

ALBERTON NEWS

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30
YEARS

Royal Schools

30 YEARS OF QUALITY PRIVATE EDUCATION

College Reflection

Dear parents/guardians

There have been so many developments in the past 7 months that were in line with our strategic objective: to improve our quality of service by employing and retaining committed and appropriately qualified staff and building on our infrastructure to enhance our learner friendly environment. We continue to source the best quality educators to ensure that learners are exposed to quality education.

We have, against all odds, exceeded our expectations in terms of learner numbers and we continue to be the school of choice in the greater Alberton area. Some very exciting things are going to happen at our school over the next few months.

Some highlights from the first half of the year include:

- The School Management Team has welcomed Mrs Neill as part of the team.
- Robotics has successfully been launched in the high school with plenty of enthusiasm, energy and excitement and hopefully the subject will continue with this momentum. The primary school will introduce robotics in the next few months of this year.
- We continue to strive for the best when it comes to maintenance at our school and keeping it as beautiful and organised as we possibly can. The image of the school is the pride of our learners and parents and we can only remind everyone to keep our premises clean and tidy.
- The opportunity to invite parents of the school to become involved in what we endeavour to be a Parent Representative Council will be sent to all parents in the latter part of the year. Parents play a pivotal role in helping our school reach greater heights. Look out on all our communication platforms for this invite and become involved in your child's school.
- The use of Google Classroom has improved tremendously over the last 7 months and we can only attribute that improvement to the active participation of all our learners as well as the staff. This platform serve as an additional source of academic enrichment and support.
- Our tuckshop is under new management and we know that our learners are enjoying what they have to offer, the healthy options available and ultimately the correct pricing and affordability they offer to our learners. We thank them for their service.
- We have introduced additional sport options such as basketball, karate, dancing, and music. The benefits of these have been seen by the number of teams who qualified for District tournaments. We have our own internal sport coaches

whose sole responsibility it is to make sure that our learners participate in numbers.

- We have installed brand new fans in all our classrooms as well as in the school hall.

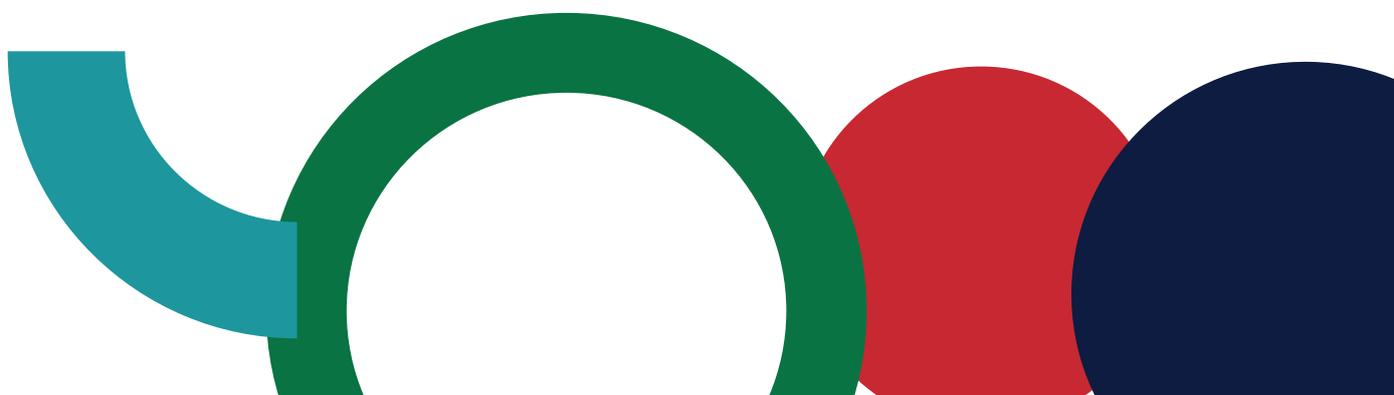
College Future

As we head into the final stretch of the year our main focus and commitment is the achievement of success and promotion to the next grade, phase or tertiary institution. We wish all simply the best!

Here ia what to expect in the second half of 2023:

- We have erected an additional classrooms to accommodate the growing number of learners wanting to come to our school.
- We have erected a brand new covered/shaded walkway for our Primary school learners from Block E right up until the parking area so that they remain dry during rainy days. A shaded section will also be added close to the netball courts for the high school learners.
- We will start construction of our very own swimming pool at RSA in the next few months and this will be a huge life skill that our learners, parents and surrounding community will benefit from. Watch this space!!!
- Our school strives to create opportunities for engagement between all stakeholders. The Parent's Representative Council (PRC) will be started as soon as possible to engage with each other for anticipated events such as our Annual Colour Run, Spring Day Festival, Heritage Day Celebrations and a Golf Day which we would like to initiate.
- We are still looking for any help/ assistance from the community to direct us with having our own learners doing scholar patrol duties at the traffic circle just outside our entrance during peak times in the morning and afternoons. We need assistance from organisations such as the Ekurhuleni Metro or the Metro Police for further guidance to make this a possibility.

**Sincerely, Mr Basil Feitas
School Director**



PRESCHOOL

ARTS

Art is an integral part of our curriculum as we are firm believers in the great impact that creativity has on fine motor skills and abstract thinking which lead to better problem solving skills. We work to unlock every learner's creativity and imagination. At our preschool we give learners a lot of opportunity to experiment with various art materials and creative ideas. Learners are given time to cut, paste, mould, build, paint, draw and let loose with their imagination!



BAKING

We have a lot of fun teaching learners how to bake. We teach them how to make and love healthy food such as salads. They also learn how to bake muffins, cupcakes, cakes, puddings and then they top it off by decorating their creations with icing, sprinkles and sweets!



VEGGIE GARDEN

How can one bake and make healthy things without the right ingredients? We have our very own veggie garden where learners are taught about various plants and vegetables and how they grow. Our learners are actively involved in maintaining our garden by watering and getting rid of all those unwanted weeds. This also teaches our learners responsible.



FUN DAYS

Hard work is rewarded with fun days! We like to dress up, watch movies, play on water slides or jump on a jumping castle. We also celebrate valentine's day, Easter, Spring day, Heritage day and many more.

Alphabet dress-up day



Superhero dress-up day



SOCIAL PROJECTS

We believe in giving back to the community. We collect and distribute Easter eggs, tinned food and toiletries to various needy organisation.



OUTINGS

We do not only teach our learners indoors, but outdoors as well. We take our learners on various outings. Our outings are always the highlight of the year.



EXTRA MURAL ACTIVITIES

We encourage the learners to partake in extra mural activities. For their health, social and intellectual development.



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Gymnastics



Annual sports day



Concert



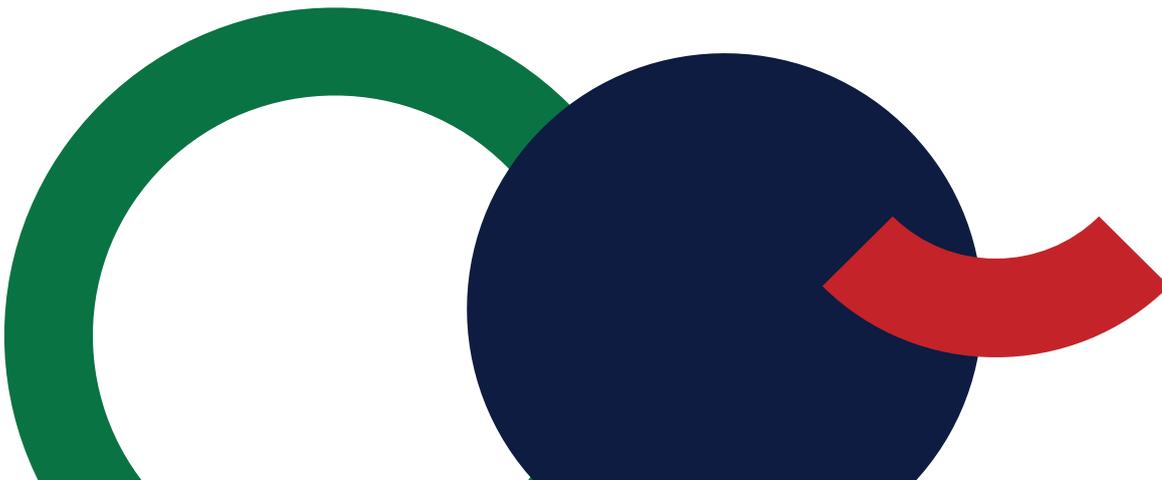
OUTDOOR PLAY

Learners are provided with various fun outdoor play to develop their Gross, Fine motor and social skills.



GRADUATION AND PRIZE GIVING

Learners hard work does not go unnoticed. We acknowledge and celebrate their achievements.



Primary School Academics

Academics represent a big part of each learner's primary school years, particularly since our foundation phase classes play an integral role in developing skills such as thinking, speaking and socialising.

Our staff and parents spend a lot of time motivating our learners and engaging on digital platforms to provide parents access to homework in order to promote parent involvement.

We welcomed several new enthusiastic staff in our primary school, and as our school dynamically grow, we required more educators.

In our Foundation Phase we welcomed: Ms. Masimula (Grade1), Ms Abrams (who came from our Preschool to Grade 1), Ms. Venter (Grade 2) and Ms. Visser (Grade 3).

In our Intermediate Phase we welcomed: Ms. Rooskrans, Ms. Coetzee, Ms. Molefe, Ms. Zungu, and Ms. Rasenyalo.

Our dedicated staff attended several training sessions throughout the year in fields such as First Aid, Health and Safety, and Fire Safety.

We had our first-ever reading and phonics programme for our learners and parents. We invited Mr. ABACARD and Kids Book Club to this event. Our parents were involved and enjoyed the programme so much that they purchased resources from the stalls to assist their little ones at home.

We expose our learners to various levels of questioning; and encourage them to sharpen their minds to improve subject results.

Our Grade 5-7 learners did us proud with the following learners participated in the Natural Sciences and Technology Olympiads:

- Gauri Binoop (Gr5)
- Jackson Omombo (Gr5)
- Achuma Daniel (Gr6)
- Kay-lee Bembe (Gr6)
- Lwamkele Shumane (Gr7)
- Sechaba Tsotetsi (Gr7)

We also had learners who participated in the District Cluster Mathematics Olympiad which tested their speed, accuracy and problem-solving skills.

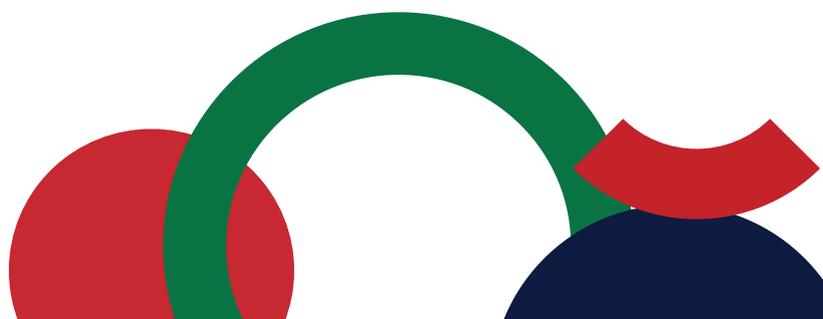
The results were as follows:

- Oarona Moloi (Gr4) - 1st place
- Emily Mashiane (Gr6) - 2nd place

These learners will represent the school on District level in August this year.

Grade R-3 learners have been enrolled in the Challenga Olympiad. For the Gr Rs, this Olympiad consists of a school readiness test. The Gr 1-3 Olympiad consists of challenges in English, Mathematics, Life Skills and General Knowledge. This Olympiad will take place in August this year.

Ms Marelize Neill
Primary School Acting Principal



Primary School Culture

CONCERT

After the past few years recovering from COVID-19 and all its protocols, we are finally back in full swing and ready to embrace a concert in term 3. Our teachers and learners have put all their efforts in during the cultural hours to practise and plan for the upcoming event.

GYMKIDZ GYMNASTICS

At Gym Kidz, we recognise that every learner has unique skills and learning styles. To cater for this diversity, we create a customised learning plan for each gymnast to optimise their learning experience. Join us today to be part of the fun and personalised gymnastics training we offer. Register now to take the first step toward achieving your gymnastics goals!

What three components do we include in all of our classes?

- Fun - is part of our curriculum
- Learning - We follow a weekly curriculum to ensure each child learns at their pace.
- Safety - our gymnastics coaches are certified and train all year-round

CATROBATKIDZ

We are passionate about helping children develop - not only physically but emotionally and socially as well. We teach movement patterns and skills that allow children to connect concepts to actions essential to accomplishing a goal and learning through trial and error. We help children increase physical strength and improve memory, perception, language, attention, emotion, self-discipline, and decision-making. Movement is essential in a young child's life. We have dynamic structured lesson plans created with defined learning outcomes that cover more than what is required by the GDE CAPS curriculum, guaranteed to benefit children.



Primary School Robotics

We are excited about the introduction of a robotics. Programme in term 3. Your child will immensely benefit from these new developments, and here is how:

We will introduce a robotics programme to the school, which is a fun addition to the curriculum. Learners will start by learning theory at first and then move on to programming the bots. With the increasing demand for technology, a robotics programme is critical for building a futuristic workspace. This programme will equip our learners with the necessary skills to operate in a world increasingly driven by digital and technological skills.

The robotics programme promotes STEM discipline, where learners will start to appreciate science, technology, engineering and mathematics in a practical and fun way. Learners will use coding, problem-solving and critical thinking. This curriculum will include basic programming, designing and building robots and participating in team competitions.

Primary School Social/ Fun Days

Here at Royal Schools Alberton, we strive to make the school as memorable and enjoyable as possible. Royal Schools Alberton has engaged, not only the staff, but the learners and parents as well in many fun activities this year.

Once a month, we celebrate the students for upholding the PIPE values with a civvies day. It is a fun way to encourage our students to be mindful of their PIPE values. We celebrated Love in February with a fun Mr and Miss Valentine. The learners had fun buying something special at the market during this event.

The Brackenhurst police K9 unit visited the school to show learners how they operate. The learners got to see firsthand how the dogs sniff out drugs and go about other operations. We also had a science show and a magician visiting our school to entertain our learners.

We held our annual colour run and had a massive turnout. Students and their parents enjoyed the stalls and the many races throughout the day.

Our Grade 7 learners held their annual Entrepreneur's Day in Term 3, where they sold items for their EMS project.

Staff fun and team building are celebrated each term with a friendly competition in braai or potjiekos.



Primary School Sport

Cross Country 2023

18 learners of our school took part in six races at Rietvlei Zoo Farm this year. We are very proud of all our athletes. The performances were as follows:

- Our junior boys team achieved third overall place out of a total of 12 schools.
- In the accumulated points system for all the races, the following learners achieved:

Junior Boys:

Njabulo Tsiame 9th place
Sisathi Sokhanyile 13th place
Lesedi Mnagomezulu 14th place
Mongiwethu Mbudu 18th place

Junior Girls:

Amara Moothasamy 1st place
Mosia Oimpho 8th place

These learners also represented the District at the District final.

Thank you to our coach who ensured that our learners were nicely warmed up and ready for their race. Well-done Cross-Country team!

You make our school proud!



High School Academics

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The past 7 months have been fruitful and have seen our school undertake various initiatives to enhance our learners' academic performance. I would like to highlight some of the achievements and challenges we encountered in our academic programme.

Our Grade 12 learners participated in Saturday and afternoon intervention classes in the past two terms. The extra class time allowed our learners to focus on their academics and prepare them better for their June exams. Moreover, the school provided robotics classes to grade 8 and 9 learners, which engaged and challenged the learners and encouraged creative thinking and critical problem-solving skills.

As we strive to deliver quality education to all our learners, we also provided intervention classes for those struggling in their core subjects. While we were happy to see our learners attend these classes, we encountered challenges with attendance due to transportation issues. We, therefore, urge parents to assist and ensure that their children are punctual in attending these classes.

I am thrilled to report that our school retained the Best School in the Circuit Trophy, thanks to our teachers and learners' hard work and dedication. This has brought us great pride and motivated us to strive and excel even more in our academic journey.

Finally, I would like to recognise two of our 2022 matriculants who were among the best performers in the entire district. This is a testament to the academic excellence we strive for at our school and shows the potential of all our learners.

In conclusion, we remain committed to providing quality education and nurturing our learners towards their academic success. I thank all parents, teachers, and learners for their support and encourage them to remain focussed on our academic goals.

Yours sincerely
Alexander Zivave (High School Deputy Principal)



High School Sport

Term 1

- RSA started 2023 on a very positive note with sport.
- In Term 1 we did athletics, where we held their inter-house competitions and other friendly competitions.

Term 2

- The term started on a very positive note with ball games.
- Notably, girls' netball were in the d16 Private schools high school netball league.
- Various teams played in the league performing very well.
- The Under 16 girls' netball team made it to the semi-finals that were held at Laerskool Concordia, Boksburg, on 01 June 2023.
- High school boys also played soccer. They played a number of friendly matches where they have been doing very well.

More soccer matches are scheduled to take place in Term 3.



High School Fun Day

Fun days are an essential part of our school's social and academic environment. They provide a break from the academic routine and offer opportunities for socialization and creative expression. Our school's fun days are enjoyable and essential for building school spirit and promoting student creativity and interaction.

Valentine's Day in February:

On February 14th, our school celebrated Valentine's Day. On this day, students and staff expressed their affection towards one another by exchanging flowers, chocolates, and personalized cards. This fun day was an excellent opportunity for our learners to display kindness, compassion, and care towards their peers.

Bring Anything but a Bag to School Day in March:

In March, our school hosted a 'Bring Anything but a Bag to School Day'. This event encouraged learners to bring their belongings in unique and creative ways, like a lunchbox, a basket, or a small suitcase. It was an exciting and innovative way to show creativity while attending school.

Vintage Dress Code Theme in April:

In April, our school held a Vintage Dress Code theme day. This fun day encouraged learners and staff to dress up in clothing items from previous fashion eras. This event sparked creativity and imagination while giving learners an opportunity to learn more about history through it.

Swop Day in June:

In June, our school hosted a Swop Day. On this fun day, learners were given a chance to dress like their teachers, and teachers to dress like learners. It was an entertaining way to break from the monotony of the regular uniform and allowed for a lot of laughter and fun!



High School Robotics and Computers

Recent upgrades have been made to our school's IT infrastructure and the introduction of a robotics programme. Your child will immensely benefit from these new developments and I would like to share with you how.

State-of-the-Art CAT Computers:

We have upgraded our computer systems to the latest state-of-the-art IT models. This upgrade will enable our learners to achieve more during their academic journey. We now have faster computers equipped with the latest software for an efficient and seamless user experience. The machines come equipped with high-performance processors, large RAM and storage space, and top-quality monitors, ensuring that every task runs smoothly.

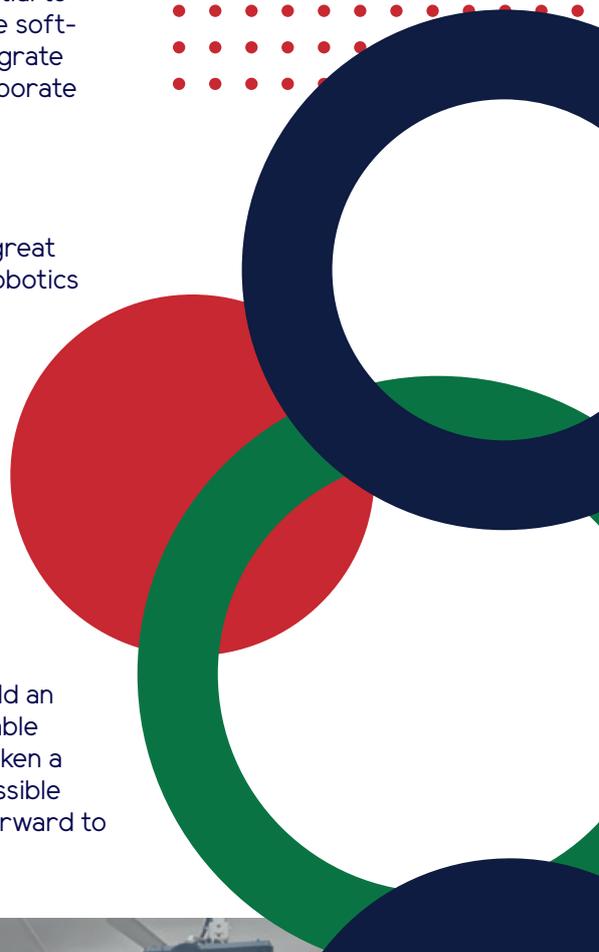
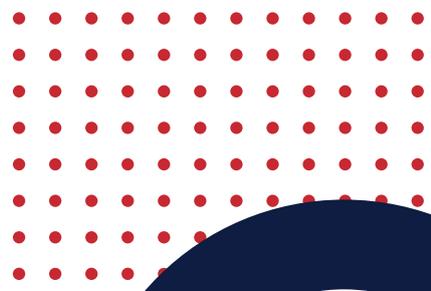
Our learners now have access to world-class IT resources, which is essential to their 21st-century learning needs. The new systems come with interactive software that helps enhance their learning quality. Our teachers can now integrate multimedia into their lessons, and learners can share their work and collaborate effortlessly with their classmates.

Introduction of Robotics:

We have also introduced a robotics programme to the school, which is a great addition to the curriculum. With the increasing demand for digital skills, robotics education is critical for building a robust and futuristic workforce. This programme is designed to equip our learners with the necessary skills to operate in a world increasingly driven by technology.

Our robotics programme is designed to promote STEM disciplines, where learners will get to appreciate science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in a practical and fun way. They will be exposed to coding, problem-solving, creativity and innovation, and critical thinking, among other essential skills. The curriculum will include basic programming, designing and building robots, and participating in team competitions.

In conclusion, by introducing the latest technology, we aim to give your child an exceptional academic experience. We believe that these upgrades will enable learners to get the most out of their education. At our school, we have taken a proactive approach to embrace change and ensure we offer the best possible resources. We thank you for entrusting your child to our care and look forward to their bright future.



Community Outreach Programme

At Royal Schools Alberton, we strive to reach out to our community as best as possible. The principle of outreach actually comes from the Bible. Outreach is also part of our PIPE values: PEOPLE, INTEGRITY, PERSEVERANCE and EXCELLENCE. At Royal Schools Alberton we always put people first, therefore we reach out to people and try to make contact with them face-to-face to give them something that we have so graciously given ourselves.

There are so many people in our community, right in our backyards, that we can give back to, and we are so proud to share some of these outreached projects with you;

Preschool of Royal Schools Alberton

Our preschool staff and learners collected and distributed Easter eggs, tinned food, and toiletries to needy organisations. This year we handed out food packs and stationery to a children's home in our community.

Primary School of Royal Schools Alberton

Our Primary school staff and learners collected and distributed clothing and cleaning detergents to Stepping Stones Hospice and care centre. The centre provides specialist palliative care to people experiencing the impact of life-limiting illnesses.

High School of Royal Schools Alberton

Nelson Mandela Project: "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are"

Our educators and kids, empowered by the famous late President Nelson Mandela, decided to collect clothing, non-perishable products, and blankets to donate to a community nearby. We are also inspired by his words of wisdom to inspire others to take action against poverty and to change the world.



Aftercare:

At our school, we offer aftercare from 15:00 until 18:00 with space for 40 learners in grade R and 30 learners in grades RR and RRR. Our learners bring a snack, and we offer learners fruit, yoghurt, and a sandwich. We also assist them with their homework.

We also offer aftercare for grades 1-8. We have qualified teachers assisting with homework, one-on-one assistance, and communication with parents to identify areas where support is needed. Learners also receive a sandwich and juice in the afternoon.

We provide a safe and fun environment. Our aftercare programme operates from Monday - Friday.