



**Mid-Term 2 – 2024**

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## **Dear Parents/Guardians**

I am delighted to communicate to you dear parents and guardians, through the newsletter once again. It's unbelievable that already we are at mid-term! Its amazing how time flies. What a busy and hectic half-term! Lots of progress has been achieved both in the classrooms (academic), sports wise and culturally. Some of the greatest highlights for the 1<sup>st</sup> half term being:

- Interhouse Spellathon
- Spelling Bee Zimbabwe
- Mr and Ms Goldridge Africa
- Reading Week
- Infants/Nursery Pyjama Day
- Sandton Marimba Tour (South Africa)

### **1. INTERHOUSE SPELLATHON**

Interhouse Spellathon was done on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2024. Well done to the different Grades. Garnet came 1<sup>st</sup> and got the Best Spellathon House trophy for 2024.

### **2. SPELLING BEE ZIMBABWE**

The following learners qualified for the National Spelling Bee to be held in Harare.

- Zvikomborero Muvhango
- Vishwaben Pandya
- Ryan Mundende
- Mukudzei Manyonda
- Anenyasha Sibanda
- Nqobile Masuku

Well done to Makomborero Muvhango who came first and Vishwaben who came third in the top 3. (Midlands Zone)

### **3. MR & MISS GOLDRIDGE AFRICA (2024)**

Congratulations to Shanelle Matina and Tom Mupfuwahuku for being crowned Miss Goldridge Africa and Mr Goldridge Africa 2024 respectively. Well done to the runners up Meagan Ndanga and Valentine Mutatu.

### **4. READING WEEK**

The Reading Week was exciting, packed with an exchange reading program. Lets encourage children to read extensively. Daily class reading and Library reading are compulsory. Please listen to your child reading their SUPPLEMENTARY and Shona readers daily and sign so that the teacher knows the reading homework was done.

### **5. CHISZ EXAMS**

Chisz Exams are fast approaching and are on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July 2024. I urge Grade 7 parents to compliment the efforts of the teachers by assisting pupils with revision beginning this mid-term break. The Grade 7 teachers are working flat out, so please support them.

### **6. CAMBRIDGE CHECKPOINT EXAMS - 2025**

Grade 6 teachers are also very busy preparing for the Checkpoint Exam coming in 2025 First term. Cambridge Checkpoint Exam is not a walk in the park, let's support the teachers, beginning now please.

### **7. SANDTON MARIMBA FESTIVAL**

The Goldridge Marimba Band had an opportunity to go and showcase their talents across the borders in South Africa. This was a great experience and exposure for the 10 girls who flew and participated at the Marimba festival. The Kutinya Arts, in Harare organised this trip. There were three schools from Zimbabwe, that is, Grange Primary, Amanda's Academy and Goldridge Primary.

### **8. WAR AGAINST DRUGS**

This subject has become is worrisome. Let us guard our children and monitor them closely against drug abuse. Let's talk to the children about the dangers / effects of taking drugs. Have a free platform where you can discuss any topic with your children. Highlight to them that they should not keep any secrets from you. The peers they have as friends also influence them either positively or negatively. So please know your child 's friends and associates.

## **9. ICT GADGETS**

ICT gadgets are a great resource if utilised appropriately but if unmonitored, they can do more harm than good. Please parents, monitor the use of cell phones, tablets and computers at home.

## **10. HYGIENE AND GROWING UP**

Talk to the children from Grades 3 – 7 about issues of growing up and hygiene . At school we have the Girl Talk and Boy Talk, may you please complement our efforts at home.

I would like to thank all the parents who came for consultation. I do urge you to assist the children in the highlighted areas of weakness as they do their revisions ready for Mid – year exams.

God bless

Mrs M. Bera

## **UPPER SCHOOL REPORTS**

### **INTERHOUSE SPELLATHON**

Good learning and retention and how competitive this was! Thumbs up to parents who assisted children to learn and master their wordlists. Your support is much appreciated. Congratulations once more to the winning house Garnet.

### **Spellathon Winners**

- Grade 1 - Moreika Gwede
- Grade 2 - Anashe Mbunge
- Grade 3 - Ethan Shumba
- Grade 4 - Kimberly Liwonde
- Grade 5 - Joshua Hove
- Grade 6 - Ryan Mundende
- Grade 7 - Valentine Mutatu

### **CHISZ ENTRANCE EXAMS – 6<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY 2024**

These will be held at the school of your choice and teachers are busy with final touches with final touches to make sure pupils are ready for them. We wish all Grade 7s the best.

## **CONSULTATION DAY**

There was consultation day on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2024 for both Infants Department and Senior School. Thank you to the parents who managed to attend so as to be appraised of their child's progress. This will assist in preparation with exams that are fast approaching.

### **MID YEAR EXAMS 11-18 JULY 2024**

Both Infants and Senior School exams will run concurrently.

Please make every effort to revise with your child in readiness for these. If children are left alone, they can't strike a balance between academics/sports and leisure time allocation. Sporting activities will continue as normal during exam week.

### **BRAND PIRACY**

It is disturbing that some people have had the cheek to copy our School Logo and go to reproduce substandard hats and jerseys. This is illegal and we are going to confiscate all school regalia of this kind.

**Please note: Uniforms, Anorak, Jerseys and Hats** are obtained from the stockists already given to you. We want to safeguard our dressing standards.

### **READING**

Reading is the cornerstone of all learning and therefore, we appeal to parents/guardians, to help in this area. Please append your signature and comment after a reading session with your child.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Gr 6 trip to Jabulani Safaris - 22 July to 26 July 2024
- Gr 5 trip to Kariba - 21 July to 24 July 2024

## **INFANTS DEPARTMENT**

We have had a chilly first half of the term but despite the weather, learning has been going on well. Parents, please continue to dress your little ones warmly and make sure they come to school on time. The infant learners were so excited about the Pyjama Day which was held on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> of June 2024 and the funds raised will go towards preparations of our Grand Parents Day and Infants Play.

The Grandparents Day is on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July 2024 and the Nursery school learners are working hard to put a grand show for grandparents.

The grade 2s had a successful educational trip to Mukuvisi woodlands and Tamba Tamba in Harare.

Thank you, Parents/Guardians, for all your support.  
Our learner will reach their full potential because of the teamwork we have.

## **SPORTS DEPARTMENT**

### **Whitestone Festival Girls Hockey**

- Lost 2
- Drew 2

### **Senior Boys Rugby**

- Lost All

### **MCS Sevens Rugby Festival**

- Won 2
- Drew 1
- Lost 2

### **Kyle Hockey & Rugby Festival**

- Won 1
- Lost 3

### **Senior Girls Hockey**

- Won 5
- Drew 2
- Lost 0

### **Senior Rugby**

- Won 1
- Lost 3

### **Fillies Hockey**

- Won 1
- Lost 4

### **Bryden Netball Festival**

- Drew 1
- Lost 3

### **Senior Netball**

- Won 3
- Lost 1

### **Petra Festival**

- Won 1
- Lost 3

### **Colts Rugby**

- Lost All

### **Colts Soccer**

- Drew 2
- Lost 3

### **Fillies Hockey**

- Won 1
- Drew 2
- Lost 1

### **MCS Hockey Tournament**

- Drew 2

### **The following girls were selected for Midlands Hockey :-**

- Tayana Gwero
- Beverly Maredza
- Nyasha Makoni
- Hayley Mutsanya
- Lakeisha Paji
- Kayla Makunzva

### **Boys Hockey**

- Drew 1
- Lost 1

### **The following boys were selected for Midlands Hockey:-**

- Tavimbanashe Tahwa,
- Jody Ndhlovu
- Michael Morris
- Tranos Manyani,
- Jayden Kudiwa

Ethan Matimba was selected to play for Zimbabwe Under 14 Rugby Team to tour South Africa. Congratulations!!



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