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MARCH 2025 - TERM 1

NEWSLETTER



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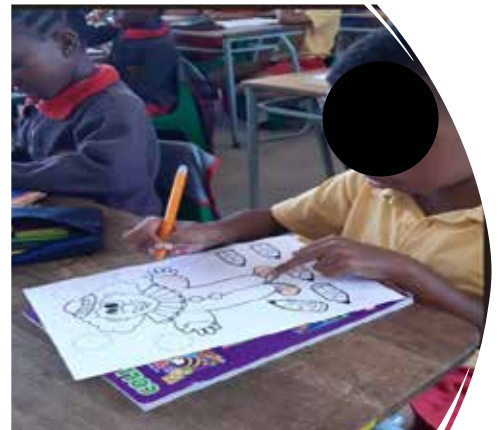
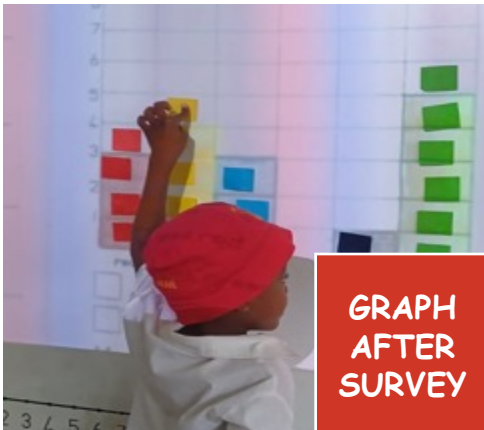
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FUN MATHS DAY
14 March 2025

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Fun Maths Day

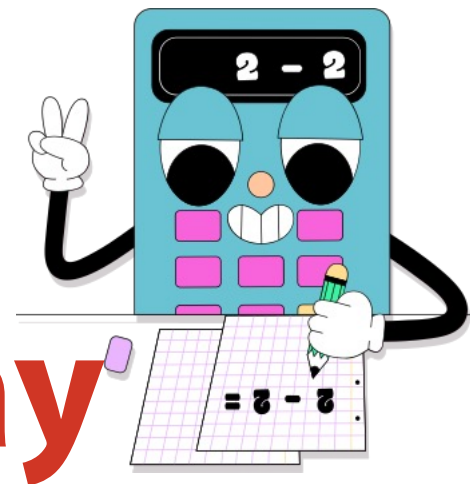


On **March 14, 2025**, Springvale students from **grades 1 to 7** embarked on an exhilarating mathematical adventure, packed with thrilling challenges, mind-bending puzzles, and interactive activities in celebration of Maths Day. The event was not just an exciting and fun-filled experience—it was a dynamic way for learners to sharpen their math skills through play. To top it off, students who showcased exceptional mathematical prowess were rewarded for their achievements, making the day both inspiring and unforgettable!

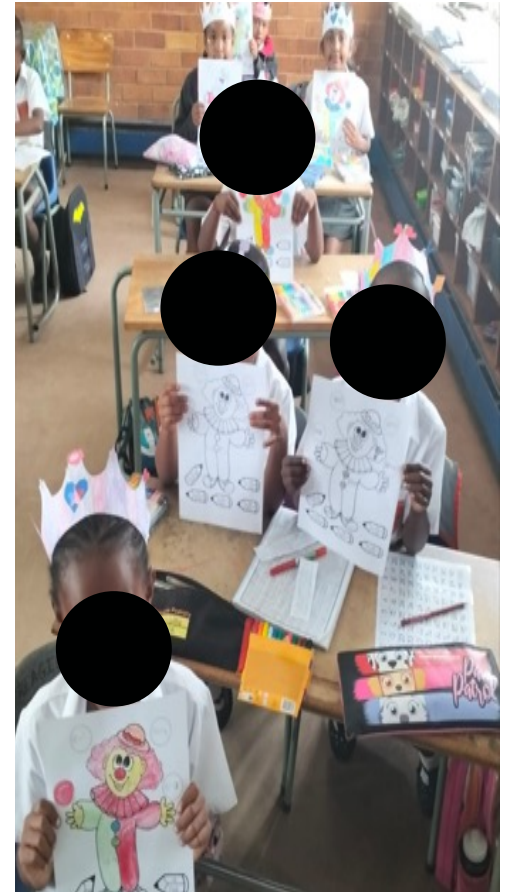


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Fun Maths Day



The excitement continued throughout the week as all Grade 4-6 learners participated in a Departmental Maths Google Challenge at the computer centre, preparing for the prestigious Maths Olympiad competition. This added an extra layer of challenge and motivation, ensuring a week filled with learning, competition, and a passion for mathematics!



TOPIC 2

SPRINGVALE LIBRARY
WORLD READ ALOUD
& BOOK FAIR

LIBRARY

World Read Aloud Day



*"Reading is a passport to countless adventures."
-Mary Pope Osborne-*

On **5 February**, our school participated in World Read Aloud Day, a global event celebrating the joy and power of reading. The learners absolutely enjoyed the experience, making it a meaningful and engaging activity for all.

A key highlight of the day was the involvement of the **Grade 6 and 7 learners** reading to our Foundation Phase learners. This not only encouraged a love for reading but also fostered a sense of mentorship and community amongst our learners. The older learners took great pride in their role, while the younger children were captivated by the stories shared with them.



Book Fair

Springvale hosted its first Book Fair for the year from **26 - 28 February**.



The event provided a wonderful opportunity for students to explore a variety of books, fostering a love for literature and encouraging a culture of reading.

A diverse range of books, including fiction, non-fiction and other educational material were available, catering for all age groups and interests. Our learners eagerly browsed through the collection, with many expressing excitement about discovering new authors and stories. Funds raised from the Book Fair have contributed towards enriching the school's library resources.

Overall, the book fair was an enjoyable and meaningful experience for all involved. We would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all our parents, learners and staff who supported the Book Fair.

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READING



The Book People
BOOK SALE

REACHING PEOPLE THROUGH BOOKS



TOPIC 3

LIBRARY:
READING CLUB

LIBRARY

Reading Club



*“Reading is to the mind, what exercise is to the body.”
-Joseph Addison-*

Our learners had an absolute blast at Book Club this term, diving into exciting stories and making wonderful memories together! They eagerly shared their opinions and favourite moments from the books they read and showed much enthusiasm while engaging in various literacy games and activities.



Library Week



**SA Library Week: "You are never alone when lost in the magic of a book."
-Marie Lu-**

Our library is a warm and welcoming space which encourages learners to explore the world of books and reading. SA Library Week is dedicated specifically to school libraries across the country. Springvale took this opportunity to celebrate the magic of our school library. In addition, learners were encouraged to take part in a friendly poetry writing competition where learners had the opportunity to showcase their poetic talent. Well done to our winners as well as to each and every learner who took part. Your poems were truly inspiring.



TOPIC 4

SPRINGVALE:
GRADE R:
TERM 1 NEWS

GRADE R

Meet & Greet



On the 31st of January, the Grade R parents were cordially invited to a picnic. The primary purpose of this event was to provide an opportunity for new parents to meet one another and engage in social interactions. We were pleased to report a strong turnout, with many families participating and enjoying the various treats that were generously brought. The event was a resounding success, and it has been decided that a "Meet and Greet" picnic will be held annually going forward.



GRADE R

Summer Bash!

On Thursday 20 March, we had our Gr R Summer Bash as part of our theme. It was a fun morning full of sensory play, music and picnics. It was a messy affair but loads of fun in the sun.



TOPIC 5

GRADE 1:
BUG DAY

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Bugs & Slugs



We are excited to share that Grade One had a fun and creative "Bugs and Slugs" dress up day in Term 1!



Our little ones came to school dressed as their favorite bugs: ladybugs, bees, butterflies, and even some creatively imagined insects. It was a fantastic day filled with laughter and learning, as the students participated in bug-themed activities that sparked their imagination and enhanced their understanding of nature. We went on a bug hunt in the garden using our magnifying glasses that we made in class. We ended the day with a picnic where learners ate their food bugs.





Aside from the fun dress-up day, we are happy to report that our Grade Ones are adjusting wonderfully to life in "big school." They are becoming more comfortable with their routines, exploring new friendships, and embracing the exciting challenges of first grade



TOPIC 6

GRADE 2:
TERM 1 NEWS

GRADE 2

Chef's Day



A highlight on our grade 2 calendar in term 1 is Chef's Day. The learners had an exciting day dressing up as chefs and making their own healthy lunch at school.

The learners were encouraged to make their own chef's hat out of paper and came to school with their chef's hat and an apron. They made their own healthy funky sandwich and fruit kebabs, which they ate for their lunch. The sandwiches made were very creative and colourful. They were asked to bring at least 3 different kinds of fruit to make their kebabs. Chef's Day is part of our Healthy Living theme in Life Skills. The learners were given a hands-on experience to making their lunch in a fun way and they learned about the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.



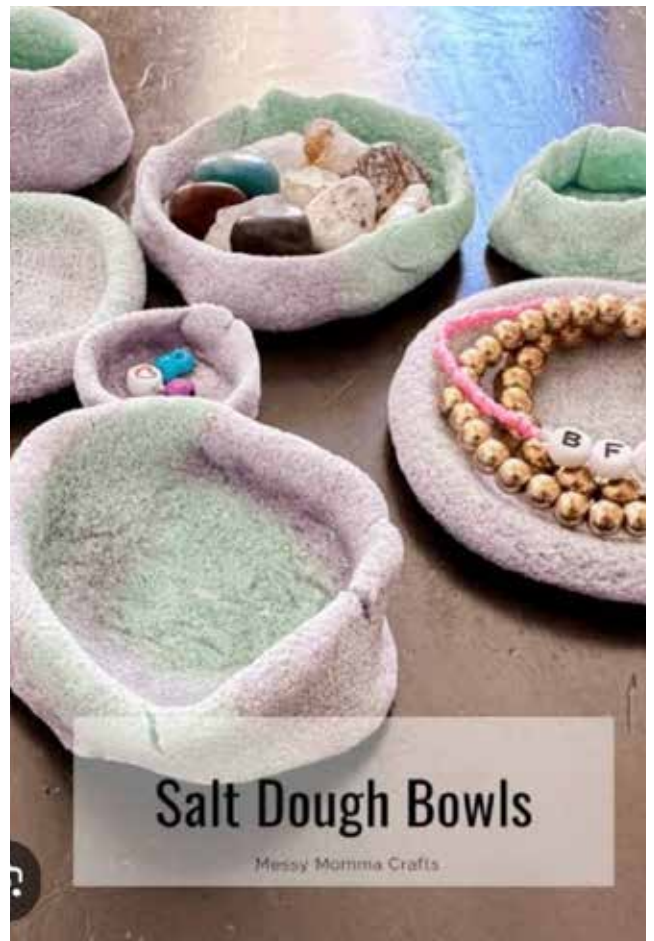
INTERNATIONAL Maths Day



We all took part in International Maths Day. Our learners made colour-by-numbers clown pictures, where learners made their own sums to choose the colours they wanted to use. We made Maths Day crowns decorated with Maths symbols, numbers and Maths related pictures. Learners also went onto the field to play Maths games.

Salt Dough Bowls

Our grade 2 learners had the opportunity to make salt dough bowls. They exercised their fine motor skills in a fun way to form a bowl and decorated the outside with geometric shapes. They painted their bowls once it dried. The learners thoroughly enjoyed this tactile experience.



TOPIC 7

GRADE 3:
TERM 1 - NEWS

GRADE 3

Story Book

Day to Remember



On the 21st of February, Grade 3 was bursting with bookish fun at our Character Picnic!

Learners stepped into the shoes (and costumes!) of their favourite book characters, delivered lively speeches, and truly brought stories to life. From superheroes to fairy tale favourites, we saw it all! After the spotlight, everyone relaxed with a sunny picnic, tasty treats, and lots of laughter. It was a novel day filled with imagination, creativity, and a whole lot of fun!

Our teachers also joined in, donning their own creative costumes because, of course, they must lead by example, right? Whether it was a pirate, fairy, mother Gothel, Thing 1 and Thing 2, or the Queen of Hearts, the teachers gave the learners a run for their money! After all the speeches and silliness, everyone enjoyed a sunny picnic filled with giggles, snacks, and storybook vibes. A day full of character—in every sense of the word!



GRADE 3

Maths Madness!



On March 14th, our Grade 3 mathematicians had an absolute blast celebrating International Maths Day!

From using their bodies to become human clocks, to breaking down tricky problems step by step like true problem-solving pros, and hopping along the number line with confidence, it was a day full of learning, laughter, and lots of "Aha!" moments! Who knew maths could be this much fun?





MATH



TOPIC 8

SENIORS:

LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT
WORKSHOP

SENIORS

Leadership Development WORKSHOP



A Weekend of Growth, Fun, and Teamwork

This year, our Grade 7 leadership camp was an unforgettable experience, filled with teamwork, learning, and fun! The event was hosted right at our school, in the comfort of the school hall, but the activities packed into the weekend made it feel like a true adventure. On Friday afternoon, the Grade 7 leaders gathered together for a fun-filled team-building session. They worked through challenges and got to know one another better, forming strong bonds that would last throughout the camp. One of the highlights of the day was when each group created its own unique war cry, bringing energy and excitement to the event. The evening was capped off with a delicious dinner and a rule book test, where the leaders showed off their understanding of the camp's guidelines. To finish the day, they participated in a series of team games, earning points for their groups and testing their skills in a competitive, yet friendly environment.



Activities for Developing Leadership Skills

As the night drew in, the Grade 7 leaders settled into their sleeping bags, ready for the challenge ahead. Though sleep came late into the night, everyone woke up bright and early on Saturday morning, eager for what was to come. The next activity was a workshop led by skilled facilitators, where the students learned valuable leadership skills. One of the key activities was a blindfolded challenge, where the leaders had to rely on each other to find their way through a maze. This activity was designed to teach them how to trust their teammates and develop clear communication skills. Additionally, they learned the importance of asking for help when needed—an essential quality of any strong leader.



WORKSHOP

SENIORS

Leadership Development WORKSHOP



These hands-on experiences helped them grow not just as individuals, but as team members who could support and guide each other.

Despite the intense activities, the camp was a lot of fun! There were moments of laughter, friendly competition, and a deep sense of camaraderie as the Grade 7 leaders worked together. From the war cries to the blindfold challenges, each activity pushed them to be creative, brave, and resilient. The team games that continued into Saturday morning was not only exciting but also fostered a sense of responsibility and teamwork that will surely benefit them throughout their school year. By the time the afternoon arrived, the students had earned a well-deserved rest after a weekend full of new experiences and valuable lessons.

In the end, the Grade 7 leadership camp was a perfect blend of learning and fun. Each student left the camp feeling more confident, more connected to their peers, and ready to take on leadership roles in the future. The skills they developed—communication, trust, problem-solving, and teamwork—will serve them well as they continue their journey through school and beyond. And, most importantly, they had a great time doing it all! The memories and lessons from this camp will surely last a lifetime.

Written by Mrs Chantelle Blignaut.

A big thank you to the facilitators, Mrs Abrunhosa and Mr Blignaut for giving them the opportunity. A great appreciation to three teachers who took the time to be part of the leader development workshop. Mrs Blignaut, Mr Grundling and Mr Tsotetsie.

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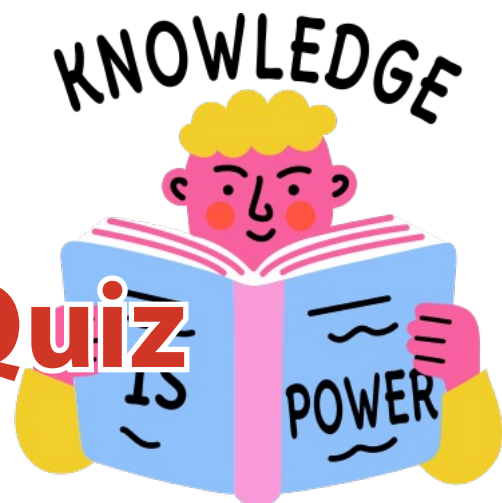
SENIORS:

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE
QUIZ

24 March 2025

SENIORS

General Knowledge Quiz



Following an absence of some years, the grade 4 to 7 learners once again enjoyed the **Springvale General Knowledge Quiz**. After identifying the participants during initial class rounds, the main event took place on **Monday 24 March**. To add some enjoyment to the day, each grade dressed in the colours of a country they selected to adhere to the theme - **Around the World in 20 Questions**. Grade 4 lived it up as South Africa, grade 5 went wild in Mexico, grade 6 had a blast in Spain and grade 7's rocked the house in India! They all looked splendid.



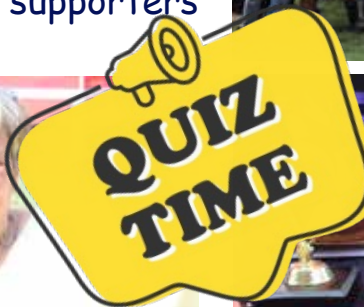
SENIORS

General Knowledge Quiz



During the competition each grade was represented by five participants. In the first stages teams answered questions within a set time limit, and battled it out in a rapid fire round. Grade 5 and grade 7 emerged as the winning teams in their respective rounds and locked horns against each other in an exhilarating final round. After a formidable battle of brainpower, the grade 7 team took the crown!

To show what good sports they are, two teachers from each grade also took part in a grueling round of rapid-fire questions against each other. Mrs Janse van Vuuren and Ms Dlamini, representing grade 6, were victorious and impressed everyone with their general knowledge. Additionally, the grade 5's was named the best supporters of the event.



Heaps of fun were had by all and everyone agreed that it should be an annual occurrence.

TOPIC 10

SPORTS:

INTERHOUSE CRICKET

8 February 2025

SPRINGVALE SPORTS

Interhouse Cricket



On 8 February 2025, we hosted our Annual Interhouse Cricket event.

Blessed with beautiful weather, the day was well attended by both parents and learners. Students from **Grades 1 to 7** enthusiastically participated, representing their respective sports houses.

The atmosphere was filled with excitement as parents cheered the players on, making it a memorable and enjoyable day for all.





TOPIC 11

SPORTS

GIRL'S SOCCER TEAM

7 - 8 March 2025

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Girl's Soccer



Our Springvale Girls' Soccer Team had the privilege of participating in the two-day Football Association of Pretoria Primary Schools tournament (**07 March - 08 March 2025**), which aimed to identify and nurture young talent. The event brought together 20 teams from various schools across Tshwane, providing a competitive platform for players to showcase their skills.

Our girls delivered an exceptional performance throughout the tournament, showcasing skill, teamwork, and determination. They dominated several of their games with impressive score margins, reflecting their hard work and preparation.

Competing against 20 talented teams, the Springvale squad (named *Morocco*) secured a commendable 8th-place finish. This achievement highlights their competitive spirit and ability to excel in a high-level tournament.

Out of the 15 players who represented the team, 7 were selected by the FAPPS committee for their outstanding contributions. This recognition is a testament to their talent, dedication, and sportsmanship.

We're incredibly proud of this team and look forward to building on this success. With additional tactical training and match experience, they'll be even stronger contenders in future competitions.

Congratulations to the players, coaches, and parents for a fantastic tournament!

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GRADE 1 - 7
ROBOTICS CLUB!

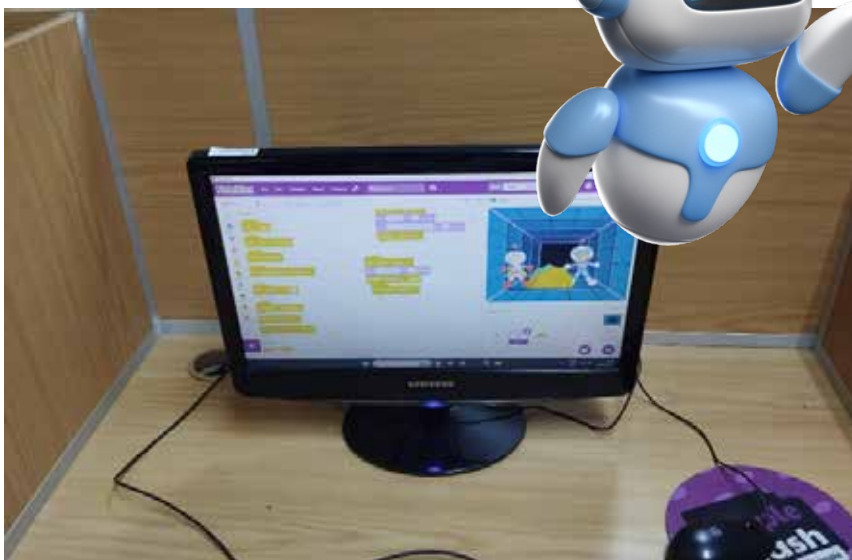
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Robotics Club



Grade 1-7 Learners learn to code using pictoblox and Python and applied it to "Quarky" the car robot, to make it move with patterns.

The Gr. 5-7 programmed a mini game and allowed their friends to have fun playing the games.



Tuesday, Gr 1-4 at 14h00 to 15h00 and Gr 5-7 at 15h00 to 16h00



THANK YOU SPRINGVALE

for an exciting and eventful
TERM 1!!

We appreciate all the amazing
support!

L👁️👁️**o**oking forward
to **TERM 2!**

