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

We are now well into our final term of 2023, and it is so gratifying to see our school being so busy and alive. Our students have participated in a number of exciting and challenging sport fixtures, cultural activities, and school excursions and have done us proud in many areas.

On the 22nd of September, our form 5 and form 6 students attended their final Valedictory assembly in which they

celebrated their time at Rainbow Schools.

They together with our Standard 6 and 7s have officially started their final examinations. The cohort of 2023 are diligent and very able. They have prepared well, and I anticipate pleasing results. Below are a few extracts from some Form 5 students- it posts a good picture of our school:

- "Rainbow provided us with a bright future, it's up to us to make it work.
- "Advice to form 1 self be more dedicated in academics. Academics are important. It is ok to experience difficulties and it's how you change your head space that allows you to manage".
- "Hard work pays off - together with perseverance and listening to our

supportive teachers.

- "Listen to yourself and believe. Either suffer now and enjoy later or enjoy now and suffer later."
- "Teachers help students to be driven and to succeed. Attitude determines altitude."

I couldn't help but recall a conversation that I had with a past pupil who popped into our school recently. As we caught up on her news of her current studies, she commented that she regretted not having made more use of the extra-curricular programme whilst at school, as she had come to realise that these opportunities will never present themselves again.

## LETTER FROM THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



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

Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope this newsletter finds you all in good health and high spirits. It's my pleasure to present to you the 2nd edition of the Rainbow Schools newsletter for October 2023. As usual, we aim to keep you informed about the latest developments, achievements, and upcoming events at our school.

### 1. Celebrating Student's success:

Our students continue to shine both inside and outside the classroom. We've had outstanding achievements in various areas including Robotics. Two of our students, Emmanuel in Standard 2 Blue and Elikai Mikuwa



in Standard 4 Green, took part in the Robotics Hackathon in Gaborone. Emmanuel won a gold medal and a scholarship while Elikai walked away with a bronze medal.

### 2. Faculty Spotlight:

I want to recognize and thank our dedicated teaching staff for their commitment to providing quality education. Our educators go above and beyond to nurture our student's potential. Feel free to share your appreciation for a specific teacher or staff member by sending us your feedback.

### 3. Upcoming events:

Mark your calendars for the following events;

- Cambridge checkpoints starts from 16th – 18th October 2023.
- Standard 7 Prom - 20th October 2023 at Indaba Lodge.
- Pre- School open day - 3rd November 2023
- Standard 6s to Magaliesburg, South Africa-24th October -28th October 2023

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- Standard 7s - Cape Town, South Africa trip- 31 October- 6th November 2023
- Primary School Family fun day - 25th November 2023
- Swimming galas - weekly
- Chess competitions - weekly

### 4. School initiative:

We continue working towards enhancing the educational experience at Rainbow Primary School. Some of our ongoing initiatives include:

- Implementing of new teaching methodologies to meet the evolving needs of our students.
- Improving our campus facilities and technology infrastructure.
- Strengthening our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

### 5. Reminders and Important information:

- With anticipated hot weather conditions ahead, we would like to share some essential information and precautions to help keep our students comfortable and safe during this period.

### Hydration is Key:

- Please remind your child to drink plenty of water throughout the day. We will encourage regular water breaks during school hours to keep our students well-hydrated.

**Sun Protection:** Its also advisable for them to wear hats during outdoor activities.

**Outdoor activities:** We will take precaution during outdoor play and physical education classes to ensure our students are not exposed to extreme heat. Outdoor activities may be adjusted or rescheduled to avoid the hottest parts of the day.

### 6. Communication:

Please keep lines of communication open with us. If your child has any medical conditions that may be exacerbated by heat, or if you have specific concerns, please inform the school.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school. If you have questions, suggestions and feedback, please don't hesitate to reach us at **390 2001**. Wishing you all a fantastic month ahead.



## ➤➤➤ GENERAL NEWS FOR PRE SCHOOL

As we are near the end of the year, we are finalizing in preparing our Pre-School babies for the next level of their lives, celebrating the journey they have embarked on. The children engaged in creative developments and interactive games which encourage socializing with each other. Our teachers always make sure that learning is interesting for the children by involving them in all learning activities.



## ➤➤➤ BOTSWANA INDEPENDENCE DAY



Botswana became independent in September of 1966 after 80 years as a British protectorate. It is therefore interesting how as a previously colonized nation we get to enjoy the joy and dignity of being independent and letting freedom prevail in our country.

It is indeed an honor as Rainbow Primary students and staff from different nationalities get to experience the joy that comes with celebrating this day in recognition of all our forefathers who had brought us to where we are as a nation today. As we wore our traditional attires, sang our cultural songs and danced to the Setswana rhythm, in



commemorating this day, we waved our flags high as we celebrated this beautiful country of ours. Our Botswana Our Pride! **PULA !!**



## HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



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

On the 22nd of September, I attended my first Valedictory Assembly presented by our Form 5s with some of their parents in attendance. It was wonderful to hear them share personal stories, lessons learned, and advise younger students. I felt confident that they are prepared for the next stage of their academic path after hearing the guidance they gave to younger students.

I would like to thank Rre Seitlthomo, who organised the event and worked with the students to make the assembly a success. A big thank you to the Form 5 and AS level teachers for their work with the candidates. We wish all the candidates the best of luck in their examinations.

It's always a pleasure to see students participating in our Co-curricular programme as the activities are essential to students' overall development. They give them chance to grow personally, acquire new skills, and interact with their peers. They also contribute to a well-rounded education that goes beyond the textbooks and classrooms.

Here are a few highlights from the month of September:

- Ten of our students took part in the 12th Annual Linkz Competition for Secondary Schools, held on the 22nd of September at Botho University. The event included competitions in Cyber Security, Science and Math quizzes, Parliamentary Debates, etc. The 2023 Cyber Security competition was won by Rainbow School, represented by Mooketsi Mangwanza (4D) and Abaleng Malenje (3A).

We are proud of their achievement. Thanks to Mrs Simpemba and Mr. Mwape for supporting the students. Kudos to every student that participated.

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- I also wish to recognize the U14 Girls Basketball team, which won the 2023 ISSA Mafikeng Festival. Congratulations to Eve Opperman, who was named Most Valuable Player. Thank you to our teachers and coaches that spent time preparing and working with our students. Special appreciation is extended to Mr. Ncube for all his efforts.
- On the 22nd September, a group of fifteen students and two teachers left for Germany on a cultural exchange. We eagerly await their experiences and takeaways from the trip.
- All the above align with our mission "to provide an enabling learning environment that encourages collaboration, instils a culture of excellence – producing future-ready and dynamic global citizens". We are grateful for our parents' support in this effort.

**Shine on, Rainbow!**

## ➤➤➤ BOTHO 12TH LINKZ CHALLENGE 2023



Are you ready to take the leap and rise above the rest? Join us in the quest for excellence at the **LINKZ Challenge** and prove that you have what it takes to be a **champion!**

### LIST OF COMPETITIONS

- Science Presentation
- Science and Mathematics Quiz
- Case Study Interpretation of Accounts
- Accounts Quiz
- Cyber Security Challenge
- Debate
- Bed making

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mainly because our debaters were all novices to the game. However, the competition provided an inspiring and wonderful learning experience for them.

The Cyber Security team made up of ICT wiz-kids, **Abaleng Malenje (3A)** and **Mooketsi Magwaza (4D)** lifted the most coveted award of the day when they came first in the Cyber Security category. The icing on the cake came when Abaleng scooped the prize for the best dancer of the day.

A great big thumbs up to all the winners and participants.

We are pleased to report on an event that attracted Gaborone Academia on the 22nd of September 2023. Rainbow School was represented by ten students who participated in Cyber Security,

Debate and Hospitality categories. Our debate group was first drawn against Madiba Secondary from Mahalapye, followed by Al Nur High School from Block 8. In both instances, we came off second best

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## VALEDICTORY SPEECH, 2023



Good afternoon,

The principal, Senior Management, staff, family, friends, and, most importantly, my fellow graduates, today marks a significant milestone in our lives. It's an honour to stand before you as we celebrate the culmination of our high school journey. We have come a long way since our first day of Form One, and today, we step into a new chapter of our lives.

First and foremost, I want to express our gratitude to the teachers and staff who have guided us along this educational journey. Your dedication to our success has been unwavering, and we are immensely thankful for your support.

We've learned much more than just facts and figures during our time here. High school has been a time of growth, not just academically, but personally as well. We've faced challenges, overcome obstacles, and discovered our strengths. This resilience will serve us well in the future.

I'd also like to acknowledge our families and friends who have stood by us through thick and thin. Your love and encouragement have been the foundation upon which we've built our aspirations. We couldn't have reached this point without you.

As we move forward, let's remember the lessons we've learned in high school. Let's remember the friendships we've forged and the experiences that have shaped us. But let's not dwell solely on the past. Our future is bright, and it's up to us to make the most of the opportunities that lie ahead.

Whether we're continuing our education, entering the workforce, or pursuing other passions, let's approach our future with enthusiasm, determination, and a

commitment to making a positive impact on the world..

Today, we become high school graduates, but our academic journey is far from over. In fact, it's just beginning. We have the power to shape our destinies and make a difference in the lives of others. So, let's embrace the challenges that come our way and continue to grow, learn, and evolve.

In closing, I want to leave you with a quote from Eleanor Roosevelt: "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." Let's dream big, work hard, and turn those dreams into reality.

Congratulations, Class of 2023! Our adventure is just beginning, and I have no doubt that each and every one of us will go on to do great things.

Thank you, and best of luck on your future endeavours.

**By : Lindelwe Ndlovu**  
( **Form 5** )

## U14 AND U16 BOYS AND GIRLS ISSA MAFIKENG BASKETBALL FESTIVAL

The teams travelled very well on Thursday and all the documentation was in order. We crossed into Mafikeng . S.A at around 12: 00 midday and arrived at International School of South Africa at around 13:00 hrs to confirm out payments for boarding and meals.

We were then taken to our lodge outside the school to Getaway lodge, not far from the ISSA school. The tournament kicked off on Friday morning.



## MATCH RESULTS

### FRIDAY 22 /09/23 MATCHES

#### U 16 Boys

Rainbow -11 , Sacred Heart-33

Rainbow – 14 , ISSA – 22

#### U14 Girls

Rainbow -47, MAP -7

#### U14 Boys

Rainbow -12 , Sacred Heart – 28

Rainbow – 26 , Heron bridge – 13

### SATURDAY 23/09/23 MATCHES

#### U16 Boys

Rainbow -24 , ISSA -25

#### U14 Boys

Rainbow – 17 , TLC -12

Rainbow - 23 , Legae B – 9

#### U14 Girls

Rainbow – 19, Sacred Heart -12

Rainbow - 29, Heron Bridge - 11

### SEMI-FINAL GIRLS U14

Rainbow – 21 , TLC – 17

### SEMI- FINAL BOYS U14

Rainbow -23 , MAP – 21

### SUNDAY 24/09/23 MATCHES

U16 Boys lost matches in the pool stage and did not qualify to play in the semi finals.They played Ami Mugabe school from Zimbabwe for position 7 & 8.

Rainbow -30, Amai Mugabe High -10

### FINALS U14 BOYS

Rainbow -7 , Pretoria Boys High -24

Pretoria boys won the gold medal and Rainbow U14 boys got silver.

### FINALS U14 GIRLS

Rainbow -17 , Sacred Heart -11

Rainbow u14 girls won the gold medal and sacred Heart got silver.

Rainbow U14 girls are the ISSA Mafikeng U14 basketball festival Champions in 2023 and Rainbow U14 boys are the ISSA Mafikeng U14 boys basketball festival runners up in 2023.

- Aba Tlhagadi -Mfolo from Rainbow U14 girls team was selected in the All start team of the tournament and received a mini trophy.
- Eve Opperman Also from Rainbow U14 girls team was selected in the All start team of the tournament and was also voted the Tournaments Most Valuable player
- Kutlo Mosweu in the boys U14 Rainbow basketball team was also selected in the All start team.