

Good Shepherd Primary School



Good Shepherd Newsletter Term 1— 2019



St. Augustine once said: If you are pleased with what you are, you have stopped already. If you say, “it is enough”, you are lost. Keep on walking, moving forward, trying for the goal. Don’t try to stop on the way, or to go back, or to deviate from it.

Reflecting on this quote we must aim higher, the sky is the limit! As we are heading towards the end of the first term some of us already stopped to achieve, some of us kept on walking on the way forward and with one main objective: to reach the goal that was set. I salute dedicated educators and learners who always keep on walking, these are the success stories of the Good Shepherd School. Unfortunately there are still learners that have already stopped working even before the new term has started. These learners have no goals and are walking in circles without a compass. As educators we want to encourage these learners to set goals and keep on walking. Parents are therefore urged to discuss the reports with their children and to encourage them to keep on walking and set higher academic goals.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

GRADE 7 MONITOR CAMP

SPELLING BEE

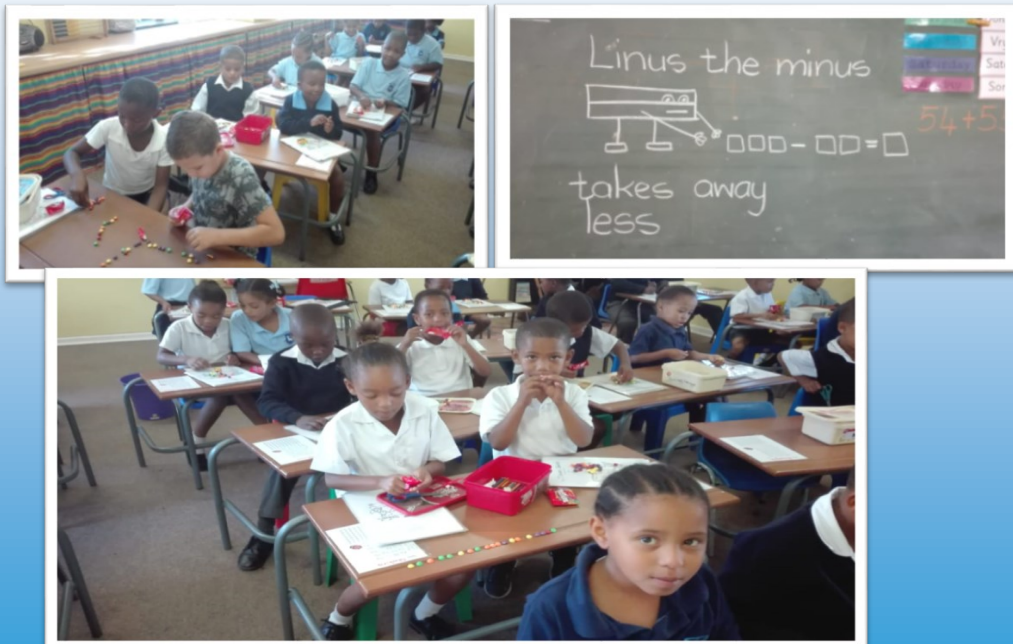
COLGATE VISIT

Grade 1 Classroom Activities

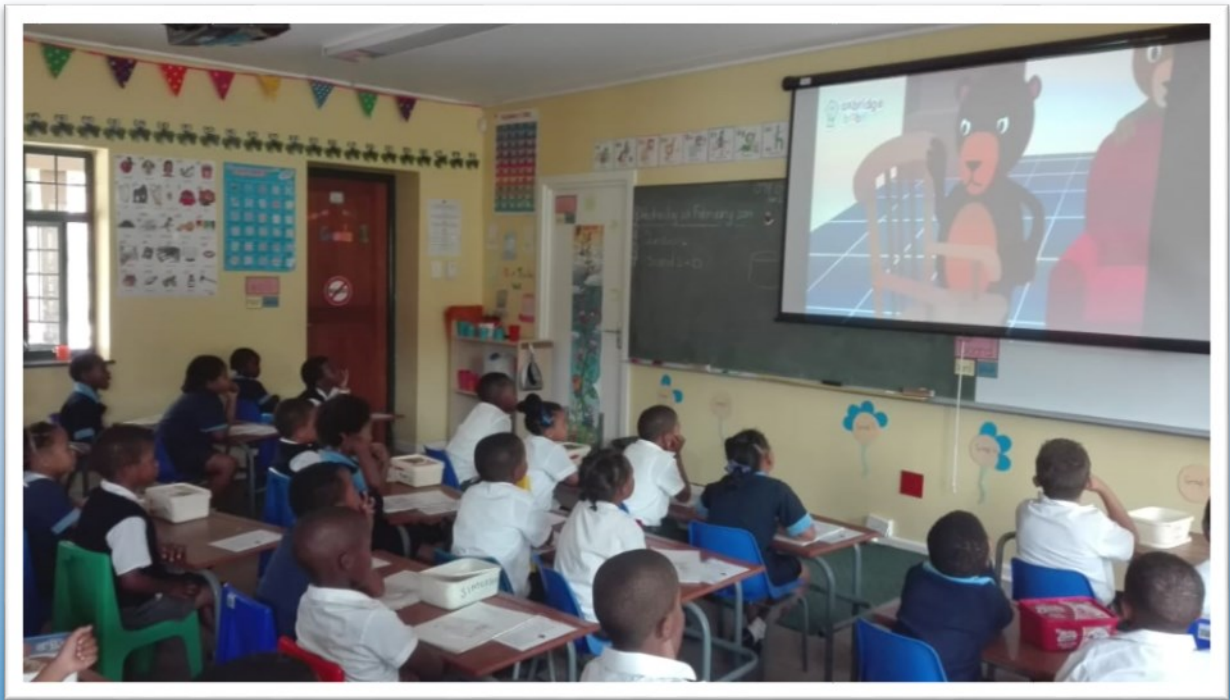
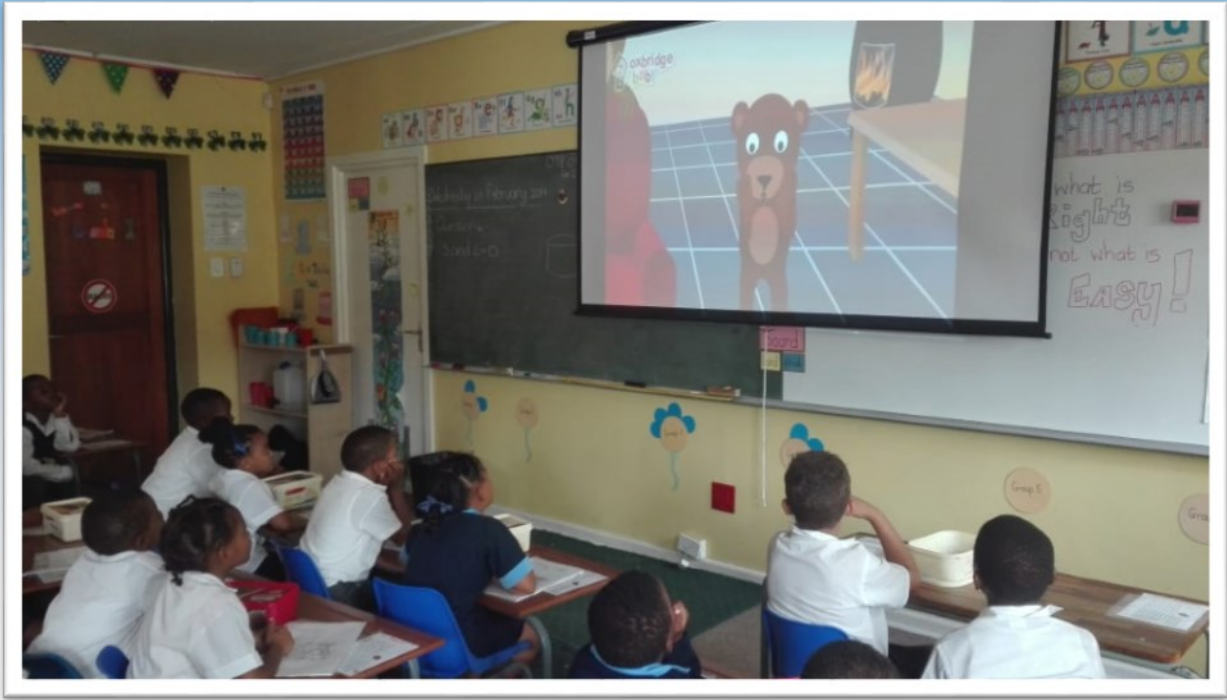
For the whole of January, the Grade 1's have been using Lego blocks as part of their math lessons. They must use them to solve problems, make patterns and pack out numbers. This is a lovely concrete way of demonstrating these new math's skills. Our class enjoys this very much and they get very competitive to see who can get to the correct answer first.



Once again, on February 14 in order to make Math is less scary to Grade 1's they learnt some subtraction skills and got to demonstrate these by working with skittles. This meant that when "Linus the Minus" took some away they got



The Grade 1 class has been blessed to have receive a projector from the Good Shepherd trust. This projector is already very much in use. Here you can see us learning about the letter “g” and watching Goldilocks and the three bears to see how many “G” sounds we could find.

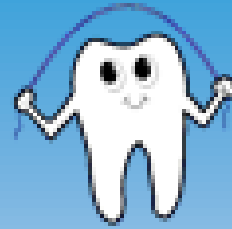


Albany Museum

On March 1, the Grade R and Grade 1 classes recently went to a talk about Taxidermy at the Albany Museum. We learnt that it is very interesting even though some of the animals are scary. Some of us were shocked to find out that it was not a way of getting to school as the word Taxi may have implied.



Colgate visit



The Colgate bus visited bus on 1st of February 2019.



The Foundation Phase learners thoroughly enjoyed the interactive visit. They sang songs about brushing their teeth and enthusiastically demonstrated how they are going to look after their teeth at home. They also learnt about what foods are good for oral hygiene and which foods are bad.



Spelling B

On March 6th 2019 Siyolise Adams represented Good Shepherd Primary at a district spelling competition in the City Hall. She was chosen out a team of 3 who participated in the Local Spelling B at the Public Library. With her years of reading and a love for writing, Siyolise came out on top - winning herself a new school bag and a tablet. We are very proud of her accomplishments and cannot wait to see where her bright future takes her. Thank you to all the participants from Good Shepherd Primary for your bravery and dedication. You have made us proud!



Grade 7 Monitor Camp

Valentines weekend saw the Good Shepherd Monitor Team in the frosty Mountains of Hogsback with Ms Botha and Mr Mata. It was a weekend of personal challenges, fear facing and incredible fun. Learners experienced hikes to hidden waterfalls and obstacle courses that tested them to their max. Learners came home on Sunday exhausted but exhilarated by their new found strength and unity as a team. They are blossoming into leaders of integrity and family. We are very grateful to the Trust for their financial assistance and contributions to this truly amazing experience.



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GOOD SHEPHERD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Good Shepherd Primary School, Grahamstown is one of the oldest schools in the area, it was built in 1844. Although it is situated in the centre of the business area of Grahamstown, it is populated predominantly by disadvantaged learners, they receive their teaching and learning through the medium of English. The School caters for girls and boys from grade 1 to 7 (ages 6 -13). We, Good Shepherd Primary School, shall be a community, nurturing quality education, in a safe disciplined environment for our learners, enabling them to become successful, responsible citizens in life. We shall enable our learners to develop to their full potential through a comprehensive and effective educational experience, with opportunities for achievement in knowledge skills and values.

