



Highlight of the month: International Poetry Day

Diepsloot Primary 4 had a wonderful celebration of International Poetry Day, where the theme was "Poetry as a Bridge for Peace and Inclusion." The event was a significant opportunity for learners and the literacy tutors to express themselves and build connections through the beauty of words.

The learners took to the stage with enthusiasm, reciting their carefully chosen poems that highlighted their thoughts and emotions. One of the poems titled "My Africa, My Roots" resonated with a strong sense of identity and belonging, capturing the vibrant essence of the continent and the pride that unites its people. The learners embraced their heritage and shared the message that peace and inclusion can bring people together.

A further group of learners presented the poignant poem "I am a Child" which spoke to the universality of childhood dreams and desires for a harmonious world. This piece reminded everyone about the innocence and hope that every child carries, emphasising the importance of nurturing their potential to foster a more inclusive society. The literacy tutors contributed their own piece titled "Build Peace" which addressed the challenges of division and the necessity of constructing bridges to achieve unity. This performance highlighted the crucial role that understanding and communication play in overcoming prejudice and fostering a community where everyone feels valued and accepted.

In addition, the event featured a variety of educational games that engaged both learners and literacy tutors, thus promoting teamwork and collaboration. These activities were designed to reinforce the theme of poetry as a tool for peace by encouraging participants to work together and appreciate each other's ideas and creative expressions.

The celebration was a productive and enlightening day. It offered a platform for learners to build confidence in their expressive skills and learn the transformative power of poetry in creating a world where peace and inclusion can flourish.

Chokoe Primary

The team came up with the brilliant idea of taking an existing poem and cutting out words to craft a brand-new poem. The structure of the activity involved 10 teams, each consisting of two learners and a literacy tutor. Each team was tasked with creating and presenting their poem, with only the facilitator being aware of the original poem. It was truly enjoyable to witness the creativity and unique interpretations that each team brought to the task. What made the experience even more exciting was that after all the presentations were complete, the facilitator revealed a completely different poem, adding an unexpected twist to the entire event.



Early Grade Reading Assessment (EGRA) and Attitude to Reading (ATR)

Towards the end of each term, our literacy tutors conduct the EGRA and ATR assessments with their learners. These assessments are crucial in evaluating each learner's progress in reading skills and identifying areas needing improvement. By conducting these assessments regularly, tutors track learner's progress and enhance the learning experience. The data collected helps in tailoring instruction to meet the diverse needs of learners, ensuring that no learner is left behind. This continuous evaluation fosters an environment where learners are encouraged and supported in their literacy journey.

AFTERCARE PROGRAMME

The aftercare programme offers both educational lessons and snacks to students. Each literacy tutor works with 4 learners per day, offering individualised one-on-one sessions. These sessions are designed to meet the specific needs of each learner while ensuring that the core principles of the Organisation's programme are consistently followed. Once the sessions are complete, the learners are provided with snacks.



READING CLUB

Our literacy tutors host Reading Clubs every Monday and Wednesday, fostering a love for reading and improving skills through interactive games, activities, and discussions. These sessions encourage socialisation, teamwork, and learning in a supportive environment. Help2read presents Reading Clubs at 4 Early Learning Centres surrounding Diepsloot Primary 4 and a further 4 around Chokoe Primary in Refilwe. The Grade R classes at both primary schools are included in Reading Clubs.

UPCOMING EVENT

Holiday Club

During every school holiday, literacy tutors and the Program Coordinator organise a Holiday Club for learners. This club is a vibrant blend of educational and fun activities designed to engage and enrich the literacy experience of the learners. Learners have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the world of books, enhancing their literacy skills and fostering a love for reading. Educational skits and puppet shows form another exciting component of the club, allowing learners to express their creativity and improve their communication skills in a playful and supportive environment.

Moreover, the Holiday Club extends its reach by inviting various community partners to participate. Representatives from the Healthcare Department provide valuable health education, ensuring learners are informed about important wellness topics. The Metro and community-based care groups also join the club, offering insights and activities that highlight community safety and well-being. This collaborative effort ensures that learners not only have a fun and informative break but also understand the importance of community engagement and support.

