

# RIDGEWAY PREPARATORY NEWSFLASH

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Dear Parents,

The saying goes:

**"We cannot manage that which we did not measure"**

On 22 April the ECD staff attended a Gross Motor Screening workshop presented by Ms Natascha Louw from the University of Venda. The training first focused on understanding rudimentary movements. These movements from the age of 0-2 years include rolling, crawling and creeping. Rudimentary movements build on fundamental movements such as jumping, running, skipping and balancing and are essential in executing daily academic tasks such as reading, writing, listening and concentrating.

The screening process included learning about four movements with set screening requirements. In the screening process, educators are able to see where learners need support, whether in balancing, keeping their core strong and/or midline crossing. The screening results will then be used to compile a specific movement program according to the different fallouts noted. Staff will be able to use these movement programmes in their classes. If these movements are developed, learners show increased academic performance in class. Photos below show the teachers and some ECD students implementing the exercises **(written by Ms Liezel Le Roux)**.

Staying with ECD news, it gives me great pleasure to announce that Ms Primrose Chimboza will be joining the Ridgeway family as a Grade R teacher starting 1 June.

Ms Chimboza comes with a wide range of experience in the ECD environment with her career starting in 2008 as a preschool teacher. Ms Chimboza hails from Gauteng and has been exposed to a number of 21<sup>st</sup> century teaching styles. She is passionate about working within a team of energetic teachers where she can evaluate and track individual student progress and recommend appropriate learning platforms. Promoting physical, academic and social development by implementing diverse activities in and outside the classroom is a high priority for her. Her exposure to teaching and preparing online classes using Google Class and Zoom comes as an added advantage. We look forward to her joining our team!

A friendly reminder that we will be hosting our first netball and soccer festival on Saturday, 8 May. The programme of events will be sent out to parents today. Please bear in mind that we still need to strictly adhere to Covid regulations. Unfortunately no spectators will be allowed on the day and access to the grounds will be given to staff and workers directly involved in the running of the day. We do apologize for the inconvenience.

I must compliment the majority of our students wearing their new school uniform. They look really smart and definitely stand out. Thank you to our parents for being so proactive in their purchases. We do have some uniform stock outstanding and await delivery thereof. Students that do not have a complete uniform and are still wearing civvies must be reminded that it must be a white or blue T-shirt with jeans (no ripped jeans!)

To confirm our payment methods, you can either pay cash for the uniform at the office or do an EFT and bring or email proof of payment or make a trip to the College should you wish to pay by Credit or Debit Card. The Prep school unfortunately does not have a card machine.

Have a blessed week and stay safe.

Jannie Le Roux

# ECD Gross Motor Skills Workshop



**ECD Students  
loving their  
new sand pit**



**ECD Students performing  
the exercises**



## Our new netball sponsored sports kits

