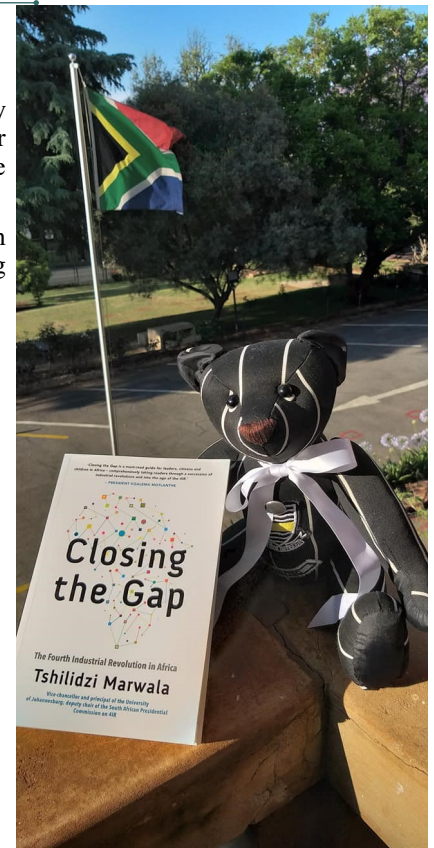


Jeppe High School for Girls MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

None of us could have seen how this year was going to pan out as we started off fairly normally, with a very full term one in which we welcomed our new grade 8s and our Councillors settled in to their new roles with grade 8 orientation, the interhouse gala, the inter high gala and flower show. Then came lockdown and everything changed.

The focus since the girls have been back at school has been on academics: catching up on the syllabus, going over work that was done under lockdown level 4 and 5 and evaluating progress, all while maintaining rigorous covid-19 safety protocols.



We have had several assemblies on the driveway in front of the school, grade by grade as well as one or two in the hall. Rather than focusing on what we couldn't do this year, this newsletter brings you some of the highlights that were celebrated during the various levels of lockdown learning.

Professor Marwala, Vice-Chancellor of UJ, was our esteemed guest speaker at the Valediction Ceremony on Friday 30 October. He encouraged the Grade 12s to be life long readers: "for those who don't read can't lead". The week after Valediction we received his latest book with a special message for our girls.

MESSAGE FOR FRONTLINE WORKERS

On 17 July "Biscuits with Notes of Love" were sent to Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital as part of our contribution for Nelson Mandela Day.

Our girls attached notes of encouragement to their favourite packet of biscuits and these boxes were sent to the wards where the essential workers are making huge sacrifices during the peak of the pandemic. Messages of "Nothing is too difficult for the Brave" will hopefully remind our front-line workers to keep the good fight during these tiring and difficult times. To all doctors, nurses, therapists, paramedics and essential workers, we think and pray for you daily.

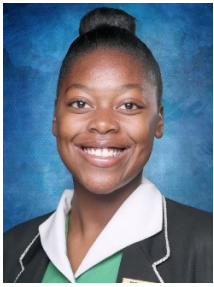


A display of the biscuits and their messages of thanks

Thank you to all the girls and parents who contributed to the 300 donations and special thanks to Ms McCabe for making the distribution possible.

We received some wonderful notes of appreciation from some of the hospital staff.

COUNCILLORS FOR 2021



Tshaamano Mabuba
Head Girl



Sydney Bagley
Deputy Head Girl



Snamile Mthembu
Deputy Head Girl



Cassidy Bagley



Amy Chapman



Kerri-Lyn Claase



Katja Clausen



Chiara Cotumaccio



Ofentse Dhlamini



Unathi Dishi



Sarah Dubazana



Taylea Gray



Jamie Ho



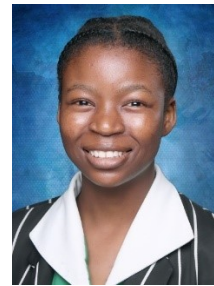
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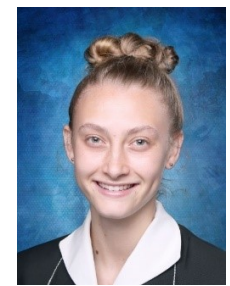
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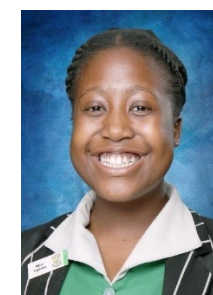
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Jade Murray



Ruthie Mututu



Mbalenhle Ngwane



Linky Nzuzza



Ndwe Sikwebu



Nicola Teixeira

HOUSE OFFICIALS FOR 2021

	Crassula	Disa	Gerbera	Harveya	Nerine	Protea
Captain	Kerri-Lyn Claase	Buhlebenkosi Mungwe	Sarah Dubazana	Tshaamano Mabuba	Ayabukwa Magocoba	Kelsey Mark
Vice Captain	Naledi Lephuting	Snamile Mthembu	Ruthie Mututu	Swayde Lessing	Kalista January	Sydney Bagley
Secretary	Dhiya Garach	Lelethu Kona	Ndwe Sikwebu	Jade Murray	Taylea Gray	Jesse Platt

VALEDICTION

On Friday 30th October, the Jeppe High School for Girls Matric class of 2020 came together to celebrate their successes. Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic in 2020, we only had 45 school days, followed by 47 days of lockdown learning at home, and then 94 days of academic activity at school, wearing masks, sanitising hands with physical distancing measures and all extra-curricular activities cancelled. The Valediction ceremony was quite different to normal, to accommodate social distancing and parents watched from a number of classrooms. An entertaining address was delivered by the Head Girl, Megan Reveley. She was followed by the Headmistress, Miss Gonçalves, who paid tribute to the class of 2020 and shared that they outperformed the class of 2019 in 8 subjects during an analysis of the Prelim exams. Professor Tshilidzi Marwala, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Johannesburg, was our esteemed guest speaker. He holds a BSc in Mechanical Engineering (magna cum laude) from Case Western Reserve University, a Master of Mechanical Engineering from University of Pretoria, PhD in Engineering from University of Cambridge and was a post-doctoral associate at Imperial College. His research interests include applications of computational intelligence to engineering, computer science, finance and medicine. He has extensive track record in human capacity development having supervised 47 Masters and 30 PhD graduates to completion. Some of these students have proceeded with their doctoral and post-doctoral studies at Harvard, Rutgers, Purdue, Oxford, Cambridge, British Columbia and Concordia. He has published 20 books, over 300 papers in journals, proceedings and book chapters and holds three international patents. He has received more than 45 awards including the Order of Mapungubwe from the South African Government and the President's Award from the National Research Foundation. Professor Marwala encouraged the Grade 12s to be lifelong readers: "for those who don't read can't lead".

Aisling de Lange was awarded the **Prize for Scholarship from Jeppe Quondam** as the top academic student. She was also awarded the **Subject Prizes for History, Advanced Programme Mathematics, Physical Science** which she shared with **Simbulele Dunjwa** and **Advanced Programme English** which she shared with **Katherine Edwards**. She won the **Sciences Trophy** and was recognised for **Academic Excellence**. Aisling was awarded the **Cultural Award for Most Promising Future in Public Speaking**.

Our 2020 Head Girl, **Megan Reveley**, was on the **Principal's Honour Roll for all-round performance in Leadership, Sport and Cultural participation**. She was also awarded the **Margaret Theiler Award** for participating meaningfully in the sporting activities of the school and for contributing to the life of the school. Excelling in cricket, soccer and tennis, Megan is the play maker in a team, showing a mental and emotional maturity in all her games. She was awarded the **Thompson Trophy for Cricket**, the **Macropulos Trophy for Tennis** and the **Games Award for Soccer**. She was also recognised for **Academic Excellence**.

The Dinaledi Trophy for being the Grade 12 learner who best exemplified the ethos of Jeppe sport which is "to be the best that I can be" in spite of limitations and for service and fidelity to the school with regards to participation in sporting events, was shared between **Cailin Turnbull** and **Lydia Nsenda Chrispin**. Cailin won the **Games Award for Netball: Most Valuable Shooter**. She was also recognised for **Academic Excellence**.

As the runner-up academic student, **Israa Hafeez** was awarded the **Prize for Scholarship in memory of Dr Ingles**. She was also awarded the **Bilingualism Trophy** and the **Ringer Trophy for Life Orientation** and was recognised for **Academic Excellence**.

Mbalenhle Mbatha was on the **Principal's Honour Roll for all-round performance in Leadership, Sport and Cultural participation**. She was also awarded the **Subject Prize for Mathematics** and **Geography**, the **Cultural Award for Commitment to the Pipe Band**, which she shared with **Nkanyezi Mabena** and the **Games Award for Hockey**, which she shared with **Lerato Tsoai**. She was recognised for **Academic Excellence**.

Nandi Zulu was on the **Principal's Honour Roll for all-round performance in Leadership, Sport and Cultural participation**. She was also awarded the **Cultural Award for Commitment to Performing Arts**.

Darnell Swart and **Wande Nduna**, the Deputy Head Girls for 2020, were jointly awarded the **Mary McLarty Award** for exhibiting the qualities of integrity, diligence, selflessness and courage and delivering excellence in all spheres. Darnell was recognised for **Academic Excellence**.

The Harrowell Trophy is awarded to the pupil who throughout her schooling has shown exceptional qualities of diligence and perseverance and who is kind, thoughtful and compassionate. This year's recipient was **Courtney Smith**.

Kelebogile Lesufi was awarded the **Ralph Metlitzky Trophy for exceptional service and dedication to the school**. She was awarded the **Games Award for Most Valuable Defence Player in Netball**.

The Ruth Du Toit Trophy was jointly awarded to **Heaven Nen** and **Kaitlyn Pagnier**, for overcoming adversity to achieve their goals.

Manal Shiabne was awarded the **Edgars Club Trophy for Cultural Endeavour**, for participating in Public speaking and Drama all through high school. She wrote and directed the winning House play in 2019 and was the winner of the best individual public speaker award in the public speaking festival.

The **Forti Nihil Difficilius Award for Service to the School** was won by **Mikayla Henderson**, who was also recognised for **Academic Excellence**; **Ella Marriott**; **Tamaryn Metcalfe**; **Aryanna Pillay** who was also recognised for **Academic Excellence**; **Indiana Rahman** who was awarded the **Games Award for First Aid**; and **Morgan Zimmerman** who was also recognised for **Academic Excellence**.

The **Headmistress' Award** went to the entire Class of 2020 for their strength, perseverance and resilience during the pandemic.

Katherine Edwards won the **Graham Trophy for English** and shared the **Subject Prizes for History** and **Advanced Programme English** with Aisling de Lange. She was awarded the **Cultural Award for Commitment to Dramatic Arts**, as well as the **Editor's Trophy** and was recognised for **Academic Excellence**.

Tasmin Fourie was awarded the **Watt Trophy for Consumer Studies** and was recognised for **Academic Excellence**.

Tristan Torr won the **Subject Prize for Afrikaans** and the **Sternfels Trophy for Cross Country**. She was also recognised for **Academic Excellence**.

Simbulele Dunjwa was awarded the **Oakridge Trophy for Accounting**, the **Subject Prize for Life Sciences** and the **Subject Prize for Physical Science** which she shared with **Aisling de Lange**. She was also recognised for **Academic Excellence**.

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COLOURS

The following girls were recognised for their involvement in cultural and sporting codes in the first term. Term 1 Colours for Grade 12s were announced at Valediction and for Grades 8-11 at the final Assembly on 11 December 2020. Grade 12 Team Awards were announced at Valediction. Since all extra mural activities were cancelled from March, no colours could be awarded for codes from March onwards.

Athletics:

Team: Jadyn Hovelmeier, Nomonde Magoso, Nompumelelo Makhoba, Lydia Nsenda-Chrispin, Jenna Stolz, Tristan Torr, Kimberly van der Walt, Nandi Zulu

Chess:

Team: Vanessa Ndiangang

Choir:

Team: Belinda Chikohwa, Chiara De Mello Koch, Micayla Goncalves, Y'lang Krishna, Nkanyezi Mabena, Ella Marriott, Sindiswa Motha, Jemima Mphirima, Wande Nduna, Lydia Nsenda Chrispin, Simone Scott, Lebone Seleho, Kyla Taylor – Broun, Mandisa Yende, Nandi Zulu

Computer Centre:

Team: Nosakhare Eweka, Mafina Molele

Cricket

Full Colours:

Megan Reveley

Snamile Mthembu

Half Colours: Savhannah Myburgh (re-award)

Robyn Kamerma, Kaylee van Rooyen

Merit: Sarah Dubazana, Tatum Murphy

Team: Kayla Hoffmann, Megan Reveley, Caitlin Strydom, Cailin Turnbull

Cross Country

Team: Jadyn Hovelmeier, Tristan Torr

Debating:

Team: Nicolette Lau, Jesse Mac Donald

Drama:

Team: Aisling De Lange, Thando Dube, Katherine Edwards, Tasmin Fourie, Georgia Harito, Katerina Harito, Mikayla Henderson, Jesse Mac Donald, Nompumelelo Makhoba, Rethabile Manaka, Basetsana Mfono, Nkhensani Mhlanga, Jemima Mphirima, Wande Nduna, Lulama Nodada, Sherri Pillay, Zaakirah Shafee, Manal Shiabne, Monique Tigere, Nandi Zulu

E-Sports:

Team: Sehaam Fick

First Aid:

Team: Bahija Arache, Kelebogile Lesufi, Zvifumiso Madhuku, Nkhensani Mhlanga, Mafina Molele, Jemima Mphirima, Kerry Niekerk, Lwamkelo Nontongo, Indiana Rahman

Hockey:

Team: Sarah Batchelder, Chiara Bollea, Daniela Carvalho, Gabriella De Oliveira, Georgia Harito, Katerina Harito, Nomonde Magoso, Rethabile Manaka, Mbalenhle Mbatha, Mikayla Mc Lellan, Darnell Swart, Lerato Tsoai

Library:

Team: Mikayla Henderson, Nkanyezi Mabena, Sinenhlanhla Mchunu, Daniela Morais, Jemima Mphirima, Vanessa Ndiangang

Netball

Team: Danika de Witt, Cassidi Johnson, Laurisa Kakera, Kelebogile Lesufi, Nompumelelo Makhoba, Omphile Makoe, Ella Marriott, Tshiamo Masite, Nkhensani Mhlanga,

Lydia Nsenda Chrispin, Megan Reveley, Kayla Taylor – Broun, Cailin Turnbull

Orienteering:

Full Colours:

Jadyn Hovelmeier,

Kalista January

Half Colours: Linky Nzuza

Merit: Jordyn van Aswegen, Ameerah Le Roux,

Alisia Naidoo, Bodie Munro,

Morgan McLaren-Lyall

Team: Jadyn Hovelmeier, Afreen Zaidi, Umm-e-Farwa Zaidi

Photography:

Team: Tamaryn Metcalfe

Pipe Band:

Team: Nkanyezi Mabena, Mbalenhle Mbatha

Public Speaking:

Team: Sarah Batchelder, Aisling De Lange, Katherine Edwards, Kali - Anté Moodley, Manal Shiabne, Louise Smit, Darnell Swart

Soccer:

Team: Amy Cassim, Megan Reveley, Ashleigh Templeton, Lerato Tsoai

Swimming:

Full Colours: Kerri-Lyn Claase

Half Colours: Sarah Batchelder, Megan Briggs, Shauna Craddock, Victoria Baigent, Erin Kisten, Jessica Lazarou, Emily Roelofs

Merit: Qamar Ngqawana, Hope Rabe, Chloe Craig, Caitlin de Beer, Zimasa Ngqawana, Chiara Como, Julia Davies, Sheena Kunene

Team: Sarah Batchelder, Zia Fisher, Qamar Ngqawana

Tennis:

Half Colours: Megan Reveley (re-award), Courtney Smith, Jesse Platt

Merit: Taylea Gray, Andrea van der Bank, Birklynn Skip, Cathryn Bell,

Courtney Postma, Erin Towert

Team: Cayleigh Hunkin, Cidra Mthembu, Lulama Nodada, Megan Reveley, Courtney Smith

Volleyball:

Team: Bahija Arache, Andrea Brits – Hide, Karina Daya, Karishma Daya, Richa Doctor, Michelle Njoroge, Aryanna Pillay, Louise Smit, Monique Tigere

CREATIVE WRITING

December 2020 saw the publishing of the first ever Creative Writing “Zine” at the school. A zine is a small circulation of self-published work that is typically reproduced via a photocopy machine. The pieces in this edition were all created during lockdown and the return to school this year. The zine showcases the learners’ impressive writing abilities. Like most extracurricular activities, the Creative Writing Club has not been able to meet in person since term 1, and the contributors should feel proud that they successfully continued to channel their creativity into beautiful writing pieces despite the trying times.

The following girls contributed to the first zine—Michelle Njoroge and Aisling de Lange (gr 12), Linky Nzuza, Tatum Carter, Jocelyn Mendonca, Tshogofatso Chawasarira and Kaylyn Pop (gr 11) and Talia de Mello Koch (gr 10).

To secure a copy of your own, contact Ms Gonçalves. Act fast as there are limited editions available!



Alyssa Dayanand (gr 12)

TOP TEN

Top 10 recipients were announced at the final Assembly on 11 December 2020. Congratulations to the following girls :

Grade 11

Katja Clausen, Erin Dodgen, Jamie Ho, Kalista January, Kira Johnston, Hannah Labuschagne, Naledi Lephuting, Tshaamano Mabuba, Keisha Molloy, Nicola Teixeira and Aimee van der Plank

Grade 10

Bessem Besong, Madison Dalrymple, Talia De Mello Koch, Lucky Geluk, Shreya Harry, Ika Maghoma, Zahrah

Manack, Nissi Mukuna, Chiamaka Obi and Favour Oluwaleye

Grade 9

Caitlin De Beer, Robyn Kameron, Nomamgugu Khumalo, Thiara Moodley, Vahini Naidoo, Zimasa Ngqawana, Esihle Nkwanyana, Margaret Peterson, Aastha Prajapati and Hannah Roberts

Grade 8

Chiara Como, Julia Davies, Taskeen Hamid, Faatima Ismail, Hope Koho, Sahitya Naidu, Makayla Ramdas, Jade Stevens, Ukamaka

LIBRARY OFFICIALS 2021

Congratulations to the following learners who will be officiating in the library next year:

Head Library Monitor:
Jade Murray
Deputy Head Monitor:
Leah Moodley

Team Leaders: Jacinta Gray, Masabata Mpou, Danielle Muthala, Kwanele Nkosi and Sihle Zenzile

Senior Monitors:
Tshegofatso

Chawasaria, Anastasia Judge, Ayanda Kwamba, Reneilwe Mabuza

Junior Monitors:
Maroushka Maghoma, Tiara Maphosa, Lesego Mashapa, Mulalo Matshiva, Mankgara Maime, Nandipha Mfundisi, Keketso Mosese, Botshelo Modise, Katlego Mokgatla, Chiamaka Obi, Stacey Onyeka, Naledi Radebe, Sbahle Sithole.

VALEDICTION (CONT. FROM P3)

Jadyn Hovelmeier was awarded the **Subject Prize for Music** and the **Games Award for Orienteering**. She was recognised for **Academic Excellence**.

Iraj Khan was awarded the **Subject Prize for Mathematical Literacy** and shared the **Subject Prize for Visual Arts** with **Alyssa Dayanand**. **Iraj** and **Alyssa** were both recognised for **Academic Excellence**.

Monique Tigere was recognised for **Academic Excellence** and won the **Subject Prize for Design**, the **Games Award for Volleyball** and shared the **Cultural Award for Commitment to Dance** with **Rethabile Manaka**.

Jesse MacDonald was awarded the **Cultural Award for Commitment to Debating** and was recognised for **Academic Excellence**.

Teddy Mohuba won the **Subject Prize for IsiZulu** and **Juliana Loureiro** won the **Subject Prize for Portuguese**.

Amber Struthers won the **Dieu Donne Music Award**.

Jenna Stolz won the **Athletics Games Award** and was also recognised for **Academic Excellence**.

Vanessa Ndiangang was awarded the **Games Award for Chess** and was recognised for **Academic Excellence**.

Nompumelelo Makhoba shared the **Netball: Best Player Award** with **Megan Reveley**.

The **Most Valuable Attack Player** for **Netball** went to **Tshiamo Masite**.

Sarah Batchelder and **Qamar Ngqawana** were awarded the **Games Award for Swimming**.

Zia Fisher was awarded the **Games Trophy for Perseverance in Swimming**.

Lerato Tsoai shared the **Hockey Games Award** with **Mbalenhle Mbatha**.

The following girls were also recognised for **Academic Excellence**: **Mishkah Abdulla, Shiza Butt, Charlize Churcher, Christina D' Andrea, Ani Gyulinyan, Khushi Ilyas, Cheryl Jones, Nicolette Lau, Nkanyezi Mabena, Naseeha Moosa, Simone Scott, Derryn Taylor, Zia Touffie** and **Abongile Zakwe**.

Crassula House won the **Inter-House Efficiency Trophy for 2020**.

CAPTAINS FOR 2021

Wishing the newly appointed team captains and leaders a most successful year:

Athletics

Captain:
Swayde Lessing
Vice-Captain: Ofentse Dhlamini

Mamela

Head: Linky Nzuzo
Deputy Head: Ofentse Dhlamini

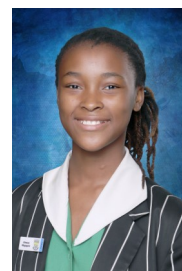
Hlabelela

Head: Ofentse Dhlamini
Deputy Head: Lesedi Kgosiemang
Secretary: Ndwe Sikwebu

Swimming

Captain: Kerri-Lyn Claase
Vice Captains: Cassidy and Sydney Bagley

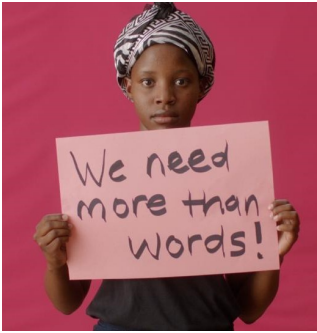
EQUESTRIAN STAR



Khwezi Magugula (8a) joined the Enos Mofokate Equestrian Club of Soweto in June 2018 to learn horse riding. She found she had an aptitude for vaulting. She trained

hard and soon started taking part in competitions. She came 2nd in the Freestyle Barrel category at the Inter Africa Cup in February 2019 and 3rd in the Penbritten Equestrian Centre Inter Africa Cup in the Barrel E grade category in May 2019. She came 1st in the Freestyle Barrel E grade category at the Gauteng Vaulting Championships in October this year. Congratulations Khwezi!

FIRST FOR WOMEN VIDEO SHOOT



Towards the end of exams, we received an invitation via Carolyn Steyn for some of our girls to participate in a music video being produced for 1st for Women for the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence. The video was a call to arms

and a call to action for men and women to stand up and be heard.

The shoot took place at a studio in Brixton on 19th November and the following grade 10 and 11 girls travelled there on the school bus after the grade 10s had finished their Maths paper - Bessem Besong, Naledi Lephuting, Tshaamano Mabuba, Phumelele Makhoba, Ayabukwa Magocoba, Taskia Mahri, Snamile Mthembu, Jade Murray, Linky Nzuzza, Sapna Sowki, and Nicola Teixeira.

The girls really enjoyed the experience. This is what

Tshaamano Mabuba had to say about it-

"The experience of being on a real set with professional directors and dancers was nothing short of phenomenal. We arrived at the location and met with costume designers who decided on our outfits and choreographers who taught us the "My Body" dance. The advert was made to serve as a music video to the empowering song "My Body" made by renowned artists. The songs aim is to reinforce women's rejection of gender based violence and emphasise that "Wathint' Umfazi ,Wathint' imbokodo"

meaning if you strike a woman you strike a rock. We all enjoyed being on the First for Women advert set and learning quite a lot about the entertainment industry. We met remarkable dancers and we were inspired to use our voices to encourage people in our small circles to partake in the fight against gender based violence."

The My Body (Stand Up) video can be viewed on YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/lwjPbFEyHLk>



CLASS DANCES

The grade 10 and 11 classes choreographed, practised and performed this year's dances on the front lawns of the school to allow for social distancing. The dances were performed with great enthusiasm.

Each of the Grade 11 classes performed a dance involving the entire class. 11d Ghost Busters were this year's winners; 11e

Lockdown were second and 11t Cheerleaders were third.

Congratulations to the following Grade 10 dances who were ranked from first to third place:

1. John Vuyi 10c
2. Women in Sport 10e
3. Wedding Mob 10d

CHOIRS AND CONCERTS

On 28 August the junior choir of Jeppe High School for Girls – Izimpande- performed a fun arrangement of the traditional African American Spiritual 'Hush' (arr. J Bester). All video and audio material was recorded at home by each individual learner and mixed remotely by the Karisma performing Arts team.

The Jeppe staff music department put on a live concert in the school hall on 22 September as a fundraiser for the Carol Service. The concert, entitled Baroque and Roll, was a very special event for a very small audience (adhering to covid safety protocols), The performers and the audience alike enjoyed the evening immensely.

The Carol Service was recorded remotely and posted on YouTube on 4 December. This was a first for the school and we hope that the Jeppe family far and wide enjoyed it. <https://youtu.be/GbrC3PbZBeI>

HERITAGE DAY AND JERUSALEMA



ONE TIME...ONE MOMENT IN HISTORY: On 23 September, the Grade 11's enjoyed every moment of being Proudly South African - A joyous day under the African sun, dancing to the rhythm of Jerusalema and honouring Heritage Day. Staff joined in and Mr Kentridge was the star Jerusalema dancer!

ENGLISH OLYMPIAD

The English Olympiad was written on Tuesday 3 March 2020. Its aim is to enrich and deepen the candidates' appreciation for the English language and its literature.

This year's theme was 'Consequences' and the anthology was entitled *After-math*, which consisted of a selection of mixed genres including 'Faustus', a short story entitled 'A Bag of Sweets' and a modern radio play 'Taxi'.

63 Jeppe girls wrote the 2020 Olympiad. The results had been delayed because of the pandemic, but we were finally able to hand out the grade 11 certificates in a special assembly in November and the grade 9s and 10s at final assembly.

Aisling de Lange (Grade 12) and Jamie Ho and Kaylin Pop (Grade 11) were awarded Gold certificates for obtaining between 70 and 79 percent.

Kayla Auerswald, Cassidy Bagley, Amy Chapman, Kalista January and Enyonam Mashikaro (all in grade 11) were awarded Silver certificates for obtaining between 60 and

69 percent. Talia de Mello Kock, Lucky Geluk and Zimasa Mgqawana (grade 10) and Brooke-Lynn Thompson (grade 9) were also awarded silver certificates

Bronze certificates were awarded to Sydney Bagley, Tshegofatso Chawasorira and Maravilha Ngando in grade 11, Aisha Laher and Amanda Vanqa in grade 10 and Comfort Ihenacho and Bokamoso Mokete in grade 9.

Merit Awards went to Ayabukwa Magocoba, Snamile Mthembu and Sinenjongo Xenza in grade 11, Farzana Ahmed, Tasmiyah Bharoochi, Kishalya Harilall, Zahraa Mossa and Mbalenhle Sibanda in grade 10 and Leah Coaklin, Ayanda Kawamba, Jessica Lazarou, Naomi Mabi and Priyal Moodley of grade 9.

Participation Awards went to Saibiha Essop, Katlego Rapanyane, Kiara dos Santos and Bongsi Mlangeni.

Congratulations to everyone who participated.

MATHS OLYMPIAD

A record number of 86 443 learners from 1 200 schools participated in the first round of the Maths Olympiad. ALL our learners wrote the SA Maths Olympiad, Round 1 to support the development of the learners' problem solving skills. On 21 November, at the South African Maths Foundation Maths Awards, our school was recognized as 1 of 11 schools in South Africa who managed to accomplish this feat. Well done to the teachers and girls for your determined efforts accompanied by your indomitable Jeppe Maths Spirit.

There were several junior and senior learners who advanced to the second round of the Olympiad. Six grade 9 learners achieved good results and were presented with certificates in final assembly. They were Caitlin de Beer, Morgyn Delongchamps-Boulle, Comfort Ihenacho, Thiara Moodley, Zimasa Ngqawana and Courtney Postma.

TOUR DE MATHS

Shortly after the announcement of the lock down it was realised that the Tour De Maths competition that runs at seven different schools in Gauteng each year would need to change its format to survive. After much thought, it was decided to move the entire Tour De Maths event from being an "in person" event to an "online" event. This also meant that the footprint of the competition could be expanded and schools from around the country were invited to take part.

The final leg of Tour De Maths 2020, took place on 14 September. Jeppe Girls achieved a Top10 position again, coming 8th out of 34 schools who competed. Well done Girls!

JOBURG INTERSCHOOLS VIRTUAL RUN BLANKET DRIVE UNDER LOCKDOWN AND BEYOND



On Saturday 3 October, many of our staff and girls took part in the Inter-schools Virtual Run. The aim of the event was to encourage exercise and for participants to run or walk as far as they could. These stats were recorded on the participants fitness apps and submitted for proof of distance covered.

Competing against Parktown Girls, Brescia House, Kingsmead College and St Teresa's, Jeppe came first with a total of 266.28km. Parktown was second with 125.25 km, Brescia House third with 93.92 km, Kingsmead fourth with 50.12km and St Teresa's fifth with 47.74 km. Jeppe had 29 learners and 10 staff participating. Well done ladies!

As with most activities of 2020, we started our blanket drive for baby blankets with gusto in the first term. Some of the blankets were handed in before school closed and we received some lovely blankets from the grade 8s, using their newly found skills. We had fewer blankets handed in overall this year, but we managed to distribute 255 blankets in all and have many more in storage that come in once girls returned to school that we will distribute next year.

We focused on the elderly and women and children in our distribution of blankets. We delivered 81 blankets to Rene Du Plooy of We Care, who distributed them to Dewetshof Old Age Cottages, Max Goodman and Bertha Solomon Cottages; 31 blankets went to the mothers and children residing at Bien Venu; 39 blankets went to the Bethany Home for abused women and children; 60 blankets went to the Ethembeni Children's Home run by the Salvation Army; 20 blankets went to the Door of Hope in Berea; 5 baby blankets went to Monte Valde in Edenvale; and 19 blankets went to the Kensington Can initiative via the Methodist Soup Kitchen. We were not able to spend time with the recipients of the blankets but hope that we will be able to in 2021.

While the baby blanket drive was underway, we were looking for 62 crocheters to make blankets in emerald green for the 2021 Springbok blanket that is going to be displayed at Siya Kholisis's old school in the Eastern



Crocheting at teatime

Cape next year. Mrs Steyn also asked for the school's assistance in providing more green and sunshine yellow blankets as the barometer showed the 67blanket family to be far behind their target. The result of this discussion was to embark on a class initiative just before final exams

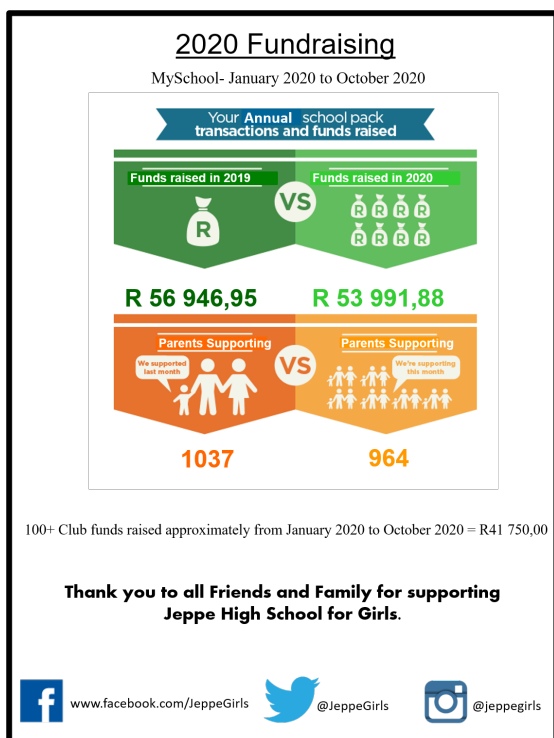
with grades 8, 9, 10 and 11. We have had wool donated by Capitec Bank, Auto & General and 67 Blankets and have been encouraging the making of squares and blankets as much as possible. The response from the girls and the community has been phenomenal and we have had in excess of 135 Springbok blankets handed in to date.



Grade 11s crocheting in assembly

We are particularly proud of the grade 8s and 9s and the grade 11s who really committed themselves to the initiative. Some girls brought in whole blankets but the bulk of the blankets were made up with 40x40cm squares crocheted in class and joined together into blankets.

The deadline for submitting springbok blankets has been moved from 10 December to the end of February next year. Thank you to all the girls, mums, grannies, aunties, staff and friends who crocheted for us this year.



PATA PATA JEPPE STYLE

Jeppe's cover of Miriam Makeba's hit song "Pata Pata" was recorded during the National Lockdown in SA using mobile devices. There were some members of the orchestra who missed the opportunity to share their talent due to the lack of technical resources. The recording was placed on our facebook page appealing for donations of phones and data to help everyone stay connected and to ensure that no girl was left behind. R6 000 was raised by this initiative.

STAFF NEWS

We bid a sad farewell to two staff members this term—Miss Coppin who taught Maths Literacy and has been very involved with public speaking and drama at the school. She is moving to Founders Hill. Mrs Machine (nee Eugenio), who taught art and design will also be leaving us for Boksburg High. We thank them for the value they added to Jeppe while they were here and wish them both every success and happiness.

VOLLEYBALL ROUND UP



“Bump...Set...Spike!” Although these terms could refer to the Covid-19 infection curve, which has consumed so much of our lives this year, they are the calls for classic three touch volleyball. For the most part of the year school sport has been curtailed by the lockdown, so it was with great relief and enthusiasm that the volleyball squad could finally play ball in a 3-a-side internal tournament fixture when the Minister of Education allowed the resumption of non-contact sport activities in October during lockdown level 1.

Twenty teams competed in the 14th of October - 6th of November round robin competition, ten teams per junior and senior division. Unfortunately, the weather played havoc with the junior competition and those remaining fixtures will need to be completed early next year. However, the senior teams were able to finish off their competition and the top four positions were decided as follows:

4th place – **Ballz Pandemic** (Chelsea Kutama; Kiara Johnston; Brooke Porter; Tatum Murphy)

3rd place – **Ball diggers** (Rorisang Kabane; Cassidy Singh; Raphela Mouyis)

2nd place – **Porcupine** (Chandra Orton; Katja Clausen; Andrea van der Bank)

1st place - **Spikological Warfare** (Ms Jarvis; Ms Jacobs; Ms Hill; Ms Bonthuys)

The final was a closely fought affair with a 2 -1 set victory (19-25; 25-23; 15-13) to the undefeated staff team, so in reality the Porcupine team were credited as the top Jeppe Girls team! Well done and thank you to the 60 plus participants who enjoyed the bumps, sets and spikes in a turbulent season!

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMISTRESS

I extend my gratitude, thanks and congratulations to all our staff, learners and parents who made sure that schooling continued in 2020. I am confident that we will approach 2021 in the same positive way. As we now close the chapter on 2020, we look forward to a brighter 2021. May the lessons we take away from this year light our path and guide our way as we journey into the decade ahead.

I would like to wish all our staff, girls and parents a most enjoyable, happy, relaxing, peace-filled and safe holiday.
Miss Goncalves