

# ELKANAH HOUSE

## Weekly Newsletter



### Weekly Newsletter - Pre-Primary

22 November 2018

Dear Parents

#### EQ pop up festival

What a wonderful morning we had digging deep into our emotional well being as we joined thousands across the world to celebrate The EQ Pop up Festival. We had parents writing their wishes and goals and also exploring their circles of belonging. In the classrooms, our children were exploring their own ways of being courageous, hopeful and finding a sense of belonging. Some enjoyed making courage cuffs and courage bracelets as a reminder to be brave when trying new things, even when they are really nervous.

The EQ festival was a family-friendly event celebrated around the world to increase awareness of the essential role that emotional intelligence plays in our children's well-being, in our relationships with them; and in turn, in their capacity to make a positive difference in the world.

Thank you to all the parents, teachers and children that helped make this morning a wonderful success. A special thank you to our Grade 3 EQ Ambassadors - Franco, Aaron and Ty for showing parents where to go and encouraging participation. Last but not least, a big thank you to our class reps, Jenni, Geraldine, Vanda and Lizette for running with the plans for the day and for facilitating all the activities and discussions. We really appreciate you! We are blessed to be a part of an awesome team at Elkanah House.

### DATES TO Diarise

**6 December**  
Swop over day

**7 December**  
Break up day  
School finishes at 11h00



**Recycling and  
Fruit Pals Term 4**

**27 November**  
Robins

**4 December**  
Weavers

This what our children learnt on the day:

Jarryn Moodley: "I really hope that everyone's hope comes true"

Tyde Sim: " I hope that my friends will always be kind because I really try hard to be a good friend."

Jennifer Straw: "A good friend is someone you can trust."

Madison Outhwaite: 'If I wasn't here it would be one friend less to someone that needs a friend.'

Emma Leech: 'I hope that Jesus has a wonderful birthday when we have Christmas'

Zoey Louw: ' I hope that Jesus gives everyone love over the holiday'

Layla Kay - I have learnt just how to be brave when I am in my room by myself.

Henri Goossens - My favourite thing is that I know how to fight my "giants"

Kieran Neeson - I learnt to always be nice to my mommy and my family and friends.

Jean-Luc du Preez - I learnt that I am stronger than a giant...I think...



***Thanduxolo Nkosi: " When I got home yesterday, I asked my mom if she knows five things to do when she gets scared. She only knew one. I showed her my courage wheel and taught her the other four."***

## Grade 1 2019 Bantex Space Cases

We have just been informed that there will be a delay in getting the Space cases from Bantex. This is due to the National NUMSA strike which is happening in Johannesburg. Western Cape School Supplies have notified us that they will deliver the bulk of the stationery this year, however, the Space cases will only be delivered in January. We are sure this will be the same with Bassetts Stationers, however, they have not yet notified us of this. If you wish to see the letter received from Bantex South Africa please email Michelle who will share it with you.

## Reminder: Support Staff Contributions

We are approaching that time of the year to show our appreciation and thanks to our support staff workers. This year we are collecting small cash donations from our families to put towards buying our support staff gift vouchers from Pick n Pay.

If you would like to contribute towards this, please send your donation to school in a sealed envelope with your child's name on it. We thank you for your support and know that our support staff will be very appreciative of this kind gesture!

## New Grade 3 Class

We are delighted to introduce the **Woodpecker class** to Sunningdale Prep in 2019. The Woodpecker class will be the new name for our third Grade 3 class and will be ably led by Mrs Talita Lucas.

## Lost property sports day

A black Twisp was picked up at our Sports day. If it belongs to you please make contact with Michelle.

*Happy birthday Mpumelelo!*



Our very best wishes to you on your special day. Thank you for all you do for us as a campus. You have fast become a part of our Elkanah House family and we appreciate you!



# Academics @ Elkanah

The Chameleons had such fun focusing on butterflies this week. Not only did we learn all about the life cycle of a butterfly and the differences between butterflies and moths, we also had lots of fun creating together on the mat. This ties in with our Global Competencies, social relationships, as well as critical thinking and communication. You truly are clever Chameleons!



## Achievements

Mia Pienaar and Leiso Kgare too part in an Award 7 Gymnastics Competition using SAGF scoring. This competition took place at Giants Gymnastics this last weekend.

Mia Pienaar, came joint 1st and Leiso Kgare, came 3rd



# Sports day @ Elkanah

Sunningdale Prep hosted a wonderful, fun-filled Sports Day last Saturday. Our children participated with such enthusiasm and good sportsmanship. Well done to our talented young athletes and to those who gave of their very best. It was a fantastic day of celebrating our talents and also just spending time together as a school community.

A big thank you to our Sports Department and staff for all the planning that went into the preparation of this day. Here are some pictures capturing some special moments and highlights of the day.

