



Dear Parent/Guardians

Once again the term is in full swing and the wonderful holiday period seems long-forgotten. The theme this term is 'truth'. The idea arose when another staff member said 'They must learn to tell the truth.' out of frustration with watching children, as well as adults, create massive lies without flinching. I would like us to look at the following quote:



This is so true and, sadly, so many people miss the moment of saying 'thank you' and would rather focus only on the negative, then spend an unnecessary time thereafter trying to justify it. Thus, this is a good follow on from our first term's theme 'Entitlement'.

Today, I am going to highlight what is known as the 'universal truth'. There seems to be a universal understanding that gratitude is a guiding principle in life and promotes happiness and we can embrace it as a universal truth. How can we make room in our lives for better things if we can't honour and be grateful for the things we have now? It is so important to recognise that when we create a space of gratitude, we begin to see more clearly all the blessings in our lives and this perspective increases the blessings we receive from others. When we come from a place of gratitude, we actually open our minds to seeking more things to be grateful for and the cycle of gratitude perpetuates and grows stronger. So, on the note of gratitude, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the following:

- All the boys and girls for starting off the term by giving their all. Their dedication and intrinsic desire to live up to high expectations came to the fore during Sports Day - a day that seems to get better and better on an annual basis. Their spirit contributed to the athletes being motivated to push hard and, as a result, 10 records were broken. There was fantastic competition amongst the houses, with the points bouncing from one house to the other, all of which could have been possible winners. In the end, Kudu won the day with 201 points, Impala was next with 180, Springbok with 168 and Duiker with 153. The Spirit Trophy was awarded to Impala. Thank you to all the boys and girls for showing a sense of pride by dressing appropriately and for representing their school houses in such a positive manner.
- Within this two week period into the third term, we have witnessed our Open Soccer team going through to the semi-finals of the Discovery Cup; this letter will have gone to print prior to the game taking place, however, irrespective of the result, we are proud of them and thank them for holding Craighall's head high.

- The same can be said for our Athletics, Cross-country, Rugby and Hockey teams which have displayed such talent and spirit at the beginning of the season.
- Accolades must go to Tamsin Caldwell who represented Craighall Primary in show jumping and dressage, receiving a 1st place for our school, for which a floating trophy was received.
- A 'well done' must also go to Leo Miranda for his outstanding achievement in the Gauteng Department of Education (GDE) Spelling Bee competition in which he progressed to the District division.
- A small group of Grade 3 pupils participated in the GDE Performing Arts Life Skills celebration and they came first in the Cluster and are now progressing to the District competition. Congratulations!

It is unbelievable that so much has taken place in just 2 weeks. Again, thank you to one and all for the daily contributions and positive choices that you make.

All of the pupils' achievements could never happen without the passion and motivation of our staff. We are indeed privileged to have teachers and coaches who thrive on the children's happiness and want to give as much as they possibly can, in and out of the classroom. Thank you to all the staff for ensuring that the third term has started on an extremely positive note and for making Sports Day and every other event such a success. Your contributions are what make Craighall the wonderful school that it is.

Last, but certainly not least, our sincere gratitude needs to be extended to our parents. The daily role you play in ensuring that your child can indeed be a part of the positive growth within our school is vital and does not go unnoticed. Over and above that, we have parents who are unwavering in their support, beyond the daily expectations, namely our PTA members. Our third term started off with a 'bang' in the Science Lab where our pupils were met with a refurbished room including a new floor, beautifully-painted walls and the old cupboards removed. We look forward to the progress of this project which will see further transformation resulting in a Science Lab to be extremely proud of. This renovation opportunity was made possible by all the parents supporting our fundraisers such as the Disco and Fun Day. This 'new and improved look', under the guidance of Mrs Bowden and ably assisted by Mrs Slowe and Mrs Curtis, is greatly appreciated by pupils, parents and staff alike. We also take this opportunity to thank Mr Lahaye who kindly organised the donation of an expensive, glass whiteboard from Facade Solutions. We are very fortunate to have such hardworking PTA members who give of their time to assist, work hard and always with a smile on their faces.

Our SGB, together with the GDE, signed off on the commencement of the building of our new administration block. This project is currently underway and we look forward to the new dimension this will add to what is already an amazing school.

I would like to close with a quote from Baha'u'llah: "A thankful person is thankful under all circumstances. A complaining soul complains even in paradise."

Let us remember to be a part of the 'universal truth' and not to dwell only on the negative but to express our gratitude as well.

Staff News:

Happy upcoming birthday to Miss Delpert (Grade 7) 13 August.

Kind regards

**A Prout-Jones
Principal**

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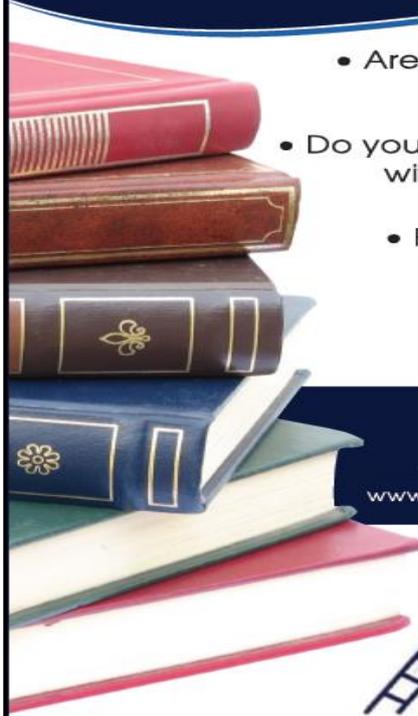
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