



ASSESSMENTS & REFERRALS

Three of the Ark learners were assessed by our referring Educational Psychologist and she recommended all three need alternative school placement. This is a very important step in these little ones academic career, so we are glad to have picked this up earlier on.

A set of twins requesting placement at the Ark Educare were assessed and feedback provided to the Educare. One of the twins has quite severe delays. His mom was provided with a report and referred to our referring paediatrician who made a referral to the Neurodevelopmental clinic at TBH. When making the referral, the doctor also discovered a mass in his abdomen and has referred him to Eerste Rivier Hospital POPD for further assessment.

Another learner was assessed for school readiness as she is 7 years old and never attended school. We were happy to discover that she is developing surprisingly well and will be attending Grade 1 in 2020.

THERAPY & WORKSHOPS

Twenty-eight learners were seen this term for weekly occupational therapy groups. We have two Grade R's repeating, two Grade 1's repeating and two Grade 2 learners repeating in 2020. It has been great to work alongside the teachers this year, with us giving them both occupational therapy and speech therapy input. Benita, our speech therapist, has been making great progress with both the teachers and the parents in assisting them in implementing the new Jolly Phonics curriculum. We have seen a steady improvement in the learners understanding of sounds, letters and speech development through the use of this important resource. She also ran a very successful parent workshop with the foundation phase learners parents, looking at the importance of reading together and assisting their children in developing their understanding of phonics.



SANTA SHOEBOXES

Thank you to everyone who took the time and effort to make up a Santa shoebox for the Ark foundation phase learners this year. They were so excited to receive their gifts and the smiles in return were all worth the effort.



WHAT DOES 2020 HOLD?

We are looking into running a workshop for the Grade R-2 teachers and assistants surrounding discipline next year. This is a very big topic and one that is not always modelled for learners at the Ark. We are also looking into developing our gross motor resources for the foundation phase learners next year, in order to strengthen their gross motor coordination and skills.



THANKS!

Thank you to Kirsten de Reuck and Benita Alant for their hard work this year. You are truly changing lives and making a tangible difference. Thank you too to each and every one of our supporters for your prayers, contributions and donations. Without you, Nthando would not be able to carry out the work we do and would not be able to make changes in the lives God has placed in our paths. We pray you have a blessed Christmas with your families, filled with joy and peace.
All our love, The Nthando Family



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