



Newsletter 24 - 11 Aug 2023

Yesterday the Grade 6 and 7 girls collaborated to host a special Women's Day event.

For collaboration to be successful, individuals need to be willing to share their ideas openly as well as listen to the suggestions of others. By doing this, our girls hosted an event with an incredible delivery of style, creativity and service from the heart. The bonds formed gave them a sense of pride and support for each other and I watched the engagement with awe as the values of respect, kindness and acceptance were palpable.

I know its naive to think that this will be true for every collaboration, however, I am hopeful that what I witnessed will be cemented in the growing culture of "girls supporting girls" at Herschel Preparatory School.



Pre-Preparatory

Our Pre-Nursery girls came as superhero's on Thursday. They had a fun day navigating an obstacle course, balancing, climbing and jumping.





The Nursery girls had fun with shaving foam as they practiced their letters and made patterns.







The Grade R girls listened to the story of the gingerbread boy. They then had to make a book by cutting out the pictures and sequencing them correctly so that they could retell the story to the Pre-Nursery girls.









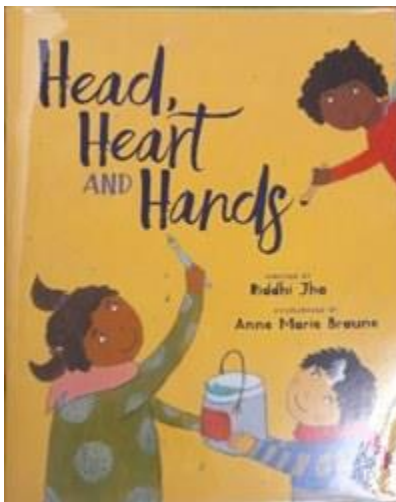


Think Equal

Next week, our lesson will revolve around OUR AMAZING BRAINS. We will continue to use the book Head, Heart and Hands as part of our discussion.

The Lesson Objective: for the girls to understand that we all have a brain and to name the things the brain can do.

Vocabulary: Brain, cerebrum, amygdala, cerebellum



Foundation Phase

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week! Well done girls!

- Grade 1A: Alina Essop, Ashley Fairweather
Grade 1al: Riley Du Plessis, Amelia Golding
Grade 2A: Caitlin Buley, Emily Duff
Grade 2al: Ziya Hendricks, Elizabeth Edwards
Grade 3A: Rosie Weldon, Bella Hughes
Grade 3al: Ameera Bassa, Jessica Boyes



Intermediate Phase

Grade 6 Dads and Daughters Technology Evening

The girls had a fabulous evening with their dads where they were required to build a night shelter to protect them from the dangers of the jungle. Mervin Walsh from Bishops was the judge and was hard tasked to determine the winner. Thank you to everyone who participated.





Family Groups

Our Stand Up focus month culminated with family groups on Friday, 4 August. This special month, dedicated to promoting unity, empathy, and courage, concluded with a meaningful discussion on how we can perpetuate the spirit of standing up for one another. Pupils engaged in thought-provoking conversations about the importance of having the courage to uphold what is right, even when faced with challenges. Together, they explored practical strategies to embody this principle and ensure that our school community remains a safe and supportive environment for all.

An integral part of this reflective session was the creation of bunting pledges. Students carefully penned down tangible ways they could act as upstanders, advocating for justice and respect. These pledges encapsulated a collective commitment to fostering an atmosphere where everyone feels valued and protected.

To serve as a constant reminder of the lessons learned during Up Stander focus month, the bunting pledges have been displayed in the foyer. This display symbolizes that our dedication to standing up for each other doesn't conclude with the end of the focus month. Instead, it signifies an ongoing journey of building a culture of compassion and support.





Library

Celebrating Women's Month

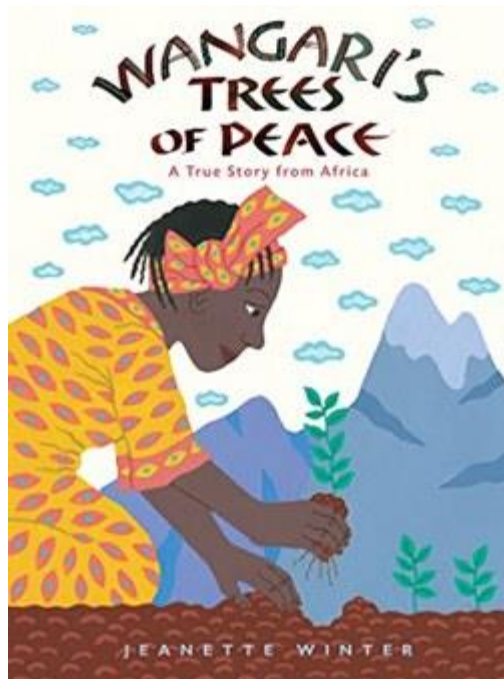
We are reading: WANGARI'S TREES OF PEACE by Jeanette Winter

Wangari Maathai (1940 – 2011), a Kenyan politician and *environmental activist* who was awarded the 2004 Nobel Prize for Peace.

She became the first Black African woman to win a [Nobel Prize!](#)

UPSTANDERS SPEAK UP Her work was often considered both unwelcome and subversive. **UPSTANDERS PUSH BOUNDRIES** Her outspokenness [constituted](#) stepping far outside traditional gender roles.

"We are called to assist the Earth to heal her wounds and in the process heal our own – indeed, to embrace the whole creation in all its diversity, beauty and wonder" Wangari Maathai.





1 - Don't stop collecting bottle tops!

Community Engagement

This week we delivered blankets and soup to the Haven night shelter in Woodstock which is a shelter of the aged. We also delivered soup, blankets and socks to the Haven in Wynberg and Lansdowne areas. Thank you to all our families for making this possible.

100 Beanies for Babies

Please continue to knit beanies for the babies at Mowbray Maternity Hospital. We would like to send 100 beanies and we currently have 54 beanies! We can do this Team Herschel!

Woodside Special Care Centre on the corner of 7th Avenue and Lawson road in Rondebosch East needs help. They have sent us a **#CAREnotice**: Due to the ongoing **#TaxiStrike**, 16 staff members at the Woodside Special Care Centre have been forced to stay overnight at the facility for the last couple of days. This has resulted in their food supply running low, as the unforeseen increase in personnel has placed a burden on their regular meals aimed for patients. If there are any families who are able to drop off any meals, please to do so at the premises.



Sustainability

World Conservation Day 28 July

John Duncan, father of Lily and Freya, addressed the school on World Conservation Day. John works for the WWF. In his current role he is the Initiative Lead for WWF International's No Plastics in Nature Initiative and is responsible for coordinating the WWF Network's work on plastic pollution. He helped to establish and is a co-lead for the [Business Coalition for a Global Plastics Treaty](#). This treaty aims to bring together businesses and financial institutions committed to supporting the development of an ambitious, effective and legally binding UN treaty to end plastic pollution.

He spoke to the school about his passion for the ocean and the many dangers facing the eco systems and animals who live there. Each of us can make a difference by making different and wiser choices. He impressed upon the girls the importance of using less STUFF by **reducing** their purchases; love what they DO have and use and **reuse** these items; stop to answer the question what happens to the stuff that they do throw away, and **rethink** how what is bought impacts earth.



Eco Warriors

Congratulations to Hana Ebrahim (pink badge) and Meg Thompson (silver badge) for achieving their Eco Warrior badges. Well done girls and we look forward to seeing you at many more Eco events.



Beach Clean-Up Saturday 5 August

Saturday dawned chilly but beautiful. Everyone worked hard picking up small and large pieces of litter which ranged from popsicle sticks to fishing tackle and plenty of polystyrene pieces too. Thank you to the families who joined on the day.



Turtle Adoption Bake Sale Fund Raiser

Thank you to the Grade 7 Sustainability Monitors for working as hard as they did on the day. Thank you to the Herschel families for generously supporting the Bake Sale where we were able to raise just over R3000.

Leopard Toads

The leopard toads have started to move in Kirstenhof. We meet outside the church in Raapkraal Road at 18:45 tonight, tomorrow and Sunday night for approximately 90 minutes. Every family who joins MUST have Naturalist downloaded on their phones to record the data of the toads that we help.

Please bring torches and dress warmly. Please do email Mrs Roebert if you would like to join or have any queries: mroebert@herschel.org.za. We look forward to seeing you there.



Carnival - 24 Nov 2023



AS THE VARIOUS GRADES GET
THEIR HERSCHEL CARNIVAL
FUND-RAISING EFFORTS INTO
FULL SWING, WE THOUGHT IT
PERTINENT TO JUST PAUSE FOR
A MOMENT TO REFLECT ON
WHERE ALL THE MONIES
RAISED ACTUALLY GO...

HERSCHEL CARNIVAL



INDIVIDUAL GRADE FUNDRAISING MONIES...

THE MONIES RAISED BY THE INDIVIDUAL GRADES (RAFFLES, CAKE SALES, ETC) PRIOR TO CARNIVAL ARE USED TO OFFSET THE COSTS OF HOSTING THE VARIOUS STANDS / STALLS AT THE EVENT. THIS ALLOWS FOR ALL THE FUNDS RAISED ON THE NIGHT TO GO DIRECTLY TO THE CHOSEN BENEFICIARIES AND REDUCES THE STRAIN ON THE SCHOOL COFFERS PRIOR TO HOSTING THE EVENT.

HERSCHEL CARNIVAL



WHERE DO THE CARNIVAL PROFITS GO...?

THE MONIES RAISED BY THE HOSTING OF THE HERSCHEL CARNIVAL ARE USED TO COVER THE COST OF EDUCATOR LEARNERSHIPS (THE CONTINUED TRAINING AND UPSKILLING OF TEACHERS) AND HAVE ALSO BEEN USED TO CONTRIBUTE TO A NUMBER OF CAPITAL PROJECTS TO GREATLY BENEFIT THE SCHOOL. THESE HAVE INCLUDED CLASSROOM UPGRADES, THE EXTENSION OF "THE STUDIO" AND THE STAFFROOM AMONGST OTHER PROJECTS. THIS YEAR'S P.A. IS COMMITTED TO CONTINUING TO ENSURE THAT THE FUNDS ARE RESPONSIBLY AND EFFECTIVELY USED TO THE BENEFIT OF THE GREATER HERSCHEL SCHOOL COMMUNITY, INCLUDING A CHARITABLE DISBURSEMENT.

HERSCHEL CARNIVAL





THANK YOU!!!

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THESE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS AND LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING THE VERY POSITIVE DIFFERENCE THAT THE FUNDS RAISED WILL MAKE TO THE LIVES OF MANY AND OUR SCHOOL.

THANK YOU,
HERSCHEL PREP P.A.

HERSCHEL CARNAVAL



Staff News

We bid a sad farewell to Ms Kelly Muzzell, our Grade 2 teacher, as she relocates to Namibia. We thank her for her valuable contribution to our school. She will be sorely missed. Mrs. Caren Furst will replace her as the new Grade 2 teacher for the remainder of the year.



The impact of the recent taxi strike was felt by all and we thank our parents and staff for their patience and understanding during this difficult time.

Have a wonderful weekend with your family.

Kind regards

Renee Swartz
Head of Preparatory