



Dear Prospective BeNS Parents

This year marks BeNS's tenth birthday and we have had a year of celebrations. We have had some exciting new offerings since the beginning of the year, so I thought I should share with you what we have been up to in our "Beautiful Place".

Balloons and Bubbles

The first of our tenth birthday celebrations was on the first day of school in January. Balloons decorated the school entrance and every child and teacher received a bottle of bubbles. The playground was full of mini rainbows when the children came out to play and blew bubbles everywhere. We also acknowledged our staff with certificates and vouchers to mark their ten years of service to BeNS. Thank you, ladies, for your contributions and service to our beautiful school and to the children who grace our classrooms!



Toddler Class

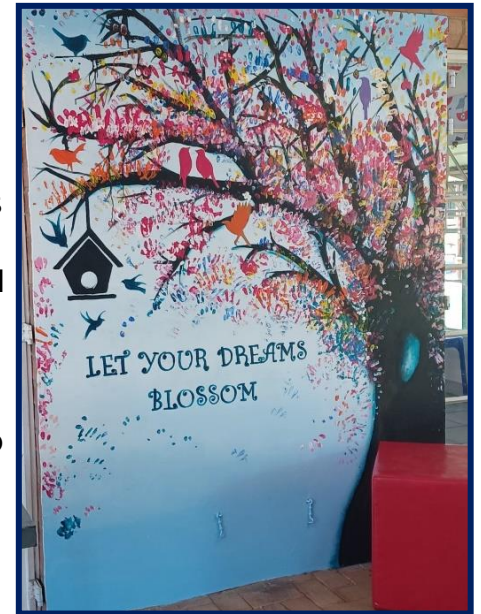
We opened our toddler class to ten children on the first day of the year and the number quickly grew to thirteen. It is remarkable how quickly they settled into school. Our carefully chosen Toddler teacher, Jess, has been wonderful with our youngest BeNS children and parents alike! They have been a real joy to everyone. If ever you have a bad day, pop in at nap time and your soul will be restored!





Tree Planting and Mural Painting

On 1st March, we had a tree-planting ceremony and painted a mural in our entranceway. Mr Donovan Williams, art teacher and artist extraordinaire, assisted us to paint the mural (also of a tree). The fingerprints of every child, staff member and our invited guests went onto the mural. We planted a beautiful tree, donated by Mrs Higgins from Grade 0, in the Grade 000/ Toddler playground and the children sang to and entertained our VIPs. The symbolism of trees, representing life and growth, was the reason for the tree "theme" on the day.



Picnic in pyjamas

What a wonderful evening this was! Parents brought a picnic supper, while the children arrived in their PJ's (some of our parents came dressed for the occasion too) and everyone relaxed while the children played. It was a great evening of connection and play.

Grade 0 Sports Day

Playball held a wonderful Sports Day in June for our Grade 0 children. Parents and siblings were not forgotten and we really loved the way that they took part in their races. The Grade 0s, of course, showed that teamwork and team spirit won the day. Thanks go to Coach Henry and his team at Playball for delivering a well-organised and festive morning for our Grade 0 pupils. Our younger grades' sports days are coming up in Term Three.





Amazing Maze

This was a PTF initiative in March, supported by the teachers who created activities for the children in different classrooms. With the help of their parents, our pupils completed their “challenge” at BeNS before joining the rest of the school on the top field for more fun and a few boerewors rolls. It was a real “feel-good” evening!

Pay it Forward Birthday Party

After much debate, we made the decision not to have a party at BeNS to celebrate our tenth birthday but to rather pay it forward to an underprivileged preschool. Thoriso Preschool in Muldersdrift was brought to our attention by Africa Food for Thought. Our generous parents donated pre-loved toys and books as well as cool drinks, sweets and chips for the party. All BeNS staff travelled to Thoriso by bus on 21 June to provide some cheer and goodwill on what felt like the coldest day of the year. We had a wonderful afternoon spoiling the children and staff of this amazing little school. Cafe2U provided every child with a most welcome cup of hot chocolate. It was a humbling and beautiful afternoon for us all.



In addition to these events, we have had civvies days, dress-up days, popcorn and hot chocolate days, puppet shows, music and physical education lessons, as well as first additional language and computer lessons in Grade 0, to name a few



Our children work hard by playing hard to maximise their learning and no two days are ever alike. Our loving, nurturing and creative teachers, ably supported by assistants and auxiliary staff, ensure that everything that happens at BeNS runs like a well-oiled machine.



We have a beautiful little school that I would love to show you around if you are looking for a nurturing preschool for your child. Please feel free to contact Mrs Gabi Pinker (gpinker@beaulieuprep.org) for further information. Alternatively, you are welcome to contact me directly (newmant@beaulieuprep.co.za)

We look forward to welcoming you to the BeNS family!

Warmest regards

Mrs Tracy Newman
Headmistress

