

**CURRO**

Castle  
Secunda

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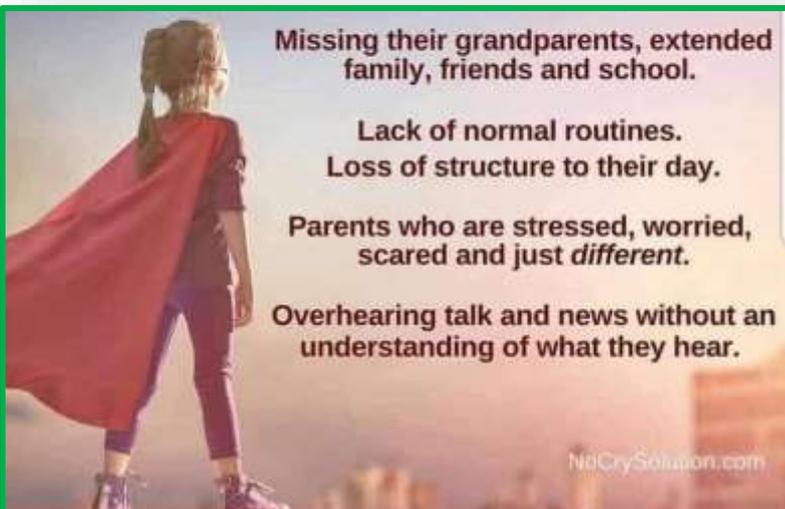


# NEWSLETTER

# NUUSBRIEF



## Our children are little heros, too!



Missing their grandparents, extended family, friends and school.

Lack of normal routines.  
Loss of structure to their day.

Parents who are stressed, worried, scared and just *different*.

Overhearing talk and news without an understanding of what they hear.

[NoCrySolution.com](http://NoCrySolution.com)

Give your little hero more cuddles,  
more one-on-one playtime, and an extra  
dose of patience and forgiveness.





Group | Groep 1 - Tiny

## SOME DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFITS OF BABY GYM

**Cognitive benefits:** Babies learn the basics of cause and effect. This means they learn to repeat an action on their own that they initially did with help from their teacher.

**Visual perception:** Babies are born pretty near sighted, which means objects far away are blurry. They can perceive objects the most clearly when they are about 8-12 inches from their face. Baby gym accommodate a new-born's development of visual perceptual skills. New-born babies prefer and are best able to see faces, so be sure to spend plenty of face-to-face time with your little one!

**Grasping and reaching skills:** When babies are born, their grasping and reaching skills are dominated by reflexes, which means they automatically react which is called the "Palmar grasp reflex" and reflexively grasp anything that is pressed into their palm. By placing your thumb in their hands while doing baby gym, they eventually learn to hold objects on their own.

**Gross motor benefits:** Gross motor development may be the most obvious baby gym benefit of them all. It encourage babies to use and develop the muscles in their arms, legs, tummy, back, and neck.

**Sensory stimulation and awareness:** Sensory stimulation is probably one of the most well-known means of interacting and playing with babies during their first year. Baby gym facilitate your baby's awareness of sensory stimuli such as visual and auditory.



Parts taken from:

*Mama OT*

Tips & tricks for those who care for children



*Group | Groep 1.5 - Galaxy*

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*Kyk Mamma en Pappa! Ek het vir die eerste keer by die skool begin buite speel.*

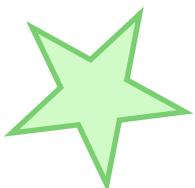




Group | Groep 1.5 Twinkle



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Group | Groep 2 - Bright



It is important for children to be introduced to books from an early age, even if they are not able to read yet.

- Children who are introduced to books and reading from an early age, tend to be able to read earlier and excel in school, compared to children who are not exposed to language and books at a young age. *(Taken from: American Academy of Paediatrics).*
- Reading, rhyming, singing, and talking — beginning from birth — profoundly influence literacy and language development, which is the foundations for all other learning. *(Taken from: [www.healthychildren.org](http://www.healthychildren.org))*
- Early reading ignites creativity, sparks curiosity, and stimulates the imagination in young children. Often, this leads to role-play as children grow, which helps to develop other skills such as empathy, problem-solving, and morality. *(Taken from: [www.schoolhouse-daycare.co.uk](http://www.schoolhouse-daycare.co.uk))*



Group | Groep 2 - Shiny





*Group | Groep 3A & 3E*

Just for fun, our children, had a  
“Milk Shake Day”.

*Net vir die pret, het ons kinders  
'n “Melksommel-dag” gehad.*





*Group | Groep 4A & 4E*



Our teacher uses different techniques, to keep story time fun and interesting.

*Ons juffrou gebruik verskillende tegnieke om storietyd pret en interessant te hou.*

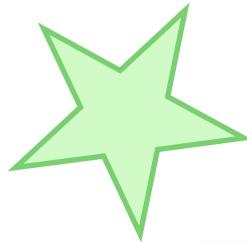




## Group | Groep 5

Holding a pencil or pen correctly requires strong finger and hand muscles and dexterity. A correct pencil grip will enable the writer to move the fingers, controlling the pencil or pen with efficient finger movements... Incorrect pencil grip is painful and causes the child's hand and arm to fatigue quickly.

*Dit verg sterk vinger- en handspiere, asook behendigheid om 'n potlood korrek vas te hou. Die regte potloodgreep stel die skrywer instaan om sy vingers te beweeg en so die potlood of pen effektief te beheer en te beweeg... Die verkeerde potloodgreep is pynlik en veroorsaak dat die kind se arm en hand baie gou moeg raak.*





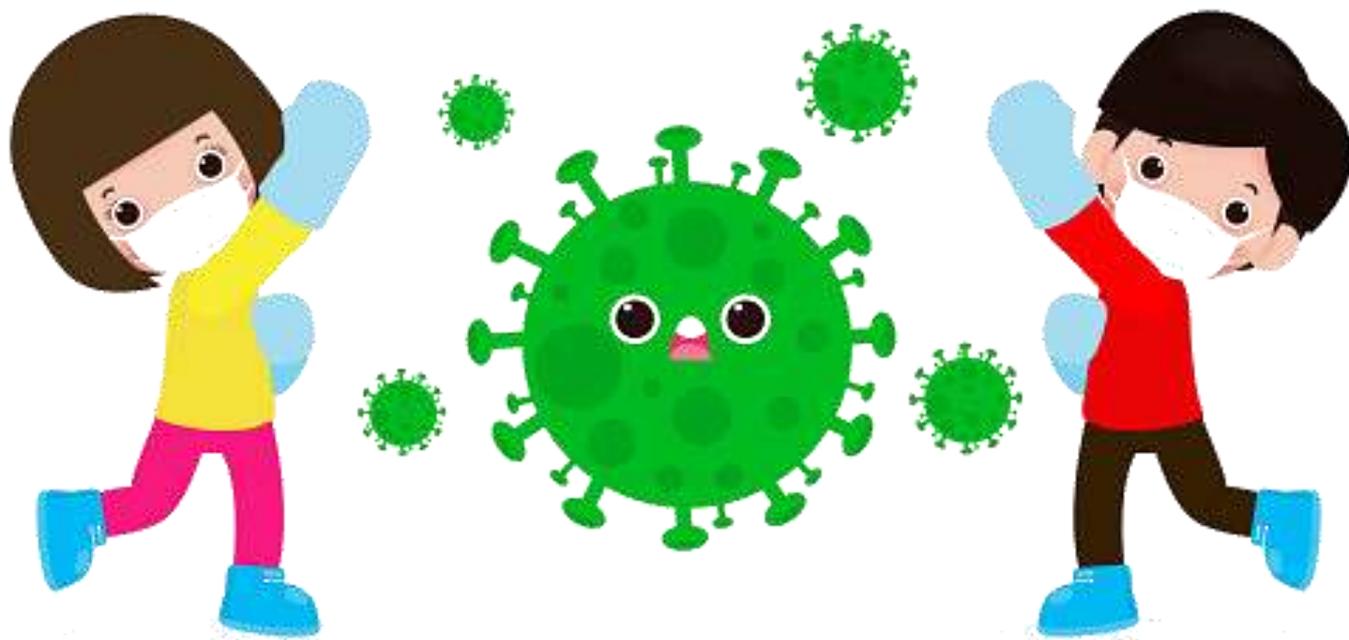
## We have your child's best interests at heart.

Teaching and learning will not compromise  
your child's health and safety.

We have all measures in place to protect  
your child during these difficult times.



HERE IS A RECAP  
OF SOME OF OUR  
COVID PROTOCOLS



HIER IS 'N OPSOMMING  
VAN 'N PAAR VAN ONS  
COVID-REGULASIES



Each person, big or small, has their temperature taken and recorded before they may enter the Castle. This includes our Extramural coaches and staff members.

*Elke persoon, groot of klein, se temperatuur word geneem en gerekordeer, voordat hulle die Castle mag binnegaan. Dit sluit in ons Buitemuurse afrigters en personeel.*



We also sanitise everyone's hands before entering the Castle. Our big friends already do it by themselves, well done!

*Ons saniteer ook almal se hande voordat hulle die Castle binnegaan. Ons groot maats kan dit reeds self doen, welgedaan!*



Rub-a-dub-dub, everything gets a scrub:  
fridges, cubicles, changing stations,  
baskets, cots, etc...



Even our Extramural coaches come  
prepared!

*Robbe-dobbe-dop, alles word geskrop:  
yskaste, hokkies, doekruil-stasies, houers,  
kotte, ens...*

*Selfs ons Buitemuurse afrigters kom  
voorbereid!*





★ MORE CLEANING IN ACTION! ★



Carpets are washed



Carpets are vacuumed





Ill children must stay at home.

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Siek kinders moet tuis bly.



# Please Let Me Stay at Home if ...



I'm vomiting two or more times in 24 hours;



I have a rash, lice or nits, especially a body rash with a fever or itching;



I have an eye infection with thick mucus or pus draining from the eye;



I have diarrhoea - three or more watery stools in 24 hours;



I have a sore throat with fever or swollen glands;



I'm not feeling well - unusually tired, pale, with lack of appetite, confused or cranky, and



I have a fever with a temperature of 38 °C or more (taken under the arm) and sore throat, rash, vomiting, diarrhoea, earache or I am just not feeling well.

## When your child is sick:

- have plans for backup childcare, and
- tell your caregiver what is wrong with your child, even if your child stays at home.

Ultimately the care of the child is the parent's responsibility. Please contact the head of Castle/Castle phase head within 24 hours of a diagnosis of a serious illness or contagious disease of a communicable nature in the family.

Meet our Castle's "Fairy Godmother"  
Mrs. Charlene Botha



## 7 Short Questions to the Castle Head

### 1. What is your favourite colour?

Pink

### 2. What is the best improvement at Curro so far this year?

- ◆ We employed a very hands-on maintenance manager, "Oom Pieter". He can fix anything that's not even broken!
- ◆ Standardising the Theme's of the week throughout all the Castle's.
- ◆ Implementation of standardized planning for the week per Group.

### 3. What have you learned from the Covid Pandemic?

Never take anything for granted, never think you are untouchable, and our little children are the true Hero's in the story.

### 4. How long have you been working at the Castle?

November 2021 it will be 6 years.

### 5. How long have you been working for Curro?

11 Years.

### 6. What do you enjoy most about your job?

- ◆ Class visits
- ◆ Holding the babies
- ◆ The adrenaline rush when I walk through the Castle doors every morning

### 7. Do you have a Pet at home?

Yes, Roxy our Dachshund. She was our first child.



# September

- 1—Kryger van Niekerk—Grp 3A  
3—Elmi Cawood—Grp 3A  
3—Shaun Retief—Grp 3A  
4—Leah Botha—Grp 3A  
4—Madison van Jaarsveld—Grp 1 Tiny  
5—Elijah Lucas—Grp 5E1  
9—Ben Moore—Grp 5A  
10—Linke Tromp—Grp 1 Tiny  
11—Logan Easton—Grp 5E1  
13—Anabelle Brand—Grp 2 Bright  
15—Eckhardt Hattingh—Grp 1 Tiny  
19—Lulonke Mahlangu—Grp 5E1  
22—Bailey Pepper—Grp 4E  
22—Mihlali Masina—Grp 2 Bright  
26—Micah Borstlap—Grp 2 Bright  
30—Danel vd Walt—Grp 2 Bright

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# Beaux-Arts Kidz Kraftz



**POTTERY**  
lessons



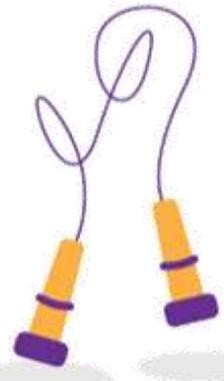
Here, the children are making Lilly pads.

*Hier, maak die kinders Waterlelies.*



**Enroll  
Now!**

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Mark your calendar

Merk jou kalender

September

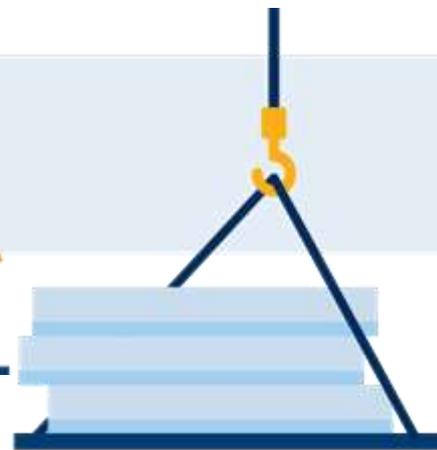


September

Monday / Maandag	Tuesday / Dinsdag	Wednesday / Woensdag	Thursday / Donderdag	Friday / Vrydag
		1 Spring day / Lentedag & Sandpit birthday / Sandput se verjaarsdag	2	3
6 Benny Bookworm visits the Castle / Benny Boekwurm besoek die Castle	7	8	9 Mud Kitchen day / Modderkombuis- dag	10
13	14	15	16 Picnic day / Piekniek-dag	17
20	21	22 Wear your traditional clothing for Group 1-5 / Dra jou tradisionele klere vir Groep 1-5	23 Castle closes at 15:00 for long weekend / Castle sluit om 15:00 vir langnaweek  3rd Term ends / 3de Kwartaal eindig	24 Castle closed due to Heritage day / Castle gesluit as gevolg van Erfenisdag

# Improvements at the Castle

## Verbeteringe by die Castle



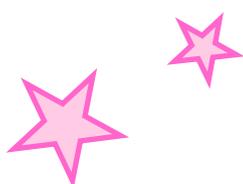
What colourful mugs and bowls we bought!

*Sulke kleurvolle bekere en bakkies wat ons gekoop het!*



Skipping ropes and stickers for all!

*Springtoue en plakkers vir almal!*



Lots of Bubble Wrap, for lots of fun...

*Baie "Bubble Wrap" sorg vir baie pret...*





Every Day is  
**OPEN DAY**

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and like us on Facebook.

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