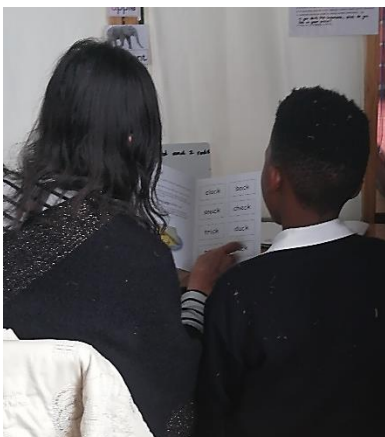


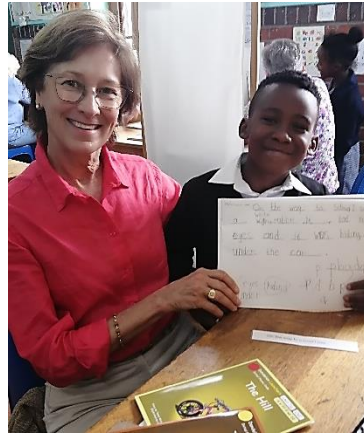
## Good Hope Literacy

Good Hope Literacy had its beginnings as the Shine Centre, which was opened at Good Hope Seminary Junior School in 2013. The Shine Centre fell under the auspices of Shine Literacy, an organization which developed the Shine Literacy Hour Programme – a programme designed to provide literacy support to Grade 2 & 3 learners. By 2013, there were six Shine Centres in schools across Cape Town.

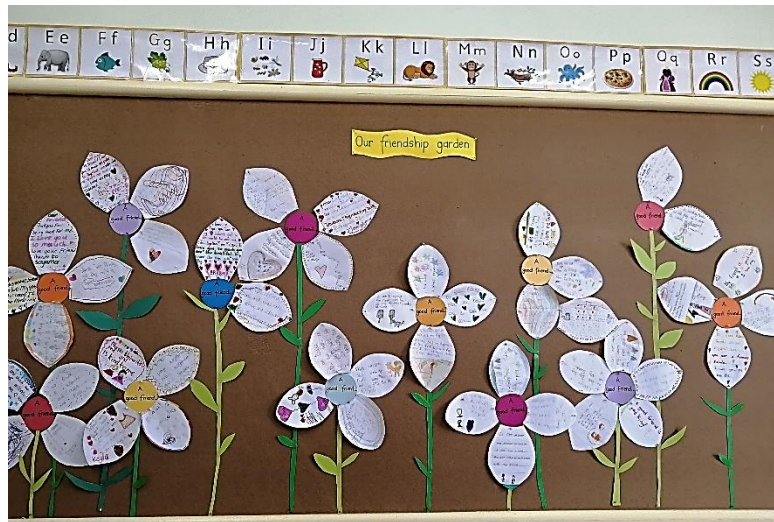
At the end of 2021, Shine Literacy took the decision to close its Shine Centres - a consequence of the covid pandemic's impact on the functioning of the Shine Literacy Hour. The Centre at Good Hope Seminary Junior School continued to operate independently, resulting in the formation of Good Hope Literacy in 2022. Good Hope Literacy, a non-profit organization, was created in response to the ongoing need for literacy support in our school.

The Shine Literacy Hour programme focuses on English speaking, reading, writing, comprehension, and phonics skills. Trained volunteers work one-on-one with the same child on a weekly basis during school hours, throughout the year. Since 2023 we have been working with a small group of Grade 4s in addition to Grade 2s and 3s. Currently, we have 45 volunteers; 51 Grade 2 & 3 learners; and 4 Grade 4s.





### International Friendship Day



### Grade 3 reading in the school vegetable garden.



Since the formation of Good Hope Literacy, we have been able to extend our reach into other areas of learning within our school. One of these has been supporting the school library, in partnership with Rotary and The Bookery (to be taken over by The Otto Foundation later this year).

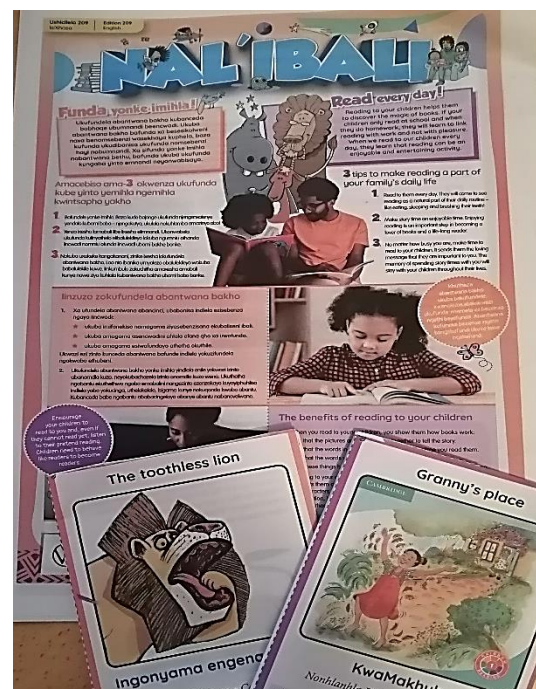
While Good Hope Literacy's primary focus is to provide literacy support to Foundation Phase children, our educational philosophy is based on the education of the whole child. Emotional and mental health are prerequisites for learning – hence catering not only to children's academic needs, but to their emotional and social needs as well. Apart from providing a safe, caring and loving space for children attending the Shine Literacy Hour programme, this has led to forming a partnership with Community Keepers, an organization which provides full-time psychosocial support for the whole school.

Additional partnerships and support include:

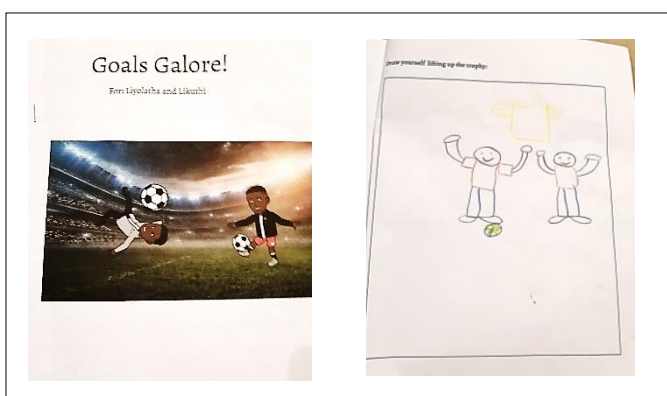
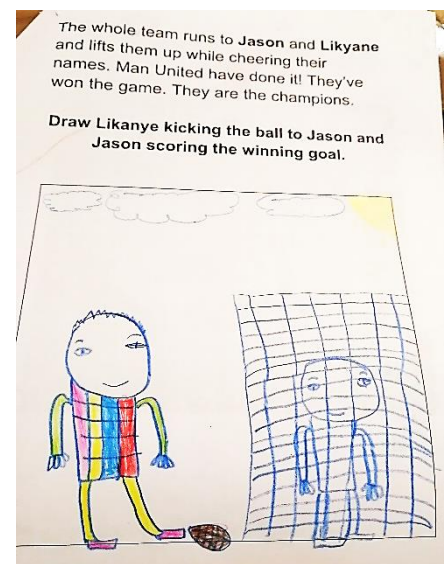
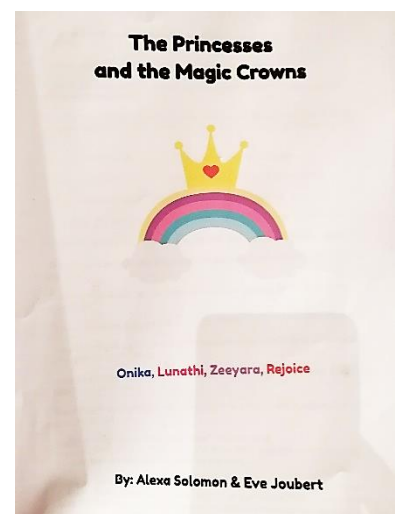
- **The Little Issue Magazine** – for schoolchildren from 6-9years of age. The magazine's primary purpose is to help raise literacy levels in this age group. Once a term, it is distributed to Grade 2s & 3s.



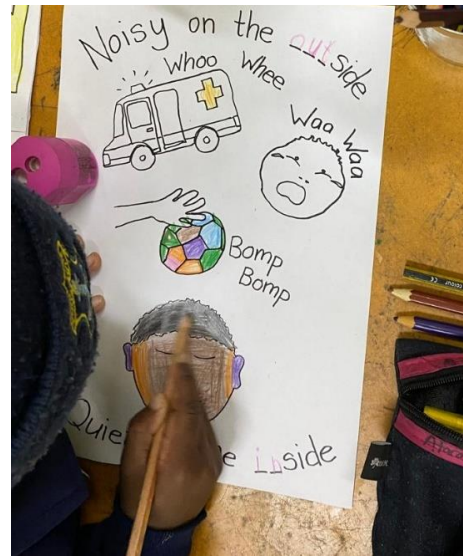
- **Nal'ibali** – a newspaper supplement, written in two languages (English + one other African language). Nal'ibali supports the development of literacy skills and seeks to promote a culture of life-long reading, across South Africa. The supplements contain cut-out story booklets and a variety of literacy-based activities for primary school children. Once a month, Grade 2s, 3s & 4s receive the supplement.



- Herzlia High School** – a story-reading partnership between Grade 9 students from Herzlia school and our Grade 1 children, in celebration of International Literacy Day. The Grade 9s come to our school and read their stories to their Grade 1 partners. The stories are personalized stories written by the Grade 9s, using topics given by our Grade 1 children and incorporating their names into their stories. The activity culminates in the children illustrating their stories with pencil crayons donated by the Herzlia students.



- **Kindness Curriculum** - a weekly programme implemented by 3 volunteers with grade 1 learners. Taking the Life Skills curriculum into account, the Kindness Curriculum uses drama, singing, movement and art to address social emotional learning and pro-social skills. There is a particular emphasis on recognising emotions and responding to them in an appropriate way.



- **Read and Scribe exam support for Grade 4-7**- trained volunteers assisting learners who have been identified as having learning difficulties and require assistance in writing their exams.
- **Mullers Optometrists** – providing free eye testing and glasses for any learners in need.



What did you like most about coming to Shine?

I liked the lessons that we had. I liked the teachers of shine because they were so nice. I also enjoyed writing letter to learners from other schools.

I love the books and the sweet teachers, they welcome you with love and we learn from each other.

being in shine taught me many things. I like shine because it taught me with kindness and made me smarter.

How did the Shine programme help you?

It helped me to become more confident about my self

It help me improve in my English, not just when I'm writing also when I speak. Now I get code 7's every term for the whole year.

It helped me to focus, keep calm and peace.

It helped me to learn more things that I didn't know before and I still thank you guys for that. You guys taught me kindness and honesty.

It helped me alot I used to struggle when it comes to socializing with people especially teachers. Now that I'm older I'm happy that the programme helped me alot.

It helped me by being kind, calm. It also helped me by feeling special. The programme helped me alot and I thank shine for that.

They helped me alot with my grammar English and writing. This gave me creativity. I'm now a mastermind in English.