



Dear parents

Reflection is fundamental to our wanting to go ahead with new ideas. We reflect on the past, perhaps on how we could change it for the better, and then find the most suitable pathway to move forward. The Reggio approach encourages children and teachers to reflect on their progress. The end of the term also brings with it a time for reflection.

Although we have experienced many cold mornings, it did not stop us from going to explore our St Mary's environment in which even icicles could be found clinging to the fountains. The teachers and children have been working on a combined project exploring the children's different interests. These have been rich and varied, ranging from water play using a water rack with funnels, tubes and recycled bottles, to exploring secret places around the greater St Mary's campus and performing behind a large shadow screen. We have participated in clay work, linking with architecture, free dance and musical instrument work incorporating different genres of music and explored different techniques in the art studio. It has been wonderful to see how the children have creatively expressed the different parts of the school in unique ways.

Our Mandela Day celebrations brought the term to a very special end. The Little Saints children visited the elderly at Pioneer House in

Oaklands. This project emanated from the story *The Giving Tree*. The essence of the story focuses on love, empathy, friendship and a sense of giving. It became an opportunity for the staff, children and parents to give their 67 minutes back to the community. The children's creativity went into the preparation for this day. They baked biscuits, made cards with a special message and learnt new songs to sing to the residents. On Wednesday 18 July, the children entered Pioneer House and brought love, happiness and light to the hearts of many people as they sang and danced to *You Give us Hope Madiba*.

As we approach the August holidays, it is also important that we think of those leaving us at the end of this term. I would like to wish Stefanie von Ey, Olu'luthandolwethu Xayiya and Olivia Bardopoulos all the best at their new schools. We are going to miss them and their families and I hope that Little Saints has as special a place in their heart as they have in ours. May God bless you on your new journey.

Wishing all our Little Saints families a wonderful August holiday and I look forward to welcoming you back to a warmer third term.

Kindest regards

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