

MUIZENBERG JUNIOR NEWS

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Enter to Learn



Leave to Serve

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Guardians

In these modern times, one can seldom say that one is lost or that you cannot find your way to a place. Places are clearly marked so all we have to do is look for the correct signs, but even easier than that, is to turn on the location services on our smartphones. If you want to direct someone to a place, all you have to do is send them a location and the GPS system on their phone will direct them there.

Schools also make use of signs and signals to map the path to desired goals or outcomes. Our school vision and mission statements give us direction and mark the path to the goals that we endeavour to achieve. However, in the hurly-burly of everyday school life, we can lose sight of these important markers and we have come to realise that many of our learners and parents are not au fait with the school's vision and mission. As a result, we will focus on highlighting these important statements:

Vision Statement

Muiszenberg Junior strives to allow learners to discover their uniqueness and achieve excellence in a nurturing environment to build our nation.

Mission Statement

To empower our diverse learners to recognise their self-worth and enable them to meet future challenges.

Unpacking the vision and mission

The vision and mission speak about developing the hearts and minds of MJS learners. The school aims to create a safe learning environment in which to grow the intellect of each child while equipping him/her with knowledge, positive values and skills that will allow each of them to play a meaningful role in society.

A nurturing environment

The school envisages an inclusive environment where there is respect for individuality. Through the teachers' interactions with the learners, and our Transform to Perform and Thinking Skills programmes, the school aims to develop positive attitudes and values in learners and encourage them to develop resilience and a growth mind-set that will set them up to realise their potential and to participate meaningfully in their school and their communities.

Transform to Perform

This is a values-based education programme that is aimed at allowing learners to unpack 8 different values.

Each grade will be responsible for presenting a different value to the rest of the school. In the process they will learn what the value means and what they need to do and say, and what they will hear and see when a particular value is being expressed or demonstrated. At school, and at home, learners, who show positive behaviours, must be acknowledged in order to encourage them to continue to display these positive behaviours.

This year, the school is focusing on the following values:

Courage	Curiosity
Resilience	Thankfulness
Accountability	Achievement
Loyalty	Consideration

The focus values should be experienced at school, at home and in the broader community.

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All schools in the Western Cape have been encouraged to emphasise the importance of this mantra. It focuses on motivating learners to work hard, to develop skills, knowledge and positive values and to use these to serve their communities. Furthermore, the mantra urges learners to be purposeful and make good use of educational opportunities so that they may develop their potential optimally.

Going forward, let us all maintain an awareness of the school's vision and view all school activities, including our own participation in the life of the school, as vehicles for realising the goal of developing our children so that their untapped potential may be realised. Please speak to your children about the values that they are learning about at school and walk them along the path of becoming the best versions of themselves that they can be.

Kind regards

V. Erfort

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MJS CELEBRATES THESE MATHEMATICIANS!

These 8 learners qualified in the top 5 Mathematicians amongst all the hundreds of learners who competed in the latest Interschools' Greenshoots Mathematics Challenge!



Tamia Lestrade Gr 4



Layla Loff Gr 5



Malakai Jacobs Gr 5



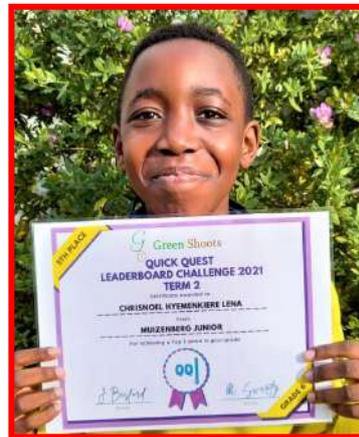
Shewu Nyadenga Gr 5



Joshua Haupt Gr 5



Robyn Aspeling Gr 6



Chrisnoel Lena Gr 6



Tabitha Taylor Gr 7

AFRIKAANSE GEDIGTE - GESKRYF DEUR GRAAD 6-LEERLINGE

Aarde

Joshua van der Merwe 6BB

Ek het die krag
om stilletjies stadig te stap
In die bos waar ek sal oornag
rustig sal ek kan slaap.

Hoe-hoe hoor ek 'n uil
lewers in 'n boom
wat daar verskuil
terwyl ek droom



Die gehuil van 'n wolf
kom naby soos 'n golf
Al die klanke van die aarde
Dra soveel waarde.

Die Oseaan

Zaafir Azad 6BB

Die water is blou
ek sal dit altyd onthou
Ons ry verby die kus
Ek het dit verskriklik gemis

Mense ry see toe met die bus
dan staan hulle langs die strand
en vang vis
Ek het die see baie gemis

Heel diep in die see sien ek 'n haai
die branders is hoog want die wind waai
Ek gaan huis toe om te rus
maar ek het die oseaan baie gemis.



MJS HAS BEEN SHARING VALUES THAT AID EDUCATION

This important practice has been done by means of choosing animals who show admirable qualities. Each grade has been assigned a quality and has shared powerpoints and posters which explain these special qualities, around the school.

The first value was presented by the Grade 7s, who chose the fearless Honey Badger to explain what it means to have **COURAGE** in the face of challenges and obstacles.

Charlayne Mapiye in Gr 7G, wrote this poem about Honey Badgers. Charlayne has captured the essence of the badger's characteristics of courage, determination and fearlessness

The cobra thinks he can make me frown
The joke is on him; he can't bring me down
If I must, I'll raid a beehive
But it's not fun and games; I have to survive
They'd understand if they were smarter
That things that hurt only make me fight harder
I don't care if you think it's a hassle
That I'm the Queen of my own castle
If you're feeling ill, I suggest you stay behind me
But if you're feeling brave, you know where to find me!



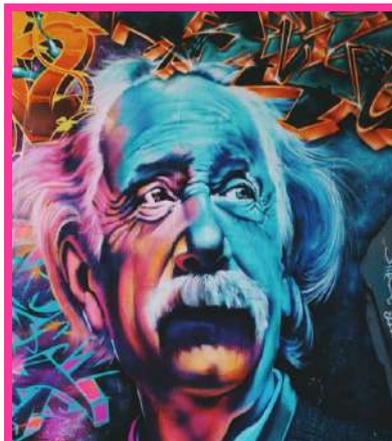
The second value was shared with us by the Grade 2s, who showed us how valuable **CURIOSITY** is in the learning experience
"Curiosity is the key to discovery and creativity"

Curiosity is "a desire to know or learn."
It's a deep feeling inside that drives you to discover more. It is not enough to just get the answer, your goal is to understand.

Being curious means you have to be OK with not knowing.

Here are 5 steps to follow to stay curious

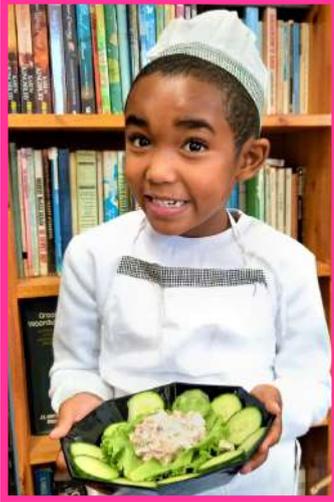
- ◆ Imagine you are a reporter on a story (Remember: Great reporters never stop asking questions.)
- ◆ Read, read, read and then.... read some more!
- ◆ Make a list of the things you want to learn and then.....go and do them!!
- ◆ In every conversation, think of questions to **ASK**, not things to say.
- ◆ Get comfortable with being uncomfortable.



"I have no special talents, I am only passionately curious."

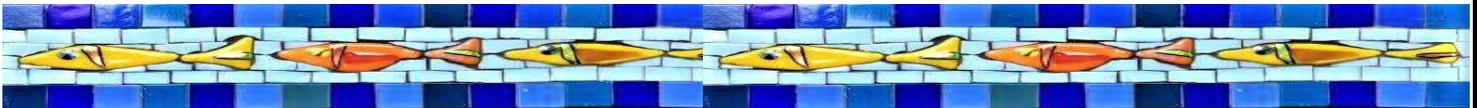
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SCRUMPTIOUS SALADS AND SARMIES IN GR 2 ORALS!



Above from left to right:

- ◇ **Michael Williams, a chef in 2S, skilfully sliced the cucumber for his tuna salad**
- ◇ **Mackenzie Baadjies, in Gr 2W, made a delicious bacon, chicken and pasta salad**
- ◇ **Saige Phiri, Gr 2S, created a mouthwatering Strawberry Yoghurt Breakfast**
- ◇ **Jedd Bernhardt's irresistible pasta salad was created with love and skill in the Gr 2 class!**
- ◇ **Sybil Fortune, from Gr 2W, says that she thought of her dad's favourite Mega Sandwich in this photo!**



GR 7 HAD AN "INNING" BECAUSE "OUTINGS" CAN'T HAPPEN YET!

The Two Oceans Aquarium visited us at school. We weren't allowed to go and visit them this term, so they came to MJS with a very interesting power-point presentation full of interesting facts about biodiversity. We are so glad that more and more fun is coming back into our classrooms and lessons.



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