

Newton House School



Our Newsletter

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Physical-Education every Wednesday for Grade 2-3, Thursday for Grade 4-7
- Playball for Grade 0 and 1 every Tuesday.
- Remember school caps for PE and Playball
- Children to be in their full winter uniform.

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From the Headmaster's desk...

The first school term comes to a welcome end on Wednesday. Part of the pressure associated with end of term is that teachers are frantically working on reports and I have just finished reading the reports of every child. Despite the hard work (caused by the length of the reports that we write), I confess to being encouraged as, overwhelmingly, the children have done well. It confirms my conviction that children will lift their averages by more than 10% when placed in a school where the class size is much smaller. One of the most satisfying emotions that I experience is to see the personal confidence of the child rise as a result of scoring marks more in keeping with the child's ability.

As we enter this season, I wish you all a Blessed Easter and pray at this time that you would have a deep satisfaction at the knowledge of the love of God for your family.

Helpful Hints



Reward your children for improvements made by giving them genuine praise. Do not teach your children to work chiefly for monetary rewards.



"A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act."

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Grade 7 Outing

On Wednesday the Grade 7's visited Lory Park Zoo in Midrand. <http://www.lorypark.co.za/>

This was a fantastic, educational activity. The children were treated to an up close and personal experience with the animals. They were able to touch meerkats, a snake, a hedgehog, a tortoise and even an owl.



They were then given a tour of the zoo which houses many animals including birds, monkeys, lions, tigers and jaguars. It was so pleasing to see how clean and well maintained the zoo was. More importantly though, the animals all looked relaxed, well kept and happy.

Our children came away with increased knowledge and renewed respect and appreciation for the environment.

Grade 5 Outing

The Grade 5's were delighted to visit the Origins Centre at Wits University last Friday.

They have been learning about the early people in Southern Africa. At this museum, they were able to see artefacts from the San and Khoi tribes. The boys were captivated by the San's crafty weaponry skills and, particularly, loved seeing a video of the men's animal tracking skills. They learnt how the San painted on the rocks and learnt the symbolism of their pictures. It was wonderful for the children to experience being on the university campus. Many of them commented that they would like to attend such a well established institution one day. After the tour, the children enjoyed their picnic lunch in the park.



<http://www.facebook.com/newtonhouse.co.za/>



Grade 6 Outing

Heidi, one of the best-loved classics, was thoroughly enjoyed by the Grade Six pupils. The novel tells the story of a Swiss orphan girl who is taken to live with her grumpy grandfather high up in the Swiss Alps. Heidi has a remarkable impact not only on her grandfather but on many with whom she comes in contact with. The pupils received a brief on theatre etiquette the day before the show and did Newton House



proud to arrive smartly dressed and well-behaved at The National Children's Theatre. Snacks were enjoyed during intermission and there was an excited buzz in the hall. A superb, multi-talented cast entertained the children and brought the story to life.

Comments made by Grade 6 pupils:

Hannah—"It had brilliant actors and they sang beautiful songs."

Daniel—"I loved the acting and it was a sad show and it was very funny."

Kailyn—"They brought the story to life. It was a wonderful play and musical."

Jared -"The show was good."

James—"I thought it was amazing and funny. The grandfather was the best."

Jenna—"I thought it was awesome. I loved the singing and acting. I thoroughly enjoyed the show."



Hooked on Books

On Monday morning the pupils were treated to a production by the Hooked on Books team . The three young actors kept the children entertained as they dramatized the stories from a variety of books. There was lots of fun and laughter as the pupils interacted with the stories. They even involved the teachers! The pupils left the show eager to read the stories for themselves. A list of the books is available on the Hooked on Books website. www.hookedonbooks.org.za.





Grade 2 Camp



The Grade Two's celebrated the end of the term with a camp out on the lawns of the school—a first for Newton House School.

During the first term of 2015, ten very excited children set about making their paper-mache-pigs.

We mixed the glue and squelched around in the tub, soaking the newspaper before layering it onto our balloons. Each week we added another body part—the legs, ears and snout. Finally it was time to paint. Lastly came the eyes and the curly tail. It really was such messy fun and we love our piggies and ladybeetles.

