



LANDMARK FOUNDATION EDUCATION - GREEN CLUB PROJECTS
IN COLLABORATION WITH GCBR
GREEN BUTTERFLIES BADGES PRESENTATION AND OUTING TO GAMKABERG 19TH
AND 20TH MAY
EDUCATION REPORT

We visited the Green Clubs at their school during assembly on Friday 19th May. The purpose for this was to hand out the official green club leadership badges. It is a great honor to wear a badge on a uniform. The grade 6's and 7's



received badges in recognition of their positions within the Green Clubs. This was done with the aim of instilling a sense of pride, achievement, camaraderie and to promote recognized leadership within the school structure. It will also allow the juniors to look up to their leaders



and be inspired by them and aspire to become a leader too. Some learners had two as they form part of two working teams. There was enormous pride as they were being called up to receive their badges. This is the first time for these learners in fact it will be the



first time the school has such an award. We also handed out their Green Butterflies t-shirts. These t's and badges were kindly sponsored by LANDCARE OUDTSHOORN. They have shown interest in the development of these green butterflies and have offered to support them by making financial contribution. The money will be spent on improving their space at school and within the scope of the Green Club. Badges were awarded according to the GB working teams which are: Librarians, Waste Management, Bathroom Monitors, The committee (Chair, Deputy, Secretary, Treasurer) and Media Team. All the grade 6's and 7's are members of the Green Butterflies and are in a working team or two (in some cases) and received badges accordingly.

Every year the learners will return their badges and place them on the new incumbents. This will begin a new tradition at the school. Thank you to the teachers for assisting and supporting this initiative.

CLUB MEETING

We held a team meeting after school and rolled out the duties and responsibilities of each team. These will be printed and each team with pin a copy up on noticeboards so the school is aware of their duties and responsibilities. A decision was made to equip each team with a kit. This kit will contain materials, tools and equipment needed for the running of that team's function.

LIBRARIANS: bucket with Mr Min, wood oil, some cloths for dusting, handy andy etc.

BATHROOM MONITORS: Bucket, handy andy, broom, gloves, cloths etc.

WASTE MANAGEMENT: Gloves, tongs, masks etc.

MEDIA: drawing pins, thumb tucks, a camera, plastic sleeves, flash drive.

COMMITTEE: all the relevant books for each member. Secretary will require a file to file all the activities and events of the year, this way they will keep a portfolio of the Green Club.

These kits will be kept at the Library and will be collected by the leaders and used by the teams.

GAMKABERG OUTING SATURDAY 20TH MAY -

This trip was done in conjunction with Cape Nature. We have worked with them previously in a green club project in George and are happy we still have strong ties. Our contact person is Nombuyiselo Duma. We are fortunate to have a Nature



Reserve so close to the school.

The main aim for this outing was to expose learners to a Nature Reserve, which is rich in biodiversity and wildlife. The GB are keen on



starting a Botanical Garden at their school and it was important to see the botanical side of a nature reserve. Two third year interns Natasha and Annelize took the learners on a short hike to



learn about karoo plant diversity and medicinal properties. They also did a short presentation on plant types, how to identify plants, their classification and adaptations. Nombu did a

presentation on fire and fynbos. The information centre was a highlight.



ACTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

SKILLS TRAINING

In order for the club to function through leadership, learners have to be trained. It will be initially dependent on a strong leadership from the three educators who have shown interest in the Green Club.

The learners will need to be trained in the different positions and team responsibilities. Every team has a list of activities and duties; these must be reiterated every year as the new incumbents are introduced to the club.

An organogram and photo of each team should be placed on the noticeboard, in this way the school begins to see a leadership program happening with their seniors, this will in turn inspire the little ones to strive to be there one day.

An orientation program should also be initiated at the beginning of every year for the grade 1's so they get to understand the rules and responsibilities within their school. This should be done by the grade 7's within the first week of school. The rules regarding the bathrooms and waste management is of utmost importance for the school to begin a healthy discipline and leadership program. Mr Philander could initiate this program and manage it.

It is recommended that the green club members speak to the children during an assembly and the teams introduced to the school. Each team could spend 3 minutes explaining the rules and their duties.

STAFF MENTORSHIP

M.Pfaff = LIBRARY

M.Curlewis = MEDIA & NOTICEBOARD

S.Philander = BATHROOM & WASTE

Club meeting days are Wednesdays and Thursdays. It is recommended that the club have a structured meeting on Wednesdays. This will set the pace for the week, the club could look at matters arising from previous week and way forward for the week. This is a good opportunity to plan for environmental days events, planting, outings etc. A register should be kept. Perhaps Andre could assist in teaching the committee how to manage and run a meeting. A duties and responsibility list was drawn up and should be placed up on the notice boards in their respective places together with a RULES list for the school to adhere to.



THANK YOU'S

- ✓ To GCBR and in particular Andre for his continuous support.
- ✓ Also a HUGE thank you to LANDCARE for their generous donation, this will help speed up the process.
- ✓ Thank you to Jan Heenop from iALA for the use of their bus, without transport we can go nowhere.
- ✓ Thank you to the staff Miss Pfaff, Miss Curlewis, Mr. Philander and Mr Essau for their support and drive to empower the learners for a better future.
- ✓ We would like to thank Cape Nature, the three presenters Natasha, Annelize and Nombu as well as Tom Barry for this wonderful opportunity to learn about their natural environment. We hope to bring learners again to this site.

In Education,
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