

NEWSLETTER

HERITAGE DAY EDITION 2024



HERITAGE COMPETITION SHOWCASE A SUCCESS!

The Heritage Day event, held on September 26th at Leap 7 in Mbekweni, was a complete success! Embracing the spirit of Ubuntu, people from all over the community gathered to celebrate their diverse heritage through song, dance, drama, and poetry.

With more than 25 entrants showcasing stellar performances, we are excited to announce the winners of the R500 cash prize in each category, as well as the overall winner who received R1000:

Poetry: Ikamvalethu

Drama: Ikamvalethu

Choral: Ingomso Lethu Youth Choir

Dance: Zandile's Entertainment

Overall Winner: Mbekweni Primary School

Congratulations to all our winners and participants! Your creativity and passion made this event truly special. Thank you for celebrating our rich cultural heritage together!

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JOIN THE WAVE WITH CHANGE MAKERS HUB

On September 14th, members of the Eco Clubs from LEAP 1 and LEAP 2 Maths and Science Schools, participated in a dedicated beach cleaning day organized by the Change Makers Hub. The focus of the day was the critical topic of plastic pollution and its dangers to our oceans.

As part of the ongoing Eco Bricks competition, which concludes at the end of October, they took the opportunity to teach participants how to create Eco Bricks using plastic bottles.

Understanding the importance of recycling and waste management is crucial to our mission, and our learners were eager to get involved.



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UBUNTU MATHS CAMPAIGN

On the 17th of September, the Ubuntu Mathematics Institute—one of the levers of change for the LEAP Institute—held their Mathematics Festival for LEAP 7 in Paarl. During the event, they officially launched the Game On campaign, aimed at empowering learners with mathematical competency through gameplay. Through this innovative campaign, educational math games are provided in the form of interactive "Maths Boxes." These boxes help learners engage more deeply with mathematics, develop language skills, boost self-esteem, and foster critical thinking, among other important skills. Join this incredible initiative! For only R60 per box, you can donate a Maths Box, which the LEAP Institute will distribute to learners and schools in need—helping them improve their math skills and secure a brighter future.

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DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION THROUGH SELF LIBERATION HUB

Teacher Training

Exciting teacher training sessions have wrapped up at LEAP 3, LEAP 4, and LEAP 6 in Johannesburg! Our educators explored essential digital skills, focusing on personal and professional branding, business proposal creation, internet safety, and coding basics as part of the ICDL Computing syllabus. We look forward to witnessing the impact of these skills on both teachers and students as they embark on their digital transformation journey.



CodeClub

Great news from LEAP Institute Lever 1 as we kicked off our CodeClub in partnership with CoderLevelUp and Raspberry Pi! Our enthusiastic staff stepped into the role of students, diving into the world of coding with Scratch. We had a fantastic time creating fun, short projects that will inspire future learners! Keep an eye out for more coding adventures as we support the next generation of digital innovators



Agri- Competition and Coding For Mandela

We are excited to announce that Bhuko Dladla has won a brand-new laptop for his outstanding participation in the Du Toit Agri Social Media Competition! This competition encouraged engagement with agricultural topics on Facebook, and with the highest number of comments, Bhuko showcased his passion for agriculture and technology. This laptop will greatly enhance his academic journey and access to digital tools.

Additionally, we celebrated Coding for Mandela Day at LEAP 1, where students explored basic coding concepts as part of our digital transformation efforts. This initiative honors Nelson Mandela's legacy by empowering young minds with essential skills for the future. The event was a success, fostering creativity and problem-solving, and reinforcing our commitment to providing students with opportunities that prepare them for a bright future.

Diepsloot Training

Empowering the Diepsloot community through digital transformation! On October 4th, we held an engaging workshop at LEAP 4 School, where participants gained vital digital literacy and coding skills. From mastering Microsoft Office to learning Python, the growth and enthusiasm of everyone involved were truly inspiring! Despite challenges like power outages and internet issues, our team and participants demonstrated remarkable resilience, proving that no obstacle is too great when it comes to learning. We're excited about the bright futures ahead for these individuals

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES:



Eastern Cape Shoe Campaign

The LEAP Institute has launched the Eastern Shoe Campaign in collaboration with Zenazi Ndinani Organisation, Realistic Child Youth Care Centre, Ikamva Labantwana Bethu, Kwesu Organisation, and Lwazi Phakadi, a former Leap student and current Langa Counsellor. This ongoing initiative addresses the critical shortage of funding for schools in the Eastern Cape, focusing on providing essential footwear to students who often attend school without proper shoes, impacting their comfort and confidence.

Through community fundraising and engagement, the campaign continues to distribute shoes, helping to enhance students' educational experiences. Lwazi Phakadi's journey from student to counsellor exemplifies the positive ripple effect of such initiatives, inspiring others to strive for their dreams while giving back. The Eastern Shoe Campaign is a powerful testament to the impact of collaboration in creating lasting change in the region.

Events to look out for:

- On October 23rd in Paarl, join us for the **Living and Learning Labs** workshop focused on sustainability! Eco Club learners will explore plastic safety, climate change, and recycling, with a hands-on session to design using recycled plastic bottles. Let's inspire the next generation of environmentalists
- The **Ubuntu Mathematics Institute** will be hosting a mathematics festivals in Bontehuevel **on the 15th and 17th of October.**
- The 2024/2025 CPT cohort for the make Your Moves program will be heading to the UCT d-School for an exciting session focused on exploring the concepts of design thinking. This session will offer an engaging opportunity to dive deep into creative problem-solving techniques, innovation strategies, and practical applications of design thinking.

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Make Your Moves Jhb Cohort Graduation

In September, we proudly celebrated the graduation of the Johannesburg cohort of the Make Your Moves internship program for 2023/2024 after a transformative 12-month journey. This program equipped participants with essential skills in work readiness, digital literacy, design thinking, and entrepreneurship. Through hands-on projects and collaborative learning experiences, interns not only enhanced their professional capabilities but also gained invaluable insights from dedicated mentors. As they step into the next phase of their careers, we are excited to see how they will apply their newfound knowledge and skills in the workforce. Congratulations to all graduates on this significant achievement.