THE GUINEAFOWL

DIE TARENTAALTJIE NEWSLETTER

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NEW SCHOOL YEAR

NEW SCHOOL YEAR 2025

On 15 January 2025, we welcomed all our Eduplus learners back for a new and exciting year. Everyone had a great holiday and was happy to see their friends again! We're also happy to have new friends joining us at Eduplus this year. We look forward to making this an amazing year for all our learners, teachers, and staff members.
Believe in yourself, work hard, and amazing things will happen!

Athletics

On 17th January, we had our annual Colour Sports at Pellies Park at the University of the Free State, where the Blue and Orange teams competed against each other. The Blue team won the trophy for earning the most points, and both the Blue and Orange teams shared the Spirit Trophy. We are so proud of all our learners for helping make this day a great success!

AFRIKAANS IS 100 YEARS OLD

In celebration of the Afrikaans language's 100 years as an official language, composer Anton Esterhuyse, in collaboration with the ATKV, decided to put the spotlight on a diverse collection of Afrikaans songs. Over 100 days, Anton and a group of musicians will release 100 arrangements of well-known and much-loved Afrikaans songs online.
Milann Marias and Sias Sevenster from Eduplus had the opportunity to record 'Die Dapper Muis' with Anton and Hennie Smit. Sias also sang 'Hulle sê daar is 'n man in die maan' while Anton accompanied him on the piano.
Our senior choir recorded two songs, namely 'Die lappop' and 'Victoriabaai'. Our Grade 7 teacher, Mr Ian Rautenbach, was also involved in singing 'Op vaste fondamente' for this project. Well done to everyone involved!

WORLD READ ALOUD DAY 2025

Our learners celebrated World Read Aloud Day by reading books to one another. The Grade 5 to 7 learners took their role very seriously, reading stories to the younger students. They made sure to keep the little ones engaged and entertained as they read. It was an amazing day filled with fun and learning, and everyone truly enjoyed the experience!

Grade 1s visit the Library for the first time

Eduplus learners have the wonderful opportunity to visit the Bainsvlei Library regularly to borrow books. Our Grade 1 class visited the library for their orientation in January. All new Grade 1 learners go through this orientation before they start using the library. During this session, the librarians read a story and teach the children how to use the library properly. We know you are going to love learning how to read this year! A big thank you to Bainsvlei Library! We always enjoy our time there!

FEATURE TEACHERS

Learn something new about your teachers!

Teacher Cari loves coffee, and she hates standing in long ques.

Teacher Imke loves the colour light blue, and she hates spiders!

Teacher Tom loves to spend time with his dogs, and he doesn't like to do the dishes.

ZONE ATHLETICS

We started the year with a fantastic athletics season. The learners worked hard and did well in the Motheo/ Xhariep Zone C gathering that took place on 6 February 2025. The following learners participated in Zone C:

Anoúk Du Preez, Azariah Buys, Jolé van Greuning, Jayden van Greuning, Jana de Waal, Lethabo Mokwena, Leo Koeberg, Henry Tolken, Avela Baduza, Erik Janse van Rensburg, Mindi Janse van Rensburg, Marcus du Toit, Dillan du Plooy, Ruben Haasbroek and Stella Nunes.

All of them did well, and we are proud of our athletes. Hard work does pay off!

MOTHEO ATHLETICS

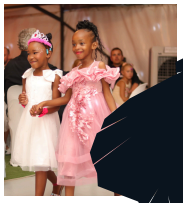
The following learners went through to the Southern Free State Championship for Primary Schools that took place on 28 February 2025.

Anoúk Du Preez - girls U/8 80m
Azariah Buys - Girls U/9 60m, 80m
Lethabo Mokwena - boys U/13 Discus
Avela Baduza - girls U/12 Shot Put
Jolé van Greuning- girls U/12 100m

Thank you for working hard and representing the school at these levels of athletics. We can't wait to see what will happen next year!

BLACK TIE & PINK PRINCESS BALL

Friday 7 March was a day many of our girls had been looking forward to for a long time – the Black Tie and Pink Princess Ball at Summerwood Estate! What an incredible evening it was! Our dads looked handsome, and they had an amazing time with their beautiful princesses. A big thank you to all the moms who made sure their daughters felt special in their princess dresses. Thank you, dads, for being your little girls' heroes! Next year will mark the 12th Black Tie and Pink Princess Ball hosted by Eduplus, and we can't wait to see everyone there!



VALENTINE'S DAY TALENT SHOW

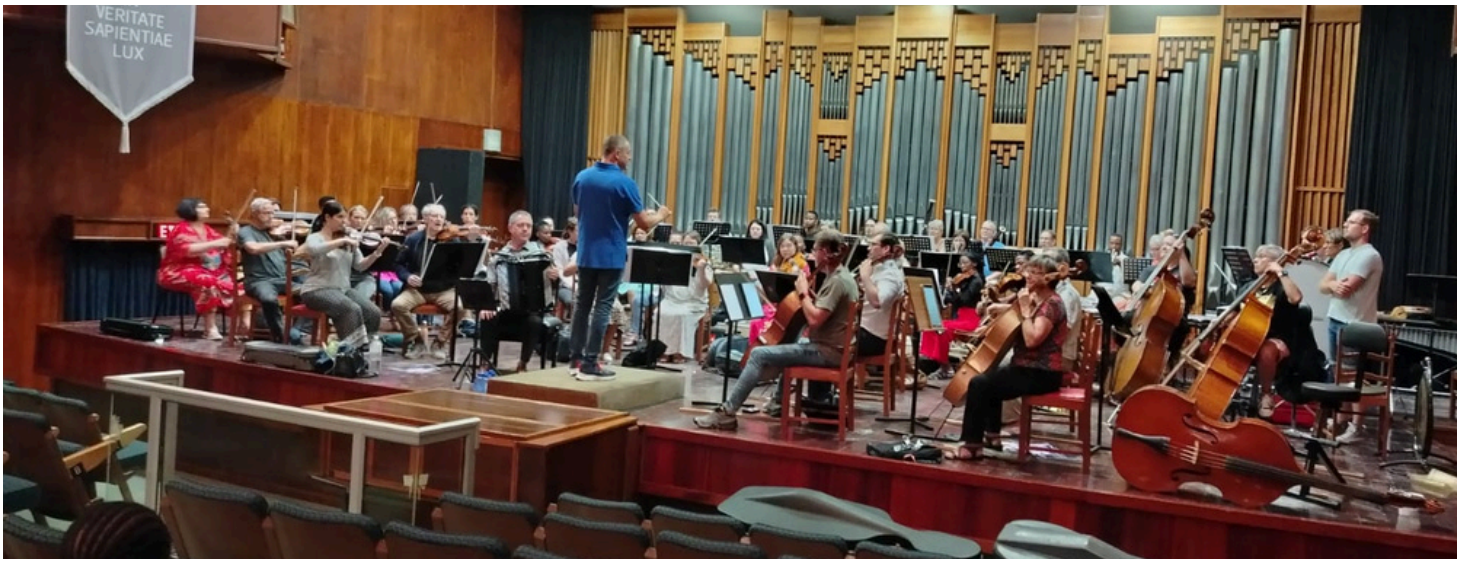
Valentine's Day at Eduplus was filled with love, laughter, and fun! Our learners celebrated this special day by sharing kindness with friends and spreading joy all around. We also had our annual Valentine's Day Talent Show, where our learners truly shone. We are so proud of every brave participant! Learners took part in four categories: singing, drama, instrumental, and miscellaneous. Here are our winners in each category. Well done to everyone!

Garry the Grasshopper book launch

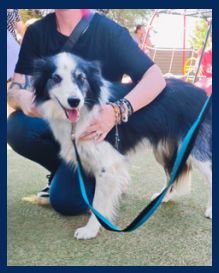
Our Grade 1 and Grade 2 learners had the wonderful opportunity to attend a book launch at the Bainsvlei Library. Keila and Marga van Vuuren launched their first children's book, Garry the Grasshopper Has a Secret. Our learners enjoyed the event so much! Congratulations, Keila and Marga! We can't wait to read more of your books in future!

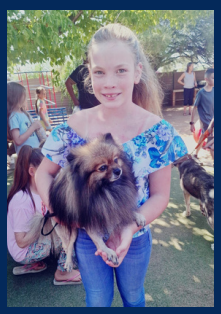
Grade 4 Class attend FSSO rehearsal

It was a huge privilege for the Grade 4s to attend the final rehearsal of the FSSO on Saturday 8 March. The orchestra was conducted by Daniel Boico and Stas Venglevski blew us away with his solos on the Bayan Accordion.
It was an amazing experience to spot and name all our favourite classical instruments that we had learned about during the past term. Listening to and experiencing live music still does and will always triumph over watching YouTube videos.
It is our aim to develop children who have been exposed holistically to as many different art forms as possible. It is fascinating to see how our learners develop a passion for the arts.



New Beginnings
Striking at the Roots





PET SHOW 2025

On 15 February, Eduplus hosted its annual Pet Show. Our learners were excited to show off their beautiful pets, including dogs, cats, hamsters, snakes, and even a chicken! Learners donated dog food and toys, all of which were given to local animal welfare organisation New Beginnings. A big thank you to the New Beginnings volunteers for being the judges at our Pet Show. It wasn't easy to pick the winners! Remember, it's not just about winning, but about showing kindness and helping others along the way!

IN THE CLASSROOM

FUN IN ARTS AND CULTURE

In Arts and Culture we learned about a wide variety of instruments and music this term, from where music originated (thousands of years ago) and how traditional instruments were made, all the way through to Pop music and how it developed into the "Pop music" we know and love today.
What better way to remember how a rainmaker was made, than to actually make one? That's why the Grade 5s made their own rainmakers in A&C for a practical mark this term. What better way to remember what a didgeridoo looks and sounds like, than to touch and play one yourself? Deon Olivier brought a variety of didgeridoos to class for us to examine and discover first-hand.

The Grade 6s had lots of fun this term exploring "Pop music" from the 1960s up until now. We looked at the structure of an ideal Pop song and learned about the legendary Elvis Presley. The learners had to rope in their parents' help to do research on Queen – their music and band members. For a practical mark they had to dress up, dance and perform like one of their favourite Pop stars. What wonderful entertainment!

In Grade 00, we learn through play!

In Grade 00, we don't just have fun playing, we also have fun by learning different skills. We engage in a variety of activities focused on social, cognitive, emotional and physical skills.
We are always working towards our future, some of us even as future engineers! Brick by brick, we are laying the foundation for what is yet to come!

Gr. R - Baking

Our Grade R students learned various baking skills, including important safety measures in the kitchen this term. They also explored what we bake and the different things we can create through baking. What fun!

Gr. 7 - Technology

The Grade 7's were challenged this term to think outside the box in technology. They were given 20 pieces of paper and a roll of cellotape. The class was divided into groups and challenged to make a construction that would lift bricks as high as possible from the ground and be able to support as many bricks as possible. Teams received points for every cm off the ground and additional points for each additional brick that was added. The learners had fun exploring different designs to try and make the best structure.

Grade 1 - a new adventure!

Our new Grade 1s started their exciting year with big smiles and eager hearts! They've been busy learning letters, solving maths problems, and discovering new things every day. They're also excited to start reading books and can't wait to explore more in the months ahead. We're looking forward to seeing all the amazing progress they'll make in the coming years. Dream big, little ones - the adventure of learning has just begun!

Grade 2 is fun!

The Grade 2 learners learned about the five food groups in Life Orientation. They had to prepare a fruit salad in class and tell the class more about their fruit choices and why they like these specific ones. They even cut their own fruit! It was a fun day, and the learners enjoyed the activity a lot.

Life is like a fruit salad – sweet, colorful, and better when shared with friends!

Believe you can and you're halfway there.

-THEODORE ROOSEVELT-

Grade 7's visit the War Museum

Die graad 7's het op Donderdag, 27 Maart, ŉ uitstappie na die Oorlogsmuseum onderneem. Vooraf is mooi verduidelik waaroor die oorlog gegaan het. Hulle het ŉ uitstekende gids gehad wat hulle deur die museum vergesel het. Dit was verstommend hoe die kinders aan sy lippe gehang het en ook vrae gevra het. Alle kulture was betrokke by hierdie oorlog en selfs Mahatma Gandhi, Indiese leier, het tydens die oorlog draagbare gedra. Wat ŉ positiewe ervaring!

Alice in Wonderland

Our Grade 4 to 7 learners had the opportunity to watch Alice in Wonderland at the Wynand Mouton Theatre on 26 March. It was such a fun show! We were particularly excited to see one of our former Eduplus learners, JC Venter (Grade 7 class of 2018), performing the role of the Mad Hatter in the show.

U/12 FRIENDLY SOCCER MATCH

The U/12 team played a friendly match against Anchor Independent Academy . It was the first soccer match the players played, and even though we lost 4 - 1, we are very proud of the players. It was a fun experience, and we can't wait for our U/11 and U/13 players to participate in the Central Dragon League in Term 2.

PERCUSSION BAND

Our Percussion Band had a fantastic term and practised really hard! They're excited to perform for everyone soon. During their last practice of the term, they even had an Easter egg hunt to celebrate. Be sure to keep an eye out for them and don't miss their first performance in the second term!

GYMNASTICS

Klu-ré Catterick participated in the Central Finity in-house gymnastics competition on 15 March and received a gold medal! Well done, Klu-ré! We are so proud of you!

GUITAR LESSONS

During Term 1, our guitar lessons were a beautiful combination of melody and growth! Each student practised weekly, participating in fun lessons tailored to their individual abilities and needs. By focusing on chords, strumming patterns, fingerpicking and rhythm, students are developing the fundamental skills necessary to become confident and skilled guitarists.

Beyond simply learning to play an instrument, these lessons encourage patience, creativity, and a love for music; qualities that will stay with them for life. We look forward to seeing them grow even more, explore new songs, and develop their musicality in the months ahead!

IMPORTANT DATES SECOND TERM

8 April - School reopens
10 April - Parents' Meetings
11 April - Grade 7 Camp
18 April - Good Friday
21 April - Family Day
23 April - World Book Day
27 April - Freedom Day
28 April – Public Holiday
29 April - Special School Holiday
30 April - Special School Holiday

1 May - Workers' Day
2 May - Special School Holiday
4 May - Mother's Day
5 - 9 May - Eisteddfod (Drama)
9 June - Order Summer Uniform
15 June - Father's Day
16 June - Youth Day
17 - 26 June - Grade 4 - 7 Exams
27 June - School closes

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World Book Day - 23 April 2025

Our Literature Day will be celebrated on 23 April this year, in honour of World Book Day! Learners are invited to dress up as any character from a book. If they would like to enter the Lapa Publishers Competition, they should dress up as a character from any book published by Lapa. Please help us grow our wonderful Eduplus library by donating children's books. New or well-looked-after second-hand books are both welcome. Thank you so much for your support!

Visit https://www.lapa.co.za/wereldboekedagkompetisie-2025 to learn more about the Lapa Competition.

STAFF BIRTHDAYS

HENRIETTE JANSEN
15 APRIL

KIM BOWEN
26 APRIL

SUSAN VERMEULEN
29 APRIL

PAULUS BULANE
5 MAY

FRANCISKA DE BEER
9 MAY

CHELSEA WALLER
15 MAY

ADELINE MAKOLOANE
18 MAY

TAMSYN ECCLES
26 MAY

CARI NIEHAUS
2 JUNE