

Makukhanye Primary School Update

The importance of kindness and making a difference to the school community, has been discussed in recent House and Whole School assemblies.

We also encourage the pupils to think about making a difference outside St Faith's, and in a recent Year 3 and 4 assembly, I talked to the children about Makukhanye Primary School in Jeffreys Bay, South Africa. Makukhanye Primary is our partnership school which we have shared a close relationship with since the early 2000's.

We were delighted to set up a hot food programme several years ago which was adopted as an initiative throughout the whole Eastern Cape. It continues to be a state funded programme, with huge benefits to many pupils.

We receive regular updates from Makukhanye School which is continuing to grow. The school still faces significant challenges and we continue to look into various ways of supporting them practically via our St Faith's Trust, which is now very well established.

Recent support has included finishing the building work on two new classrooms, provision of exercise books, classroom chairs, site maintenance and security and weekend and holiday funding for orphaned children. Indeed, every weekend and during holiday periods the Makukhanye kitchens are opened up to approximately one hundred children.

The thoughtful questions that the Year 3 and 4 pupils asked in the assembly showed how keen St Faith's pupils are to understand about Makukhanye School and come up with practical suggestions for ways in which we can provide support to the community.

We look forward in the summer term to our annual fundraising event for Makukhanye Primary School and we hope to be in a position to visit again in the not too distant future.



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