

TSHWANE MUSLIM SCHOOL FOUNDATION PHASE NEWSLETTER



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السلام عليكم ورحمة الله

In The Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful and may His Blessing and peace be upon His Beloved Rasool ﷺ and all those who follow His guidance.

As we approach the end of another incredible school year, I am filled with gratitude for the journey we have taken together. It's been a year filled with growth, learning and memorable moments and I am excited to share some of our successes with you. In the classroom we've seen remarkable improvements in reading, writing, mathematics and in Islamiat subjects. We've witnessed amazing progress in character development as well. Our students have shown resilience and determination and their achievements have been inspiring.

Beyond academics, our school community has come together for various activities, fostering a sense of belonging and unity. Our students shone at the Qirat, Speech, Poetry Festival and Annual Jalsa. Their talents at the Soccer Tournaments, Robotics and Extra-Curricular activities truly impressed all of us.

I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to our wonderful students for their hard work and enthusiasm. Jazakallah to our Parents for

their on- going support and to our dedicated staff for their unwavering commitment to our school's success.

We look forward to the next school year with excitement and anticipation and I am confident that with your continued support, we will continue to achieve greater heights!

In closing I share a beautiful experience that I witness daily during our bathroom routine with our Preschoolers: With much enthusiasm, our young students recite the dua (prayer) for entering the bathroom and they remind and encourage each other. What a wonderful sight to behold! Let us take a lesson from our young children to also practice this beautiful sunnah at home .

We know how precious your children are and what dreams and hopes you cherish for them. We will help and support them, teach and nurture them, guide them as they take their tentative steps on the road to realizing the hopes and dreams you cradle for them to live happy and successful lives within the principles of our beautiful religion – Islam.

Muallima Shahnaaz Dawood
Departmental Head

A SHOUT OUT TO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE -CONQUESTA OLYMPIAD RESULTS

We are delighted to announce that our students have achieved excellent scores in Mathematics and English in the Conquesta Olympiad. The results reveal that our Grade 1-3 students have not only met but exceeded our expectations in both subjects. Their outstanding performance is a testament to their academic growth and the support they receive from both home and school. Masha Allah, our overall results are:

MATHEMATICS: PLATINUM 97%
ENGLISH : PLATINUM 98%



2023

This certificate has been awarded to
Tshwane Muslim School

Grades 1 - 3
for achieving the following results:-
Mathematics : Platinum (97%)
English 2 : Platinum (98%)

Congratulations!



WE VENTURE INTO THE WORLD OF ROBOTICS

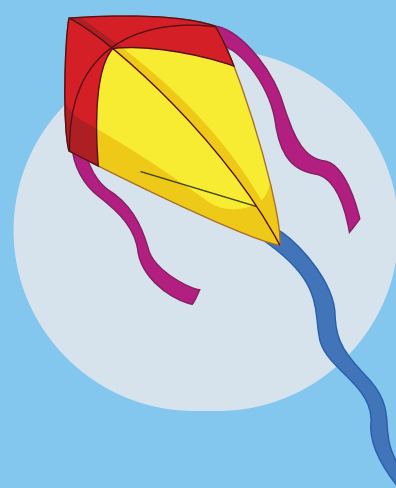
As we move towards the digital age, we recognize the importance of equipping our students with the skills and knowledge they need for the future.

In the Robotics class, students have the opportunity to design, build and programme their robots, thus allowing them to apply their knowledge in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. They have learned to work collaboratively, think critically and troubleshoot effectively- the skills that will serve them well in their academic and professional lives. A fantastic learning experience but also a source of fun and excitement for our students. It has been incredible to witness the innovative ideas that our young minds bring to the world of robotics. The 11 week programme was completed by our future “engineers” in Grades 1-3.



SOCCER STARS SHINE AT AWAY GAMES

Our soccer teams comprising of Grades 2 and 3 students gave their all on the field during tournaments with other school teams. Their passion for the game was evidently displayed in every match. They won ALL their away games! Masha -Allah! Our dedicated coaches, have worked tirelessly to mentor and guide our soccer stars in their journey to victory.



GRADE 3 KITES SOAR HIGH ON KITE DAY

The August winds were strong and came just in time for our Grade 3 Kite Day. The students collaborated to assemble their kites and were there for each other when challenges arose. The spectators (Grade 1 and 2 students) watched in awe and cheered on each kite that took off. Some kites flew almost close to the horizon. Some kites took off quite late that day. This was a beautiful experience that will live in the hearts of our young students with many lessons to learn from. Patience and perseverance is the key to success even on Kite Day.



GRADE 3 LEARNERS DISCOVER ANIMALS FOUND IN THE QURAN

The discovery of the valuable treasures found in the Quran has been most enriching. We wanted our students to explore this incredible experience of researching facts about the animals mentioned in Allah’s Book. The students exhibited a profound understanding of the Quranic Stories featuring these animals. They were able to recount and interpret these stories with great clarity. Masha-Allah.

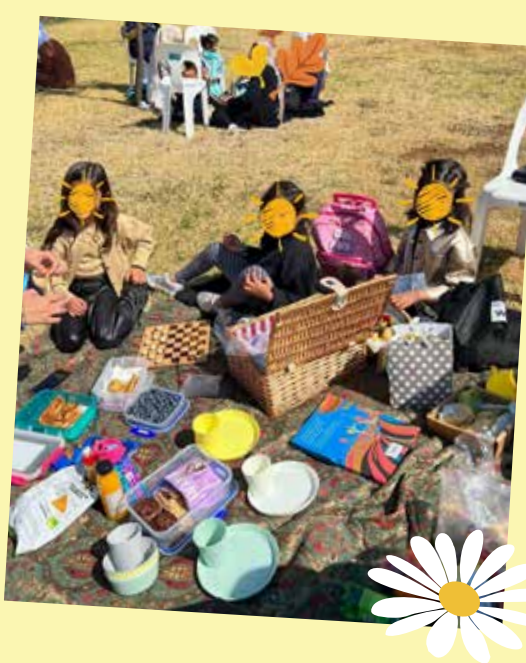
HERITAGE BRAAI- A FLAVOURFUL CELEBRATION



Our Heritage Day Braai was a resounding success as our students dressed in Islamic attire and SA colours came together to celebrate

the tapestry of cultures that make our school community so unique. It was heartwarming to see our children proudly representing their heritage. As the aroma of sizzling “boerewors” rolls filled the air, our students and staff gathered around the braai fires, eager to enjoy the SA culinary tradition. Sharing traditional foods delighted our taste buds. The day served as a beautiful reminder that despite our differences, we are united by our shared values and a sense of belonging. Our students learned that embracing diversity fosters understanding and respect for one another’s backgrounds.

PICNIC WITH GRANDMOTHERS- A TREASURED MOMENT



One fine sunny day in August our little Preschoolers hosted their most beloved family member, during a picnic in our beautiful lush school gardens, under the soft blue skies: Naani and Daadi.

What made this event even more special was the opportunity for our Grannies to witness a day in the life of their precious little angels. They first visited the classrooms- the learning space of their precious grandchildren, where they witnessed first-hand the creative, original artwork and spontaneous talent showcased by our young learners. With a sense of pride and love they sang a dedication to their Naani and Daadi. Their little sweet voices filled the air, some of them were off tune but this did not matter! Their innocence captured every heart. The event ended with a lovely picnic of shared delicious snacks, games and being able to relish the beauty of the outdoors.



FIREFIGHTERS VISIT THE PRESCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our Preschoolers had the unique opportunity to meet and interact with our local firefighters. The visit was designed to teach them about the essential roles these brave men and women play in our community. The firefighters were fantastic in engaging our students and introducing them to the world of putting out veld fires and saving lives. They learnt about safety tips in the home and even had the opportunity to wear a firefighter’s helmet and to role play a situation using the essential equipment. The hands-on experience taught them how to stay safe in an emergency. The highlight of this visit was an up-close exploration of a fire truck.



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

SOME JOYFUL MEMORIES OF OUR FIELD TRIP TO PLAY TOWN



A place where imaginations run wild and role play reigns supreme. It was a fantastic experience for our explorers who had an unforgettable day. From the moment our group stepped foot into the enchanting world of Play Town, it was evident that a world of endless possibilities awaited them. They transformed into doctors, firefighters, chefs and so much more. It was most inspiring watching them immerse themselves in various roles, demonstrating a level of creativity that was truly

heartwarming. The make- believe town had streets with robots, cars, a police station, hospital restaurant gym and awesome inflatables. It was a delightful blend of fun and education as our young adventurers took full advantage of this exciting opportunity.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM CAREERS DAY



The buzz of excitement and curiosity filled the air at TMS as we recently celebrated our Annual Careers Day. This special event provided a unique opportunity for our Preschoolers and Grade 1 students to gain insight into the adult world of work and various career paths. All thanks are due to the enthusiastic participation of our parents. The students were able to ask questions, observe real life situations demonstrated by our special guests.

Dear Parents, your presence transformed our school into a hub of career exploration, encouraging our future leaders to dream big and aim high. Your commitment to nurturing the aspirations of our students is commendable and appreciated.

THE FESTIVAL OF WORDS: WORDS HURT OR HEAL!

The Speech and Poetry Festival develops and promotes the art of public speaking. During this event, some speakers displayed complete confidence while others showed good progress towards becoming better speakers.

Congratulations to each student for communicating their messages clearly and it is always a pleasure to listen to our young students express their ideas, thoughts and feelings. Our main aim is to create a platform for our students to practice the art of public speaking in order to emulate the greatest orator and man on the planet. Our beloved NABI ﷺ. Our students rose to the challenge exceptionally well while taking up the opportunity to explore topics of an Islamic nature. The best speeches are those that are spoken from the heart.

GRADE 3 MARKET DAY



Spring was in the air and the Jacaranda trees were in full bloom. The Foundation Phase courtyard was a hive of busy worker bees. Posters were displayed all over the corridors and our young entrepreneurs were dressed in Palestinian colours showing their support for the inhabitants of our first qibla. May Allah SWT grant them victory, protect and save Masjid Al-Aqsa. This was not only about entrepreneurship, it was the ember that sparked off the blaze for self- development in a leadership role.

SPELLATHON...WHY VOCABULARY MATTERS

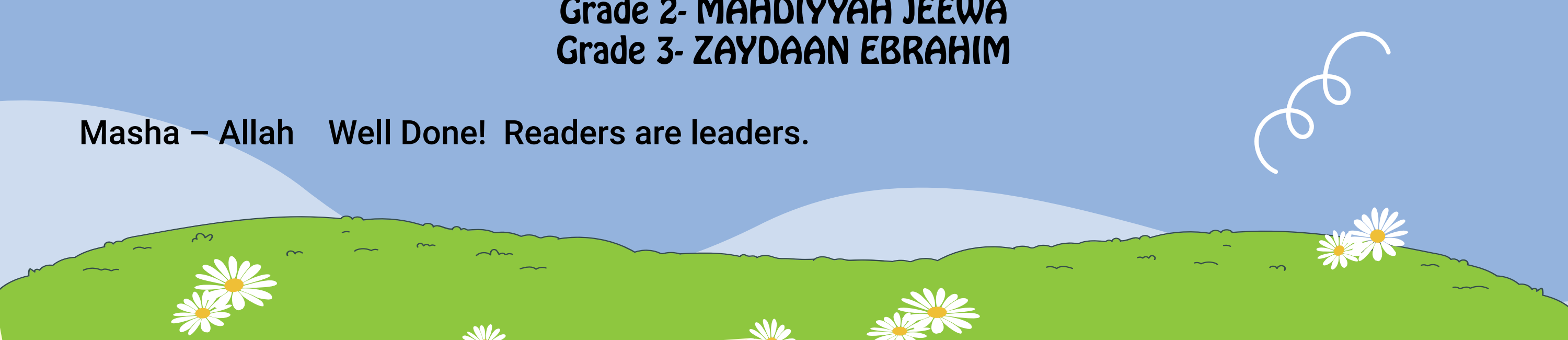


As teachers we found the need to improve the spelling skills of our learners. An Inter- House Spellathon competition was conducted at the end of the academic year. An anagram -like game which challenges children in a unique and fun way to spell accurately, is an effective spelling practice that has improved the spelling skills of

ALL our students who participated in the first round. The first- round winners went to Round 2 and the finalist reached Round 3 ... and the winners are:

Grade 1 - UMAR KOTWAL
Grade 2- MAHDIYYAH JEEWA
Grade 3- ZAYDAAN EBRAHIM

Masha – Allah Well Done! Readers are leaders.



HIGHLIGHTING WOMAN IN ISLAM

There is a queen in Jannah and she is none other than Bibi Fatima RA. She is the daughter of our beloved Rasool ﷺ. Before his passing on he whispered something in her ear and she smiled....

Parts of her life and her trials were told in a form of a story by our honourable senior teacher MI Manjara in our Friday Assembly. In keeping with this beautiful father and daughter relationship, Moulana embarked on enlightening us on the three mothers of the Believers i.e. Khadija RA, Mariam RA and Aasiya RA. They were highlighted in August, the month dedicated to women in our country, on Woman's Day. Learn more about these incredible women by reading to your child.

IN A WORLD OF WORDS

TMS was a hive of activity at the LITERARY FESTIVAL hosted on the 2nd of August 2023. A variety of authors visited the school and presented their publications in workshops. The day started off with a delightful performance by a theatre company called "Hooked on Books", which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Messy Play was an exciting activity that encouraged students to develop their senses as they described different items they picked out from a container which was full of messy ingredients. Moulana Manjara and Apa Zahira Bhika once again had them all listen attentively as they shared some beautiful Islamic stories and a presentation that entailed songs and games. Letterbird Books generously donated two sets of books to our Foundation Phase. The very first book swop had everyone excited! They could actually swop old books for new ones. This was the highlight and the cherry- on- the- top at the Literary Festival. The day was a resounding success echoed by who attended.



PARTING NOTE

As we close the chapter of this year, we want to express our gratitude for the trust you have placed in us as educators. While we say farewell to the present academic year, we eagerly anticipate the adventures and discoveries that the next year will bring, In-Sha-Allah. Our commitment to providing a nurturing and stimulating environment within the framework of an Islamic ethos remains steadfast.

Ursula de Guin said, "It is good to have an end to journey towards, but it is the journey that matters in the end." Our children need our loving support, they need us to engage with them; to be patient and understanding; to be stern but caring and to love them unconditionally. In order to make our children ambassadors of Islam, emphasis has to be made at home as well on the teachings of our beloved Nabi ﷺ and his way of life. They are an Allah -given trust to us, a Divine obligation. They are like the untilld soil that can be transformed into beautiful gardens wherein radiant flowers will bloom and blossom. We can then inhale their sweet fragrances with happiness, gratitude and contentment.

Frederick Douglas said," It is easier to build strong children than to mend broken men."

TOGETHER, LET US BUILD STRONG CHILDREN WHO HAVE A STRONG BOND WITH OUR CREATOR AND HIS MESSENGER ﷺ.

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS' HIKE AND BREAKFAST (walk for Palestine)

The Mother and Daughters' Hike is one of the most anticipated events on our Annual Sports Calendar. Our girls and their mothers look forward to this one special event as they share some bonding time on a hike followed by a scrumptious breakfast under the shady trees of TMS. The hike expressed solidarity to Palestine and was dedicated to the victims of the Gaza bombings that claimed many innocent lives. There was a definite sense of empathy for our fellow Muslims and their struggle towards freedom. Someone beautifully said that gratitude is the most exquisite form of courtesy and if you can't reward, then you should thank. We sincerely thank all those who participated and supported our collection drive for Palestine.

SHINING STARS AT THE ANNUAL JALSA

"FROM THE RIVER TO THE SEA, PALESTINE WILL BE FREE", - the heartwarming theme and message at our Jalsa. Our learners took to the stage and displayed an array of talents, from reciting beautiful verses from the Quran to performing songs / nasheeds and poetry. Every student in the Phase participated. The atmosphere was filled with a spirit of unity and empathy as students and teachers alike came together in support of the victims of a harsh and brutal war. We are incredibly pleased with our students for displaying their confidence, talent and enthusiasm which was evident throughout the Jalsa. Their dedication to their performances and their connection to the theme, touched the hearts of everyone in the audience. TMS STANDS WITH PALESTINE!

"FROM THE RIVER TO THE SEA, PALESTINE WILL BE FREE"