

WOODRIDGE PREPARATORY

MORE THAN A SCHOOL, AN EXPERIENCE

A group of children in pirate costumes are running along a path outdoors. In the foreground, a girl on the right wears a large black pirate hat with a skull and crossbones, a red bandana, a dark vest over a white shirt, and a red sash. She is holding a black pirate sword. To her left, a boy wears a similar black pirate hat, a white shirt, a dark vest, and a red sash. Behind them, other children in various pirate costumes are visible, including one with a red bandana and another with a blue bandana. The background shows lush green trees and foliage, suggesting a park or school grounds setting.

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Encouraging Curiosity, Creativity, and the Joy of Everyday Wonder

Dear Families,

“Mom, Dad, I’m bored!”

It is a phrase we have all heard — sometimes daily — and yet, in a world filled with distractions, boredom might be a gift. It creates space for something far more valuable than entertainment to take root: creativity, curiosity, and imagination.

In our fast-paced world, children rarely get the chance to be still, to wonder, invent, and explore ideas that begin with, “I wonder...” These quiet, unstructured moments are where real thinking and creativity, begins.

That is why we are embracing an inquiry-based learning approach, encouraging pupils to ask questions, investigate ideas, and make sense of the world through exploration. This approach to learning values wonder and sees curiosity not as a distraction, but as a strength.

The child who builds a lopsided tower or spots a dragon in the clouds is not wasting time — they are developing essential skills such as problem-solving, storytelling, and critical thinking. These are not just childhood games; they are essential life skills.

Games that you may have played as a child, like I spy with my little eye, cloud watching, or counting how many cars you can see in a particular colour during long trips in the car required no screen, no app — only imagination.



Let us reignite that inquisitiveness and return to that world where things were so much simpler. The next time your child says, “I’m bored,” resist the urge to fill the silence and give them something to do. Instead, invite them to look, think, and wonder.

Encourage them to look around them and ask questions like:

“I wonder why birds fly that way?”

“What shape does that cloud resemble?”

“Where does that puddle go when it dries up?”

These moments — small, unplanned, and imaginative — are powerful. They help children become independent thinkers and lifelong learners.

Let’s give them time.

Let’s celebrate their questions.

Let’s not just raise pupils, but thinkers, creators, and dreamers.

“By constantly entertaining our kids, we are stealing their childhood and creating obstacles to their future success. We are not allowing them to learn to tolerate quiet times and discover their own creative ways to overcome boredom. It is still reversible. Let them be bored at times and don’t feel guilty about it.”

- Victoria Prooday

Yours sincerely

Trevor



ARRRREST THESE GRADE 2 PIRATES!

The mischievous Grade 2s have struck again!
In true pirate fashion, they seized the Headmaster (Mr von Berg) and made him
'walk the plank'.

These fearless captors are now wanted across the seven seas *(and the schoolyard)*
for their legendary pirate pranks!



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Eco-Committee News

Raggy Charters – Marine Conservations



Grade 7
Eco-Committee 2025

We recently had the pleasure of hosting Jake from Raggy Charters, whose talk left our pupils inspired and eager to help protect our oceans.

Raggy Charters is more than just a tour company, they work passionately to preserve Algoa Bay's rich biodiversity. They collaborate with SANCCOB on penguin rehabilitation, raise awareness about ocean pollution, and highlight the importance of youth involvement in environmental education.

Jake's engaging presentation included stunning marine photography, fascinating facts—like fishing line taking 600 years to decompose—and insights into Algoa Bay's status as one of only five whale heritage sites in the world. Pupils were especially captivated by a real whale baleen sample, making the experience truly memorable.

He also introduced the spekboom planting initiative, aimed at offsetting their carbon footprint, and The Mosaic Project, an innovative waste-for-essentials swap shop in Walmer Township that supports vulnerable communities.

Woodridge is proud to support The Mosaic Project, and we encourage families to contribute donations throughout the year. More details coming soon!

A heartfelt thank you to Jake and Raggy Charters for their incredible work in conservation and education. Let's all do our part to preserve our planet for future generations.

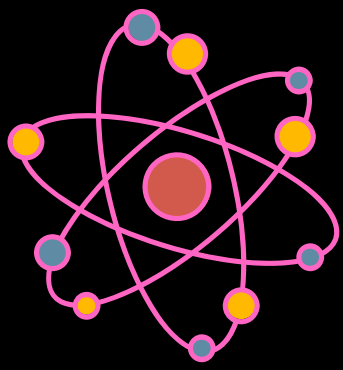


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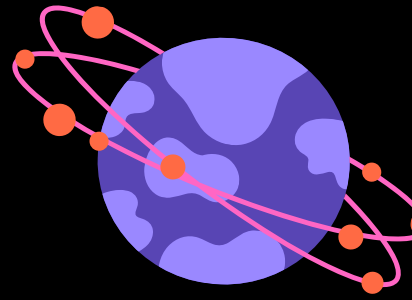


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Budding Scientists



This year's Grade 4 Science Expo was a true celebration of curiosity, creativity, and hands-on learning! Our young scientists proudly showcased their projects—demonstrating not just what they learned, but how they think.

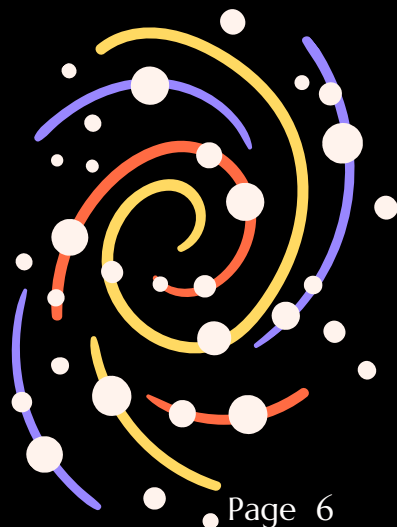
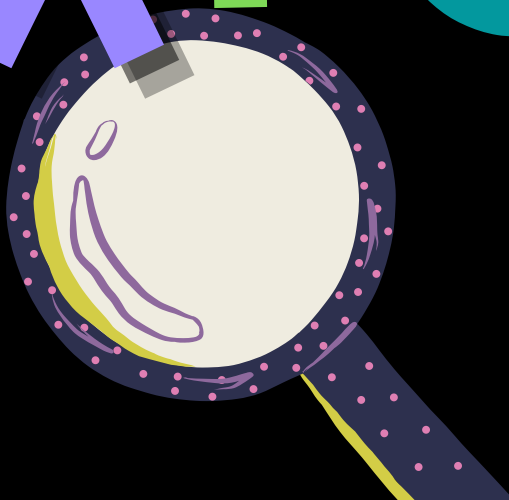
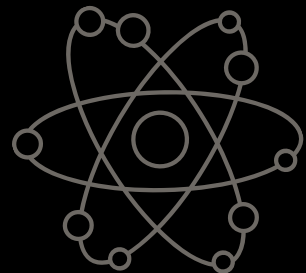
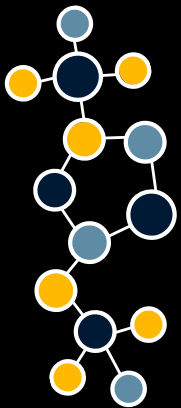
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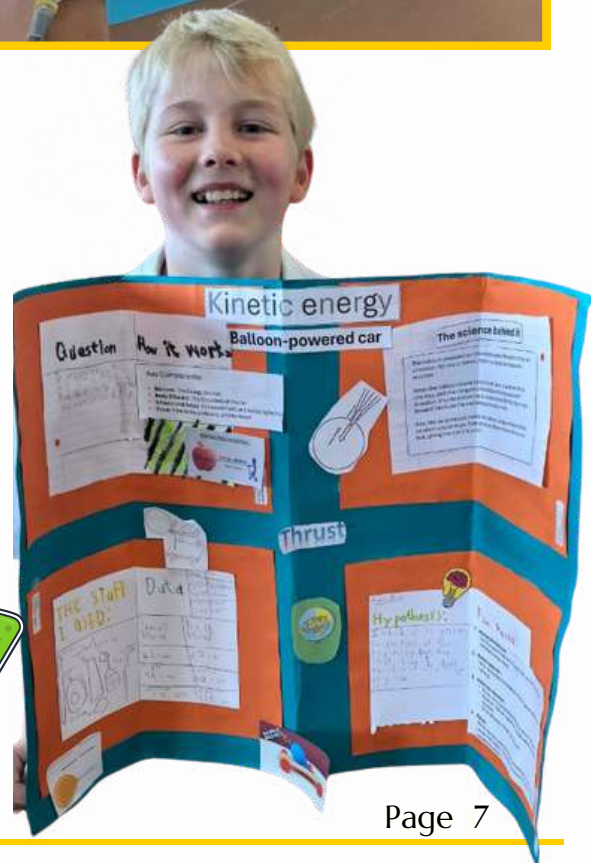
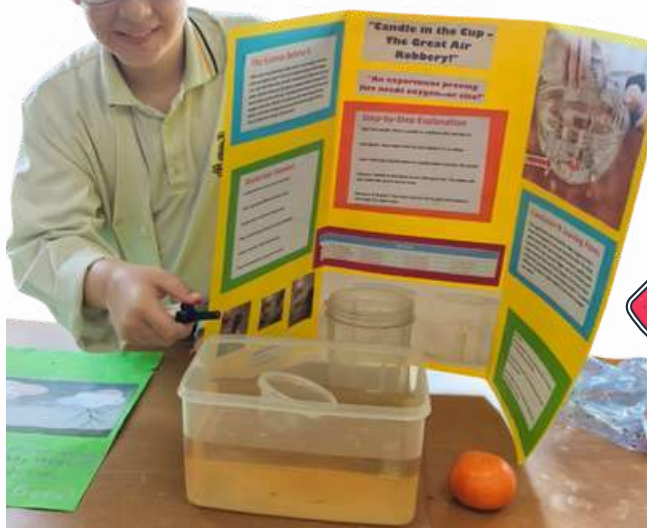
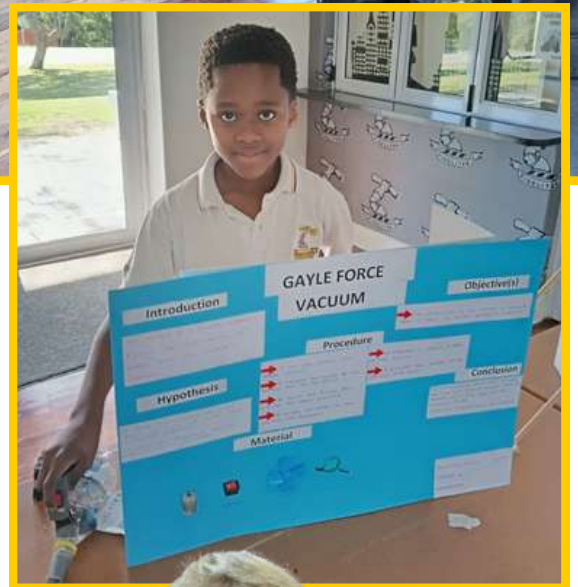
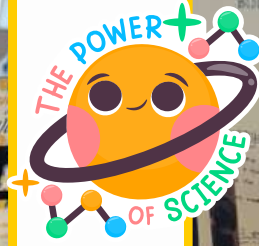


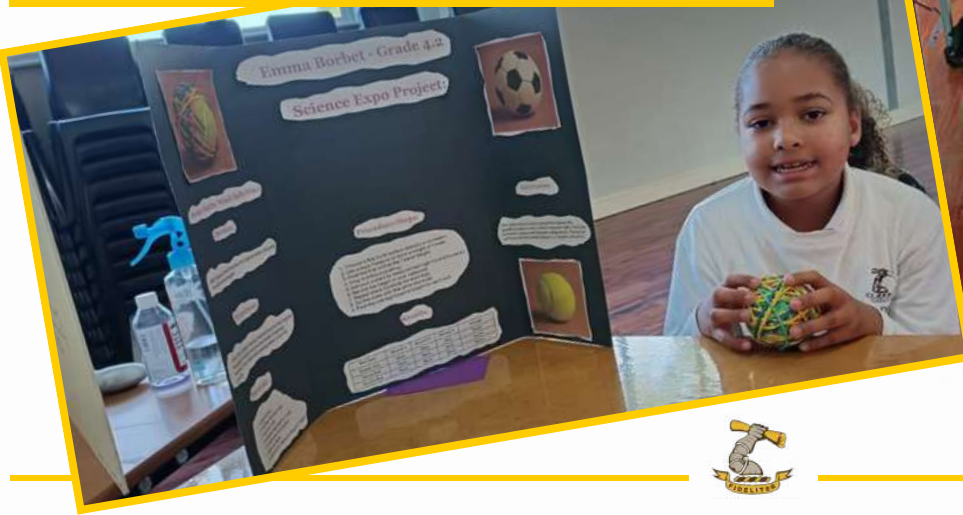
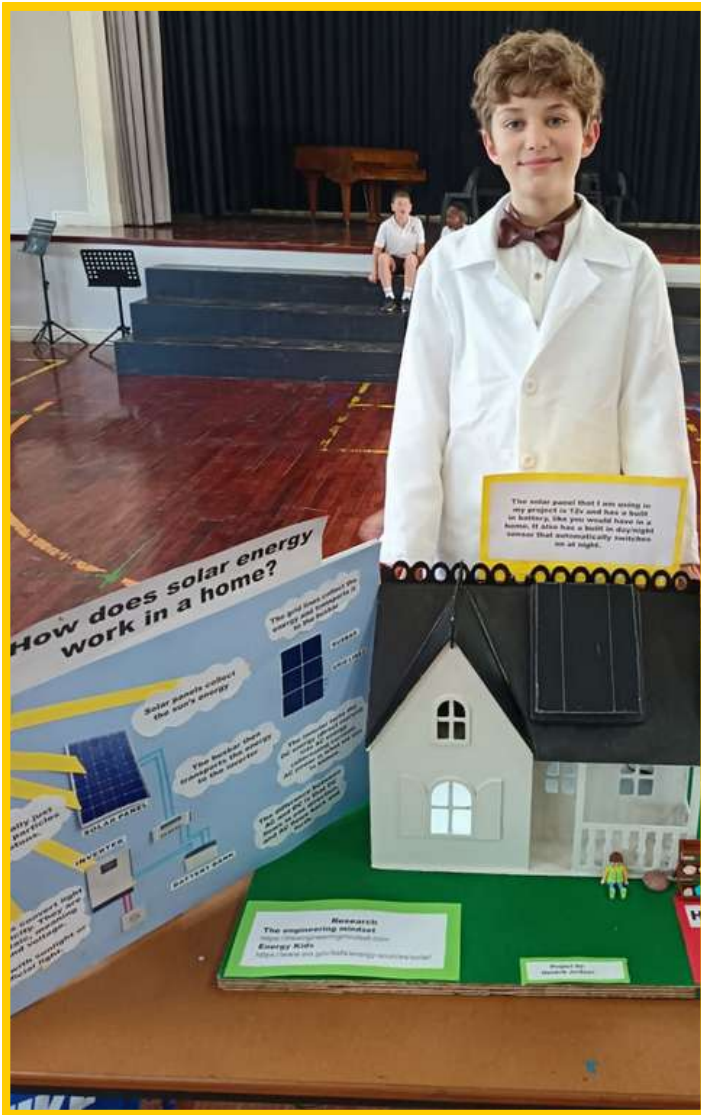
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Science EXPO







Trail Running

The annual trail run took place on a perfect day, with the children dressed in their house shirts, eager to earn points for their houses. They gave it their all as they ran along our scenic trails, embracing the spirit of camaraderie.



Find more pics here: <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjCeLdN>



In the News

Soccer News



Congratulations to Quan-Carlo Stone from the Callies Stars Unite U10 Soccer team, who recently competed in the RCD Espanyol de Barcelona Champions Cup held in Cape Town. Quan-Carlo had an outstanding performance, finishing first in the tournament!

This victory has earned him a spot in the prestigious Iber Cup International Youth Soccer Tournament, set to take place in Johannesburg this December.

We are proud of your achievements and wish you the best for the upcoming competition!

Well done Quan-Carlo and all the very best at the Iber Cup in December!



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Soccer News

Congratulations to Sebastian Ferreira who participated in the Priory Night/Day Soccer Tournament. The U9 Saints Eagles Club team won the league in a penalty shoot in the finals (3-2).



Well done Sebastian Ferreira!



In the News

MARTIALARTS



Congratulations to Tristin Bury, who represented the Eastern Cape Province at the recent Karate South Africa Championship in Durban.

Tristin delivered an outstanding performance, earning a silver medal and securing second place in his category.

The Eastern Cape team also achieved a commendable 5th place overall in the Open Championship.

Well done to Tristin and the entire team on this fantastic achievement!



Staff News



Congratulations to Mrs Kerry Kennedy on the birth of baby Jack!

Wonderful to hear that both mom and baby are doing well and settling in beautifully under the loving watch of proud 'big sister' Brooklyn.

Wishing the whole family joy, health, and unforgettable moments together!





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