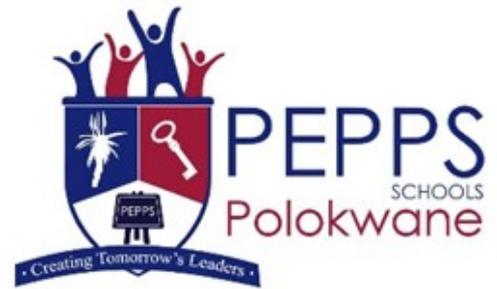


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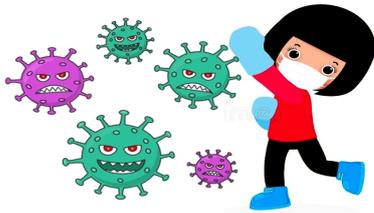
Dear Parents/Guardians/Caregivers

We have come to the end of Term 3 and, even though it was a rocky start, we can look back at a productive term. We were easily able to switch to online teaching and back again, not losing any teaching or learning time, maintaining a constant connectedness between teachers and families.



## Covid Regulations

Covid has become a part of our every day life and, even though we follow protocol, we are reminded to be vigilant daily. We adhere to Covid protocols as far as possible, doing everything from our side to keep our pupils as safe as possible.



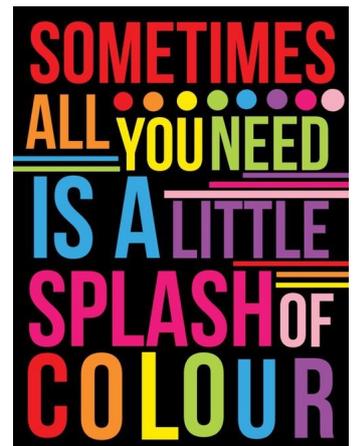
Unfortunately, we have not been so lucky to go untouched by the terrible virus and our thoughts and prayers go out to the families who have been affected.

Please take extra care during the holidays. Reinforce the importance of wearing a mask, sanitising regularly and maintaining social distancing on a daily basis; our little ones are still small and repetition is key.

## Facility Updates

We installed high quality safety mattresses for the fireman's pole, the slide and the monkey bars. We are certain that this will be beneficial to the safety of our pupils.

We received 36 brand new, bright and colourful Stage 4 and 5 mattresses for our little ones to re-charge during nap times.



We are extremely grateful to Uncle Jaap and his team for the security upgrades in and around our school, from a lock here all the way to a security gate there.



We are truly blessed with creative artists as teachers and the colourful eye-catching murals on the walls transform the playground to a magical learning space.



### Learning in Term 3

We not only believe that 'Learning through Play' is the best for children, but it is scientifically proven that free play is an essential and integral part of how children learn.

Here are only some of the fun topics we had the pleasure of 'playing' with this term:

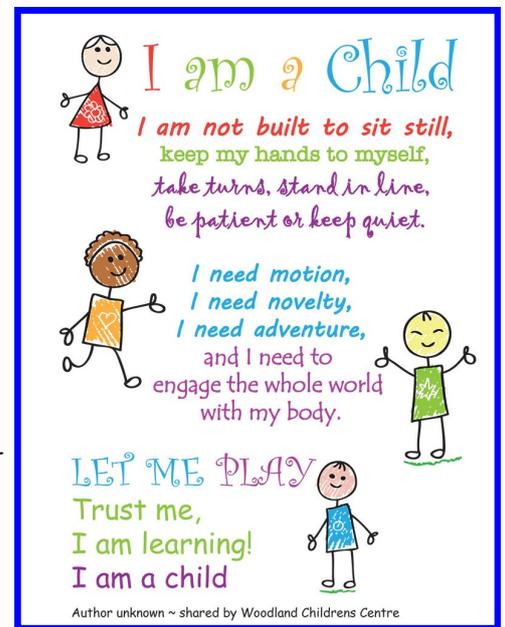
The ocean is not too deep and we dived right in.

Hopping on mushrooms, visiting fairy houses was so dreamy.

We fine combed the garden with magnifying glasses looking for creepy crawlies.

With our lab coats we made science look easy.

We skipped from season to season adapting to the weather as we go.



On 1 September, we celebrated the end of Winter with Spring Day, where pupils wore their brightest, cool clothes. Every teacher set up a game or activity for pupils to participate in.

We had the privilege of celebrating the diverse cultures of our rainbow nation, South Africa, for a whole week, ending off with Heritage Day where pupils could dress up in their traditional clothes and pack a traditional lunch box to tell their classmates about.

When paging through your child's Learning Story books, we are sure you will agree that it is evident that learning took place through fun-filled activities.

### Clubs/Extra-curricular Activities

As always, the pupils enjoyed the external service providers StimuZone and Mini Chess. We were disappointed when extra-curricular activities were cancelled early in the term. We decided that our pupils' safety was more important and that we didn't want to take chances with the peaking Covid curve.

Monday	Tuesday		Wednesday	Thursday	
Tennis	Gardening Club	Multi Cultural Club	Construction	Prettifying Club	Puppet making Club
Ms Masoga & Mrs Phogole	Mrs van Staden & Mrs Nolte	Ms Letsoalo & Ms Mabelebele	Ms Masoga & Mrs Phogole	Mrs van Staden & Mrs Nolte	Ms Letsoalo & Ms Mabelebele

We are excited to continue with the extra-curricular activities in Term 4. You are welcome to start thinking where you would want to enrol your child.



## ADAM

Continuous and formal assessment took place throughout the term and was added to our assessment platform on a regular basis.

The following scale is used.

0% - 40%	1	Not yet achieved
41% - 60%	2	Partially achieved
61% - 95%	3	Achieved
96% - 100%	4	Achieved beyond expected

Keep in mind that we aim for 'Achieved' and not for 'Achieved beyond expected.'

If a teacher requested a report from an occupational therapist, speech therapist or any other learning institution, it is vital for parents to cooperate and communicate. It is important for parents and teachers to work together to help pupils in the best way possible.

### myHomework, Message Books and Emails

Thank you for checking your child's Message Book and the myHomework App and making use of our communication systems to keep abreast of important information. Please ask for help if you are struggling to download the app or are not yet on myHomework; we are here to help.



As always you are more than welcome to contact any of the ECD teachers on their email addresses if you have any queries. The ECD School telephone number is 015 101 1388.

### School opens on Monday 11 October.

School re-opens for staff on Thursday 7 October and Friday 8 October in preparation for the new term. Pupils start on Monday 11 October at 07h00. Please remember to make the necessary arrangements for pick-up time - 13h00 from Monday to Thursday and 12h30 on Friday.

### End Note

Thank you for a successful Term 3 and your part in creating tomorrow's leaders. We hope you have a peaceful holiday. Stay safe; I look forward to seeing you next term.

Blessings



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