



ALBERTON BI-ANNUAL REPORT

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30 YEARS OF QUALITY PRIVATE EDUCATION

COLLEGE REFLECTION

All our parents and guardians must have realised by now that our theme for 2024 is “Stronger Together” and that we all should be playing our various parts to contribute to this ethos. We can only become stronger when all the links work. I would like to remind all our stakeholders to keep us accountable and constantly work together to benefit all our learners! One important announcement to prove that we are getting stronger is, without a shadow of a doubt, that our school has received our UMALUSI accreditation certificate that acknowledges all the hard work we are doing! Congratulations, and thank you, to all our staff members who made this accreditation possible!

Having celebrated our national Freedom Day as well as Worker’s Day last term – this is a reminder that these days still play such an important role in the lives of our learners to realise the impact of this freedom in our lives and choices, yet be aware of the many before us who sacrificed so much for this! The famous Mahatma Gandhi once observed: “Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes”. This message should allow us to constantly learn and get better as we develop and grow. When we make mistakes, it builds our character to become better.

It gives me great honour and pleasure to thank all our staff, learners and parents who have contributed in many ways to our Charity Organisations such as Door of Hope and Thinasonke Preschool. It shows that our community has so much compassion for others who are less privileged.

Leopard’s Rest Community Estate is growing by the day and this will have a definite impact on our numbers and accommodations at school. Approximately 550 NEW HOMES are being built on the West side of the school and that will probably mean that 550 new families will be looking for space at our school. We look forward to growing as a school within this community.

The school has initiated the creation of a Parent Liaison Committee where all interested parents have received a link to join and indicate if they wish to be part of this initiative. We would like to include some of our parents who could contribute to managing the school better and striving to make it more inclusive. The response so far has not been very encouraging, but we hope that parents will come to the fore and be part of this initiative. We will keep you updated as the applications and appointments of the PLC unfold.

Allow us to share some highlights from the first half of the year:

- 29 May was National Elections Day and our school was selected as a venue for voting on that day.
- We received our Umalusi accreditation certificate.
- We achieved a 98,1 % Pass Rate for our class of 2023, 91% Tertiary Admissions and 42 individual Distinctions! We are so proud of them and know success will present itself to all!
- We achieved the second position overall with our grade 12 results and the first position was deservedly taken by our sister school, Royal Schools Sky City. We are stronger together!

- The following staff members were appointed: Miss Machipanda(English) and Miss Kgonyana(English). We would like to wish both well going forward, confident and that our learners will benefit from their expertise.
- We then started the much-awaited installation of our solar power system which will give us absolute independence as far as power supply at the school is concerned. A giant step forward!
- The usage of Google Classroom has improved tremendously over the last six months and we can only attribute that improvement to the active participation of all our learners and the staff of RSA. There is no need for our learners to feel left out or miss out on any class work if they are absent.
- Our school's TUCKSHOP started the process, and will be going CASHLESS soon.
- Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, Netball, Chess , Cross Country and Rugby are showed improved participation and we look forward to even better participation in the upcoming term.
- All our mobile classrooms were fully equipped with the latest tech and comfort.

Mr Basil Freitas

Executive Principal

INTO THE FUTURE

As we head into the final stretch of the year, everyone at the school will most certainly focus on success and promotion to the next grade, phase or tertiary institution. We wish you all simply the best! We encourage all our learners to continue to work harder and strive for better.

Here are some highlights that we can expect in the second half of 2024:

- Our Solar Power will be up and running allowing us absolute grid independence and stability.
- All the muddy spaces on the premises will be paved.
- Our Annual Colour Run will take place on Saturday 5 October 2024! Lots of fun and entertainment for the whole family! Please diarise and don't miss out. We are going to depend on all your support for this fundraising initiative! We will keep you posted with all developments and arrangements!
- The Parent Liaison Committee (PLC) will hopefully be established this year so that all our parents can be involved in our activities at school.
- We are launching exciting new Online Support Classes on Saturdays, and all learners are encouraged to join for extra support and guidance; in the comfort of their home! Dates and content have already been shared with learners and parents.
- The safety of all learners, staff and support staff will remain our number 1 priority in whatever we endeavour to do. The school will continue to maintain infrastructure, train learners and staff regularly, comply with all health and safety regulations and ensure that our environment is 100% compliant in any possible risk situation.

The management of the school would like to commit themselves to all our learners in their educational journeys, our parents with all their challenges, our staff in their continued effort to offer better and quality education and all other stakeholders which has a vested interest in the growth and development of our school. We can only be Stronger Together! The results and achievements of our school will continue to shine if we work together! We hope and pray that all our learners will be successful and show excellence in this 2024 academic year. The Bible says in Hebrews 11:1(NKJV) that: "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen". We want to encourage all our stakeholders to continue believing that our efforts will always bear fruit when we commit ourselves whole heartedly. Thank you for your continued support of our school. We appreciate you entrusting your child's education journey in our capable hands and we look forward to a successful second half of this academic year!



PRESCHOOL

A Journey of Fun, Learning and Growth

As we reach the halfway mark of the year, it brings us great joy to reflect on the wonderful experiences and milestones our preschoolers have achieved over the past six months. Our aim to create a nurturing, fun and educational environment for the learners continues to thrive, thanks to the collective efforts of our dedicated staff, supportive parents, and most importantly, our curious and enthusiastic little learners.

Interactive Hands-On Learning

Our classrooms have been buzzing with creativity and hands-on learning. From painting to making collages, our preschoolers have been exploring various forms of art, expressing themselves through colours and textures. This hands-on approach not only fosters creativity but also enhances fine motor skills and encourages self-expression.

Weekly Baking and Science Experiments

Every week, our young chefs eagerly participate in baking sessions. These activities are more than just fun—they teach the learners essential skills such as measuring, following instructions and understanding basic math concepts. The joy on their faces when they see (and taste) the final product is truly priceless. In our weekly science experiments, curiosity knows no bounds. These sessions are designed to ignite a love for science by encouraging our learners to ask questions, make predictions and observe outcomes. Whether it's watching a volcano erupt or understanding the properties of water, these experiments make learning an adventure.

Continuous Assessments

Fridays are reserved for continuous assessments, allowing us to monitor each learner's progress and tailor our teaching strategies to meet their individual needs. These assessments are conducted in a playful and stress-free manner, ensuring that our learners view learning as a positive and enjoyable experience.

New Additions to Our Preschool

One of the highlights of the past six months has been the addition of our new road track with road signs. Watching the learners ride their scooters on the track is not only delightful but also educational. They learn about traffic rules, the importance of road safety and develop spatial awareness and coordination skills. Our newly added benches have transformed lunchtime into a more enjoyable and communal experience. These comfortable seating areas encourage social interaction and give learners a chance to relax and bond with their friends over a meal.

Gardening and Community Involvement

Our preschoolers continue to maintain their garden with great enthusiasm. They learn about plant life cycles, responsibility and the importance of caring for the environment. Harvesting the vegetables they have grown teaches them about healthy eating and sustainability. This initiative not only enriches their learning but also allows them to contribute to our neighborhood community, Tinasonke. By giving their harvested vegetables, they learn the joy of sharing and helping others.



Enhancing Our Play Area

We are always looking for ways to enhance our play area because we understand its importance in a child's development. A well-maintained and equipped outside area provides learners with opportunities for physical exercise, which is crucial for their health and development. It also offers a space for imaginative play, where they can develop their creativity, problem-solving skills and social interactions.

Public Speaking

These are our participants for Gr 7 Debate and Public Speaking 2024 which was hosted by the provincial libraries. We are happy to announce that Achuma Daniel got the the first prize for being the best provincial public speaker. From left: Simangaliso Blose, Emily Mashiyane, Achuma Daniel and Mpho Dipela.

Parental Involvement

We firmly believe in involving parents in their children's learning journey. Our teachers regularly engage parents in simple yet impactful, tasks. Whether it's helping to build houses or bringing items from home that start with the sound of the week, parental participation enriches the educational experience and strengthens the bond between home and school.

As we look forward to the next six months, we remain committed to providing a stimulating and loving environment for your children.

Preschool Fun Days Report

As we reflect on the past six months of our preschool journey, we are filled with gratitude and excitement. It has been a period of incredible growth, learning, and heartwarming moments. Our fundraisers have not only contributed to the betterment of our school but have also created unforgettable experiences for our little learners.

Puppet Show Extravaganza: "Tippie Goes to School" (7th February)

Our first fundraiser of the year featured the delightful puppet show "Tippie Goes to School," held on the 7th of February. The learners were enchanted by Tippie's adventures and learnt valuable lessons about friendship, perseverance and the joys of learning. The show was a resounding success, bringing smiles to young faces and fostering a love for the arts. The funds raised from this event will go towards enhancing our classroom resources, ensuring our learners continue to have access to engaging and educational materials.

Valentine's Day Celebration (14th February)

Valentine's Day was a heartwarming celebration of love. On the 14th of February, our preschool was adorned in red and white as the learners eagerly dressed up in these festive colours. The learners enjoyed selecting and buying Valentine's Day gifts to surprise and spoil their parents, creating lasting memories and spreading joy. This event not only celebrated the special bond between children and parents, but also helped raise funds for future activities, emphasising the importance of showing love and appreciation.



Wacky Tacky Funky Dress-Up Day (Round 1)

April brought out the creative and playful side of our preschoolers with our Wacky Tacky Funky Dress-Up Day on the 26th of April. The learners had a blast donning their most imaginative and eccentric outfits, showcasing their unique styles and creativity. The preschool was filled with laughter and excitement as they paraded their costumes, and the event proved to be an excellent opportunity for self-expression. The funds collected from this fun-filled day will be used to buy arts supplies encouraging our learners to continue exploring and expressing their creativity.

Looking Ahead: More Fun and Fundraisers

As we move forward, we have more exciting fundraisers planned for the remainder of the year. These events are designed not only to raise funds, but also to provide enriching and enjoyable experiences for our learners. We look forward to your continued participation and support as we strive to create a nurturing and stimulating environment for our learners.



PRIMARY SCHOOL ACADEMICS

In our primary school, academic excellence is a cornerstone of our educational philosophy. We believe in providing a nurturing environment where learners can thrive academically and develop the skills necessary for future success.

Foundation Phase Reading and Phonics Day

One of our primary objectives is to empower parents with the skills and knowledge necessary to support their children's learning at home effectively. To this end, the Foundation Phase recently hosted a Reading and Phonics Day, specifically designed to equip parents with strategies to enhance their children's literacy development.

During this event, parents had the opportunity to engage in interactive workshops led by experienced educators and Mr ABACARD. They learnt about the importance of phonics instruction in early reading development and gained practical tips for supporting phonemic awareness and reading fluency at home. Additionally, parents were introduced to a variety of reading strategies and resources that they could incorporate into their daily routines to promote literacy skills in their children.

By involving parents in their children's learning journey and providing them with the tools they need to facilitate reading and phonics instruction at home, we aim to create a strong foundation for academic success from an early age.

Learners Participating in the WITS Mathematical Olympiads

One of the highlights of our academic calendar is the participation of our learners in the WITS Mathematical Olympiads. These Olympiads serve as a platform for our learners to showcase their mathematical talents and compete with peers from across the region. Through rigorous training sessions and mentorship from experienced teachers, our learners have consistently excelled in these competitions, demonstrating their aptitude for problem-solving and critical thinking.

Participation in the WITS Mathematical Olympiads not only hones learner's mathematical skills, but also instils in them a sense of confidence and resilience. They learn to approach complex problems with creativity and perseverance, skills that are invaluable not only in mathematics but in all areas of their academic and personal lives.

Learners Striving for Excellence through Hard Work

In our Primary School, we foster a culture of excellence where learners are encouraged to strive for their personal best through hard work and dedication. Whether it's mastering a new concept in mathematics, writing a compelling essay or excelling in extracurricular activities, our learners understand the importance of putting in the effort to achieve their goals.



Through regular assessments, feedback from teachers and self-reflection, our learners continuously monitor their progress and identify areas for improvement. They embrace challenges as opportunities for growth and are not deterred by setbacks. This resilience and determination are evident in their academic achievements and serve as inspiration for their peers.

Power Hour Attendance

A key component of our academic support system is "Power Hour," where learners have the opportunity to receive personalised assistance with their schoolwork. During this dedicated time, teachers provide one-on-one or small group instruction, addressing specific learning needs and reinforcing concepts covered in class.

Attendance at "Power Hour" has proved to have a positive impact on the learner's academic performance, particularly in subjects where they may be struggling. It provides them with the additional support and encouragement they need to succeed, ensuring that no learner is left behind.

In conclusion, our Primary School is committed to providing a comprehensive and supportive academic environment that fosters learner success and growth. Through initiatives such as the Foundation Phase's Reading and Phonics Day, participation in various Olympiads, dedication to excellence through hard work and Power Hour attendance, we empower learners to become lifelong learners who are equipped with the skills, knowledge and confidence to thrive in an ever-changing world.

Mrs M. Neill
Primary School Principal

PRIMARY SCHOOL CULTURE

Cultivating Creativity and Community: A Spotlight on Our School's Culture Activities

Every Wednesday, our school is transformed into a vibrant hub of creativity and camaraderie as learners eagerly participate in a diverse array of culture activities. From the melodious strains of concert practice to the spirited competition of the spelling bee, and the tranquil exploration of visual arts, these weekly gatherings serve as a testament to our commitment to fostering holistic development and nurturing the talents of our learners.

Intermediate Phase Concert Practice: And the Oscar Goes To...

As the curtains rise on our weekly concert practice, learners step into the spotlight and showcase their musical, humorous or dancing talents with flair and finesse. Under the guidance of our dedicated teachers, learners rehearse tirelessly, refining their performances and honing their skills. Whether they're belting out show tunes, strumming guitars or mastering complex orchestral arrangements, each rehearsal is a testament to their hard work and determination.

School Choir

Led by the talented Ms. Maluleke, our school choir is a harmonious ensemble of voices that captivates audiences with its passion, precision and unity. Under her guidance, learners come together to cultivate their vocal talents, refine their technique, and create unforgettable musical performances. With Ms. Maluleke's inspiring leadership, our choir is more than just a musical group—it's a close-knit community where students learn, grow and thrive together through the power of music.

Reading Club

For bookworms and bibliophiles alike, our reading club provides a welcoming haven where learners can immerse themselves in the captivating world of literature. Led by passionate educators, learners embark on literary adventures, exploring the pages of beloved classics and discovering new authors and genres along the way.

Spelling Bee

In the electrifying classes of the spelling bee, learners put their linguistic powers to the test. With words both challenging and obscure, contestants summon all their focus and concentration to spell their way to victory.

Visual Arts: Unleashing Creativity

In the vibrant world of visual arts, learners unleash their creativity and imagination, transforming blank canvases into masterpieces of colour and form. Guided by skilled teachers, learners explore a variety of artistic mediums and techniques through painting and drawing. Through experimentation and discovery, they discover the boundless possibilities of artistic expression and the transformative power of creativity.

Outsourced Extra Murals: Beyond the Classroom

In addition to our in-house culture activities, our school also offers a range of outsourced extramural programmes, providing learners with opportunities to explore new interests and develop new skills outside the classroom. From Karate with Sensei Laurent to exploring their inner gymnast with Gymkidz, these activities offer learners a chance to engage in physical fitness, teamwork and self-expression in a supportive and enriching environment.

We also very proud of Achuma Daniel who won the first prize for being the best provincial public speaker.

Through culture activities and extramural programmes alike, our school celebrates the diverse talents and passions of our learners, fostering a culture of creativity, collaboration and community. Every Wednesday, as learners come together to explore their interests, show their skills and forge lifelong friendships, they embody the spirit of our School and the values we hold dear.



CELEBRATING SPORTING EXCELLENCE

Primary School Sport Report

From the thrill of competition to the camaraderie of teamwork, sport plays an integral role in shaping the character and spirit of our learners. Our sporting endeavours are not merely extracurricular activities but avenues for personal growth, resilience and achievement. Let us take a closer look at the highlights of our school's sporting journey up until now:

2024 Royal Schools Alberton – Primary School Inter-House Athletics Competition

Royal Schools Alberton hosted a highly anticipated Inter-House Athletics competition, showcasing the talents of learners across various track and field events. Participants competed in a range of track events including the 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1200m and 1500m races. Field events included shot put and long jump. Learners were selected from their respective houses and the event was a display of skill, determination and school spirit.

Royal Schools – Foundation Phase Inter-Schools Athletics Competition @ Royal Schools Sky City

Royal Schools Sky City was the venue for the Royal Schools Foundation Phase Inter-Schools Athletics competition. All age groups participated in a series of athletic events, providing an excellent platform for young athletes to compete against their peers from different schools. The event fostered a spirit of camaraderie and sportsmanship among the students.

Royal Schools – Primary Inter-Schools Athletics Competition @ Pilditch Stadium

Pilditch Stadium in Pretoria was the venue for the exciting Primary Inter-Schools Athletics competition, with all age groups participating. This event highlighted the athletic prowess of the learners and served as a stepping stone for future athletic competitions. The participants showcased their abilities in various events, contributing to a successful and memorable day.

Thokoza Stream A 2024 Soccer Fixture – U11 Girls

U11 girls participated in the Thokoza Stream A 2024 Soccer Fixture, demonstrating their skills and teamwork on the field. The match was competitive and showcased the growing talent among the young players.

Soccer and Netball Tournament Trials - Grade 4 to 7

The trials for the Soccer and Netball Tournament took place, involving mixed age groups from Grade 4 to Grade 7,



involving both boys and girls. This event was crucial for player selection, allowing coaches to identify and select talented players for upcoming tournaments.

Thokoza Stream A 2024 Soccer Fixture – U11 Boys and U13 Boys & Girls

U11 boys, U13 boys and girls participated in the Thokoza Stream A 2024 Soccer Fixture. The matches were thrilling and provided an excellent opportunity for the players to showcase their skills and team-work.

Soccer and Netball Tournament Trials – Grade 1 to 3

The second round of trials for the Soccer and Netball Tournament took place, this time involving mixed age groups from Grade 1 to Grade 3, involving both boys and girls. This round of trials was important for identifying young talents and preparing them for future competitions.

Ekurhuleni South Chess League

The Ekurhuleni South Chess League saw participation from U9, U11 and U13 learners. The event was a great success, with learners demonstrating their strategic thinking and concentration in a series of challenging chess matches.

Southern District Cross Country: Cross Country Triumphs at Rietvlei Zoo and Farm: Running Towards Success

On the picturesque trails of Rietvlei Zoo and Farm, our cross country runners distinguished themselves with remarkable feats of endurance and athleticism. Against the backdrop of nature's beauty, they navigated challenging terrain and conquered steep inclines, pushing themselves to their limits in pursuit of victory.

Their hard work and dedication paid off as our cross country learners excelled in their department, with 10 of our learners earning the opportunity to compete at district level. These events were instrumental in promoting physical fitness and endurance among the learners.



PRIMARY SCHOOL FUN DAYS

Celebrating Social and Fun Days in our Primary School

In our Primary School, education extends beyond the classroom. We believe in fostering a vibrant school community where learners, parents and teachers come together to celebrate life, spread joy and make lasting memories. One of the ways we achieve this is through our exciting social and fun days, which provide opportunities for creativity, relaxation and giving back to those in need.

Wacky Tacky Dress-Up Day: A Splash of Colour and Creativity

Recently, our school came alive with a burst of colour and creativity during our Wacky Tacky Dress-Up Day. Learners arrived in an array of outfits that defied convention and embraced individuality. From mismatched socks to neon wigs, the school grounds were transformed into a kaleidoscope of eccentricity. The enthusiasm and energy were contagious as students revelled in the opportunity to express themselves in unconventional ways. This event not only encouraged creativity, but also fostered a sense of unity and camaraderie among students as they laughed, danced and celebrated their unique identities.

Mom's Day Off: A Well-Deserved Break

In recognition of the tireless efforts of our mothers, we organised a special "Mom's Day Off" event. Mothers were treated to a day of pampering, relaxation and socialising. From spa treatments to craft workshops, mothers had the opportunity to unwind, make new friends and simply enjoy being spoilt for a change.

This event was not only a token of appreciation for all that our mothers do but also a chance for them to recharge and rejuvenate, ready to tackle the challenges of parenting with renewed energy and enthusiasm.

Reach for a Dream Slipper Day: Walking in Solidarity

On May 31st, we joined millions of people across the country in celebrating Reach for a Dream Slipper Day. This initiative aims to raise awareness and funds for children facing life-threatening illnesses by encouraging participants to wear slippers to school or work.

As we slipped into our cosy slippers, we were reminded of the challenges faced by these brave children and their families. Through our participation, we showed solidarity and support for their journey, offering hope and encouragement in their time of need.

In conclusion, social and fun days in our Primary School are more than just events; they are opportunities to build community, foster creativity and make a difference in the lives of others. Whether we're dressing up in wacky outfits, pampering our mothers or wearing slippers for a cause, each event reflects our commitment to creating a nurturing and inclusive school environment where everyone feels valued and supported.



HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMICS

Intervention classes

Throughout the past two terms, we were dedicated to ensuring that every learner received the necessary assistance and resources to excel in their academic pursuits. To achieve this, we conducted targeted intervention classes focussed on key subjects and topics identified as areas of improvement for our learners.

These intervention classes were designed to provide additional instruction, practice, and support tailored for the specific needs of each learner. Our experienced teachers were leading these sessions, employing various teaching strategies and resources to engage learners and reinforce their understanding of the material. Our goal was to address any gaps in learning and provide personalised assistance to ensure that every learner feels confident and prepared for exams.

We appreciate the continued support from all parents and we hope for an improvement in attendance in all our academic intervention initiatives.

Online Support Classes

We recently launched Saturday Online Support Classes for Grades 8 to 11, because of their benefit in enriching our academic intervention goal.

These classes come with the below benefits:

- **Convenience and Flexibility:** Learners can join from anywhere, eliminating the need to commute and allowing them to learn in a comfortable environment.
- **Cost Savings:** It saves on transportation costs, which can be a significant burden for some families.
- **Time Management:** Learners can save time that would otherwise be spent travelling to and from school, giving them more time for studying, rest or other activities.
- **Accessibility:** Online classes can reach students who may live far from educational centres or those with mobility challenges, potentially increasing equality in educational access.
- **Personalised Support:** With online classes, there are opportunities for more personalised attention and the use of digital tools to enhance learning.
- **Engagement and Interaction:** Online platforms can incorporate interactive elements like quizzes, polls and chats to keep learners engaged.

Academic Olympiads

I am delighted to share with you the remarkable achievements of our learners in various academic Olympiads during the first half of the year.

South African Mathematics Olympiad (SAMO)

Our learners demonstrated exceptional mathematical prowess by advancing to the second round of the SAMO.

Economics District Olympiad

Our Grade 11 Economics learners have brought immense pride to our school by qualifying for the third round of the District's Economics Olympiad. Their deep understanding of economic principles and analytical abilities have propelled them to this significant accomplishment.

Upcoming Olympiads

We are eagerly anticipating the upcoming Olympiads for commerce subjects and Geography. Our learners have been preparing diligently, and we have full confidence in their ability to excel and uphold our school's reputation.

South African Reserve Bank MPC Challenge

Our Grade 12 Economics learners participated in the prestigious SARB MPC Challenge, showcasing their knowledge of monetary policy and economic decision-making. Their engagement in such a prestigious competition reflects their academic excellence and determination to succeed.

These academic challenges and achievements inculcate one of the core values of Royal Schools, which is EXCELLENCE. We pride ourselves with academic excellence through perseverance and integrity in all our undertakings.

A Zivave
High School Principal



HIGH SCHOOL CULTURE

I am thrilled to share some exciting news regarding our high school's culture activities.

Our choir has successfully qualified for the second round of the Aesthetic Chambers Competition, a prestigious achievement that showcases the exceptional talent and dedication of our learners. Additionally, the choir recently recorded at the MTN studio in preparation for the next stage of the competition.

As we look ahead, the Eisteddfod is fast approaching, with categories including Poetry, Drama and Choir. This promises to be a fantastic opportunity for our learners to further showcase their creativity and artistic abilities.

I am incredibly proud of all our learners who have been involved in these activities, and I know that they will continue to succeed and make us proud in the upcoming events.

Recently, two of our dedicated educators had the opportunity to participate in a two-day workshop focussed on the art of directing and producing a play. This workshop aimed to enhance their skills and knowledge in this area, with the ultimate goal of bringing more enriching cultural experiences to our school community.

As a result of their participation, we are thrilled to announce that our school will be incorporating more theatrical performances and cultural activities into our extra-curriculum. These activities provide learners with valuable opportunities to express themselves creatively, collaborate with their peers and gain a deeper appreciation for the arts.

We believe that engaging in cultural activities not only enriches the academic experience but also helps learners develop essential skills such as communication, teamwork and confidence.

We look forward to showcasing the talents and creativity of our learners in the upcoming cultural events and performances. We encourage your continued support and participation in these endeavours as we work together to create a vibrant and culturally rich learning environment for our learners.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school's efforts to promote cultural awareness and artistic expression.



HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS

I am excited to update you on the advancements in technology within our school:

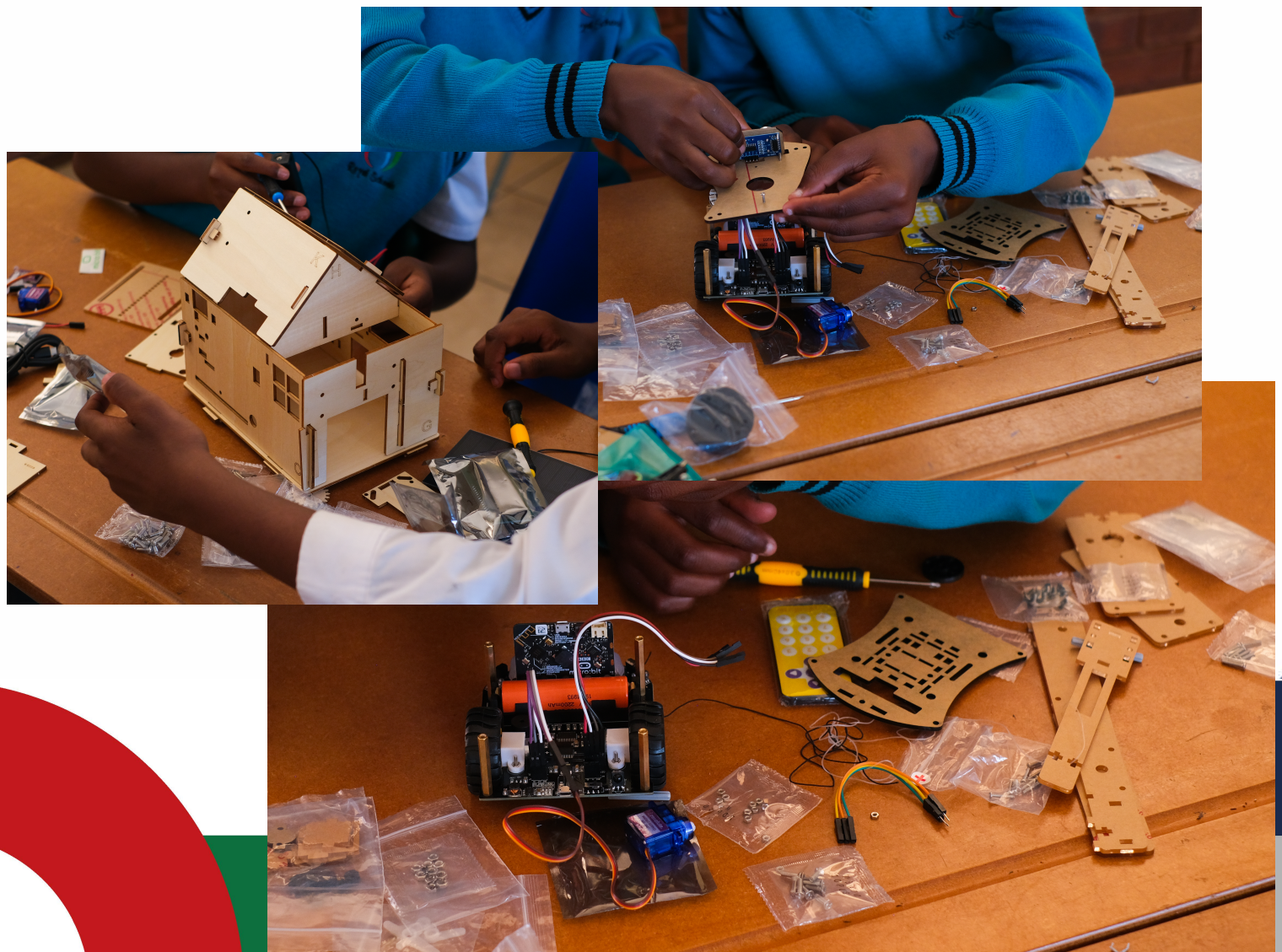
Our Grade 8 and 9 learners are receiving valuable computer lessons to build essential computer skills that are crucial in today's digital age. These lessons are designed to equip our learners with the knowledge they need to excel in an increasingly technology-driven world.

Furthermore, our computer lab is utilised for teaching Computer Applications Technology to our FET phase learners, providing them with a more in-depth understanding of technology and its applications.

In addition to our regular curriculum, we are proud to offer Robotics as an extracurricular activity. This serves as a pathway for learners to potentially integrate robotics into our curriculum in the future, allowing them to explore and develop their skills in this cutting-edge field.

To further enhance the learning experience, we have recently implemented smart interactive boards in some of our Mathematics, Science and Economics classroom. These boards enable our educators to deliver engaging and interactive lessons, making the learning process more dynamic and effective for our learners.

We believe that these initiatives will continue to prepare our learners for success in a world that is increasingly reliant on technology. Thank you for your ongoing support in our efforts to provide a well-rounded and technology-driven education for your children.



HIGH SCHOOL SPORT

High School Inter-House Athletics Competition

The High School Inter-House Athletics competition took place in January 2024 at Royal Schools Alberton. This event featured both track and field events, with learners selected from their respective houses to compete. The competition saw enthusiastic participation, with learners giving their best performances to earn points for their houses.

Inter-Schools Athletics Competition

Royal Schools Alberton participated in the Royal Schools Inter-Schools Athletics competition held at Pilditch Stadium in Pretoria. This event included high school learners from all age groups, showcasing their athletic talents in various track and field events. The competition was a great opportunity for learners to compete against their peers from the other Royal of Schools and demonstrate their athletic abilities.

Soccer and Netball Tournament Trials

Trials for the upcoming Soccer and Netball Tournaments were conducted on 14 and 15 March 2024. These trials involved high school learners from mixed age groups, specifically from Grade 8 to Grade 11, including both boys and girls. The trials were held to select players who would represent the school in future tournaments. The trials were highly competitive, with learners eager to secure a spot in the team.

Ekurhuleni South Schools Basketball Competition

The U18 boys' basketball team from Royal Schools Alberton participated in the Ekurhuleni South Schools Basketball competition held at Huntersfield Stadium in Germiston on 9 March 2024. The team displayed commendable skills and teamwork, competing fiercely against other schools in the district.

On 13 April 2024, Royal Schools Alberton once again participated in the Ekurhuleni South Schools Basketball competition at Huntersfield Stadium, Germiston. This time, the competition included U13, U15 and U18 boys and girls teams. The event highlighted the growing talent and enthusiasm for basketball among learners of different age groups at Royal Schools Alberton.





HIGH SCHOOL FUN DAYS

As the old saying goes, “all work no play makes Jack a dull boy”. We certainly do not want learners to be bored to death in our school.

The following events not only provided a break from the regular routine but also created unforgettable memories for the learners:

Bring anything but a bag to school day:

Our learners showcased their creativity and innovation on this special day by bringing items other than bags to school. From using wagons to backpacks made from recycled materials, it was a day full of unique and innovative solutions.

Vintage Day - Embracing the 70s and 80s Era:

The school turned into a time machine as learners dressed up in retro fashion from the 70s and 80s. It was a blast from the past as the school was filled with funky outfits, colourful accessories and classic tunes from that era.

Skyberton Networking:

Our matriculants had the wonderful opportunity to mingle and engage in various activities with their counterparts from Sky City. The event was a great success and provided our learners with a much-needed break from their demanding academic schedules.

During the networking event, learners participated in ball games and other team-building activities. This not only allowed them to unwind and have fun but also fostered positive relationships between learners of both schools. The event served as a platform for our learners to socialise, interact and establish connections beyond the classroom.

It was heartening to see the learners from both schools come together, share experiences and create lasting memories. Such networking events play a crucial role in promoting social skills, teamwork and a sense of community among our learners.

We believe that these interactions with their peers from their sister school have not only enriched their high school experience but also contributed to their personal growth and development.

These fun days allowed learners to express themselves creatively and promote a sense of camaraderie and school spirit. We are grateful for the enthusiasm and participation shown by both the learners and staff.



HIGH SCHOOL ELC/RCL

Letter from the Headboy – Mr. Brandon Sango

As the Headboy of Royal Schools Alberton, I am constantly impressed by the dedication and passion of the students, teachers and staff at Royal Schools Alberton. The school's commitment to providing a supportive and inclusive learning environment is truly exceptional. From the innovative curriculum to the countless extracurricular opportunities, Royal Schools Alberton offers world-class education that prepares students for success in all aspects of life. Advanced technology being used in classrooms further demonstrates the commitment of Royal Schools Alberton in prioritising the education of their students. I feel grateful to be a part of this community and witness the positive impact it has on our lives.

“EDUCATION IS OUR PASSPORT TO THE FUTURE, FOR TOMORROW BELONGS ONLY TO THE PEOPLE WHO PREPARE FOR IT TODAY”. - Malcolm X



CHARITY OUTREACH

Empowering Hearts, Changing Lives: Our Community Outreach Programme with Door of Hope.

In a world where kindness can often feel like a rare commodity, our school stands as a beacon of hope and compassion through our Community Outreach Programme with Door of Hope. As a faith-based organisation dedicated to saving abandoned babies and providing them with love and a forever family, Door of Hope embodies the spirit of unconditional care and support. With three baby homes and a children's village for those awaiting adoption, they offer a sanctuary of hope for the most vulnerable members of our society.

At the heart of this noble endeavour lies the unwavering dedication and compassion of our parents and learners. Their tireless efforts and boundless generosity are the driving force behind the success of this programme. Together, we have forged a partnership with Door of Hope that transcends mere charity, creating a community united in a shared mission of love and support for those in need.

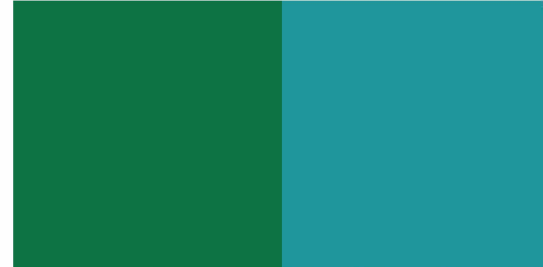
In Term 1 of this academic year, our school embarked on a journey of giving, collecting boxes filled with clothing, food and other necessities for the precious little ones under Door of Hope's care. With each donation, we extended a lifeline of hope to those looking to the community for help, reaffirming our commitment to making a tangible difference in the lives of others.

As we move forward into Term 2, our hearts are filled with anticipation and excitement as we prepare to continue our support for Door of Hope. With plans to drop off even more essential supplies and goods, we are eager to make an even greater impact on the lives of these vulnerable children. Our dedication to this cause knows no bounds, and we are determined to do everything in our power to ensure that every child receives the love and care they deserve.

In addition to our contributions to Door of Hope, our school also extended a helping hand to other organisations in need. We donated preschool toddler mattresses to various organisations, providing comfort and support to those facing difficult circumstances. Through these acts of kindness, we demonstrate our unwavering commitment to serving our community and making a positive impact wherever we can.

To further motivate and engage our learners in this important work, we have turned our giving into a friendly competition. By harnessing the power of teamwork and camaraderie, we aim to inspire our learners to give generously and make a positive impact on the world around them. Through this competition, we not only foster a spirit of giving but also instil in our learners the values of empathy, compassion and social responsibility.

As we look ahead to the future, we do so with hope and optimism, knowing that together; we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need. Through our Community Outreach Programme with Door of Hope, we are not only changing lives but also building a brighter; more compassionate future for all.





AFTERCARE

Since our last report, we are thrilled to announce that our aftercare family has grown significantly. As we reflect on the Aftercare past six months, we are filled with immense pride and gratitude for the journey we have embarked on together. It has been a period of growth, warmth, and learning, and we are thrilled to share our progress with you.

Welcoming New Learners, Growing Together:

Since our last report, our aftercare family has grown, with new learners joining our ranks. We extend a warm welcome to each new face that has become a part of our community. In embracing diversity and inclusivity, we have cultivated an environment where every learner feels valued, respected and supported in their journey of growth and discovery.

Dedicated Teachers, Nurturing Hearts:

Our aftercare teachers have remained steadfast in their commitment to providing a nurturing environment for every learner under our care. They go above and beyond to foster meaningful connections, offering support, guidance and encouragement to each learner. Whether it's assisting with homework, facilitating reading programmes, or providing personalised assistance in areas of struggle, our teachers embody the spirit of compassion and dedication every single day.

Academic Performance and Progress:

The impact of our aftercare programme extends beyond the classroom. We are thrilled to report significant improvements in our learners' academic performance over the past six months. Through targeted support and personalised attention, we have witnessed remarkable growth in areas where learners previously struggled. This progress is a testament to the effectiveness of our approach and the dedication of our staff.

Fridays: Fun Days, Enriching Experiences:

Fridays hold a special place in our hearts as they are synonymous with Fun Days! On these joyous occasions, our learners come together to engage in a plethora of educational board games and ball games. These activities are more than just fun and games; they serve as valuable learning tools that promote critical thinking, strategic planning, teamwork and communication skills. Through these interactive experiences, our learners not only have a blast but also develop essential life skills that will serve them well beyond the walls of our aftercare facility.

Nourishing Bodies, Nourishing Minds:

Our Aftercare, understanding the importance of nourishing both body and mind. That's why we ensure that our learners receive wholesome and nutritious meals every day. Our learners indulge in healthy sandwiches, juices, fruit and yogurt, replenishing their energy levels and fueling their minds for continued learning and exploration.

Looking Ahead:

As we look ahead to the next six months and beyond, we are filled with excitement and anticipation for the adventures that lie ahead. With your unwavering support and our shared dedication to the well-being and growth of every learner, we are confident that we will continue to thrive and make a positive impact on the lives of our learners.

