

Jordao News

From the Headmistress

It's hard to believe that Term 1 has already come to a close.

As we reflect on its beginning, we warmly welcomed the following new educators:

Mr. D. Green (Mathematical Literacy & Life Sciences) and Ms. Y. van Dorp (Art & Design) [Unfortunately Ms. Van Dorp had to leave due to illness in February]. Her position was filled by Mr. M. Hlongwane.]

We were proud to appoint our new head prefects and prefect body. [Ruben Aco - Head Boy, Katlego Shange - Head Girl, Nhlakanipho Mngomezulu - Deputy Head Boy, Simphiwe Mthombeni - Deputy Head Girl]

A matric pass rate of 94.2% was achieved last year.

A new school shirt has been introduced and will organically replace the previous design. A school track suit has also been agreed to and will go on sale during Term 2.

There has been great excitement amongst learners about the weekly sports and cultural period.

The term ended with some learners donating Easter eggs to the St Mary's orphanage.

We look forward to a productive 2nd term.

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Class News

Computer Applications Technology – Ms Simons

I am very proud of our learners as we worked well together. My grade 10's accomplished the challenge of a brand new subject, climbing the theory mountain. Well done to all. Next term we climb higher.!

Technology

Our learners designed and made Ferris wheels and bridges, putting their skills to good use.

Creative Arts.

Tackling the problem of pollution was the aim of our grade 8's creating amazing artwork around the oceanic theme.

Self-portraits was the challenge for the grade 9's as they had to do an introspective within themselves, creating an artwork around that. I'm very pleased to have such creative learners.

Thank you parents for your assistance.

Drama

Mrs Bilsland-Brown - Grade 10 to 12

The grade 10, 11 and 12 Drama pupils went to watch the multi-award-winning drama production of 'Sophiatown' by Junction Avenue Theatre Company in a dynamic new production directed by Aubrey Sekhabi, complete with a live band on stage.



These excursions are vitally important as it is always beneficial for the learners to see the setwork productions in action, as it brings the storyline, characters and plot alive, from page to stage. While also supporting much of their classroom learning.

Parents are encouraged to assist their children to learn their lines, rehearse their pieces and ask to see their performances. Drama is both a practical and theoretical subject where dedication, passion, commitment and participation are vital for their growth development.

English

Grade 10 to 12

For some reason many of our pupils think that they don't have to study in order to pass English, this is a falsehood and can be a danger to those who don't.

Some of the biggest obstacles that our pupils are experiencing is lack a total lack of general knowledge, poor vocabulary, and bad spelling practices (due to sms jargon).



Sophiatown

'Sophiatown' is one of the prescribed set-works for 2024/25.

Parents are encouraged to buy their children a copy of the Sunday Times once a week. This will address many of the above issues in terms of broadening their general knowledge, most if not all of the transactional forms are covered in one newspaper. Reading skills also improves spelling, vocabulary, grammar and creativity.

I am constantly reiterating to my pupils that if they **fail to plan**, they **plan to fail** and that $E = S$... meaning effort equals success, what you put in is what you get out! *I therefore challenge parents to invest time, discipline and encouragement into your child's education. We need to teach our children how to think and not what to think.*

Singing Club

We have started a small yet passionate singing club which takes place every Wednesday from 13h00 to 14h30.



Benefits of singing include, it builds a sense of community and social togetherness, it helps with stress and relaxation, boosts confidence, introduces more oxygen and better circulation. It also improves memory.

Our lessons include vocal warmups, breathing exercises and techniques. We have been singing both classical and contemporary songs with passion and enthusiasm.

Maths

Mr Sikwila - Grades 8 to 12 wrote 1 Assignment and 1 Control Test. These are the marks to be presented in Term 1 reports.

General performance was good though could have been better.

Remember Maths is a daily subject and should be studied daily.

Learners should prepare for June examinations next term.





Accounting

Mr Ndebele - Accounting Made Easy News. Accounting and EMS are business subjects that broaden a child's horizons. Learners get exposed to the business world as early as Grade 8. Learners have shown great enthusiasm towards these subjects. Which is a good sign. **Think CASH is our motto.**



Soccer News

A healthy body breeds a healthy mind. That's our soccer club motto. The year started on a high note with 21 learners registering to play. The soccer club has 4 girls and 17 boys. We train on

Wednesdays from 1315 to 1420. We will be playing matches against other schools from Term 2.

English & Afrikaans

Mrs Johnson - Grade 8 & 9

These two very talented groups produced class averages of above average - looking forward to see their achievements in the future.

Business Studies

Mrs Green - This term our learners put in a lot of hard work and almost all of them attended extra lessons and enjoyed the fruits of their labour. Keep it up!



IsiZulu

Mrs Msezane - Our school is proud of the isiZulu students who are maintaining the 100% pass rate, after it was introduced on 2018 "VUKA ZULU" HALALA

Tourism

The learners enjoyed getting to learn about the tourism industry and we are hoping we can plan a fun tourism excursion next term.

Mrs Lourens - Grade 10 – 12

The past term in my Afrikaans and Life Orientation class was a period of growth, discovery, and engagement.

Afrikaans

Throughout the term my learners had to complete creative writing where learners had the opportunity to let their imagination run wild and write their own content. It was inspiring to see the unique voices and creative expression abilities of our learners. We explored the works of various Afrikaans writers and poets, which gave our learners deeper understanding of cultural and literary heritage. The opportunity to engage with the art and creativity of our language was a truly exciting.

Life Orientation

We had a series of activities focusing on self-discovery and identity formation,

helping our learners to better understand themselves and define their personal values and goals. This process of self-reflection and growth was a valuable experience for us all. There were also important discussions about social issues and current events that made our learners aware of the world around them. This created a

climate of empathy and compassion, encouraging our learners to actively contribute to the community.

May we continue to create an environment of learning, development, and empowerment that enables our learners to reach their full potential.

Natural Science

Mr Herbst

In our Grade 8 and 9 Natural Science classes, we embarked on an enriching journey delving into the intricacies of life and living. In Grade 8, we explored captivating topics such as photosynthesis, respiration, and ecology, unraveling the mysteries of our natural world. Transitioning into Grade 9, our focus shifted to the remarkable realm of cells and the diverse systems within the human body. It was a fascinating exploration of the fundamental principles that govern life itself.

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seedlings to
become strongly
rooted trees
bearing unique
fruits



We care



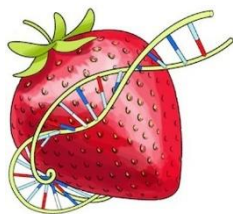


In Grade 10 Physical Sciences, we immersed ourselves in the study of waves, exploring the characteristics of various types such as sound and electromagnetic waves. Transitioning to Grade 11, we confronted the complexities of forces and familiarised ourselves with Newton's laws. Finally, in Grade 12, we ventured into the realm of momentum, examined the vertical motion of projectiles, and engaged with the intriguing subject of Organic Chemistry. *This educational journey has been truly enriching, igniting our curiosity and broadening our understanding at every turn.*



Life Sciences

Mr Green – Grade 10 -12



strawberry.

A lot of fun was had in Life Sciences this term. Learners were given various practicals to complete for their SBA mark. The grade 10's enjoyed using the quadrant method to study ecosystems in the natural world around us. The grade 11's had a really good time growing bread mould and the grade 12's brought the excitement for their practical which involved extracting DNA from a

Maths Lit

Learners worked out their maths muscles and completed some tough challenges this term. Learners found fun in solving problems relating to measurements, income tax and data handling. Let's continue to practice and work hard.

History

In History, Mrs Sibanda is excited to announce that the History Department of the school has been doing well in terms of the passing rate.

Geography

The Grade 11 and 12 classes are doing well and are willing to go the extra mile with their studies to pass with flying colours.

Social Sciences

Grade 8 & 9

The learners are excited to study Social Sciences. As an educator I am pleased to teach such a bunch of enthusiastic learners. The educator is planning to take learners to museums throughout the year which will be communicated to the parents.

Netball

We introduced Netball as one of our sporting activities on Wednesdays. We have a netball team that is doing very well under Mrs Lourens, Ms Msezane and Mrs Sibanda. We intend to have friendly match soon with one of the neighboring schools when we open for Term 2.



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Visual Arts & Design



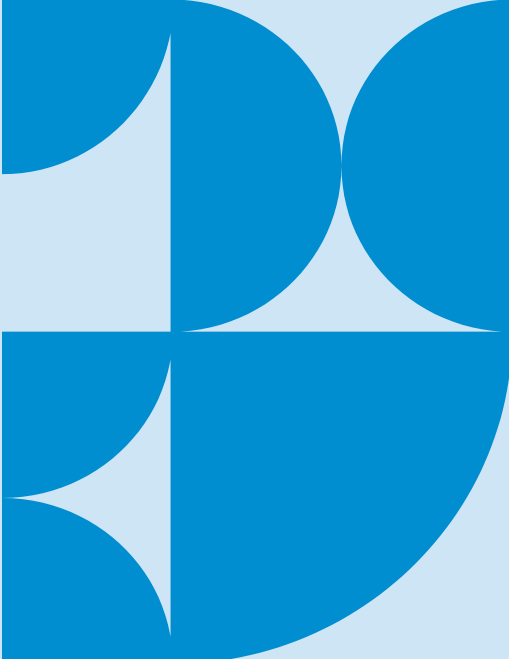
Mr Hlungwani

For **Visual Arts** Term 1, all grades had different themes that they were working on. Grade 10 learners were required to draw a **portrait of themselves**. Grade 11 learners were required to do an artwork related to **imagination/dream like or surrealism** and for Grade 12 learners they worked on **skin**, the main focus is human skin.



For **Design** Term 1, learners chose different topics or themes to design. Grade 10 learners had to **design a poster focusing on Alcohol Abuse**, and the Grade 11's had to **design a fancy head piece** and Grade 12 learners had to design the **interior and exterior of a restaurant**.





Recent highlights

2024 Prefects



Valentine's Day – fun was had by all!



Recipes from the Cooking Club

Cook's Corner



Cooking Class

21/02/2024

Classic and simple pancake recipe for you:

Ingredients:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/8 teaspoon salt (big pinch)
- 1 cup milk
- 1 large egg
- Optional: Vanilla extract or cinnamon for flavour

Instructions:

1. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt.
2. In a separate bowl, whisk together the milk and egg. If you'd like, you can add a splash of vanilla extract or a pinch of cinnamon for extra flavour.
3. Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and gently stir until just combined. It's okay if there are a few lumps; overmixing can result in less fluffy pancakes.
4. Preheat a griddle or non-stick pan over medium heat. Lightly grease it with butter or cooking spray.
5. Pour 1/4 cup of batter onto the griddle for each pancake. Cook until bubbles form on the surface, then flip and cook the other side until golden brown.
6. Repeat the process until all the batter is used.
7. Serve the pancakes warm with your favourite toppings, such as the traditional sugar with cinnamon or maple syrup, fresh fruit, whipped cream, or nuts.

Feel free to customize the recipe to your liking by adding chocolate chips, blueberries, or other mix-ins. Enjoy your delicious homemade pancakes!



Cooking class

06/03/2024

Bolo de Bolacha recipe for you:

Ingredients

- 1 packet Marie biscuits
- 150g / $\frac{2}{3}$ cup margarine/butter
- 100g / 1 cup icing sugar
- 1 cup Coffee (hot and black, no sugar)
- 1 egg yolk



Instructions

1. In a bowl cream together your margarine, icing sugar, 1 tbsp coffee and your egg yolk. Cream it with a whisk or hand beater until light and fluffy.
2. Dip your Marie biscuit one at a time quickly into the hot coffee, don't let it get soaked or it will break. Place the dipped biscuit on your serving plate, arrange them in your desired order.
3. Layer on some of your creamed sugar mixture and spread it evenly.
4. Repeat the layers until you end with a cream layer. Be sure to spread the creamed sugar on the outside too.
5. Crush the few remaining biscuits either in a bag or bowl or you could grate them too and sprinkle them on the to and sides to decorate.
6. Place in the fridge for a few hours to set and enjoy.

