

What's happening this term?

Online teaching and learning to continue until further notice.



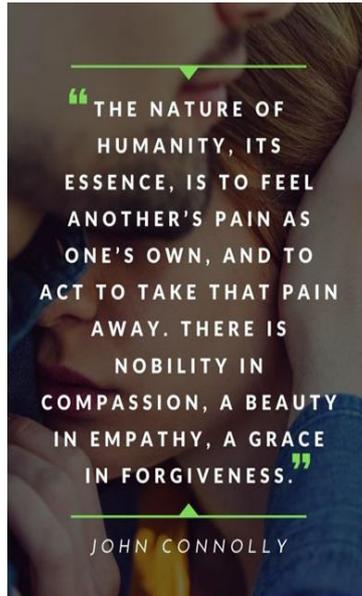
ST JAMES NEWS

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Dear Parents

Message from the Headmaster

Compassion comes from the Latin word "compati," which literally means "to suffer with." It is more than mere empathy and care—it is the desire to help someone who is suffering, and to be able to help that person ease their pain.



For the past few weeks, the public of South Africa has witnessed carnage, anger, hatred, pain and most of all the courage and resilience to clean up the mess after the aftermath. We are truly a great nation where various NGO's and other organisations have come together to mitigate the effects of this unrest on society's most vulnerable.

At this time, our thoughts go out to those who have been directly and personally impacted by the unrest. Let us all unite and help in whichever way we can to end suffering, and to bring back sanity in the midst of the deadly Corona Virus Pandemic.

Please join us for our assembly tomorrow morning, **Friday 23 July at 07h45**. We will begin with peace prayers; sound our National Anthem and the Prayer for Africa.

Our academic programme- teaching, learning, and assessing is proving to be very successful. Please communicate directly with teachers if you need any assistance, we will do our best to help in any way possible.

At St James, we have teachers that are very passionate about teaching and learning, they are well prepared for every lesson, showing remarkable confidence in their respective subject/s, one such teacher is Mrs Rakhee Keeka our senior grade English and Global Perspective teacher, she further explains her passion.....

Being in the English Classroom, Grade 4 -7.



Mrs Keeka

The English classroom is always a buzz. *As busy as a bee!*

When learners enter the English classroom, there is so much to learn and so many different things to do.

Let's start off with a comprehension text. Learner's become engrossed in the comprehension text – either one that allows the learner's imagination to be piqued, or one that teaches the learner something new.

When it comes to answering comprehension questions, all the learners

Quote:

Never regret a day in your life:
Good days give happiness, bad days give you experience,
Worst days give lessons and best days give memories.

have their hands raised, waiting in anticipation to answer the next question.

The writing activities provide learners with a space in which they can let their minds wander off and express their creativity. Learners are eager to show what great writers they are.

Some activities are done as group work. Learners enjoy working together. I always tell them "English is a subjective subject". Yes, it is! When they work in groups, everyone presents their own thoughts and opinions about a text. Everyone has their own perspective. This is what makes learning English interesting.

Speaking activities give learners the opportunity to become confident communicators. Some learners might have butterflies in their stomach when they stand in front of the class, but with the support of their classmates, speaking becomes easier.

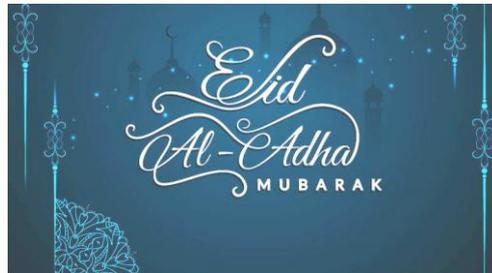
Wednesdays are particularly exciting. Learners enter the classroom all enthusiastic for their weekly spelling test. "How do you spell..." is all I hear as they enter the classroom. Getting all their spelling correct is their goal for the day.

Cursive writing is the best activity for the week. Learners enjoy practising to write the alphabets in cursive and are eager to perfect it and learn more.

Friday is our reading day. Learners become bookworms. They learn new vocabulary and practice to become professional readers, while they enjoy reading the class reader. What a relaxing way to end the busy week.

EID Wishes

We wish all those celebrating, a happy and joyous Eid-al-Adha.



Weekly study material, assessments and reporting

Due to the last two weeks disruption, reports will be issued early next term when sufficient testing has been done which will give a true reflection of the learner's work.

Parents are ONLY to come to school when their grade/form teachers ask you to pick up something.

Giving the gift of warmth: Knit-a-square

Thank you for all donations of squares and blankets so far. Please be reminded to send in your knitted or crocheted squares to the school by end of July. Mr Khanya or the security on duty will take them up to the office.

Fogging machine

Reminder: The school has purchased a fogging machine to enable us to clean and disinfect the schoolhouse on a regular basis. If any parent would like to hire the machine for their personal use, please contact Mr Jones. Rental for two days is R200, cost of chlorine tablets is R15. Two tablets are sufficient to fog a medium size home.

Clubs

The following Clubs have been suspended and the remaining 5 lessons will resume/carry over when we return to school in Term 3:

Baking
Coding
Soccer Junior/Senior
Catrobat Kidz

The following clubs are running online till end of 8 week cycle and parents need to make contact and confirm arrangements with the respective teacher:

Yoga
Abacus Maths
Karate

Grade 1 activities : Prepping fruit and landscape artwork.



Stay safe, stay healthy and stay home. Let's stop the spread of the virus.

Regards

The St James team.