does it feel?
Falling poison apples.
Lowest of lows.
Back to reality.

One step ahead?
New heights and seeking.
Swallowed into space.
Consumed with reaching.
Blink again

A timeless battle of emotions.
Dimensions. Power
Mangled footprints.
Seeing only black
and white.

Lows crushed by highs.
Highs smothered by lows.
Constant turbulence.
Strangled breath.

Here again.
The flick of a switch.
The exhilarating thrill.
The bruising punch.
Deflating...

