



LAUNCH EDITION

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CONNECT



Term Events

Fire drill
Market day
Cake sales
Open day
Foundation phase Jalsa
Islaamiya Quiz
Entrepreneurs day
Palestine art exhibition
Olympiads
Excursions
Matric Dinner



3, 2, 1... Lift off

We are proud to release our launch issue of **NMS Connect**.

This termly publication will keep you up-to-date on the latest news, events, and activities taking place within our school community.

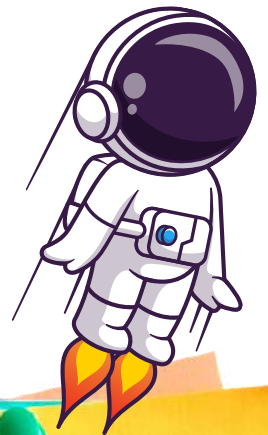
From academic achievements, to sports victories, extracurricular activities and community involvement, NMS Connect will provide a comprehensive overview of everything that makes our school extra special. Expect to find engaging articles, inspiring stories and important announcements.

We hope that you will enjoy reading it as much as we enjoyed creating it!

Enjoy the spring break...

Mrs M Khan

Marketing & PR Manager



We're looking for aspiring

STUDENT WRITERS

in the Senior and FET phase



Join our editorial team to create exciting written content for NMS Connect. Kindly submit a hand written story to us no more than 25 sentences by Friday 11 October 2024. NO AI generated content.

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Riddle me this...

You'll find me in Mercury, Earth, Mars and Jupiter, but not in Venus or Neptune. What am I?

(Find the answer at the end of the newsletter)

LOL

IMPORTANT NOTES!!!

SCHOOL REOPENS TERM 4

02 October 2024

SPORTS

05 October 2024

Old Peter Mokaba Stadium

Celebrating Success: “A Remarkable First Half of the Year” Mr T L Warinda - Academic Head.

As we complete the third quarter of the academic year 2024, I am delighted to reflect on the numerous achievements and milestones that our school community has accomplished. It has been an exceptional first three terms, filled with outstanding performances, remarkable progress and heartwarming moments. What stood out for us was the heartwarming planting of brightly coloured flowers by our learners, as we welcomed spring day on 30th August 2024.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Our students have excelled in various subjects, demonstrating a deep understanding and passion for learning. We've seen impressive results in exams, quizzes, and competitions, showcasing their intellectual curiosity and dedication.

CO-CURRICULAR SUCCESS

Beyond the classroom, our students have shone in sports, arts and clubs. From winning regional championships to showcasing talents in jalsas and exhibitions - their creativity, teamwork, and perseverance have been inspiring!

PERSONAL GROWTH AND WELL-BEING

We've prioritized student well-being, introducing initiatives like mindfulness programs, counseling services, and social-emotional learning with very interesting guest speakers especially for our FET phase learners. The English and Life Orientation session by Mazhar Goolam was amazing. It's wonderful to see our students develop resilience, empathy and positive relationships. Here's to an equally impressive last quarter of the year!

LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ENGAGEMENTS

Our school has strengthened ties with The Department of Education. The District Director of the Capricorn South District paid her first ever visit to our beloved school, to have lunch with our high fliers.



LOOKING AHEAD

As we enter the final quarter of the year, we'll continue to build on this momentum. We'll introduce new programs, host exciting events, and maintain our commitment to excellence.

I extend my gratitude to our students, teachers, staff, and parents for their tireless efforts and unwavering support. Together, we've created a vibrant and inclusive community that nurtures growth, creativity, and success.

Mr T.L. Warinda

GLOBAL NEWS



SEASONAL

The Spring Equinox marks the beginning of spring in the Southern Hemisphere. It symbolizes the point when day and night are equal in duration, and the Earth's axis is neither tilted towards nor away from the sun. This natural occurrence is closely related to the changing of the Earth's seasons, and has been acknowledged by various cultures and traditions around the world for centuries.



SPORT

Paris 2024 was the first Olympics in history to reach full gender parity on the field of play, with equal numbers of male and female athletes. The United States topped the medal table for the fourth consecutive time, with 40 gold medals and 126 medals in total.



POLITICAL

Cyril Ramaphosa has been re-elected as South Africa's president for a second term after his party struck a last-minute deal with political rivals.

Ramaphosa's African National Congress, which came to power in 1994 after waging a decades-long battle against apartheid, lost its majority for the first time in an election last month and spent two weeks locked in intensive behind-the-scenes talks with other parties.



SCIENCE

The global Artemis program is a NASA-led international space exploration program that aims to land the first woman and the first person of color on the Moon by 2025 as part of the long-term goal of establishing a sustainable human presence on the Moon. Additionally, the NASA mission called Europa Clipper, scheduled for a 2024 launch, will orbit around Jupiter and fly by Europa, one of Jupiter's moons, to study the presence of water and its habitability.



SOCIAL MEDIA

A new survey shows just how many hours a day even young kids waste on TikTok, but combined with X and other social media the serious risk of harm has health experts calling for urgent change



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Samuel

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TITLE:

Doctor

ALAIS:

Doc

SPECIALIST IN:

Science education (Gr 7-12)

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE?

20+

WHAT DO YOU LOVE DOING BESIDES TEACHING?

Doing volunteering work and travelling to new places.

WHAT ARE YOUR STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES?

Sticking to rules and agreements which often leads to rigidity in life.

FAVORITE BOOK?

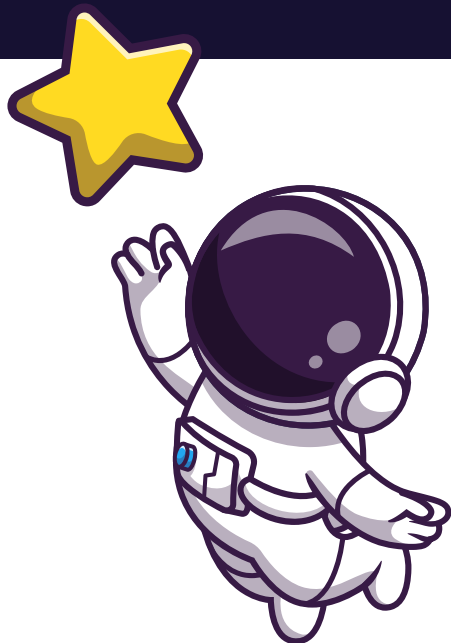
Memoires of Geisha by Arthur Golden

FAVORITE QUOTE?

“Life most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’” -M Luther King.

ADVICE TO OUR FUTURE LEADERS?

If you dream of a bright future build it now!



SCIENCE

CAREERS in Physics

- Applied Physics
- Astronomy and Astrophysics
- Bio, medical & health Physics
- Computational Physics
- Cosmology
- Electromagnetism
- Environmental Physics
- Fluid Mechanics
- Geophysics
- Mechanics
- Meteorology
- Nuclear, particle and radiation Physics
- Oceanography
- Optics
- Physics Education
- Plasma and Space Physics
- Quantum Mechanics
- Relativity
- Solid-state Physics and materials science
- Spectroscopy
- Thermodynamics and Statistical Physics

ECD & FOUNDATION PHASE

FUNKY DAYS DAY

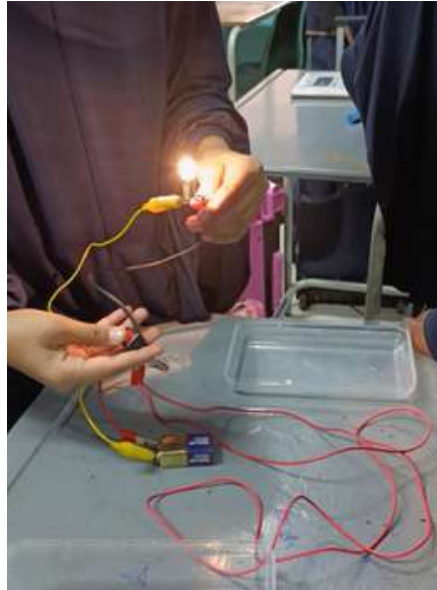
Our ECD and Foundation phase learners celebrated Spring Day by dressing up in their bright, spring themed outfits, as well as showcasing their funky spring hats. Learners also worked on spring themed art activities. We had amazing weather and the learners had a blast.



TOURS

Grade RR learners visited the Bird and Reptile Park, where they spent the morning learning about creepy creatures, feathery birds and a bunch of cool animals. The Grade R-3 learners also visited the SPCA where they learned about caring for animals and adoption. It was a fun-tastic day for all!!!

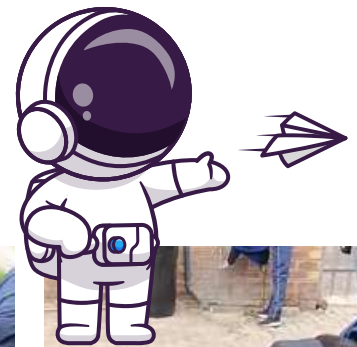




EXPERIMENTS:

Our budding scientists were busy this term with a range of experiments.

They came up with cool alarm contraptions, a moving vehicle and even completed a working electric circuit.



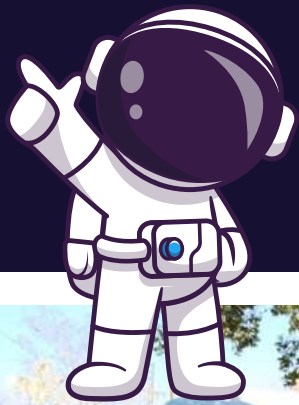
VOLUNTARY SPRING DAY INITIATIVE:

Learners took to the earth and tossed the soil in the name of beautifying the school. All their hard work is definitely paying off - as you walk through the school, you will see bursts of colours, all in the celebration of Spring. A very well co-ordinated effort by parents, educators and learners.



TOURS

The learners embarked on an exciting hike to Bakone Malapa, an open-air museum. They explored the modern and old-day villages, learning how to start a fire using sticks without a lighter. The excursion was educational and provided a unique perspective on African village life and homesteads.



SENIOR & FET PHASE



MANDELA DAY:

Our senior and FET learners went all out and gave back to the community on Mandela Day (18 July).

Freshly made sandwiches were prepared, and goodie bags were filled up with sweets and treats and hand delivered to the local shelter and orphanage.

May Allah give us more opportunities to give back to our community.

OLYMPIADS:

The Dankie Olympus took place on September 10. A group of aspiring learners from Grade 8 and 9 participated in this 2 hour challenge.

The SANGO Geography Olympiad also took place on 17 September.

We hope that many more learners will be inspired by our learners who have participated.



ENTREPRENEURS DAY:

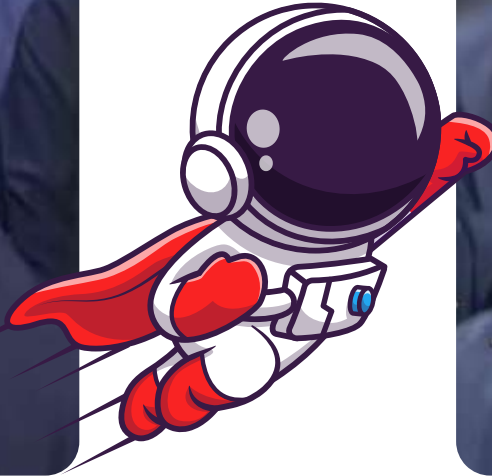
Our aspiring entrepreneurs in grade 7 took to the market and showed off their business skills. There were stalls galore, from food, treats to entertainment. They definitely spoiled us for choice. Well done to the grade 7 learners in putting together a fantastic day of trade!

PALESTINE ART EXHIBITION:

Our Grade 7, 8 and 9 learners lifted up their paintbrushes and created works of art in honor of our Palestinian brothers and sisters. We hosted an art exhibition to display their works of art on 07 September, 2024.

The public were in awe of what we had presented to them. Well done to our learners!





As I wrap up my role as head girl, I look back on this journey with immense gratitude and pride. Being entrusted with the responsibility to lead, represent, and serve our school has been a humbling experience. From organizing events to addressing challenges within our community, this role has taught me the value of perseverance, teamwork and leading with empathy. It's been a year of personal growth that pushed me to step outside my comfort zone and rise up to meet new challenges.

What I'll remember most is the sense of unity we cultivated as a school. I am proud of what we've achieved together and I hope our impact will inspire future student-leaders to carry the torch forward.

This role has pushed me to grow not just as a leader but as a person, and for that, I am truly grateful. To my teachers, friends, and everyone who believed in me, thank you for your unwavering support. The future is full of possibilities and I can't wait to see where it leads us all.

~ Azraa Ismail

As the year approaches its end, I want to thank everyone for an incredible year. It's been an honor leading such a fantastic group of students.

I must admit, keeping up with everyone's enthusiasm was like trying to keep up with a fast-moving treadmill: challenging but exhilarating!

To the teachers and staff, your support has been invaluable, though I suspect some of you might have secretly used a time machine to manage all those deadlines!

To my fellow students, your spirit and dedication have been truly inspiring. I have no doubt that you'll tackle the future with the same energy and creativity you brought to our school year.

Here's to new adventures and continued success. Farewell, and keep in touch!

~ Amzad Patel



Salaam Foundation

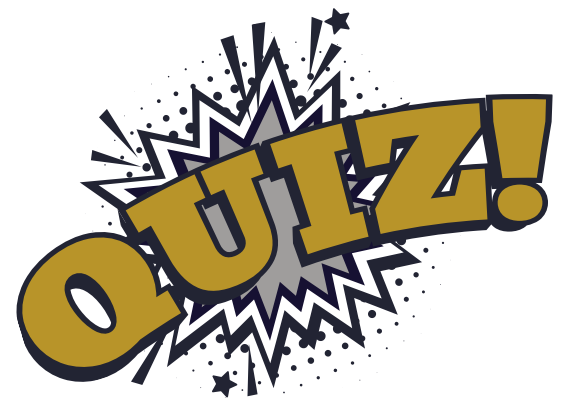
Azhar Vadi - An experienced journalist who is the co-founder of Salaam Foundation - visited our school on Friday the 6th of September, to enlighten our learners about the heartbreaking situation in Palestine. He also addressed the learners on how they can make a difference, through creating awareness, advocacy, donations, contributions and most importantly through the power of dua (prayer).

Islaamiya Quiz

By the grace of Allah Almighty we had a Seerah quiz based on the four rightly guided khulafah with our learners of grade 7,8 and 9. The Messenger of Allah (s.a.w) said, "Stick to my Sunnah and the Sunnah of the rightly guided khulafah."

May Allah put the love of Hazrat Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman, Ali and all the companions of the Messenger in our hearts and our children's hearts - Ameen.

Insha Allah the first ten learners will go through to the final round which will take place on 16th October 2024.



Foundation Phase Jalsa

On the 31st of August, the Islaamia department hosted their Annual Jalsa in the Foundation Phase. The theme of the jalsa was the seerah of Nabi (s.a.w): (The Life of the prophet.) The grades 1s and 2s sang Nasheeds in honour of our Nabi (s.a.w).

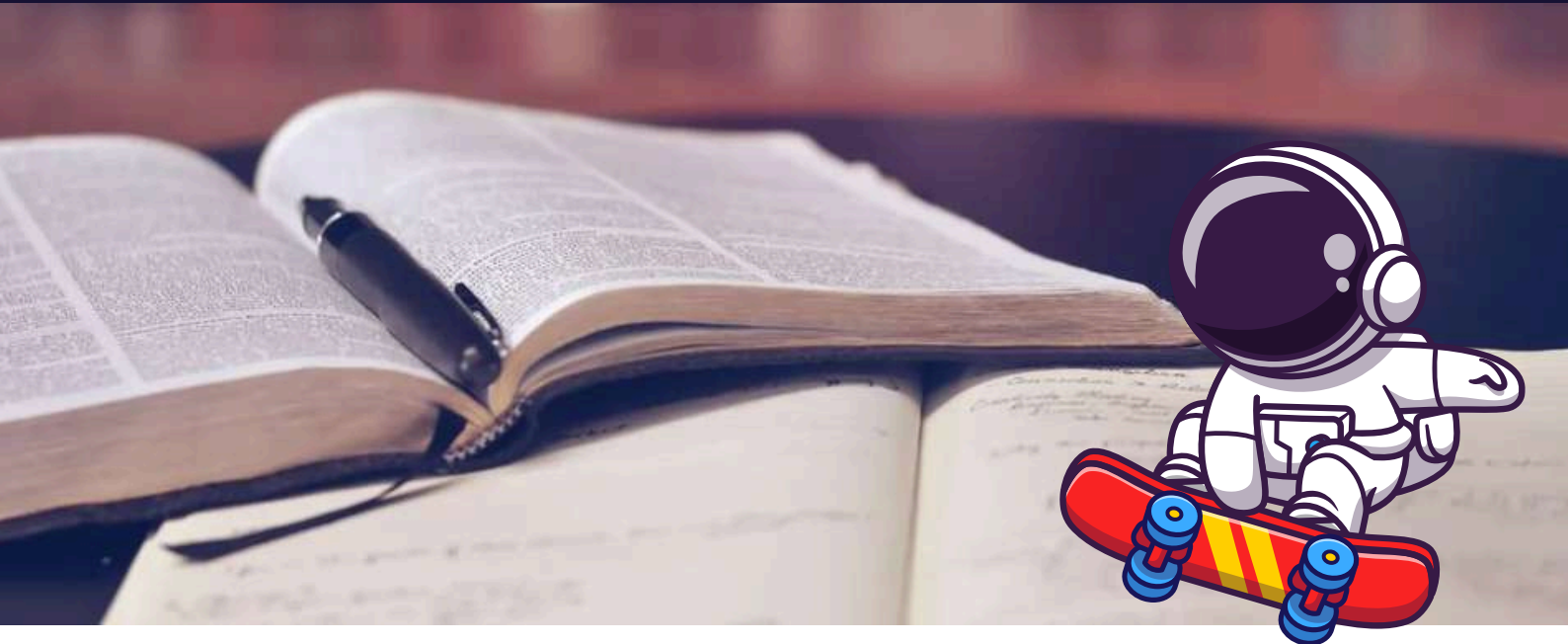
The grade 3s presented various ahadeeth and short sketches, teaching us to implement those hadeeth in our daily lives.

Some of our learners recited ayahs of the Quraan, while another presented a descriptive speech on the simplicity of the life of Nabi (s.a.w).

We pray that Allah uses this as a means to instill the love of His beloved Nabi (s.a.w) in all of our hearts.



STUDY TIPS FOR FINAL EXAMS



1. **Get Organized:** Carry a homework planner at all times. Write down assignments, projects, tests and assignments as soon as they are assigned. This helps to ensure that you don't forget important tasks.
2. **Pay Attention in Class:** Concentrate during class and avoid distractions. Practice active listening by taking notes in your own words. Understanding what's being taught in class is crucial for effective studying.
3. **Steer Clear of Distractions:** Identify distractions (such as cell phones, social media, or friends) and avoid them. Consider sitting away from distracting friends and turning off your cell phone to stay focused.
4. **Make Sure Notes Are Complete:** Take clear and complete notes during class. These notes will serve as study material that can be used for review before tests.
5. **Ask Questions If You Don't Understand:** Don't hesitate to raise your hand and ask questions if something isn't clear. If you're uncomfortable asking in front of everyone, make a note to talk to the teacher after class.
6. **Create a Study Schedule/Plan:** Use a planner to create a study schedule. Allocate time for different subjects and stick to your plan. Regular review and practice is essential.
7. **Review Notes Every Evening:** Take a few minutes each evening to review your class notes. This reinforces your understanding and helps retain information.
8. **Talk to Teachers:** If you miss a class, talk to your teacher to ensure that your notes are complete and that you haven't missed any important information.

Remember; effective study habits vary from person to person, so find what works best for you and adapt these tips to your own learning style. All the best with your studies!



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