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HART TO HEART

HAVE A BLESSED DAY



A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which said: "I am blind, please help." After a few hours, there were only a few coins in the hat. Later a man was walking by and he took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat.

He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. He put the sign back so that everyone walking by could see the new words. Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy. That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were going.

The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, "Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?"

The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way."

What he had written was: "Today is a beautiful day and I cannot see it."

Do you think the first sign and the second sign were saying the same things?

Of course, both signs told people the boy was blind. But the first sign simply said the boy was blind. The second sign told people they were so lucky that they were not blind. Should we be surprised that the second sign was more effective?

Moral of the story:

BE THANKFUL FOR WHAT YOU HAVE. BE CREATIVE. BE INNOVATIVE, THINK DIFFERENTLY AND ACT POSITIVELY.

HARTLEY FAIR 2016

Our Fair was a roaring success and we are grateful to all role players for their support. Every year the proceeds from the Fair are utilized to improve the school. The income generated also helps to keep the school fees reasonable.

FIRST CYCLE CHARACTER AWARDS

Our Character Award Program is divided into three cycles: Jan to April; May to Aug and September to November. Those learners who do not commit any misdemeanors in a given cycle receive a character award at the end of the first and second cycles. If they commit no misdemeanors for the entire year they will receive a character badge.

We are glad to announce that 579 out of 776 learners (**75%**) qualified for the first cycle. They will shortly be receiving their awards. *Well done!*

ADMISSION GRADES R – 7 2017

Admissions for brothers and sisters of existing learners are now open.

Please ensure that learners seeking admission for grade R are –

- 5 years of age before June 2017
- independent
- fully toilet trained

Please include an unabridged birth certificate with application form and a copy of gr 00/playschool report.

New admissions will open on 19 July 2016.

EARLY CLOSURE

School will close at **13h00 on Thursday, May 26** for all learners. Madrassah will start at 13h05, and will be dismissed at 15h30 for all grades. Please make the necessary transport arrangements.

BEE PROBLEMS IN SCHOOL

The bee problem in school is being addressed. In winter there are limited flowers, and bees are attracted to sugary drinks at schools. A few learners have been stung by bees. The school requested the assistance of a professional who advised that the hive could be within a four kilometer radius. The following steps were taken:

- a feeding station has been created away from the school;
- the skip has been removed and the area sanitised;
- the dirt bins are washed and sanitised regularly.

Parents are to encourage their children to throw all their waste, including cans and bottles into the bins and then to close the bins.

We hope that the problem is now minimised.

SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

Soccer

The AMS Astro Soccer Tournament was held on May 14, with the venues for U9/U11 at Hartley, U13 at Orient and U15/17 at Al Falaah.

Hartley entered 2 teams in each division for U9, U11 and U13. There was so much talent and eagerness of learners to participate, and we hope that AMS will allow us to enter 3 to 4 teams in each division next year to cater for more players /teams who are willing to participate.

From the 5 divisions, Hartley scooped 3 trophies, winning all in the primary division.

U9 HRPS vs Al Falaah in finals- 2-0

U11 HRPS vs Orient in finals 1-0

U13 HRPS vs Al Falaah in finals 2-0 – on penalties

The netball team also took the “Player of the Tournament” award, going to Safwaan Hendricks for the second year in a row.

Surely if Hartley had a high school all 5 trophies would be ours, says Mr D. Paulsen (sport co-ordinator/coach at Hartley). Nevertheless in the 3 divisions we are placed 1st in the province with regard to AMS schools.

Netball

Our Netball Squads also emerged as champions! Yet another accolade for our U11 and U13 teams. The well-organised event, hosted by Al Falaah College, took place at Hoy Park Netball Courts. The U11 team took the lead from the first game with a landslide win of 8–0 in the first game against Nizamia. The finals brought HRPS vs OIS in U11 with a 14–1 victory, and HRPS vs Al Falaah in U13 with a 7–3 victory.

We would like to place on record our appreciation to the parents and staff who came out to support us.

Well done to the teams, the Sports Department, and to Safwaan!

WAR ON CRIME AND DRUGS

Cllr Fawzia Peer, Ward 31 invites parents and learners to a meeting on Saturday, May 21 at Overport Secondary School, Brickfield Road entrance.

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