

AFRICA

25TH MAY

DAY

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HERSCHEL PREPARATORY SCHOOL

AFRICA DAY

The Herschel Prep celebration of Africa Day began with a Green Assembly led by the Guppies for God group. The girls shared about trees in the Bible and two amazing examples of how Africa is making a difference to climate change through the planting of trees. The first was the wonderful example of Wangari Maathai's life and her Green Belt Movement in Kenya who have planted over 51 million trees. The second was the Great Green Wall of the Sahara and the Sahel which is a project led by the African Union. It is being used to hold back expansion of the Sahara, by planting a wall of trees stretching across the entire Sahel. It involves countries from Senegal in the West to Djibouti in the East and is 8 000 km long.

On Wednesday, 25 May, the girls were busy with many different activities. The senior grades started with an Africa General Knowledge Quiz and then listened to an interesting talk about trees by Francois Krige. He explained about the trees around our school in the Arderne Gardens.

The Foundation Phase girls were all aboard the Shosholozza train with Khaya Mpinda, who taught them the art of gum boot dancing.

Delicious vetkoek and ginger beer were available for the girls at break time. The senior grades rotated through four different activity stations. The activities were: beading a bracelet in the colours of the SA flag; Gumboot dancing; building the African continent puzzle and creating a mosaic African Woman.

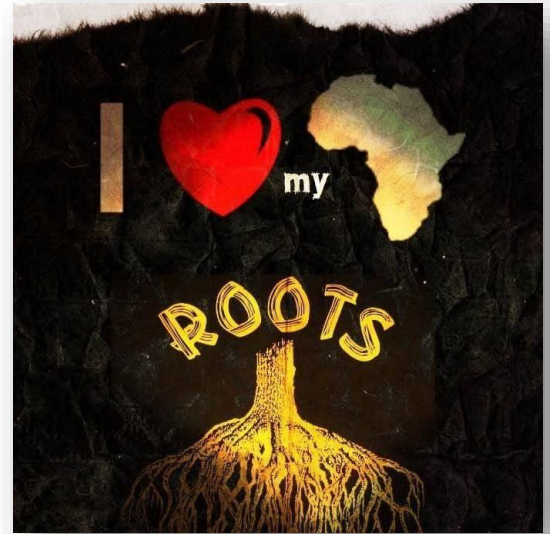
The Foundation Phase enjoyed listening to an African folktale around the campfire performed by Mrs Moritz, Mrs Davids, Mrs Kebeni and Ms van der Vyver – African instruments were added for an authentic feel whilst the lights were dimmed, and the blinds drawn so that girls could be fully invested in the moment. They also enjoyed iPad activities where they learnt the map of Africa in a puzzle as well as many interesting facts about our beautifully diverse continent. The girls made African inspired necklaces to adorn their uniforms for the day.



2022

Tue 31 May	09:45 Gr 6 Assembly (Parents invited) 18:00 Gr 4 and 5 Parent Talk: Social & Emotional Development (The Space)
Fri 03 Jun	Kirstenhof Primary U9 Winter Sports Festival 14:00 – 16:30 Hockey 17:00 -19:45 Netball
Sat 04 Jun	Shavuot (Pentecost) Hout Bay Beach Clean-Up





Pre-Prep

On Friday, we celebrated Bee Day. Mrs Allum, the beekeeper, came to tell us all about the importance of bees.

*Bee thankful,
bee positive,
bee cool,
but most of all..
bee kind.*



The best thing about winter, is that we can play in the rain



We made these amazing animals of Africa face masks on Africa Day.



Foundation Phase

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week



Grade 1A	Skylar Akampurira, Mia Vanreusel
Grade 1al	Annabelle Bam, Ayah Isaacs
Grade 2A	Emily Melck, Alayah Salie
Grade 2al	Olivia Watkins-Neethling, Pearl Motojane
Grade 3A	Layaan Hendricks, Sofia Khan
Grade 3al	Ava Duff, Rebecca Osler



Artists of the Month

These artists in Grade 1 were acknowledged on Tuesday in assembly. They were chosen for creating beautiful rooster drawings in pastel on A3 black paper, focusing on texture, detail and filling the page.



Intermediate Phase

Grade 5

The Grade 5 girls thoroughly enjoyed participating in an Integrated Studies group activity. They learnt and shared knowledge about various aspects in the lives of the Hunter-Gatherers. The girls worked in groups and created bubble maps about their topic. They then shared this knowledge with a new group of girls. A fun learning experience enjoyed by all!



Grade 7 1920s Assembly

The Grade 7s took us back to the 1920s, when Herschel was just a few years old and the curriculum was quite different. The girls dressed up in their finest clothes and presented a scene from a lesson at Herschel in 1928. They entertained the audience with interesting events that took place during this era such as the tale of Huberta the Travelling Hippo, the first woman to make a solo flight to South Africa and the unexpected invention of pinotage wine. The girls ended their presentation with the much-loved Charleston dance.



Be In Touch Parent Feedback

The results of the survey on digital usage-use by the Grade 4 – 7 girls was presented to staff this week. This information is surprising and interesting and provides valuable input for parents and staff in moving forward to support girls in this space.

Formal feedback to parents is scheduled for Wednesday, 22 June, at 18:00 and we encourage all parents to attend this online session.

The link for parents to register for the online world feedback on 22 June is:

<https://event.webinarjam.com/register/66/r2or2f8x>



Community Engagement

Thank you all for your generous donations of toiletry items. We will share pics and news on the collection in the next Newsletter.





After the 1996 elections and the release of Nelson Mandela, my husband and I were excited to return to South Africa from London. And yet, it was with a certain amount of heartache, as I had so enjoyed our 20 years there; being a member of one of London's top choirs, travelling with world class conductors and soloists, training as an art therapist and working with children in Middlesex Hospital.

I found myself in the role of a farmer's wife running the family farm, Diemersfontein, as 3rd generation Sonnenbergs.

I felt cut off from all I had enjoyed in London and without purpose until, out of the blue, an opportunity arose to start a school on our farm and thus be able to offer a good education to the local children.

It is said that it takes a village to raise a child, and it certainly took the community of like-minded people to start a school. With the help of dedicated teachers, an excellent headmaster and a core of committed parents, Wellington Prep and Wellington College came into being.



Old Herschelians and friends are invited to attend the

OHA WINTER DINNER

to be held in the Mary Jagger Hall
on Wednesday 17 August 2022

18h30 for 19h00

Our guest speaker this year is

SUSAN SONNENBERG

and her talk is entitled:

FINDING PURPOSE

Cost: R260 for a 3-course meal. Wine and soft drinks included.

NB: Please indicate if you would like a vegetarian meal

RSVP: oha@herschel.org.za before 1 August 2022

Banking details: Standard Bank, Claremont

Name: Old Herschelian Association

Account number: 07 187 902 1

Please email proof of payment to oha@herschel.org.za

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend.

Warm regards

Linda Martin

Acting Head of Preparatory

