



To the stars.....



ORION PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

November 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents

We've come to the end of a very busy and interesting year. I want to thank the parents, the teachers and learners for their positivity and patience this year, as we've operated in challenging circumstances and temporary accommodation. Our new building is, however, almost ready and we are now gearing up for our 'big move'. Exciting times lie ahead for Orion College, and we are all looking forward to a fresh start in our new school in 2018.

If possible, please can you keep your children at home after the 30th November, to give us time to pack up the old school. Thank you. Staff will still be on duty should this not be possible.

We are sorry to have had to cancel the Christmas Carol event at such short notice, but due to not having an indoor venue available and the high likelihood of rain it was decided to not risk it. I want to thank all those who worked so hard to put it together. Next year's show in our new hall is sure to make up for it.

Staff news:

We are sadly saying goodbye to two of our valued therapists, **Storm van der Walt** (our Remedial Stream Educational Psychologist) and **Fatima Sadien** (Speech and Language Therapist), who have taken up career opportunities elsewhere for 2018. Both Storm and Fatima have made a huge contribution to the Therapy Department and the school as a whole. They will be missed by the learners and the staff. Good luck to both of you in your new ventures!

Linda Hage and Sneha Somla will be taking over as Educational Psychologists for the Remedial Stream and we have appointed a new Speech and Language Therapist, **Sadiya Mangerah**, who will be starting in January 2018.

On a happier note, we would like to send our congratulations to Mrs Harris, who gave birth to a bouncing baby boy this month, and Mrs Hallam, whose daughter was also born this month. We wish them much happiness with the new additions to their families.

Mrs Edwards and Mrs Anna Meeding will be teaching the Grade 4 class until Mrs Hallum's return in March 2018. Mrs Taylor will continue to teach the Grade 1 class until Mrs Harris returns in March 2018.

Have a blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year. Spend time with those you love and cherish each special moment. We will see you back at school on the 17th January 2018.



In case of an emergency and the office needs to get hold of parents, please call Shelley or Janette on 011-795 1776 to update your details on our database



MERIT AWARDS



FOUNDATION PHASE

15 MERITS ACHIEVED

Graham Spencer

James Buckton

25 MERITS ACHIEVED

Sechaba Thejane

INTERMEDIATE PHASE

20 MERITS ACHIEVED

Thabang Mogorosi

25 MERITS ACHIEVED

Libi Kum

Zavio Do Tanque

UPCOMING EVENTS & DIARY DATES FOR JANUARY 2018

Monday 15 January 2018: Staff back at work

Wednesday 17 January 2018: Learners back at school for 2018

Monday 22 January 2018: Extra Murals begin

Thursday 25 January 2018: Primary School Information Evening
Come and see the new school, meet your child's new teacher and have a tour of the new building



it to win it!

Our Teachers and Therapists are looking out for learners who demonstrate our October & November value of **GRATITUDE & LOVE AS WELL AS** the previous values of **RESPECT, FRIENDSHIP & ACCEPTANCE, HARDWORK, PATIENCE, COMPASSION & KINDNESS, HONESTY & TRUTHFULNESS.**

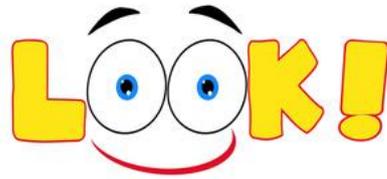
If spotted, the learners' name(s) goes into our **VALUES BOX** and a lucky winner is chosen each week in Assembly. **You've gotta be in**

Value Certificates were issued to these learners. **Well done!**

October: Chuckunwieke Onwudiegwu



27 July



HOW FAR OUR NEW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS PROGRESSED

21 August



10 August



17 August



8 September



15 September



22 September



29 September



6 November



A GLIMPSE INSIDE THE CLASSROOMS.....



By Mrs S Ngwenya

isiZulu lessons were started at the beginning of the year with grade ones only. Lessons have been conducted in an informal and non-pressurised environment. To this end, the subject is not being tested. Poems and songs, amongst other media, have been used to enable learning to take place. Pupils have shown a lot of interest and have shown a lot of confidence in the subject.

Here children were given a blank map of the South African flag and were asked to use the Zulu names as guides of how to paint the map.



Grade R

Jennifer Botha

The Grade R's have had a wonderful 4th term. They have adjusted to having me as their new teacher very well. We have had lots of fun learning all about South Africa and even learning some of our National Anthem!

Our most favourite activity by far has been becoming scientists and exploring with our safety goggles.



Grade 1

Kathleen Taylor

We have been learning about **WATER** this term. We learnt about the importance of water, where we find water and the uses of water.

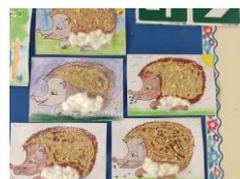
We also learnt about ways to **SAVE WATER** and that we must not waste. We made under-water pictures for art and we designed our own sea creatures. Great fun was had by the whole class!



Grade 2

Lesley Wilson

After a busy start to Term 4, the Grade 2's have been working hard to consolidate all they have learned. They are now preparing for the end of the year. One of the themes they learnt about was **NOCTURNAL ANIMALS** and **SOUTH AFRICA'S NATIONAL SYMBOLS**.



Look at the cute hedgehogs and clay animal models the children made. They really had fun.



Grade3

Sylvia Murray

The Grade 3's finished off their assessments with a speech about a Festival/Celebration. Father Christmas even paid them a visit. The Easter Bunny also bought us hot cross buns to taste. What a treat! Lots of fun was had by all the learners.



Foundation Phase Pre-Vocational Class (F.P.P.V.)

Priscille Blake



It has been a very short but extremely busy term. Between all the hard work and assessments, my learners have been busy making masks out of papier machê for art, "such fun, but what a mess".



Foundation Phase Skills (I.P. Skills.)

Tricia Sanssoucie

What a wonderful, successful year we've had! The Foundation Phase skills learners completed so many practical projects ending with a bang when they got to make and activate a volcano!



creative and exciting 2018.

Well done to all the learners and looking forward to a

The class also participated in the annual RACA Eisteddfod achieving a Diamond Certificate for their wonderful singing.



Intermediate Phase Skills (I.P. Skills.)

Carlie Grobler

This term has seen a new beginning to an end of year for the IP Skills class. The children have adjusted well to having me as their teacher, I find this pleasing. We shall be losing a few children to the High School, I wish them all the best on their new venture.



We have spent time learning about Dinosaurs and concentrating on fossils. The children all participated in making a volcano at home and brought it to school to show the experiment on how the volcano erupts. They were rather excited and every volcano was a great success. We also did a written project on how fossils are formed and



included making a skeleton of a dinosaur.

Our current theme is wild animals; we shall be investigating as many aspects of different animals as possible. I am encouraging the children to bring their own research into wild animals to school and to teach the class on what they know.

Intermediate Phase Pre-Vocational Class (I.P.P.V.)

Sandy-Lee Wouda



The month flew past as we worked hard to get ready for exams. In Maths we have revised concepts such as **CAPACITY** and **MEASUREMENT** and had to work in groups to organise a party. This meant working out enough food and what it would cost us. We moved onto **MEDICINE THROUGH THE AGES** in History and went to the **Adler Medical Museum** on an excursion. This made us very grateful that we live in today's time and that technology has improved the



equipment so much. In Geography we learnt why people live where they do, and what makes a city over populated. In Afrikaans we moved onto food and even gave a prepared speech on how to make something. We ended off the term going on an excursion to **MAROPENG** and the **Sterkfontein Caves** which was really exciting.

Grade 4

Jodi Hallam

Class of 2017

As we prepare for the exams to start, the learners are giving their absolute best in class in preparation for exams! I want to wish them the the best of luck for the exams and I am there with them in sprit. It's been a pleasure getting to know the Grade 4's and an even greater pleasure to see them as they move on to the next phase of their journey. I look forward to meeting my new class on the 12th March 2018. I want to wish everyone a Blessed and Merry Christmas.



Grade 5

Nicky Oswald

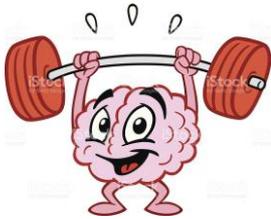
This has been a very busy term, finishing off the year's academic requirements and doing lots and lots of revision in preparation for the forthcoming exams.

However thanks to their Art teacher Mrs Leslie Steyn, there have been some relaxing activities. Here Morgen and Zavio are happily absorbed in their project.



Grade 6

Ivan Hague



The year is over, the hard work is done; time now for fun.

We have studied hard and filled our brains with everything we need to build strong foundations for the new chapter in our schooling careers next year. We will miss our Grade Sixes as they move up to High School! We wish them all the best. Enjoy your Christmas holidays, drive carefully and arrive at your destinations safely.



School Prayer

Help me, Lord, to learn at school,
To listen well, not play the fool.
To read and spell and learn to write,
To do my maths with all my might.

Although the work is sometimes tough,
I'll do my best, its good enough.
Please help me try, and try some more
Until I know more than before.

To play with others and to be kind,
To show I care and friends to find.
Please help me, Lord, with all these things
To learn from what the school day brings.
AMEN



EMPTY LASER CARTRIDGES

Bring these to the Orion office for recycling. A green bin is in reception. The school will receive money for them.

Cartridges that can be recycled: Brother, Canon, HP, Kyocera, Ricoh, Lexmark, Samsung and OKI

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

October & November are **GRATITUDE & LOVE** months. We encourage our learners to think about GRATITUDE & LOVE and to be GRATEFUL and take PLEASURE in everything that they do and in every interaction they have at school and at home.

What does the dictionary say?

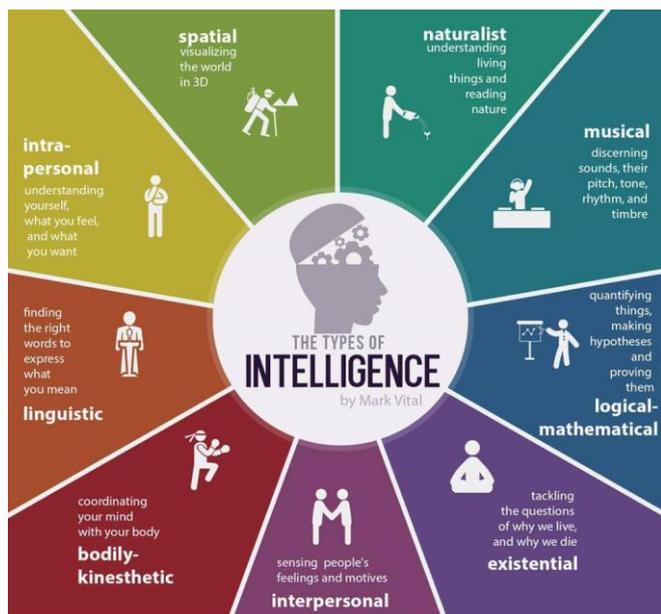
Gratitude

- the quality of being thankful.
- readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness



- a strong feeling of affection.
- affectionate greetings conveyed to someone on one's behalf.
- a great interest and pleasure in something.





6 STEPS TO CONNECT WITH YOUR CHILD

W is for Witness
Pause. Observe. Reflect instead of react. Enter the role of witness. One moment in silence can shift your relationship.

I is for Inquire
Ask "why is my child behaving this way? Why am I? Be curious and listen deeply.

N is for Neutrality
Let go of the emotion. Say goodbye to the story. Enter neutrality. Be present now.

N is for Negotiate
Don't fear negotiation. It teaches us all that we are the creators of our destiny. Allow your child to have a voice.

E is for Empathize
Engage with empathy. Beneath every behavior is a feeling. Connect to the feeling.

R is for Repeat, Rehearse, Resolve
Have compassion with your children and yourself. Life takes time to learn.

DOG SHOW

On Friday 17th November we were entertained by a visit from dog handlers that showed us different ways to enjoy our dogs.



Susan Kleijhans brought her two staffies Scarlet and Robocop. Scarlet has competed overseas and Robocop demonstrated a beautiful dance to a song out of the Rocky movie.



Leanne Williams brought her huskies. The two male huskies, Kaidis



and Simon did bike sledding and then demonstrated some tricks. Luna the female husky is a bit older and she demonstrated various tricks. Simon and Keidis also showed their jumping skills on the equipment.



Noelene Pretorius brought some agility equipment and set up a mini course. She brought her three border collies.

Cody and Bright are the famous ones as they have represented South Africa in Europe and Rhett, a pup, showed his jumping skills. Susan's rescue dog, Lexi flew around too.



After the show a few children were given the opportunity to run Bright around the course. I think they thought it was easy until they tried!



It was a truly wonderful entertaining experience, the children were introduced to another field of expertise that most are not aware of.



Home made speciality cakes



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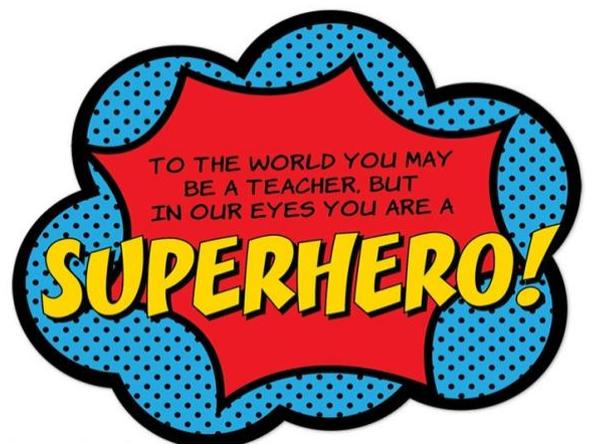


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A Superhero inspired assembly, to honour the dedicated teachers and staff of Orion College was held on the 13th October 2017.

Learners from different grades performed a variety of acts to salute the Teachers. Staff were awarded certificates of appreciation and received a gift bag of treats to energize their superpowers.



Hats off to the Orion College Superhero's!



SOAP BOX DERBY



On 29 September primary and high school learners took to the field in their house teams, ready to tear around the course. Some pedalled, some pushed, but every learner put great heart and soul into getting maximum laps for their house. Houses who came first received gold medals; second place received silver, and third place received bronze.

staff teams were also given the chance to rip their way around the track.



Orion's teachers didn't want to be left out of the fun, and there was a delightful array of stalls available on the day, selling everything from clothing and baked goods, to pendants, which contained a grain of rice on which they write your name whilst you wait.

On this day, the Spar trolley stacked with R1000 worth of groceries was also raffled off and was won by **Jonel Basson**, a relative of **Mrs Kachelhoffer**. Congratulations!



Thank you to everybody who was involved in organising this highly successfully, highly entertaining event.

!! Congratulations to the Winners !!
Pre-Vocational Class in the High School
Grade 2 Class in the Primary School

!! Congratulations to the Learners who sold the most SoapBox Derby Forms !!

Nolan Trevelyan	Gr 7	R800
Gerhard Kachelhoffer	Gr 4	R650
Aidan Eagar	Gr 5	R250

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a **HAPPY NEW YEAR** to all our Orion families.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2018!

Barbra Robinson and the Primary School staff





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- Low self-esteem
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Am I still liable for my spouse's debt after divorce?

A husband and wife buy a house together. Their marriage takes a tumble, along with their finances, and they have to sell their home and are left with an outstanding mortgage bond. They subsequently got divorced. The couple is concerned about what will happen to the debts and who will be responsible for paying them. Who pays what after divorce? If the couple was married in community of property ...

[Read More Here >](#)

Claiming maintenance from parents living in foreign countries

A major concern many parents have revolves around the existence of maintenance orders from a South African court which requires enforcement against a non-compliant person who resides in a foreign country. South African law allows its citizens to claim maintenance from a parent living in a foreign country ...

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My ex's new partner is abusive to my children

It is important for a child to have access to both parents, and in a situation where both parents were actively involved in the child's life, the access to both parents should be as equal as possible. As much as you don't want to pry on your ex's time with your children, what should you do if your ex's new partner is abusive towards your child? Section 28(1)(d) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa states

[Read More Here >](#)

Divorced stay at home parent

In South African law, section 7(2) of the Divorce Act deals with the payment of maintenance in situations where no settlement agreement has been entered into between the parties, and it's up to the courts to deal with the matter of maintenance. What happens if I get divorced? Rehabilitative maintenance refers to divorce situations where a maintenance order is given for a certain time after the ...



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