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ROYAL SCHOOLS SKY CITY

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2022 Reflection

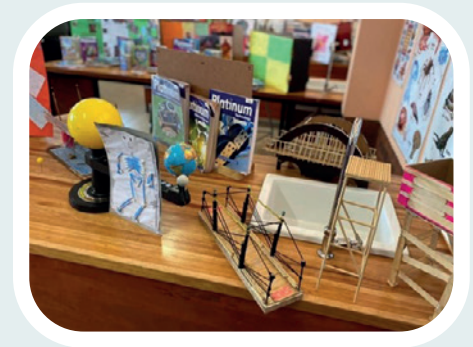
From the Executive Principal's Pen

Developments in the second half of this academic year continued to be in line with our strategic objectives which is to improve our quality of service by employing and retaining committed and appropriately qualified staff and offering our learners good quality education.

The task to source quality teachers continues, coupled with a general shortage in the sector. We have exceeded our expectations in terms of learner numbers and continue to be the school of choice in the expanding Sky City development.

As the year comes to an end we would like to thank all our parents, learners, educators, support staff and all other stakeholders for an astounding and successful year.

School closes on the 14th December 2022 and we look forward to welcoming all our current and new learners, parents and staff to start the next academic year on the 11th January 2023.



SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF 2022:

- The School Management Team (SMT) welcomed some changes. Ms Ditheba Melato was appointed as High School Deputy Principal to assist the Principal Mr David Rossouw. Mr Gabriel Ndlovu was appointed as High School Discipline Coordinator to focus on maintaining our high standards of discipline.
- The Covid 19 crisis has made it clear that Technology-supported learning will be part of the future of education. Pupils will need to plug in to distance learning at any time. The introduction of Google Workspace has been very successful with over 50% of our learners active on Google Classroom.
- As a private school we have to fulfil certain requirements for accreditation and quality assurance. Our Umalusi site visit took place on the 12th August 2022 and we are pleased to inform you that Royal Schools Sky City received full Umalusi Accreditation.
- Our Open Days were a huge success as we welcomed new parents and learners to the Sky City family. Our interactions were nothing short of warmth and intrigue. We look forward to a fun-filled and rewarding 2023 for the Sky City family.
- Sky City Primary School received an award from the Gauteng Department of Education for achieving 90-100% in all subjects for the 2021 academic year.
- In partnership with Kliprivier SAPS and Afri Guard narcotics and canine unit, a successful anti-drug campaign was conducted this year.

ACADEMICS

Academic Quality Assurance

RAAQA (Royals and Amberfield Academic Quality Assurance) is a team that was introduced in January this year to focus on academic quality assurance in all our schools. RAAQA's main focus is to ensure excellence in the preparation and delivery of lessons in all grades and subjects. This was accomplished by the following RAAQA projects implemented during the year:

- Subject specialists, with proven track records and results, were identified in some of our schools to mentor, guide and support subject teachers in specific subjects and grades.
- Common tests and exams, set by these subject specialists, were administered in terms 1 and 2 in specific subjects and grades. This allowed RAAQA to identify areas that needed intervention and support in terms of lesson preparation and lesson delivery of a good standard.
- Systemic tests were administered to Grades 1 to 9 in mid-October in English Home Language, Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Technology. The higher order cognitive levels of the learners were tested in these subjects, as well as their ability to “think outside the box.” The results of these tests will be used to identify teachers that are in need of support and development in order to teach the learners to apply themselves using the higher order cognitive levels. RAAQA will be offering workshops and training to these teachers.
- Google Workspace was implemented as an enrichment platform for learners. Training and development was offered to the teachers throughout the year, to ensure that this platform is utilised as a platform to enrich and to reinforce what was taught in the classroom.
- Intervention and support strategies were offered to the schools in subjects that were not performing at an acceptable standard. Some of these strategies included the introduction of weekend boot camps, afternoon classes, Saturday classes and school holiday classes.

Due to the academic excellence that we want in our schools, our team will be growing next year so that the academic standards in our schools can reach greater heights and our learners can excel in their academic performances.



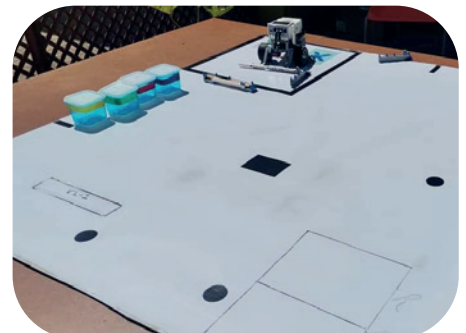
Academic Challenge

This year our learners participated in the Annual Academic Challenge organised by RAAQA. Royal Schools Sky City hosted all our sister schools in this prestigious event. Our learners competed in the Spelling Bee, Mental Maths, Chess and General Knowledge Competitions.

Sky City won the trophy for the best performing Chess team and walked away with the Spelling Bee trophy too. We are extremely proud of all our learners and their achievements. Sky City, You Rock!

Robotics and ICT

Our Robotics club has been busy at work training and practising at club level. We will be expanding the robotics club to include all learners from grade R-9 as a compulsory, yet non-examinable subject. As we are all aware, the world of technology is evolving and we would love all our learners to prepare adequately for what seems to be a future of gadgets and artificial intelligence. Our team of trained teachers will be ready to take you on board in 2023.



SPORT & CULTURE

Women's Day

We would like to thank all the father figures at Sky City for spoiling all our female staff with poetry and songs of praise. You truly made Womens' Month a memorable one for us all. Not only did we celebrate the teachers in the school, but we discussed gender issues that continue to cripple our homes and our communities. Educating our young men and women is key to rectifying the ills in our society.

Heritage Day

During the month of September, our learners and staff celebrated Heritage Day. Sky City takes pride in celebrating our youth's cultures and the diversity of their beliefs and traditions. Living and celebrating our heritage is the foundation of all of our communities and an essential source of our identity and continuity. The learners and staff celebrated Heritage Day by showcasing their beautiful traditional clothing and sharing their traditional food with each other.

Heritage Day

Our Pre Primary and Primary School learners showcased their dancing and acting talents on stage during our annual school concert. The staff worked tirelessly to ensure that the learners are prepared for this event and we would like to thank all that were involved to make this year's concert such a success. At Royal Schools Sky City we pride ourselves in the holistic development of our learners and love the excitement that we see in our children's faces when they are on stage.

Mr and Miss Sky City

Our High School learners enjoyed a day of modelling, dance and entertainment. Mr and Miss Sky City was a day to remember filled with plenty of glitz and glamour! Thank you to all the learners that participated.

Young Artist Award

Ndabenhle Hlatshwayo in Grade 8 was awarded by the National Eisteddfod of South Africa as a semi-finalist and a future emerging young artist. His drawing talents are commendable and he deserved this accolade in all aspects.

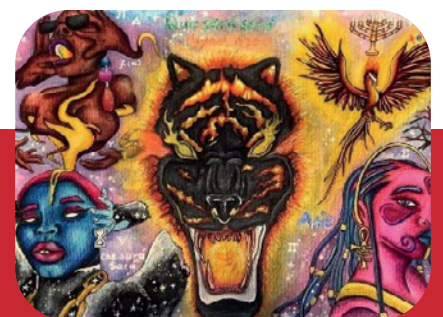
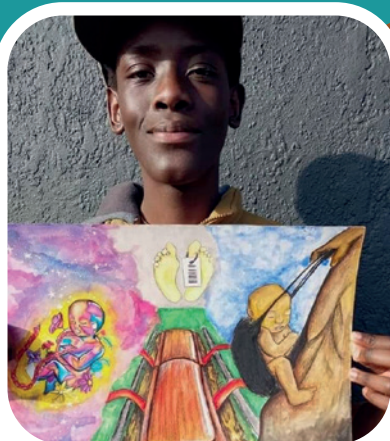
National Quiz Competition

A warm, and well-deserved, congratulations to Boitshepo Dlamini in Grade 10 who ranked 4th in the National Quiz Competition in Durban. Mr Ndlovu accompanied Boitshepo to compete against learners from various schools and provinces in Durban and he did astoundingly well! Thank you to Varsity College for the all-expenses paid trip to Durban and for making this possible for Boitshepo.

"My Favourite Teacher" Drawing Competition

Gugulethu Mazibuko and Kabo-Entle Moloj were announced as winners in a drawing competition sponsored by EQ-Fin.

Congratulations girls, we are super proud of you!



Chess

Ms Kuwane and her chess team participated in a tournament at District Level in June this year and achieved excellent results. We are hoping to see our chess team progress through to Nationals.

Rugby

Our rugby players attended rugby clinics during the school holidays and are in full swing for the rugby seasons to follow. Watch this space to see how our rugby teams compete with success next year!

Christmas Lights at sky city

It is that time of the year again when our families get together to share love, gratitude and exchange gifts. Royal Schools Sky City, in partnership with Cosmopolitan Projects and Sky City Mall, donated gifts to the Sky City community. Our principals were hard at work packing surprise goodies and writing Christmas messages to the children in our community.



PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mini Science Lab

Our Foundation and Intermediate Phase learners had the privilege learning about different experiments and the magic of Science. The learners thoroughly enjoyed this day and their shouts of joy and laughter could be heard throughout the school.

Entrepreneurs Day

Our society has a need for young innovative entrepreneurs to help combat the socio-economic challenges in our country. At Sky City we enjoyed watching our Grade 7's creative abilities in identifying means and ways to make money. Financial Literacy is an important skill that every citizen should grow to learn about. It is extremely important for our children to understand the skills of saving and investing money, budgeting, costing and marketing. Thank you Grade 7's for a successful Entrepreneurs Day!

'You cannot discover new oceans unless you have the courage to lose sight of the shore'
Gijs van Wulfen

Pen Licences

A proud moment in a child's scholastic career is the day that they can switch over from writing with pencils to writing with pens. This happens in the middle of Grade 3. Our Grade 3's received their pen licences in July and it was a very proud moment for them and their teachers as they held their licences high up in the air.

Maths Olympiad

A heartfelt congratulations to Ntsako Mathebula and Ritlhavile Boreni on their participation in the District Mathematics Olympiad and well done to Ritlhavile who made it through to the Provincial round. Ladies, you make our hearts swell with pride!

Our Future Architects

Our Grade 5 learners built beautiful Homesteads for Social Sciences and displayed their architectural talents. Make way for our future architects and town planners!





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Royals Schools: Maintenance Review 2022

Our Operations and maintenance team had a very busy 2022 to make sure that our schools and facilities are well maintained and upgraded where needed. Below is a short summary of some of the projects that were completed during 2022.

- 5 x New projectors for classrooms
- New shading for learners
- Treatment of roof trusses on all buildings
- 10 x Picnic Benches for playgrounds
- 6 x Cameras replaced for classrooms
- Pre Primary bathrooms
- leaks repaired and upgraded
- Renovation of the Tuck Shop
- New School furniture bought to the value of +-R100 000.