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In the Newsletter, Christa , our Chairperson and Mearle report on the last term.

Gavin and Issy Staude (Board Members) are huge supporters of Brak en Jan.

Gavin, a local Helderberg Sunrise Rotarian is very involved with Sustainable Garden Projects and he reports on a very successful start to Brak en Jan's garden.

Issy has been working with Kelly and Mearle in the Reception Class and shares some of her experiences, which have been a great success.

We would like to thank the Helderberg Inner Wheel for the donation of clothes for the children, (much needed this winter) and Econofoods, Somerset West for their generous donation of fresh meat.

Finally, thanks to sponsorship we have been able to purchase a number of items including stationery, another water tank and new mattresses for the school.

Enjoy all the news.

Robert



THE RECEPTION CLASS WITH KELLY AND ASHLIN

PLEASE NOTE

From 1 July 2021, the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA) came into full effect. The law is designed to protect how your data is used, stored, and processed.

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A HAPPY FACE IN THE TREE HOUSE

LOVE AND SORROW

WE WOULD LIKE TO USE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WISH ALL OUR STAFF, BOARD MEMBERS AND LEARNERS, SPONSORS AND ALL ROLE PLAYERS MUCH STRENGTH IN THIS TIME OF THE PANDEMIC.

DEAR PARENTS / GUARDIAN

Here at Brak and Jan, your toddler is precious to us. He / she is not just someone to look after but someone to fall in love with. We strive to give each friend all the love and attention he / she deserves. No one is the same and here we all want to give the opportunity to discover and develop his / her own personality.

We are like a big family who care about each other and have each other's interests at heart.

We as teachers also want to make things easier for you at home and so together, we take our hands and work with you and your home routine to provide the best education for your toddler. We are not just a babysitting service, we work and play to



MY FAMILY ON A CLASSROOM WALL

achieve your goal with each month's development and before we know it your child is school ready and ready to tackle the big human world, with confidence.

In the class situation we work hard and play even harder. Each class works at its own pace and development phase. We work with the ELDA curriculum. We work with a theme every week.

Along with the themes, there is a letter, number, shape and colour that is treated.

Through play and incidental learning, skills are acquired and knowledge is broadened.

Music and drama are also part of our week's planning. Our 3-4 year olds had a parrot day which was part of their theme for the week.

Our Grade R class is progressing very well with the help of Kelly and Issy who have helped us so much. We would also like to thank Karin for the reading program she came to do with the Grade R.

Our heaven and earth and learning initiative ladies are also a very big help. We are also blessed have a speech therapist who is currently working with the toddlers who need extra attention. Thank you.

Mearle Hendricks PRINCIPAL

Mid year moments.

July 2021. Blessed to the brim there is cause for big celebration.

All rainwater harvesting tanks are overflowing because of the rainy season in the Western Cape.

The vegetable garden is flourishing. The grade R's delight in the part they play in cultivating the seedlings and taking care of the garden. They took part in a tree planting initiative organised by JP, who in collaboration with Gavin and the help of Collins, are the driving force behind the garden. A huge thank you to them. The vegetables harvested were enjoyed by the children and staff. More exciting adventures are to follow in the future. We will share it with you as it happens.

Chempak and Mr. Rory Antrobus donated a Wendy classroom, fondly called "Brak en Jan Beach House", because of its beautiful blue colour under the blue gum



tree. This gives the teachers the opportunity to tend to the learning needs of the children in a smaller group and it also served as venue for a refresher First Aid Course for members of the staff. A heartfelt thank you to them.

In May a delightful market day, as part of the curriculum, brought great joy to the children and staff alike. It even



MARKET DAY

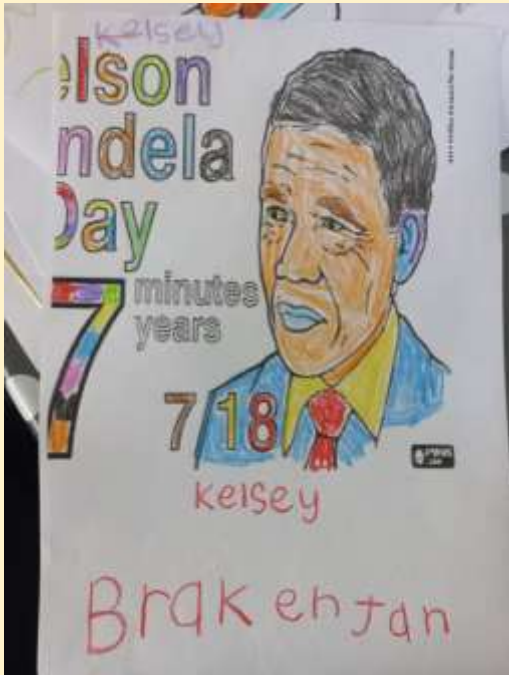
inspired two medical students to donate wrapped fudge on a beautiful stand, amidst their exams. Thank you ladies, staff and children.



THANK YOU

Mother's day cards were made by the children to celebrate the mothers who are so important in our lives.

June followed with the opportunity to say thank you to the dad's. The creativity with which the cards were made impressed and the feeling of accomplishment it left with the children is truly rewarding. Not only was it Father's day, but also Youth Day! Someone once said " Life allows us to live each day better than our last." That and Mandela Day in July, served as inspiration for a giving Youth Day. Paper bags were beautifully decorated by the children for gifts to the teachers of Raithby Primary School as well as our own staff members, members of learning assisting initiatives and the elderly in the Raithby community. The children were involved in sharing the gifts. The gratitude with which the tokens of appreciation were received served as another blessing in our mid year moments.



GIFTS FOR TEACHERS AT RAITHBY PRIMARY

With Covid still part of our everyday lives we are so grateful to report that there were only two contact cases in the Brak en Jan family. By the grace of God both contacts stayed healthy and the people who had Covid recovered well. The teachers are all registered for their vaccinations and awaiting their turn. With the adjusted level 4 lockdown measures in place our Grade R's, who form part of Department of Education, will be on holiday till 19/7/2021. The rest of the crèche will continue as per usual as it is part of Department of Social Development.

Memories are timeless treasures of the heart. Thank you to each and every one who adds, in which ever a way, to the treasures of Brak en Jan Creche and Pre school's heart.

To conclude the mid year moments I leave you with a thought by Mother Theresa:

“ Be happy in the moment, that's enough. Each moment is all we need not more”

Be safe, be happy, live each day better than the last and gather beautiful treasures for each of your hearts.

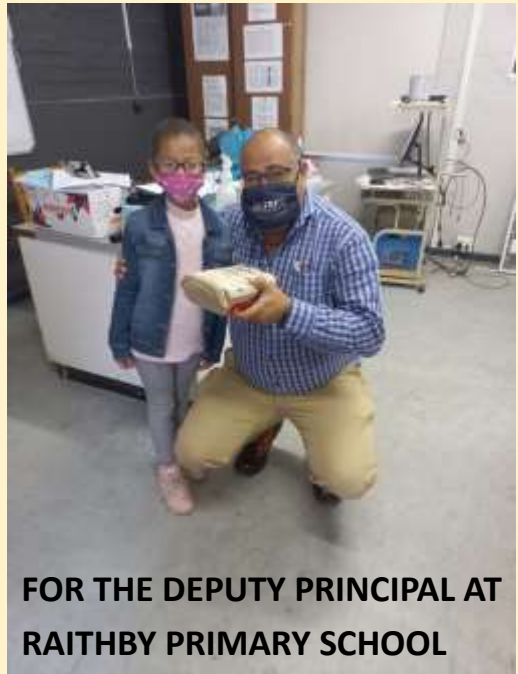
Christa



FRIENDS



MORE FRIENDS



**FOR THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL AT
RAITHBY PRIMARY SCHOOL**



FROM THE GARDEN CORNER

As can be seen from the picture(s) the Brak en Jan winter garden is thriving under the careful care and attention of both Collins, our gardener, and JP Loftie-Eaton, our garden consultant. A variety of vegetables and herbs are doing well including beans, sweet potatoes, aubergines, spinach, peas, and parsley. In addition, in April a small fruit orchard was started behind the school building. The orchard includes a guava tree, a peach tree, an orange tree, a nartjie tree and a plum tree, amongst others. And in fact, a banana tree has just been added. The objectives of the garden are three-fold: to provide produce for the kitchen for the learners' meals, to sell surplus vegetables to generate an income for the garden, and to integrate the garden into the curriculum of the Grade R class so that they learn the basics of food gardening.. The achievement of the third objective will start in August (Spring) when the Grade R class will be



taught the basics of growing vegetables.

They will then germinate beans in toilet rolls and eventually plant them out into a "tyre garden" that will be part of the formal Brak en Jan garden. This will happen for each season of the year. Watch this space!

Gavin Staude



ISSY WORKING WITH THE TEAM

At the beginning of Term 2, Issy (Isobel) Staude, board member at Brak en Jan, began visiting the school once a week on a Wednesday.

She is a retired HOD Pre-Primary School Teacher and is offering her experience to assist the Grade R teachers.

New crayons, “Twisters” were provided for all Grade R learners. They all had their own and were very proud to have them.

They went into their work boxes (due to covid) Areas where Issy has assisted are outdoor activities, songs , themes and numbers.



On one of Issy’s visits she had an “Emotions” theme. The children made happy faces on biscuits that they could eat at breaktime.





GREAT COLOURING



AND PAINTING



PHOTOS FROM THE R CLASS



HELPING HANDS WITH FOOD DELIVERY



WORKING HARD



JIGSAWS



THE YEAR 1 AND 2 PLAYGROUND

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“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give”

Winston Churchill

THANK YOU



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