



**Stellenbosch Waldorf School**  
Nurturing Conscious Individuals

# UPDATE

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### Thank You for a Wonderful Autumn Fair and Open Day

The golden light of autumn set the perfect tone as our vibrant community came together to celebrate, connect, and rediscover the warmth and wonder of Waldorf education.

Past families and old friends reconnected, and new ones were welcomed.

Thank you to our committed parents, students and staff and everyone who joined us, shared stories, and celebrated with us. Your presence made this day feel like a reunion of hearts and a reflection of the enduring spirit of Waldorf.

In this edition we explore how the High School (Class 8 and 9) fosters engagement and growth among adolescents and share some of our student's hard work. Please also be reminded of our upcoming Whitsun Festival on 6 June.

From the Editor: Liesl Brink



# OPEN DAY



During our Open day, a total of 10 new families came to explore our school, with many of them looking for a Kindergarten class from 2026.

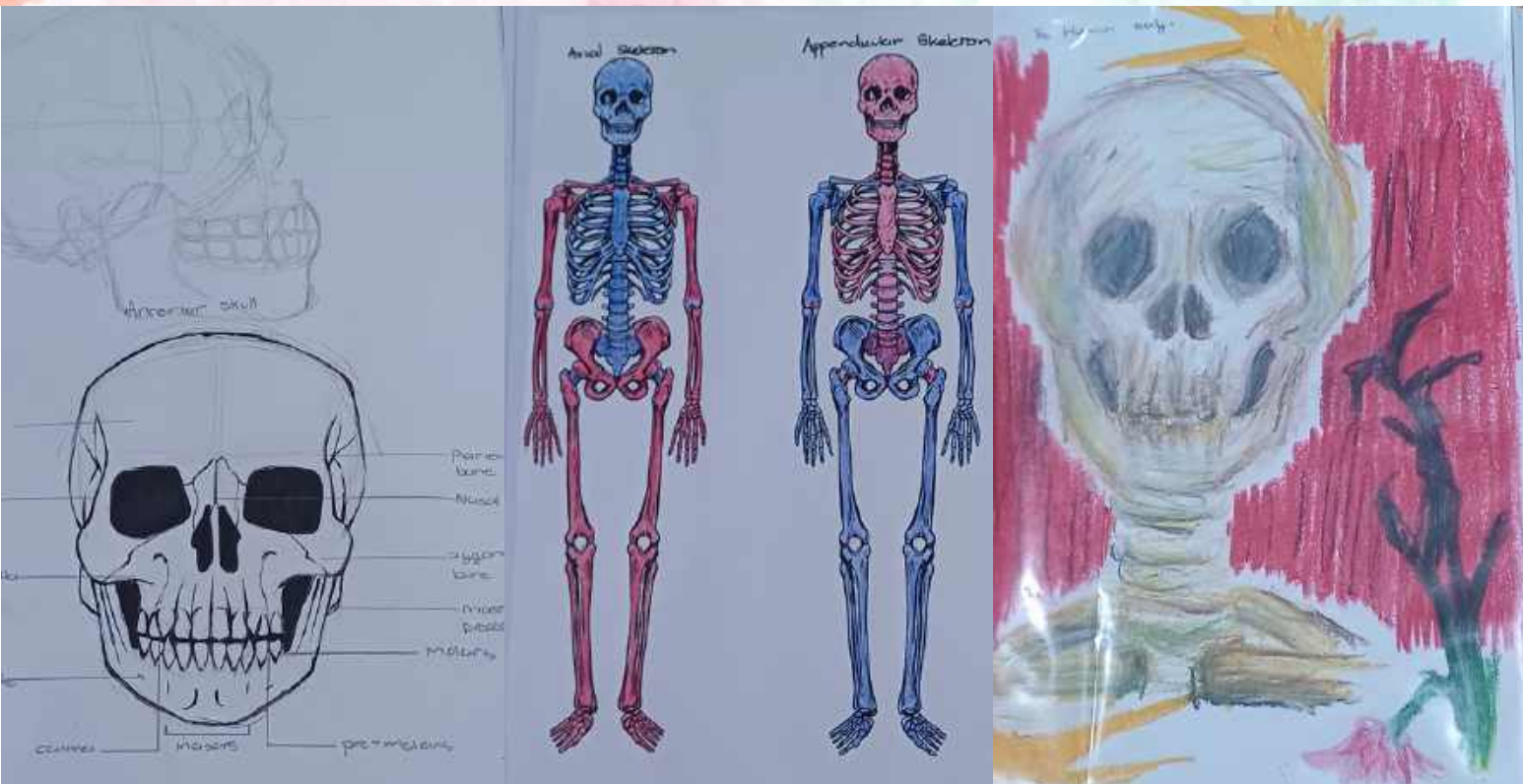
A big thank you to our teachers and staff for making our classrooms look so beautiful. Your passion and dedication continue to inspire our community!



# SEEN AT THE AUTUMN FAIR



# CLASS 8



Our Class 8 students started off their **Biology Main Lesson** with observations of the human skeleton. During this ML our task is to portray the construction of the human being and this has a strong “earthing” effect on young people.

We also observed and compared the skulls of carnivores, herbivores and rodents. We looked in detail at the Axial and Appendicular skeletons, types of joints, and how our muscular system works with our bony structure. Luckily we have Mr Bones in our classroom to assist us. Many diagrams and observations assisted us in understanding this topic. Whilst in our **Chemistry ML** things got tasty, see below.



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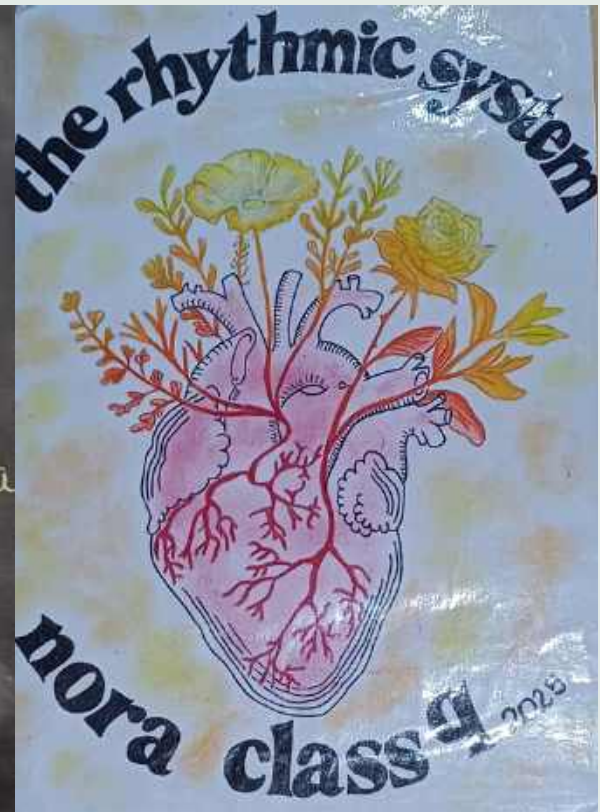
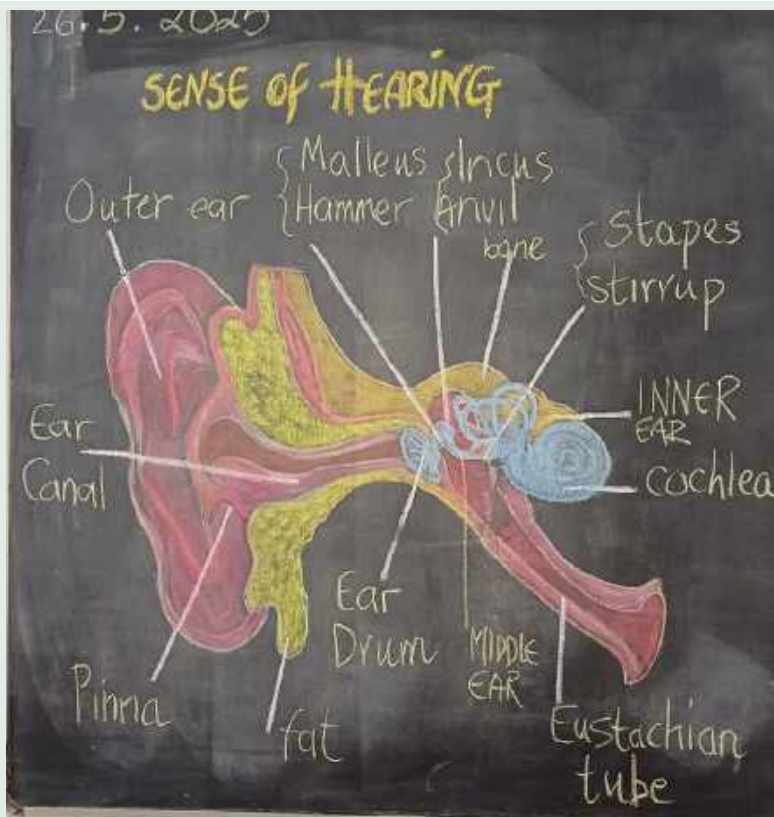


During our Chemistry ML various experiments and practicals are conducted with glucose, starch, cellulose, fats, oils and proteins. Some of these experiments results in tasty treats like fudge and “vetkoek” enjoyed by our students and staff.

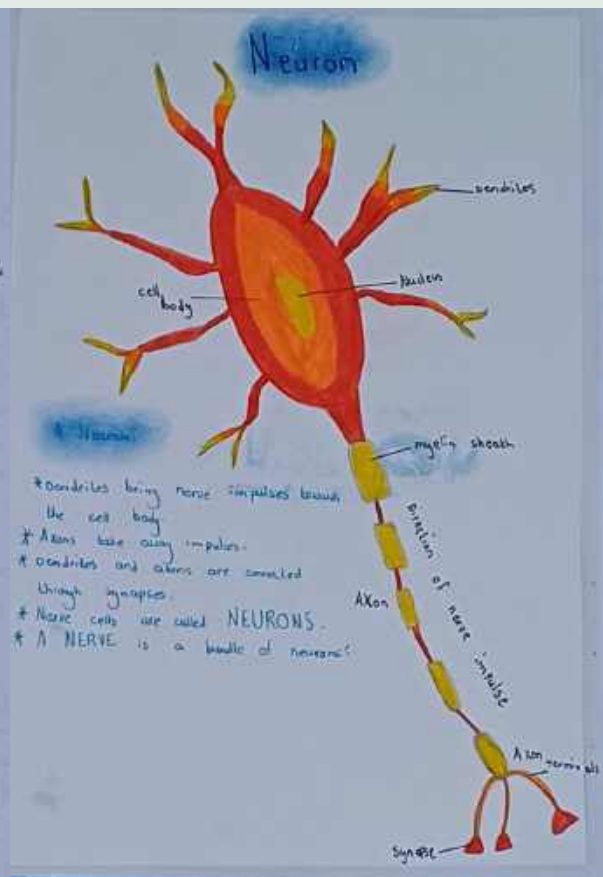
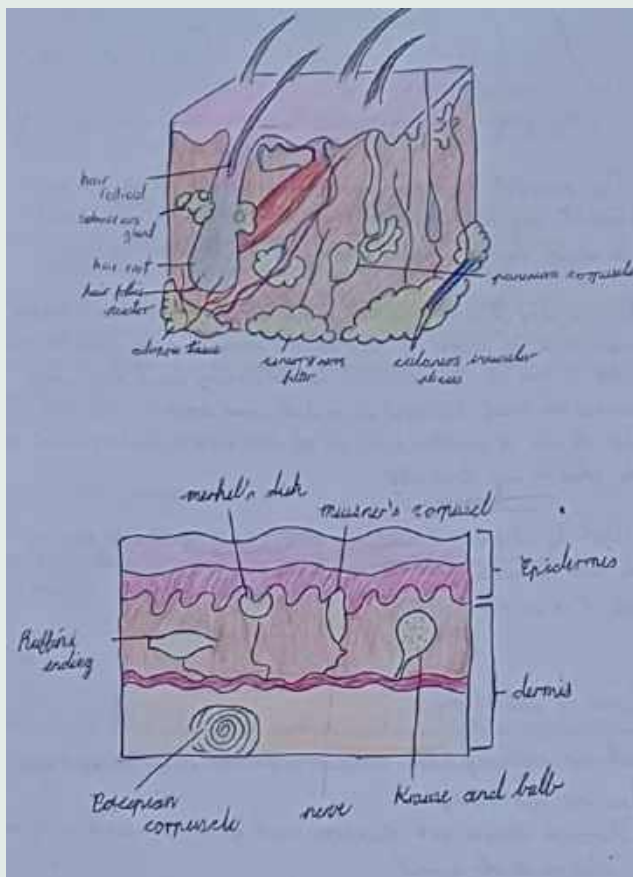
Below: CI 8 students exploring hand's on ways to integrate shape, form and scale which included research and drawing inspiration from master printmakers from the Southern African diaspora in their **Visual Arts ML**.



# CLASS 9



Our Class 9 has 2 **Biology Main Lessons**, **The Rhythmic System** : Blood circulation and the respiratory system as well as the **Human Senses**, studying the different tissues and organs and functions used for sensing.



# CLASS 9: ENGLISH

## ENGLISH LESSON CLASS 9 NARRATIVE ESSAYS:

The day I won a contest...well kinda!

The year is 2022, and it's the night everyone has been waiting for. QUIZ NIGHT! The night where people from all across the land compete in a battle of fashion and IQ. The people would divide themselves into groups of five to seven individuals of all ages, and would compete to see who's the best dressed and who is the smartest.

Back then, this was my first time ever playing in Quiz night and I had an amazing team. Soffiah was a pure maths wizard, and sadly she was so much better than me in maths. Phiwe, my best friend, was our sports enthusiast and knew everything about sports. Noah was our animal guy, ask him any question about any animal and he'd answer. Nasri was our Geography man. He knew the world map like both sides of his hand. And me, well I was support and very knowledgeable in the topic of food.

Our group was the "007's" because we were themed as secret agents and spies. The night comes and our team arrives all in black suits just like James Bond. We decorate our table with champagne glasses of juice and in my opinion our table looked the best.

"Welcome to our Quiz Night", the teacher said happily and the cards were handed out. The card had five different topics and my team covered all of them. Once the questions start rolling in, my team got to work getting answers right almost every time. Then after forty-five minutes we finally finished, handed-in our answers and waited. The silence spoke volumes; everyone wanted to win and had their fingers crossed.

They read out the top three and we came second! The bright side is that we won the best dressed and had a lot of fun. **Wendall**

### **The day I won a contest.**

Once upon a time a rather 'good' disaster happened. When I say 'good disaster' I mean something happened that wasn't necessarily good or planned, but in my opinion it was an achievement and that's all that counts.

So, let me get to the plot. One lovely Saturday morning I has a show jumping competition in my home country Denmark. This was the type of competition where you had to wear white breeches and a black show jacket. Lets just say there were already a lot of nerves sizzling in my body.

I rode this beautiful white gelding named Silver, who was an absolute star! He loved show jumping as much as I did. So together we were a pretty good team.

I still to this day remember the sound of the bell going off and Silver jumping forward ready to jump the one metre fences. I also remember feeling very confident and safe on his back. As we were charging over the fences catching an amazing time I suddenly felt his bridle feeling looser than usual. As we reached the last fences I couldn't feel any connection between the reins in my hands and the bit in Silver's mouth.

To my surprise the bridle had broken and was sliding down his neck towards the saddle. I quickly grabbed Silver's mane and guided him as best I could towards the final jump, while my stomach was a big knot of nervousness and stress. Silver took off and the next thing I knew, I was safely on the ground still on Silver's back.

That day taught me a lot; not only to trust yourself but also to trust your horse because that is the most important part of a team. Trust. **Nora**

# ADVERTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS



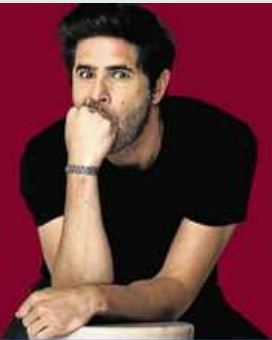
Please be reminded of  
our Whitsun Festival on Friday, 6 June.



Our Class 4 & 5 Class sold out all  
their cakes before the end of break,  
thank you for your continued  
support of our bake sales!

## LIVE AUCTION

GLEN BIDERMAN-PAM  
ACTOR, COMEDIAN, AUCTIONEER!



Friday 20 June 2025  
Cape Point Vineyards  
Silvermine Road, Noordhoek  
6.30pm  
*Regret no children*

**Cash Bar | Music | Snacks | Art | Jewellery | Bespoke Items**

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# TERM PLANNER

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|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--|
| Term Planner 2025                           |                                            |  |
| Compiled: 27 March 2025: subject to updates |                                            |  |
| TERM 1                                      |                                            |  |
| Tuesday, 21 Jan                             | Start of Term 1: PS & HS                   |  |
| Wed, 22 Jan                                 | Start of Term 1: PG & KG                   |  |
| Friday, 11 April                            | End of Term 1: ALL                         |  |
| Sunday, 13- 16 April                        | National Teachers Conference               |  |
| TERM 2                                      |                                            |  |
| Monday, 5 May                               | Start of Term 2: ALL                       |  |
| Thursday, 8 - 10 May                        | Parzival Camp: Cl 11                       |  |
| Saturday, 24 May                            | Harvest Market and Open House              |  |
| Friday, 30 May                              | Bake Sale                                  |  |
| Friday, 6 June                              | Whitsun Festival                           |  |
| Sunday, 15 June                             | Father’s Day                               |  |
| Monday, 16 June                             | Youth Day                                  |  |
| Thursday, 26 June                           | St. John's Festival                        |  |
| Friday, 27 June                             | End of Term 2: ALL                         |  |
| TERM 3                                      |                                            |  |
| Tuesday, 22 July                            | Start of Term 3: ALL                       |  |
| Friday, 25 Jul                              | Bake Sale                                  |  |
| Saturday, 9 Aug                             | National Women's Day                       |  |
| Friday, 29 Aug                              | Bake Sale                                  |  |
| Saturday, 13 Sep                            | Open House/puppet show, crafts, activities |  |
| Wednesday, 24 Sep                           | Heritage Day                               |  |
| Friday, 26 Sep                              | Michaelmas/End of Term 2: ALL              |  |
| TERM 4                                      |                                            |  |
| Monday, 13 Oct                              | Start of Term 4: ALL                       |  |
| Friday, 24 Oct                              | Bake Sale                                  |  |
| Saturday, 29 Nov                            | Advent Market and Open House               |  |
| Wednesday, 3 - 5 Dec                        | Teacher's Shepherd's Play                  |  |
| Sunday, 7 Dec                               | Advent Spiral: KG                          |  |
| Monday, 8 Dec                               | Advent Spiral: All                         |  |
| Wednesday, 10 Dec                           | Advent & End of Term 4                     |  |