

WOODLANDS INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE



PRESCHOOL GRATITUDE NEWSLETTER

28 November 2025

A GRATITUDE MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

As I prepare to close this chapter after twelve wonderful years as principal, I find myself filled with gratitude for the people who have shaped this school into the warm, joyful, and nurturing place it is today. It has been the honour of my career to lead this preschool, and I am thankful to the directors for trusting me with this opportunity. Their guidance, partnership, and unwavering belief in our shared mission have allowed our school to grow, flourish, and continually place children at the heart of everything we do.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Magda, our incredible secretary. Magda has been the steady heartbeat of our school—greeting families each morning with kindness, supporting staff with calm and competence, and keeping the many moving parts of our days running smoothly. Her dedication and warmth have been essential to our success.

To our extraordinary teachers: you are the soul of this preschool. Your creativity, patience, and compassion have shaped countless little lives and created a place where children feel safe, valued, and encouraged to explore. Watching your classrooms fill with curiosity and laughter has been one of the greatest joys of my time here.

My thanks also go to Alan, your dedication to ensuring everything runs smoothly behind the scenes has been invaluable. From maintenance to logistics, you have been the quiet force that keeps our school shining.

I am equally grateful for our hardworking teacher assistants, who also give their time in aftercare – your energy, patience, and love for the children have made a world of difference. You are the unsung heroes who nurture and guide with such care.

To our Support Staff Ladies – thank you for your warmth, hard work, and for keeping the school in pristine condition. Your contributions often go unseen, but they are deeply appreciated.

To Russel, our gardener – your green hands and gentle spirit have created a beautiful environment where children can play and learn surrounded by nature's gifts.

To Ishmael, our security guard – your infectious smile starts our day on a happy note. Thank you for watching over our school with vigilance and care. Your presence has given us peace of mind and ensured our community's safety. To our volunteer Tuck moms. Thank you for willingly giving up your Friday mornings to assist us. We could not have managed without your continued support.

Finally, to our parents—thank you for sharing your children with us and for your trust, partnership, and support. It has been a privilege to watch your children grow, learn, and blossom. The strength of our community comes, in great part, from you.

As I step into retirement, I carry with me, memories of laughter on the playground, songs sung in classrooms, and the joy of watching children grow. This preschool will always hold a special place in my heart. *Although I am retiring, I look forward to continuing to support early childhood education in new ways.* Thank you for 12 unforgettable years.



Mrs. J Copeling
PRESCHOOL PRINCIPAL



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GRATITUDE LETTERS FROM OUR STAFF

GRADE 00000W – TEACHER PHUMEZA

Jellyfish Class Gr000000



As we wrap up this school year, we want to sincerely thank you for your support, trust and partnership. It has been a true privilege to be part of your child's early learning journey.

Watching your little one grow, explore, and shine each day has brought so much joy to our classroom.

Your involvement and encouragement at home played a big role in their success this year.

Thank you for sharing your wonderful child with us.

We will always treasure the memories we have made and wish you a joyful restful holidays.

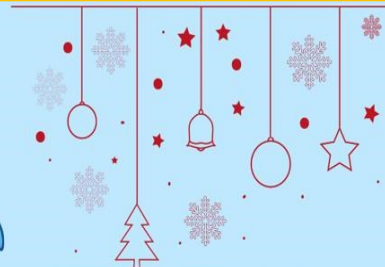
With Love,
Teacher Phumeza & Teacher Lungi



TEACHER NATHALIE – GRADE 0000W



Dolphin Class Gr00000w



To my dearest Little Dolphins, Class of 2025,

Our hearts are overflowing with pride! Watching each one of you reach your milestones—through the tears, the laughter, the growth—has been a true joy. You shine so brightly as the wonderfully unique individuals you are!

We wish the entire Dolphin Class family a peaceful, restful, and joy-filled festive season.

May 2026 bring growth, happiness, and many fruitful moments for all. 🍀

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! 🎄🌟

With love,
Teacher Nathalie & Teacher Mavis



TEACHER EHRYN – GRADE 0000I

Starfish class Gr00000I



To My Little Starfish and Their Families,
Thank you for such a beautiful year. Our classroom has been filled with tiny hugs, big smiles, playful giggles, and the sweetest “Look, Teacher!” moments that brightened every single day.



To my Starfish — you have grown in the most wonderful ways. You learned to share, be gentle, try new things, and celebrate all your little victories. You brought so much joy, silliness, and sparkle into our class, and I’m so proud of each one of you. ❤️

To our amazing families — thank you for your support, your kindness, and for trusting us with your precious little ones. It has been such a privilege to watch them learn, laugh, and shine. ❤️

Wishing all our Starfish families a peaceful, happy, and restful holiday.

With lots of love,
Teacher Ehryn & Teacher Beauty



TEACHER LESLEY – GRADE 000W

Dear Bee Class and Wonderful Parents,

As we come to the end of a wonderful and fun 2025, we want to take a moment to say a big, heartfelt thank you. What a special year it has been! Our little Bees have grown in so many ways—learning, laughing, exploring, and filling our classroom with joy every single day.

To our sweet Bee Class children:

Thank you for your smiles, your curiosity, your hugs, and your excitement for every activity, big or small. You have made this year bright and buzzing with happiness. Thank you for filling our classroom with laughter, curiosity, and joy. Watching you grow, learn, and support one another has been the highlight of our year and we are so proud of each one of you. Your enthusiasm, creativity, and kindness have made our hive a truly special place.

To our amazing parents:

Thank you for your support, encouragement, and partnership throughout the year. Your trust means so much, and your involvement helped make 2025 such a successful and joyful journey. We truly appreciate everything you do. It has been an absolute pleasure teaching your precious children. We will always treasure the memories we created together—our fun days, our special moments, and all the little victories along the way.

Together, we’ve built a classroom full of warmth, wonder, and unforgettable memories. We’ll always treasure the stories we shared, the songs we sang, and the milestones we celebrated. Wishing you all a joyful, restful break and a bright new chapter ahead.

Keep buzzing with brilliance, Bee class — the world is lucky to have you! Thank you for making 2025 a year to remember!

With love,
Teacher Les & Teacher Pat



TEACHER CHRISTELLE — GRADE 0001



Bear Ants and our Ant parents,

This year has been a journey of highs and lows for all of us. I am so proud of the progress that my students have made- they have worked so hard and developed into new little versions of themselves. I have loved and nurtured you and in return you have loved and nurtured me.



I feel truly blessed to have had the opportunity to teach you and watch you grow. I wish you all the best for next year... you will be missed!

Lastly a big thank you to the Ant parents. We have had some downs but also celebrated the successes this year. You have shown an immense amount of support of your child's learning and development and I appreciate how willing you have been to work with me as a team, to ensure the best for your child's development and well being.

With love,
Teacher Christelle

TEACHER BRIGITTE — GRADE 00W

To My Wonderful Owl Class,

What an incredible year we've had together in Grade 00! Each of you has grown in confidence, curiosity, and kindness. I have loved watching you explore, discover, and learn new things every single day.

Owls are known for being wise, and this year you have shown just how wise and wonderful you can be! Keep asking questions, keep trying your best, and always believe in yourselves.

As you spread your wings and soar into Grade 0, remember that you are brave, clever, and capable of amazing things. I am so proud of each and every one of you, and I will miss your giggles, your hugs, and your bright ideas.

Fly high, little Owls! The future is waiting for you.

**With love and a very big owl hoot,
Teacher Brigitte**



TEACHER SUSAN — GRADE 001

Dear Frog Class,

Thank you for a wonderful year filled with laughter, learning, and lots of little leaps. Each one of you has brought so much joy, curiosity, and sunshine into our classroom. I will always treasure the special memories we made together – from our silly moments to our proud “I did it!” moments.

I am so proud of how much you have all grown, and it has been such a privilege to watch you learn, explore, and become more confident every day. I will miss you very much, but I know you are ready for your next big adventure.

Wishing you all the best of luck for the year ahead. Keep hopping forward, keep believing in yourselves, and keep shining bright!

With love,
Teacher Susan.



TEACHER SAM — GRADE 0W

Caterpillar Class 2025

To my Caterpillars

We laughed, we sang, we explored, we created, we learnt and we grew!

Thank you for such a beautiful year!

I loved getting to know each of you and loved every minute of helping you prepare for Grade 1.

BUT now its time to fly!

To my Caterpillar Parents

Thank you for your continuous Love, support, dedication and effort in making this year enjoyable and successful.

All the best for 2026!

All my love

Teacher Sam



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



TEACHER CANDICE – GRADE 01

My dearest hedgehogs,

I cannot believe that we have reached the end of our year together! You have grown so very much and have worked so very hard so that you can be ready for Grade one next year- and you are!

I am so proud of each and every one of you- you are kind and friendly, polite and well mannered, and have really grown into the most lovely little people

To our amazing hedgehog parents, thank you for entrusting your most precious little people to me this year. You have been such a dedicated and positive parent group and have been a joy to work with. Your kind words, messages and spoils have brightened many a day.

I will miss you all! Thank you for such a lovely year, full of laughs and fun...and just a little hard work!

All my love,
Teacher Candice



TEACHER RUBY – GRADE 0C

This year in Gr 0 has been a truly special journey filled with growth, discovery, and joyful learning. Watching each child walk through the doors the first day, full of curiosity and wonder, and then seeing how much they've blossomed - socially, emotionally and academically- has been very rewarding. Everyday brought new milestones and I feel privileged to have been part of their foundational year.

Thank you,
Teacher Ruby



Grade 0C

MAGDA – SECRETARY

Woodlands Preschool Family,

As I write this, I'm bursting with gratitude for 13 joyful years at the Preschool. As Secretary of the Preschool Phase, I've been privileged to be part of a community that feels like family – full of laughter, curiosity, and warmth.

To our remarkable Principal Jenny – as you prepare for a well-deserved retirement after 12 fantastic years leading our preschool – thank you for your vision, kindness, and passion for learning which have made a lasting impact. We will truly miss your leadership! Here's to many more adventures ahead, and celebrating all the memories we've made.

To our incredible Teachers, Support staff, Aftercare team, Gardiner & Security guard – you make magic happen with your creativity and care. I'm honored to work alongside you!

To our little stars – thank you for the sparkle you bring each morning! Learning your names, hearing your stories, and watching you grow has been pure joy.

To the parents – thank you for the trust you place in us every day. Your partnership makes our work so rewarding.

With gratitude and joyful wishes,

Magda



AFTERCARE





Shoebox Drive



A heartfelt thank you to all our wonderful parents for your generous contributions to our Shoebox Drive. Your kindness will make a world of difference to children who are less fortunate, and your thoughtful donations will bring joy, comfort, and a little extra magic to their Christmas.

We are truly grateful for your continued support and for helping us teach our children the value of giving. Together, we are spreading love and happiness this festive season.



SUPPORT STAFF



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The Support Staff would like to extend their gratitude. Your generous donations will add much joy to their festive celebrations!