

RAINBOW NEWS



TOP NEWS OF THE MONTH

WELCOME NOTE

By: Mr Ross Davis



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SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONSHIPS

WELCOME NOTE

>>> NEW TERM INSIGHTS



By : Mr. Ross David
(*School Principal*)

Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome back to the third and final term of 2023.

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I am very excited to announce the following school management changes. I am overseeing the operations of the entire school.

Ms. Esther Ndagurwa is the new primary school principal, she was an internal appointment who has been working at our school for many years.

Mr Labbeaus Peloewetse is the new high school principal and has many years' experience working at one of Botswana's top schools at senior management level.

As the new Head of Rainbow Schools, I am proud to lead a dynamic and forward-thinking institution with a rich academic history, innovative curricula, and a deep commitment to social welfare.

My dream is for all my students to experience a warm and inclusive community where they feel a strong sense of belonging. We are going to become a school where we provide each student with an engaging, creative, and empowering learning experience that cultivates their confidence, curiosity, and social responsibility.

Rainbow Schools will continue to equip our students with the skills they need to thrive in an ever-changing, fast-paced world and we are committed to fostering a culture of academic growth, discovery, and social awareness.

Join us in changing the worlds trajectory, one student at a time.

HIGH SCHOOL

»»» NEW APPOINTMENT



By : Mr. Labbeaus Peloewetse
(*Principal-High School*)

My name is Labbeaus Peloewetse, and I am excited to be a part of Rainbow High School as your new principal.

My professional experience is rooted in education, leadership and sports. I spent thirty-one years as a math teacher at Maru-a-Pula school and seventeen of those years as a Deputy Principal, including being the acting Principal. I look forward to using these collective experiences at Rainbow High School in our effort to secure a brighter future for our students.

During the next two months of my transition, I will listen and learn more about the school, and the unique needs of our students and staff.

I want to assure you that I am dedicated to uphold the school's finest practices while striving to push the school to new heights. Education is a collaborative effort involving committed teachers, motivated students, and enthusiastic parents who have high expectations. We can only attain our goal of developing responsible citizens, thinkers and future leaders through strong teacher-parent partnership. Our school has dedicated and talented staff who are committed to doing what is best for our students. We will continue to prioritize students and work hard to assure their success.

I look forward to working with all of you to provide the best possible education for our students. Only when all of us demonstrate trust and teamwork will we be able to realise our vision of building a brighter future for them.

My door is open and you are always welcome to come in to talk to me about the school and ideas to move it forward.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

»»» LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL



By : Ms. Esther Ndagurwa
(*Principal-Primary School*)

Welcome Back to a New Term at Rainbow Primary!

I hope this message finds you well. It is with great excitement and anticipation that I welcome you and your children back to Rainbow for the start of a new term. I trust that you had a restful and enjoyable break, and I'm sure our young learners are eager to embark on this new learning journey.

As we begin this term, I wanted to share some important information and updates with you:

Health and Safety Measures: Our commitment to the health and safety of our students remains unwavering. We will continue to implement and follow all recommended health and safety guidelines to ensure a safe learning environment.

Academic Excellence: Our dedicated teaching team has been hard at work preparing exciting and engaging lessons for our students. We encourage you to stay engaged in your child's education and support their learning journey at home. Our teachers are always here to assist and guide you.

Parent-Teacher Communication: Effective communication between school and home is essential for your child's success. Please be on the lookout for information about upcoming parent-teacher conferences and other opportunities to connect with our staff. We value your input and partnership in your child's education.

Extracurricular Activities: We are thrilled to offer a variety of extracurricular activities this term, including sports, clubs, and special events. These activities play a vital role in fostering social skills and personal development in our students. More details will be provided soon.

School Calendar: Our school calendar, including important dates and events for the term, will be shared with you in the coming days. Please mark your calendars with these dates to ensure you stay informed and engaged in school life.

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»»» LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parental Involvement: We encourage parents to get involved in our school community through our Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) and volunteering opportunities. Your involvement makes a significant impact on our school's success.

Trips: Our children were exposed to other academic extension programs, such as Mathematics and Science Olympiads, Setswana reading competition, Science Exhibition and Spelling Bee competitions. The school fared well in interschools academic forums alluded to, much to the appreciated participation of parents at Rainbow Primary School. Our last Term educational excursions were to BUAN, Gaborone meteorological centre, Parliament, Lilly's farm, and Lions Park.

The Standard 5 pupils went to Tantebane this Term, our Standard 6 pupils are off to Magaliesburg in South Africa in October. The Standard 7 will be going to Cape Town in October as well.

On behalf of the entire Rainbow staff, I want to express my gratitude for entrusting us with your child's education. We are committed to providing a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment where each child can reach their full potential.

Let's work together to make this term a memorable and successful one for our students. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to our administrative team or your child's teacher.

Thank you for your continued support, and here's to a fantastic term filled with growth, discovery, and achievement.

NOTICE FROM BURSAR'S OFFICE

»»» SCHOOL FEES REMINDER

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to all the parents who have already made their school fee payments for the current term. Your promptness in fulfilling this important obligation is greatly appreciated, and it allows us to maintain the high-quality education and services we provide to your children.

However, we wish to remind those parents who have not yet settled their school fees for the past term and current term that timely payment is crucial to ensure the smooth operation of our school and the continued education of your children. In accordance with our school's policies, we would like to emphasize the following:

Access to Classes: Students whose school fees have not been paid for the past term will not be allowed access to their respective classes immediately.

Payment Options: If you are facing challenges in making the payment or need assistance with arranging a payment plan, please do not hesitate to reach out to our school Bursar. We are here to support you and find a solution that suits your circumstances.

Late Fees: Please be aware that late fees may be applicable for overdue payments. To avoid incurring additional charges, we kindly urge you to settle the outstanding fees as soon as possible.

We understand that financial circumstances can vary, and we are committed to working with each family to find the best possible solution. Our priority is the well-being and education of your children.

To make your school fee payments, please refer to the Fee Structure provided to you at the end of Term 2,2023

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our Bursars.

Thank you for your continued support of our school and your commitment to your child's education.

PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL

»»» SECOND TERM REPORT

Bring Your Parent To School Day

What a beautiful day it was, spending time with our parents during **BRING YOUR PARENT TO SCHOOL**. The day was filled with fun as our parents got the feel of how their children spend the day in class.



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Reception Class Trips

We do educational trips with our Pre-School classes. This year Reception classes went on a trip to Lilly's Farm where they learnt about Farm animals. Children were so excited; they even fed the animals. It was fun. Pre-School classes will also be going on an educational trip to Lions Park.



PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL

»»» SECOND TERM REPORT

Upcoming Activities

Our Pre-School Graduation Day is on the way. As the year ends, it's a norm for our Reception Classes to graduate to standard one. This is always an exciting day as we see our children growing and moving on to primary level

By : Mrs Mapete

(*Head Of Department*)

PRIMARY SCHOOL

FEATURES

Tungamirai Gwatorisa Brings Home the Trophy

Spelling Bee Botswana in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Skills Development (MoESD), are geared to helping students improve in spelling, pronunciation and sentence construction to complement teacher's efforts towards improving education.

This year, Tungamirai Gwatorisa, a Standard 4 student here at Rainbow Schools participated in the Botswana National Spelling Bee Competition and walked away with the Championship Trophy.



PRIMARY SCHOOL

>>> ARTS & CRAFTS

Student Artwork



SPORTS

»» NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS

During the second school term, Rainbow participated in the following codes, namely: Netball, Football and Cross country. We introduced external coaches and performed very well compared to last year, especially with Netball.

The following students were selected to be part of the southern schools' teams.



»» STUDENT PROFILES

1

**PHOEBE OAGILE
MOTSO**

Nationality: Motswana

Sporting Code:

Athletics

Won a gold medal in the Southern Schools Cross- Country event held in Orapa.

2

REABETSWE MMEREKI

Nationality: Motswana

Sporting Code:

Athletics

She was also part of the Cross-Country team which went to Orapa.

3

TSAMMA MOJE

Nationality: Motswana

Sporting Code:

Athletics

He was also part of the Cross-Country team which competed in Orapa.

HIGH SCHOOL

➤➤➤ JUNE 2023 IGCSE EXAMINATIONS

Congratulations To our Students.

The 2023 result was anticipated to be qualitatively better than the 2022 with PE having been able to conduct practical lessons. Both subjects have posted very positive improvements in the quality of grades obtained by learners with 56% obtaining distinctions and 41% obtaining credit passes, giving a general credit pass of 97%. This is 6% higher than last year's result. As usual we hope this result is indicative of performance in the coming November exams.

Both Drama and Physical Education (P.E.) finished their syllabus and presented their students for final IGCSE examinations which were written in the May/ June sitting. The results for this examination are shown below (2023 results are shown in bold blue print):

IGCSE '0' LEVEL	GRADE							Number of candidates	% Distinctions	% Credits	% General Pass
SUBJECT:	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U		(A* & A)	(A* - C)	(A*-G)
PHYSICAL EDUCATION (P.E.)	0	5	10	7	3			25	20%	88%	100%
	4	9	6	2	1			22	59%	95%	100%
DRAMA	2	5	8	3	1			19	37%	95%	100%
	0	5	3	2				10	50%	100%	100%
Overall Pass % 2022									27%	91%	100%
Overall Pass % 2023									56%	97%	100%

HIGH SCHOOL

➤➤➤ SCHOOL TOURS

Form -One Educational Trip

On the 7th of August 2023, the Form Ones took an educational trip to Kasane and it was undoubtedly a magnificent experience. Although it was a long restless journey to our destination, the trip was definitely worth the wait. We visited numerous places; The Chobe National Park, Impalila Island in Namibia, Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, The Lesoma Memorial Monument and the Matsieng Footprints. Other additional activities we did included a sunset boat cruise to see the Sedudu Island and a short boat ride to Namibia.

We were indeed grateful to have visited all these places but we certainly enjoyed being at the Victoria Falls the most as it had an extremely beautiful view and provided a refreshing atmosphere to be in.

All in all, we had a great time and I would undeniably relive the entire week again.

By : Ruri Lee Setshedi

(*Form- 1C*)



HIGH SCHOOL

»»» SCHOOL TOURS

Form -Two Trip to Magalisberg

Day1:

This was travelling day. We were able to cross the border safely. We had a stop in Zeerust to have lunch and continued with the journey. We had an hour at the mall and later checked into our lodge.

Day2:

This day was our trip to Sun City. Let me say, it was exciting and entertaining! This was a very adventurous place and really fun. We had so many activities that we could do that it was difficult to choose. (i.e. swimming, zip lining, a maze) etc.

Day 3:

On this day, we headed to the Cradle of Human kind in Maropeng and Hartbeespoort Zoo. It was a very exciting journey. Our first stop was the Cradle of Human kind which was an extremely educational experience. We got to actually see the homo habilis and the australopithecines in form of models.

The Zoo: This was a very amusing and pleasant place. We had an opportunity to see and touch snakes. We also went on a boat ride and the view was unbelievable!

Day 4:

This day was definitely a delightful day. We visited Gold Reef City. It was so exciting and we got a chance to go on many rides

There was an arcade, games, roller coasters etc. We really enjoyed the day and had immense fun. We also had braai night on this day, and we had massive fun because we interacted with students and teachers.

Day 5:

Unfortunately this was the last day of our trip. None of us wanted to leave. We were not yet ready to leave. On this day we were allowed 2 hours of shopping. After shopping we travelled back to school.

On this trip we were accompanied by

- Rev. Fr Mensah
- Mr Chikati
- Mr Sekenhamo
- Mrs Letshola(Team Leader)
- Mrs Melaetsa

These teachers made sure we had fun but we were safe at the same time. They really did a good job. They got food for us during the day too. This was an exciting trip which was filled with so much joy and happiness. We really enjoyed ourselves.

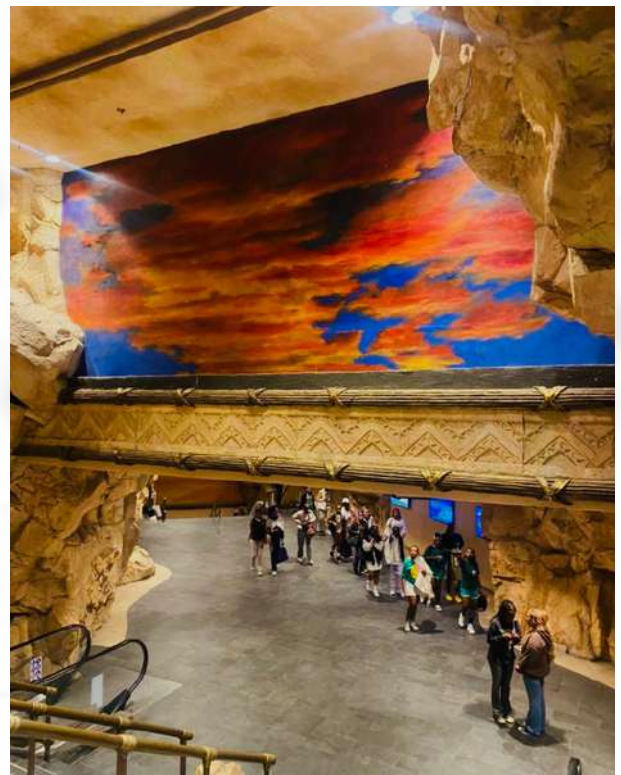
By : Lelentle Chanza

(*Form 2D*)

HIGH SCHOOL

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Form -Two Trip to Magaliesberg



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Form -Three Trip to Durban

We departed from school on Monday 21st August 2023 in the late afternoon, and travelled through the night to our destination – The Natalia ATKV Resort.

Upon arrival, on Tuesday 22nd of August, we were allowed to spend time swimming in the sea and also in the pool at the resort that we were staying at. Because our rooms were not yet ready to be occupied we were allowed to go to the shopping centre. Everybody was excited about the shopping trip because our parents had given us money to spend.

On Wednesday we visited Phezulu Safari Park, and got to visit the snake park. Unfortunately due to a student who fell ill we could not do any more activities.

Thursday was a very busy and exciting day for us. We visited Ushaka Marine World. We watched a dolphin show, had an Aquarium tour, visited the Sharks Board, where we had a very interesting lecture on sharks. After that we went on a boat cruise, which was very exciting and scary for some.

On Friday, we went to Kwa Muhle Museums. This Museum showcase the culture, history and hardships of the city of Durban and its people. After that we went to the Joseph Mabhiza Stadium, and then we were allowed to do some more shopping at Gateway Mall.

On Saturday was the day of our return home to Botswana. Unfortunately we were delayed due to some of our fellow students falling ill. We enjoyed the trip immensely and cannot wait for next year.



HIGH SCHOOL

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Form-Four Trip To Cape town - An exhilarating experience

Our experience in Cape Town as the Form 4s was one to cherish for a lifetime. Although it took quite a while to arrive, the memories we made as a group are truly irreplaceable. Firstly, the travel agency that took us there were so kind and hospitable. From day 1, they always gave us huge smiles and served us diligently as they drove us around carefully and made sure that all our needs (including allergies) were well catered for. They worked harmoniously with our teachers to ensure that we were well taken care of at all times.

We visited several educational destinations, for example Table Mountain, Cango Caves, Cango Ostrich Farms, Robben Island and the Botanical Gardens. All those places facilitated us with knowledgeable and interesting tour guides, who answered all our questions and educated us well on the various destinations, as well as making the environment comfortable for us.



We had the privilege of experiencing the lively atmosphere at the beach, including witnessing cultural performances.

The vibrant nature of Cape Town lead us to have such an amazing time. The teachers we went with - Mr Ncube, Ms Simpemba and Ms Makowe were the best teachers to go with as they were so lively throughout, which bettered our experience. I truly believe that this trip brought us much closer as we were put in various situations where we had to socialise with each other, which made us bond so increasingly well. We are grateful to Rainbow Schools Management for arranging these trips.

By : Fiona Modise



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



SEPTEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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NOTES
20th Sept : STD 1 Visit Lilly's Farm
21st Sept : IGCSE French Oral Exams Basketball Trip To Mafikeng Drama Production
22nd Sept : Form 5 Valedictory
25th Sept : Form 5 & Form 6 Study Leave
26th Sept : Football Team Leave For Germany
29th Sept : School Holiday
30th Sept : Botswana Day