



# Micklefield School

Term 1, January/February 2020 Newsletter

## Shocking Pink on Espresso TV

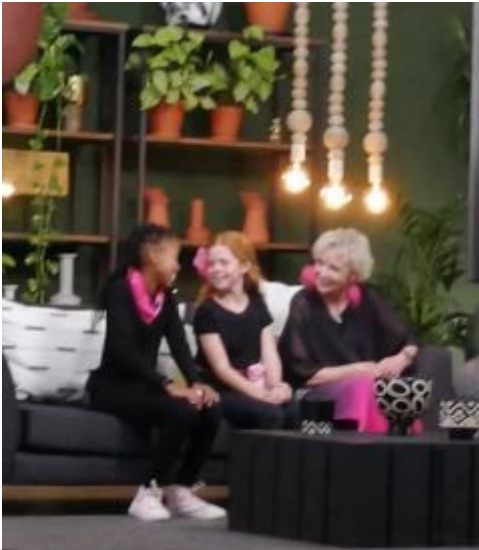
At the very beginning of the 2020 school year, Shocking Pink was offered the opportunity to perform live on Espresso morning TV show. The response from parents and girls was a resounding "Yes, let's go for it!" At very short notice, we sprang into action.

Best of all, we were happy to reunite with our Grade 8 ex-Shockers, who were willing to return from their respective high schools, to air some favourites of our 2019 repertoire one more time. Over the past year, the group had developed a close bond and grown in performer confidence. The timing was perfect and we were ready.

It was worth having to rise with the sparrows on the last Monday of January to meet at the Espresso studio in Tokai. Congratulations to Samantha and Khethiwe for showing off their interview skills like real young professionals.

For all of us, it was an experience of a lifetime to witness the slick machinery of a lifestyle programme first hand, and to be a part of it. We believe that the applause of the crew on set showed genuine appreciation.

Micklefield is proud of our girls in pink for showcasing the vocal music of our school for a wider audience.



## Lit Quiz

The Exclusive Books Kids' Lit Quiz, the biggest Lit Quiz of the year held at Grove School, was once again a wonderful afternoon of shared book knowledge, fun and prizes. Our teams enjoyed the challenge and were reminded of the importance of picture books as a whole section of the competition was dedicated to these literary gems. Well done, girls, you were fabulous!

Grade 6 team: Amélie Bennett, Jodi Smith, Jaime Thompson and Thea van Zyl

Grade 7 team: Aalia Jawoodeen, Abby Macdonald, Anna Melville, Grace Unser





## Growing Beans

The Grade 4 class has been growing beans. We experimented with saying kind words to our beans and they have grown double the height expected and already have pods in 3 weeks. Positive praise does make a difference!



## Grade 1s visit the Hout Bay forest

An excited group of Grade 1s visited the Hout Bay forest and used all their senses to explore and discover the forest environment. We heard birds, saw butterflies and a birds nest and smelt the wonderful fresh forest smell after the rain. We even got to hug a tree!



## Exploring letters in Grade 0

The Grade 0 girls are starting to explore letters, the beginning of a wonderful journey into the world of reading and writing. We have been exploring letters through sensory play (writing in foam; salt and making letters with playdough). They have been enjoying bringing items from home relating to the letter of the week and playing word games forming letter and word associations.





## Grade 2s Learning and Loving

Using concrete apparatus to learn new Mathematical concepts in Grade 2



Odd and even Numbers with Hula-Hoops!



Sharing the love on Valentine's Day by writing secret, special surprise letters to fellow classmates.

## Gr 3s meet the Stormers!

The Grade 3 girls had the exceptional privilege of meeting the Stormers and wishing them luck for their first match in their 2020 Super Rugby campaign. They made special cards for more than 40 players which were handed out with great gusto by their hero, Siya Kolisi.



## Big Girl Little Girl Teddy Bears' Picnic

The Grade 00s joined their Grade 7 Big Girls for a very sweet Teddy Bears' Picnic one fine Summer's Day break-time. What a splendid time was had by all!





## Gr 7 Leadership Camp

Over the course of this year, we will learn about what it takes to be a good leader in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We will acquire lots of knowledge about how to be a successful leader and make everyone we are collaborating with feel included and feel like they can be part of some of the decision making that comes with being a leader. As a leader it is important that we learn to delegate responsibility. It is also important as leaders that we acknowledge every individual's strengths, but also weaknesses. You need to be very empathetic and patient when working with others as their feelings may get hurt easily. Being flexible is a huge part of leadership. If the group you are leading isn't excited about what you're asking them to do then they won't produce good quality work. This is where motivation comes in. It isn't easy to keep a team motivated. It takes passion, commitment and dedication to what you want to achieve. **Rebecca Hewat**



During the leadership camp, I learnt many things! On the blind walk, I realised that being a leader means taking on a lot of responsibility. You also have to be reliable in doing what you say. Being led taught me that you need to trust your leader. One of the things that stood out for me on camp was when we discussed that you should not be the leader that you would want to be led by, but rather, you should be the leader that other people want to be led by. Working in groups on camp taught me that sometimes you just have to trust other people's ideas and trust that everything will work out in the end, even if you so badly want your own idea. When I was working in a group, I often saw that some members of my group wanted everything to be perfect, which was almost always quite unrealistic since we had a tight time limit. Leaders need to be able to accept imperfection, otherwise a project might never get done on time. In my view, good leadership is a very tricky thing to achieve, but with the right experience and support, it is possible. **Abby Macdonald**



# Grade 7 Leadership Portfolios

The Grade 7 girls were appointed to their various leadership roles this term. Although it has been an extremely busy term, what with Leadership Camp, Sports Day and Valentine's Day, it has been a lot of fun. The following girls were elected to serve on the Executive Committee for Term 1 :

- Chairlady : Anna Melville  
Treasurer: Abby Macdonald  
Secretary: Gemma MacGregor  
Kingfishers : Gemma MacGregor (Portfolio Head)  
Sophie Gebhardt  
Rebecca Hewat  
Jorja Henchie  
Robins : Abby Macdonald (Portfolio Head)  
Samantha de Groot  
Biko Pikashe  
Jemima McQueen  
Swallows : Jessica Burrell (Portfolio Head)  
Fatima Mohamed  
Rebecca Edwards  
Isabella Briton  
Cultural : Aalia Jawoodeen  
Grace Unser  
Zara Berrisford  
Khethiwe Mashologu  
Pastoral: Ella Bain (Portfolio Head)  
Anna Melville  
Anjani Gihwala  
Juliette Minnaar  
Outreach: Raya Naidoo (Portfolio Head)  
Luca Graaff  
Isabella Maltz  
Jessica Butler





# Valentine's Day

This year on Valentine's Day, it was the Pastoral Committee's task to show love to the teachers and pupils of Micklefield. We organised a staff tea to make the teachers feel special and loved. Every girl made a card for their secret angel, wishing their allocated teacher a wonderful Valentine's Day and reminding them how grateful the girls are to have them as their teachers and how fantastic they are. We set up a tea in the staff room for the teachers, with flowers and delicious treats. To show love to the pupils, every Grade 7 girl made a card with a small treat for each person in their family group, wishing them a happy Valentine's Day. The Grade 7s also organized a Bake Sale in the hall for the pupils with appetizing bits and music playing throughout. **Anna Melville**



On Valentine's Day the Outreach Committee went to the Rondebosch Police Station to thank them for protecting us. We gave them a card and cake and it was wonderful seeing their happy faces. We also went to Checkers and handed out roses to people who looked like they needed some cheering up. Everyone was so grateful and surprised. The opportunity to make random acts of kindness was heart warming, making our day extra special. **Luca Graff**



The Cultural Committee was given the task of doing a presentation in assembly. We were focusing on an original idea for this event by getting the girls to understand that Valentine's Day doesn't have to be romantic, but can be about loving yourself and your friends - we wanted to do something different and unique but this took some thought. We decided on a skit as we are a very dramatic and creative group of girls. The skit included Saint Valentine marrying people in secret and his time in jail. It was really fun rehearsing and performing the skit in front of the school. **Grace Unser**





# Sports Day

## GO KINGFISHERS!

Sports Day always brings magical flare to Micklefield School. It's a chance to shout out, do your house proud and have a blast with the people around you. While the crowd is captivated, you run your little heart out, fighting for gold. My final Sports Day at Micklefield had the best memories I will cherish forever. Sports Day 2020 was very special for me. It all started with a bang - the marches were filled with spirit and electric energy. A competitive atmosphere snaked its way throughout the house stands, as they cheered their members on.

The grounds echoed with the voices of girls egging on their runners to do their best. Hearts pounding, spirits rising and nail biting finishes, were those unbelievable relay races. Concluding the scene, was my last ever relay race for Kingfisher's at Micklefield. **Gemma MacGregor**



## GO SWALLOWS!

Early on Saturday 15 February, the whole of Micklefield was up early. The hot morning was full of excitement and parents were sitting on deck chairs all ready for the day with a coffee in hand. The marches and the songs put the whole school in a confident mood that their house was going to win. Many girls made fabulous Fancy Hats and there were lots of prizes to be won. Swallows won the cross country, and Kingfishers won the Spirit cup and Sports day. This was the Grade 7s last Sports Day and I'm sure we are all looking forward to running in the old pupils race in 2021. **Jessica Burrell**



## GO ROBINS!

A swarm of girls rushed through the gates, scattering to their different house tents. Excitement filled the air as the houses ran onto the field one by one to do their marches. Each was unique and done with pride. The second Ms Blackbeard blew her whistle, the houses exploded with energy, cheering the girls on. Race after race, whistle after whistle, the excitement never ending. Cheers rose up through the sky, parents clapping and laughing, music blaring from the speakers. Then in a flash, it was the last race and the runners crossed the finish line. It was time for the fancy hat parade. And then, the moment we'd all been waiting for - the prize giving! I mean who doesn't like to win! Trophies were raised, smiles blazed, but all in good sportsmanship and spirit. The girls scattered once more, until next year Sports Day! **Abby Macdonald**