

ELKANAH HOUSE

Weekly Newsletter



Weekly Newsletter - Pre-Primary

14 June 2018

Dear Parents

We have spent the last few weeks exploring the topic of sadness as a part of our Emotional Intelligence programme. This topic has sparked many in depth and profound conversations as we have come to grips with this emotion. It is inevitably interwoven into our lives, no matter how busy we get.

Sadness is a part of life and it should therefore not be seen as something that we must avoid at all costs. It is a normal and natural part of our reality. We have taught our children that it is sometimes through sadness, that we grow as individuals. It is okay to feel sad and we do all feel sad at times. However, we need to explore ways in which we can move ourselves from feeling sad into a happier space. Our children were once again encouraged to make use of their "toolboxes" which equips with them the necessary personal skills to help them to self-regulate and "own" their emotions.

Another important skill in dealing with the feeling of sadness is to develop empathy in our children. If others feel sad, responding with an appropriate amount of empathy goes a long way in comforting our friends and peers.

It has been an interesting topic to discuss and explore and we believe our children are all the richer for being a part of this process.

DATES TO Diarise

19 June

Late Parent and Teacher Meetings

18 & 19 June
Sibling Photos

22 June

Break-up day.
School closes at 11h00

Recycling and Fruit Pals

Term 2

19 June
Swallows

Reminders:

- * Parent Portal closes on 17 June for Extra-mural and Parent and Teacher meeting bookings.
- * The Rural Child Foundation will be selling second hand books: 20th and 21st June 10h30 - 15h00.
- * Sibling photos: 18 & 19 June
- * World Cup Soccer event: 20 June
- * Grade 2 Recorder watching: Thursday, 21 June (11h00 Bishops, 11h30 Robins & 12h00 Weavers).
- * Junior Primary Choir watching lesson: Friday, 22 June (08h00 - 08h20)
- * Ice lollies on break up day. R5 a lolly

Library Books

Pupils in Grade 2 and 3 will be allowed to take out 4 to 6 books from the library for the duration of the holidays. These books must be returned in the first week of next term.

Lost Property

Our lost property will be on display on Tuesday, 19 June while our parent / teacher meetings are taking place. Please pop past the lost property table to claim any lost goods that belong to your child.

Last week of term

There are no extra-murals in the last week of term (except for Sports Hub for our Grade Rs). School will finish next week at 13h00 for our Junior Primary children and 12h30 for our Pre-primary children.

Break-up day times are as follows:

Pre-primary - 11h00

Junior Primary - 11h15

Senior Primary - 11h30

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Last week all the Grade R's visited the Science Centre in Observatory. The children were divided into groups and spent time in various areas. They loved playing and exploring with the hands-on exhibitions as teachers and assistants tried to explain each one. We also learnt about various types of houses in the science classroom and finished off with a colouring in competition. The next activity was the building site where the girls and boys had a competition to see who could build their walls the fastest. At first, the process was a bit haphazard and a bit chaotic but our children soon realised that if they collaborated together and assigned tasks to each other, they could build faster and more efficiently. Lastly, the children were treated to a science experiment show where the oohs and aaahs and squeals of delight bore testament to the fact that science is super exciting!



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Ladies and Gentleman tea party





A father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way.

Happy Fathers Day !