

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, Guardians and Learners

Our third term thus far, has provided numerous enriching opportunities for our students to demonstrate their distinctive talents and skills beyond the classroom setting. These experiences not only foster personal growth but also encourage a sense of community and collaboration among our learners. We were proud to witness and support their development in the following initiatives:

The National Eisteddfod of South Africa

The National Eisteddfod of South Africa is a prestigious event organised annually by the National Eisteddfod Academy. On September 18th, our Bradford learners from Grade 1-6 participated in this esteemed public speaking competition, demonstrating their oratory skills, at The King's School. Audience members, including parents, teachers and fellow participants were captivated by the insightful presentations on a variety of topics.

We are proud to announce that our Bradford learners earned the highest accolades available, receiving the prestigious 'Junior Diploma' and 'Senior Diploma'. Congratulations to the following learners for their exceptional accomplishments in this remarkable event:

Click on the links below to listen to what some of our Bradfordians had to say on their topics.

Grade 1-3:

Qinani Hlongwane <https://fb.watch/uYUcfeB5vh/>

Tholwana Makwala https://fb.watch/uYT_uRzEpb/

Mikayla Mubika <https://fb.watch/uYUawo5aEn/>

Khumoentle Ndwambi <https://fb.watch/uYU8Q93aBO/>

Liam Nedson <https://fb.watch/uYU1kKO317/>

Munei Ramulifho <https://fb.watch/uYU59vdADJ/>

Adah Sagiya https://fb.watch/uYTSJWYn_5/

Lilliana Webber <https://fb.watch/uYU3onCryl/>

Grade 4-6:

Khwezi Hlongwane <https://fb.watch/uYUdOYmRFu/>

Grace Mahove <https://fb.watch/uYTYJXKYIN/>

Timothy Mpofu https://fb.watch/uYTX8_00dn/

Lethabo Seromo <https://fb.watch/uYUgfS5I7O/>

Ms. Malunga: Junior Public Speaking Mentor

Ms. Marais: Senior Public Speaking Mentor



Soccer and Netball

On September 11th and 12th, our Bradfordian senior soccer and netball teams engaged in both away and home games against Glen Austin Primary School. These friendly matches showcased the exceptional passion and enthusiasm of our learners. Spectators, including parents, fellow Bradfordians, and coaches, were actively supporting and encouraging our teams throughout these 'friendlies'. This event highlighted the athletic talents of our students and fostered a strong sense of school spirit. Well done to both our teams.



Coaches:

Ms. Ncube
Ms. Dos Santos

Girls Senior Netball Team:

Langavi Mashele, Rendani Neluheni, Lucky Miringiro, Wanga Mthembu, Realeboga Kgabi, Lethabo Seromo, Chiedza Mfikoe, Khumo Tekele, Ariana Singh, Nsikayethu Qwabe



Coaches:

Mr. Kgope
Mr. Chikoore

Boys Senior Soccer Team:

Kopano Mokubung, Timothy Mpofu, Likuye Ndlebe, Khwezi Hlongwane, Zenzo Zulu, Anotida Bhunu, Molemo Mtombeni, Pelo Zayd Rabalao, Vitalis Gatawa, Phila Mnyameni



Heritage Day

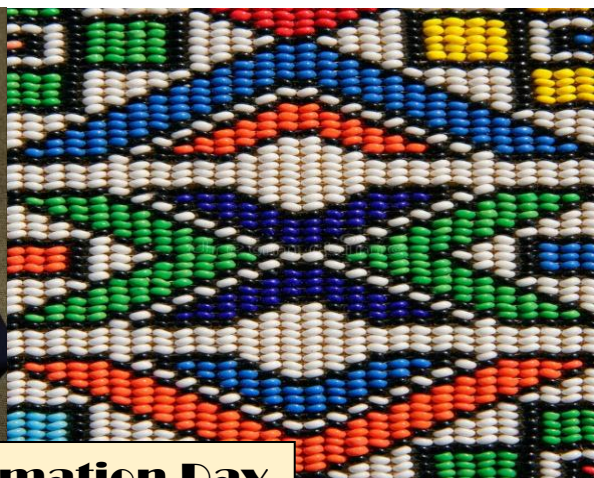
On Friday, September 20, we proudly observed Heritage Day, an occasion designed to celebrate and appreciate the rich tapestry of cultures represented within our community. Our learners participated in a civvies day, where they had the opportunity to showcase their unique cultural attire. This event not only allowed students to express their individual heritage but also fostered an appreciation for the diverse traditions and customs of their peers.



We had a wonderful time celebrating our Grade 1 Heritage Information Day! The Grade 1 parents did an amazing job sharing their traditions and cultural experiences with our students. Our learners were truly immersed in the festivities - they got to watch and participate in traditional dances, learn how certain dishes are prepared, and taste a variety of delicious foods.

The students were fascinated by the cultural traditions and practices they were exposed to. They were able to engage with the presentations in a hands-on way, which made the experience even more memorable and inspiring for them. Seeing the diversity of backgrounds and customs represented was a valuable learning opportunity that broadened their perspectives.

Thank you to all the Grade 1 parents who contributed to making this event such a success! The students walked away with a deeper appreciation for the rich cultural heritage within our school community. Events like these are so important in fostering cross-cultural understanding and celebrating the diversity that makes our school community so vibrant.



Grade 1: Heritage Information Day

On Saturday, September 28, we had an exciting Family Day with our Bradfordian Family! Parents, learners, family members, and friends donned their favourite sports attire, ready to join in on the morning Fun Walk. The weather was beautiful, making it a perfect day for a stroll through the open fields at De Vos Farm.

As we walked, we marveled at the animals and birdlife around us, soaking in the fresh morning air. The day was all about enjoying quality time with family, and our learners had a blast participating in various sports activities.

The early years group had a fantastic time honing their ball skills and playing soccer with the Little Kickers Soccer coaches. Meanwhile, learners in Grades 1-8 engaged in friendly soccer and netball matches. It was truly wonderful to see our parents getting involved too! Moms showcased their skills in netball, while dads demonstrated their competitive spirit during the dads' soccer game.

While parents enjoyed their time with family and friends, our learners couldn't get enough of the water slides and playing with their friends. The day was filled with joy, laughter, and unforgettable moments.

A huge thank you to our Bradford PTA, teachers, and parent volunteers who helped make this event a tremendous success. We appreciate all the support from our parents and learners, and we can't wait for next year's Family Day!



**Family
Fun Day**

School Uniforms

Parents are kindly requested to label their child's clothing items, water bottles, lunch boxes, and other personal belongings. We have observed that many items in the lost property are unlabelled, which complicates the process of returning these items to their rightful owners.

Our educators have been actively monitoring students for compliance with the school uniform and hair policy. Parents will be notified by their child's homeroom teacher. We encourage parents to address these notifications promptly to assist the school in maintaining uniform standards.

We appreciate the support of our parents in this initiative, as it helps ensure that our students can consistently represent the school with the appropriate attire in classrooms and on the sports fields. Thank you for your cooperation.

Academics

Our learners have actively participated in the Checkpoint Study Programme over the August holiday period and on Saturdays up to this point. We extend our sincere gratitude to our dedicated staff who have devoted their time to provide our learners with additional support and revision opportunities.

Recently, a representative from the British Council visited our school to initiate the process for the Checkpoint Exam series for our Stage 6 (Grade 6) learners. Bradford Schools is proud to be an official Cambridge Exam Centre. In collaboration with the British Council, we are committed to ensuring a successful exam series in October. We wish our Grade 6 learners the very best as they undertake their exams from October 7th to October 18th.

Looking ahead, we would like to remind our learners in Grades 3 to 8 that the November exams are approaching. They will be participating in the Cambridge Progression Tests from November 11th to November 22nd.

Dates to diarise

24 October – School closes for mid-term break. Concert practise is from 12h00 – 15h00 for all learners from Grade 3 – 8

29 October – School re-opens

31 October – Last day for textbook and sundry fee payments

29 October – 01 November – Grade 3 - Grade 8 Camp – TO Strand Beach Resort

02 November – School Concert final Practice for all Grade 1 – Grade 8 learners – 09h00 -15h00

04 November – 05 November – Grade 1 & Grade 2 Camp – Hadeda Creek

23 November – Grade R Graduation & Early Years Concert

30 November – Grade 1 – Grade 8 School Concert

05 December – School Closes at 12h00

Yours in Education



Ms. Mace
Principal