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OLIVEDALE – Toddies Preschool and Crèche made sure to bring in their 20th anniversary with a much-needed celebratory bang!

To commemorate this great feat, the school hosted, along with their annual concert, a birthday celebration where they invited past learners to a great event held at Diggers Rugby Club.

After teaching for many years, Hendrene Mintchev started Toddies in 1999. It was a humble start 20 years ago when she started the school in a prefab building. In 2006, the school had 20 learners occupying seven classrooms and by the next year, they were a full complement school which has since catered for children from three months to Grade R. The school currently has about 80 children.

To celebrate this auspicious occasion, 250 guests came out to support. Mintchev hoped the next 20 years would see her keep the school as it is – keeping the family ethos, with good quality education while working with a committed staff. “We have been here for years and I am hoping to be for as long as I am able.”

She shared how she always knew she wanted to work with children from the time she was 16 years old. Mintchev has based the success of the school on her deep faith which has helped uphold the school’s strong Christian beliefs.

For her it is important to be involved in the children’s lives she interacts with daily, “I know every parent and every grandparent, and if a child walks having a bad day, I can see it.”



Hendrene Mintchev blows out the candles on the big Toddies cake. Photo: Supplied

Mintchev prides herself on her school being more of a family than a school and for the community of Olivedale, she hopes this school serves to give parents peace of mind

through the knowledge their children are being well looked after and loved. “There is lots of love in this school.”

In the 20 years to come, Mintchev hopes

the school does not stop growing but stays true to its core values of enrichment of young minds ensuring a positive effect on their little lives.

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