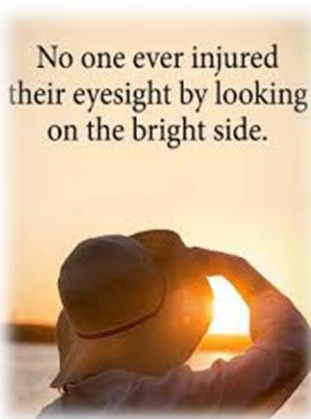


11 November 2019

Dear Parents



I enjoyed this quote by “anonymous”. And there is much to be thankful of and for being willing to see possibilities and opportunities when things look anything but bright.

This week saw our Grade 5s interact with Crystal Springs Primary School children in the Lidgetton area (in conjunction with the ‘Partners for Possibility’ project with whom Clifton Notties has become involved). The photos on our Facebook page capture the special moments beautifully as our children read to them and interacted with them. Our academic staff have also begun partnerships with their staff...it is the start of something special. I thank the Grade 5s for donating a considerable amount of money raised from their Carnival Day to Crystal Springs School. Projects are in place and partnerships have been formed.

For our grade 6 and 7s, Review Week and assessments are upon us. There is much literature around which points to the skills needed for our children in 2020. We know that **memorization is not** one of the top ten skills needed in 2020. If school is about preparing children for the future, we need to shift our focus. The World Economic Forum states that top ten skills needed for jobs in 2020 are:

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| 1. Creativity | 6. Emotional Intelligence |
| 2. Problem solving | 7. Judgement and decision-making |
| 3. Critical thinking | 8. Service orientation |
| 4. People management | 9. Negotiation |
| 5. Co-ordinating with others | 10. Cognitive flexibility |

The challenge is an obvious one: are we at Clifton Notties doing enough to ensure that the top skills are being addressed in our curriculum? The challenge is a continuous one.

I refer to the letter which I placed on the d6 concerning voluntary cash donations for our Estate, Dormitory, Kitchen and Riding School staff. Again, I thank you in advance for your support in this request.

I am pleased to announce that **Ms Tayla Strachan** has been appointed as our new Grade 1 teacher for 2020. A passionate teacher, I look forward to welcoming her to the Clifton family next year.

I wish you all well as we wend our way through the days ahead...exciting times await!

Have a good week ahead!

Kind regards.

Viktor

**VIKTOR KURZ
HEADMASTER**

Moms who Pray!



When?: Monday at 07h30

Where?: Girls' House Common-room

Who?: Everyone is welcome!

Contact person: Mrs Linsey Wynne
or

Mrs Nadine Johnson
(083 291 1660)

All are welcome!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The following birthdays were celebrated in the last Grade 1 - 7 Assembly:



NEWS FROM THE ARTS & CULTURE DEPARTMENT

Dr Faye Spencer writes:

“In Art Club the children have been working on creating linocut prints of aquatic animals and birds. The children have enjoyed learning about the different kinds of cutting tools, and have also discovered how to sharpen the shaped blades appropriately and how to make different kinds of patterns with the various tools. After we have completed a hand-rolled version of the prints we will also visit a printmaking studio in order to learn how to use a large scale press.



Our Grade 6 children have also been very busy working on artworks inspired by Greek and Roman Myths and Greek vessels. These colorful pieces are among the work to look forward to at our end of term Showcase Exhibition.”



FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT



Ms Cathryn Calitz writes:

Trinity Music Examination Results

“Our congratulations goes to **Hope Spencer** (Guitar), **Jude Mecklenborg** (Guitar), **Leila Fleming** (Voice) and **Alice Eustace** (Voice) on their participation in the Trinity Royal College of Music Examinations. They participated in Rock and Pop examinations in their respective instruments. All the girls passed with Merit (above 75%). Well done girls!

CLIFTON ADULT CHOIR

HAPPINESS IS



...singing in a choir.

This year, we will once again be having an adult choir participating in the Senior Primary Carol Service.

A HUGE thank you goes to **Mrs Audrey Mbuyazi** for her willingness to bring the choir together and her patience in rehearsals!

Anyone who is keen to sing is welcome to join. Please contact me if you would like more information (Cathryn.calitz@cliftonprep.org)”

GRADE 3 RIVER CONSTRUCTION

Mrs Laura Fleischack writes:

“In our Theme lessons, the children learnt about the path a river takes from source to sea.

On a hot and blustery Friday, armed with gumboots, picks, forks, spades and their favourite gumboots, the children set off into the woods to build rivers! Much discussion was held as to where would be the perfect spot before the digging began. V-shaped valleys, flood plains and many more parts of the river slowly took shape.

Once the digging was completed, one bucket of water was allowed per group to check if the flow managed to reach the 'sea'! More digging occurred and the final bucket was tipped into the constructed river. There was much cheering as the water reached its destination. What a satisfying and hands-on experience!"



GRADE 4 TRIP TO ROSELANDS

Mrs Nikki Stokes writes:

"Last week saw us heading off in "The Big Bus" to Roselands. There is always a warm welcome waiting for us and this trip was no exception. The leaders were so impressed with our Clifton children, they showed kindness to others, supported each other through obstacles and just had fun!

There was lots to be learnt too as we saw the very rare Blue Swallow, met a bushman, saw kiwi farming in action and investigated the positives of permaculture. We were so proud of how our Grade 4s were able to apply their rich background knowledge of farming and the importance of a balanced ecosystem to all that was spoken about.

We paddled, swam, climbed, ran, hiked and slept very well. In-between we ate delicious food, played games, milked a cow and cuddled some piglets.

Looking back, it is hard to believe that we fitted so much into just 3 days. What a trip!"





FROM THE SPORTS' DESK

Squash vs Reddam House - 21 October

Clifton 1 Senior vs St John's Senior1 – Clifton won 10 - 0
 Clifton 2 Senior vs St John's Senior 1 – Clifton won 11 - 1
 Clifton 1 Junior vs St John's Junior 1 – Clifton won 10 - 2
 Clifton 2 Junior vs Eston Junior 2 – Clifton won 12 - 0

Basketball vs TWC and Athlone – 23 October

Clifton 1st vs TWC 1st – Clifton won 34 - 5

Clifton 1st vs Athlone 1st – Clifton won 30 - 9

Clifton 2nd vs TWC 2nd – Clifton won 8 - 2

Clifton 2nd vs Athlone 2nd – Clifton won 24 - 8

Clifton 3rd vs TWC 3rd – Clifton won 14 - 12

Clifton 4th vs TWC 4th – Clifton lost 0 - 29

Clifton 4th vs TWC 5th – Clifton won 22 - 4

Clifton U11A vs TWC U11A – Clifton lost 6 - 8

Clifton U11A vs Athlone U11A – Clifton won 10 - 4

Clifton U11B vs TWC U11B – Clifton won 6 - 4

Clifton U11B vs Athlone U11B – Clifton drew 6 - 6

Clifton U9A vs TWC U9A – Clifton drew 6 - 6

Clifton U9A vs Athlone U9A – Clifton won 4 - 2

Clifton U9B vs TWC U9B – Clifton lost 0 - 8

Clifton U9B vs TWC U9B – Clifton lost 0 - 6

Cricket vs St Charles – 26 October

Clifton Gr 7 vs St Charles Colts – Clifton lost by 2 wickets

Clifton 166 all out – N Burger 61

St Charles 168/8 – C Strudwick 3/24, R Moller 3/25

Clifton U11A vs St Charles U11A – Clifton lost by 11 runs

St Charles 141 all out

Clifton 130 all out

Clifton U10A vs St Charles U10A – Clifton lost by 5 wickets

Clifton 96/9 – T Browse 44 (29)

St Charles 97/5

Clifton U9A vs St Charles U9A – Clifton lost by 7 wickets

Clifton 37 all out

St Charles 38/3

Cricket – St Davids U12 Festival 24 - 26 October

Thursday 24 October – T20

Clifton U12 vs Somerset U12 – Clifton won by 3 wickets

Somerset 109/3

Clifton 113/7

Friday 25 October – 50 over

Clifton U12 vs Heronbridge U12 – Clifton won by 173 runs

Clifton 321/6 – L Seeiso 82, N Baker 72, O Davis 52*

Heronbridge – 145 all out

Saturday 26 October – T10 Festival

Clifton U12 vs St Stithians – Clifton lost by 8 runs

St Stithians 88/2

Clifton 82/3 – N Baker 36

Clifton U12 vs Jan Cilliers – Clifton lost by 8 wickets

Clifton 81/6 – N Baker 45*

Jan Cilliers 82/2

Clifton U12 vs St Pieters U12 – Clifton lost by 9 wickets

Clifton 43/3

St Pieters 44/1

Squash vs Merchiston, Laddsworth and TWC – 28 October

Clifton 1 Senior vs Merchiston 1 Senior – Clifton 1 won 11 - 1

Clifton 2 Senior vs TWC 1 Senior – Clifton won 12 - 0

Clifton 1 Junior vs Merchiston 1 Junior – Clifton won 12 - 0

Clifton 2 Junior vs Laddsworth 2 Junior – Clifton won 15 - 3

Swimming Boy and Girl Squads at Howick – 29 October

Pelham A - 160

Howick A - 139

Clifton Boys - 116

Pelham B - 82

Howick B - 78

Treverton A - 76

Clifton Girls - 70

Winterton B - 60

Swimming Mixed Squad at Clarendon – 29 October

Clarendon A - 112

Lynford A - 99

Underberg A - 85

TWC C - 54

Eston A - 53

CNR Mixed - 34 (no U9's)

Basketball vs St John's – 30 October

Clifton 1st vs St John's 1st – Clifton won 20 - 12

Clifton 2nd vs St John's 2nd – Clifton lost 13 - 17

Clifton 3rd vs St John's 3rd – Clifton won 14 - 12

Clifton U11A vs St John's U11A – Clifton won 14 - 2

Clifton U10A vs St John's U10A – Clifton lost 6 - 8

Clifton U10B vs St John's U10B – Clifton won 14 - 0

Clifton U9A vs St John's U9A – Clifton won 16 - 8

Clifton U9B vs St John's U9B – Clifton lost 5 - 16



U11 Basketball Team who played against St John's



U12 Team at the St David's Cricket Festival with their coaches *Mr Sean Veenstra* and *Mr James Henderson*