



Pre-Primary

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A Note from the Principal's Desk

Welcome Back, Woodlanders!



It is so lovely to have everyone back and to once again hear the happy, busy buzz filling our classrooms and corridors. There is something very special about a school coming alive after a break, little voices chatting, laughter echoing through the corridors and our Woodlanders eagerly settling back into their routines.

And just like that, spring has arrived!

Spring is such a wonderful time of the year. It brings warmer days, brighter mornings and the beautiful reminder that new beginnings are all around us. Flowers begin to bloom, trees become green again and everything seems to have a little more colour and energy.

"Spring is the time of plans and projects."

– Leo Tolstoy

Here's to a beautiful spring filled with sunshine, growth, laughter and many special Woodlands moments.

Happy Spring, Woodlanders!



Natalie Short

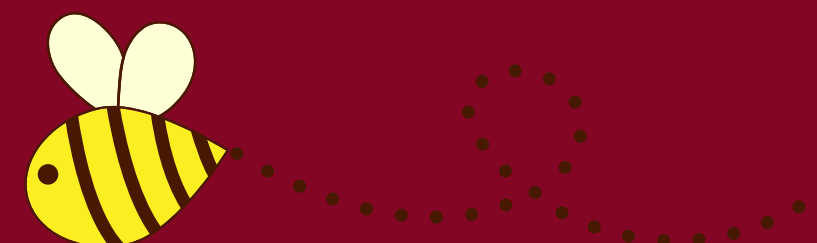
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The Excitement Is Building... Concert Time Is Near!



As we get closer to our much-anticipated concert, our little Woodlanders' usual routines are beginning to shift. There are extra rehearsals, new instructions, different spaces, music, costumes and plenty of excitement in the air. While this is all part of the fun, it can also be a big adjustment for our little ones.

For children of this age, a concert is about so much more than getting every step or song right. New experiences, unfamiliar surroundings and the thought of standing in front of an audience can feel overwhelming. Some children may confidently walk onto the stage, while others may freeze, become shy, or even decide that they would rather not go on at all!



And that is okay. ❤️



Our teachers are being incredibly patient and understanding as we prepare. We are keeping rehearsals as light, quick and fun as possible, while giving each child the time and encouragement they need. There is absolutely no pressure for perfection.

Our greatest hope is simply that each child finds a little bit of courage to stand on that stage. For many of our Woodlanders, this will be their very first experience performing in front of an audience, and that in itself is a wonderful achievement.

They are learning to work together as a team, listen to one another, try something new, manage their nerves and, most importantly, be brave.

Whether they sing every word, remember every movement, wave at Mum and Dad, stand completely still, or decide that the stage is definitely not for them this time, we will be proud of them.



We cannot wait to see our Woodlanders shine
in their own very special way!



Holiday Fun



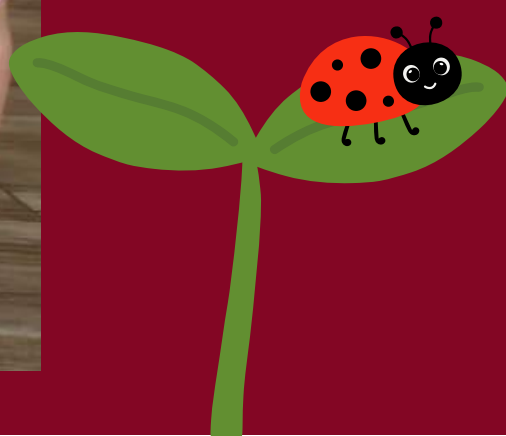
Our little Woodlanders certainly made the most of their holiday programme! The children enjoyed a wonderful variety of fun-filled days, including Career Day, where they dressed up and explored different jobs and professions, Bike Day, Pizza Making Day, and Crazy Hair Day. We even had a special Grandma and Grandpa dress-up day, which brought plenty of smiles and laughter! Our Picnic Day was another lovely opportunity for the children to relax and spend time together.

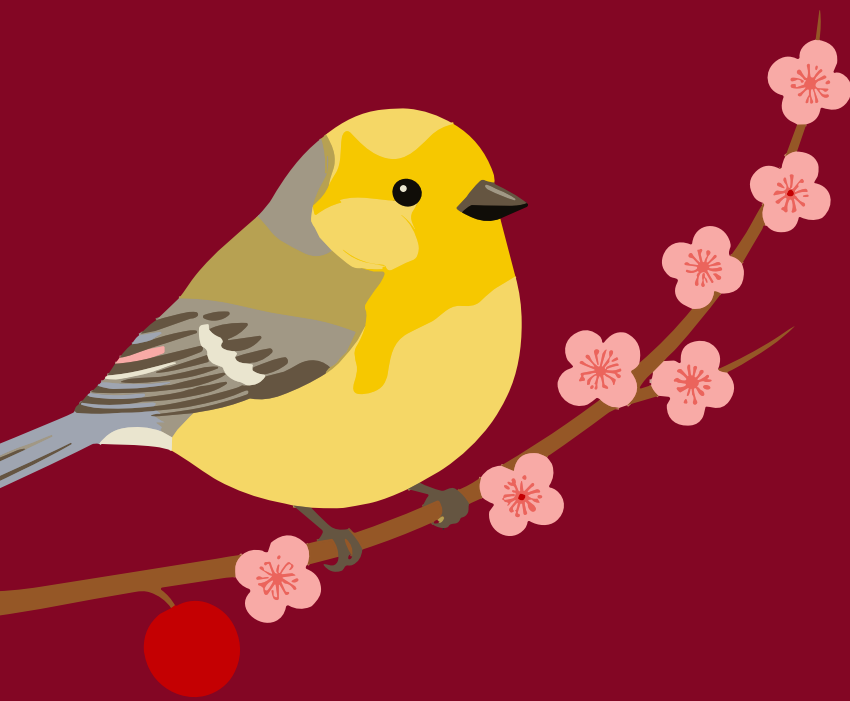
The holiday programme gave our children a wonderful opportunity to relax and enjoy themselves while still being happily entertained and engaged. There were lots of smiles, laughter, messy hands, creative moments and, of course, plenty of fun and friendship along the way!

A big thank you to our wonderful parents who contributed and helped make some of these activities possible. Your support added an extra sprinkle of fun to the programme.

And a very special thank you to our Aftercare team, who are also our incredible Teacher Assistants, for their dedication and care. A special thank you to Alan as well for all the preparation, energy and effort that went into making our holiday programme such a success. We truly appreciate everything that went into keeping our little ones happy, busy, safe and so well cared for throughout the holidays.

SOME HOLIDAY MEMORIES...





HOLIDAY MEMORIES CONTINUED!





Important Reminders:

Tuck

Next week's tuck will be chicken nuggets. Please remember to send your child's tuck money to school by Wednesday so that we can place our order in time. Thank you!

Public and School Holiday - 24th and 25th September

School will be closed

Grade 0 Picnic-

18th September at the main campus.

Cupcakes for cancer

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Cupcakes for Cancer

Little hands. Big hearts. Sweet change!

Our Woodlands family is invited to support a wonderful cause!

On Friday, 2 October, the children will have the special opportunity to **decorate and ice their very own cupcakes**. Our lovely ladies will be here to set up and guide the children through the fun as part of this meaningful charity initiative.

Friday 2 October

Just R20 per cupcake

You can place multiple orders!

Let's get involved, **Woodlanders!**

Small cupcakes. A big difference.

Hope Support Care

Celebrating Our Heritage - Woodlanders Style!



Get ready for a very special day of culture, community, music, food, laughter and a good old-fashioned South African braai!

This year, we will be celebrating Heritage Day on **23rd September** and we cannot wait to bring our Woodlanders together for a day filled with fun and appreciation for the wonderful cultures and traditions that make South Africa so beautifully diverse.

We will begin our day by coming together as a school community to learn about and appreciate different cultures and heritages. Our little Woodlanders will have the opportunity to see, hear and experience some of the wonderful traditions that make each of us unique.



And then... it's BRAAI TIME!

Come Dressed in Your Heritage!

We would absolutely love to see our Woodlanders dressed in traditional or heritage clothing that represents their family, culture or heritage. This is completely optional, but it would be wonderful to see our school filled with colour, beautiful clothing and the many different traditions that make up our Woodlands family.

What Should Your Child Bring?

- „ A small picnic blanket
- „ One or two treats to enjoy after their boerewors roll
- „ Their biggest smile!



There is no need to pack a morning snack on this day. The boerewors roll (halal option) will be enjoyed as part of our morning celebration. Your child may simply bring a small treat to enjoy afterwards.

Most importantly, this day is about appreciating one another. It is about celebrating our similarities, embracing our differences and giving our children the opportunity to experience the richness of the cultures that surround them every day.





Congratulations

A Little Bundle of Joy!

A very special congratulations to Grace Sikwe in Grade OC, who has welcomed a beautiful baby brother into her family! Please join us in congratulating Grace and her family on the safe arrival of Asher Bandile. We wish this precious little boy a lifetime filled with love, happiness and many wonderful adventures with his big sister.

Congratulations, Grace! We are so excited for you and your family!



Dates To Diarrise

September	
Tuesday 15th	Grade 0 voice recordings
Wednesday 16th	Grade 0 outing - Wag `n Bietjie
Friday 18th	Grade 0 visit to main campus
Saturday 19th	Open day
Tuesday 22nd	Individual Photos and full dress rehearsal
Wednesday 23rd	Heritage day dress-up and Braai
Thursday 24th	Heritage day - Public holiday
Friday 25th	College Holiday - School closed
Tuesday 29th	Grandparents Production 9:00 Full dress rehearsal
Wednesday 30th	Production
October	
Thursday 01st	Production
Friday 02nd	Cupcakes for Cancer
Monday 05th	Teacher appreciation day
Tuesday 06th	Grade 0000 - Inning Puppetales
Tuesday 20th	Graduation Photo's
Thursday 22nd	College closes 11:45 - Mid-term break
Tuesday 27th	College opens
November	
Wednesday 11th	Grade 0 Graduation
Friday 27th	Year end class parties
December	
December 02nd	College Closes - 10:00