

# Riara Kindergarten

May 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to term 2 of the 2024 school year. We are glad to have finally opened school for physical learning given the recent weather challenges our country experienced last month caused by increased rainfall.

A very special welcome goes to all the families joining us this term. Welcome to the Riara Kindergarten community; we hope that your experience here will be rewarding and meaningful.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to be part of your household.

It is exciting to see all the children looking well and ready for school.

Term 2 is an exciting term loaded with great activities in and out of the classroom. Most of the children are now firmly and securely settled in their classes and are able to engage the learning confidently, meeting expectations consistently. It is therefore a term where the teachers and the children are able to make great strides in teaching, learning and development.

## HOW ARE WE GROWING?



The **TEDDIES CLASS** is looking into continuing to focus on developing social skills, motor skills, literacy and numeracy skills, routines, emotional wellbeing, and independence.

Perhaps the highest leap of all-round growth is being observed in the **RECEPTION CLASS**. They will be focusing on continuing to build an increased vocabulary and independence skills among other things.

There is a lot of new learning planned in the PP1 CLASS in Language Activities. The children are learning how to blend letter sounds to read words and have also been introduced to the Reading Programme.



*The PP1 class parents will see and hear all this and more during the CURRICULUM ORIENTATION MEETING scheduled for Wednesday 19th June 2024. Kindly plan to attend; the children and their teachers have a lot planned just for you.*

The PP2 CLASS is also growing and expanding their repertoire of spoken and written vocabulary among other skills through various activities. This being their last year in Kindergarten, the children together with their teachers are working hard to ensure a seamless transition to Grade 1.

## **RIARA KINDERGARTEN LEARNING PARTNERSHIPS OPPORTUNITIES**

At the Riarra Kindergarten we provide opportunities for you to continually be informed about your child's school experience as follows:-

All our learning and school activities are recorded in a bulletin that is sent to you every fortnight via email. Please find time to go over it so that you can stay informed on what your child is learning. We sent the first one this Friday; we hope you received it. If for some reason you did not, kindly send an updated email address to the class teacher.

We are excited to invite you into our classrooms for 'A DAY IN THE LIFE OF MY CHILD'. This is a day when you come to school and spend some time in a classroom to observe how your child engages the learning environment.

We believe that insights gained from this experience will empower you to support your child's learning in a more informed way.

## SPORTS DAY:

We plan to have a Sports Day this term in which all children will participate in showcasing growth and development in motor skills. This will be on **Friday 19th July 2024**. Please add this to your diary and plan to attend.

## THEMES:-

Each level has chosen a theme/topic to explore this term. The topics are as follows:-

CLASS	TOPIC	OVERVIEW
RECEPTION	Fun with Rhymes	<i>This topic aims to foster a love and appreciation for sharing and enjoying different types of songs and rhymes which foster Language and Literacy development.</i>
PP1	Going Places	<i>Children will be exploring different types of transport and considering the journeys and adventures that they might have or have had.</i>
PP2	The Very Hungry Caterpillar	<i>PP2 will be exploring different aspects of this story with a special focus on healthy eating habits and respecting our natural environment by taking care of plants and animals etc.</i>

## EDUCATIONAL TRIPS:-

As a way to concretize learning and to increase understanding the children will be taking an educational trip to various destinations. Please find details on the page with term dates.

## TERM DATES

DATE	EVENT
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	PP1 Curriculum Orientation
3 <sup>rd</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	PP2: A day in the life of my child.
25 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Reception Level: A day in the life of my child.
3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024	Play group: A day in the life of my child.
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Half Term Break
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Sports Day
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2024	End of Term 2 2024
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	Parents/Teacher Conferences
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	Term 3 Opening date

### EDUCATIONAL TRIPS DATES

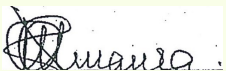
LEVEL	DATE OF TRIP	TIME	VENUE/ACTIVITY
<b>RECEP-TION</b>	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	9:00 – 12:30	Water World - Village Market
<b>PP1</b>	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	10:00 – 12:30	A train ride from Syokimau Station to Railway Station.
<b>PP2</b>	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	9:00 – 3:00	Text Book Centre and then proceed to Uhuru Park for a picnic.

## GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING

- ◆ Kindly label ALL ITEMS using the child's full name NOT their initials.
- ◆ We encourage you to continue sending a healthy snack to school. It is vital for their all round growth and development. We thank all those who are committed to doing this every day.
- ◆ Kindly clip the children's nails; they are easier to keep clean that way.
- ◆ For health and safety, talk to the children about fastening seat belts in the car; it will reinforce what they are learning in school about taking safety precautions.
- ◆ Let the class teacher know when you travel, this information is helpful to enable us support your child accordingly. Additionally, feel free to send the 'HANDLE WITH CARE' message whenever your child needs focused attention.
- ◆ Please send us junk items e.g. cereal boxes, bottles, jars, tissue rolls, old magazines and newspapers. These are helpful in Art and Craft activities.
- ◆ Kindly remember to pack a packet of wet wipes and a handkerchief for your child.

We are all very much looking forward to another fun filled term with lots of incredible experiences planned and lots of learning to take place! Feel free to contact us for any queries, concerns or feedback. Thank you and God bless you.

Yours faithfully,



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Riara Kindergarten School Head