



Sikolo Setfu Our School



Natasha, Nomawethu, Nomfundo and Nompepho.

Healthy food at Market Day

Cyril Vuyo Sikonela, Onellia Mthombothi and Bradley Mkhabela

Mthayiza Primary School held its annual marketing day on September 13 at the school premises.

The whole exercise was under the guidance of the grade seven class as to what they were actually selling on the said day. This year they sold fruit, cooked meals and beverages. The learners were supported by their parents to purchase the commodities for the market day. This is a fund-raising event, where 10 per cent goes towards the



Learners during their marketing day.

school's coffers. The rest of the profit is divided among the learners.

Mthayiza Primary School is located in a rural area under the responsibility of Chief Khumalo. Our school is under the Insikazi Circuit.

Mbali Khumalo said, "It was on September 13 and we were marketing for the whole school, created by the grade seven learners with the help of our teachers. We were selling delicious food such as apples, healthy plates with salads and white rice. We were fund-raising. We started preparing as from 09:45 until 10:30. During break hour, we were having enough time for lunch."

Marketing day has made us realise that fund-raising and saving money can help us as we grow. We would like to thank all the grade seven learners for showing an essential way of saving money. We gained a lot of profit and knowledge. We would also like to thank our parents for making it possible for the marketing day. The marketing day does sell food. Also it helps others with fund-raising. Sometimes it would help to create sole traders when they have grown.

"Marketing day showed us that we must always eat a well-balanced diet. The grade seven learners made it easy for the school by selling a lot of healthy food in order to teach us about the importance of eating healthily to decrease infectious diseases," she ended.

Our successful botanical garden trip

Bradley Mkhabela and Onellia Mthombothi

The trip to the Lowveld Botanical Gardens was an eye-opener indeed.

The school embarked on this trip on April 22 with 164 learners.

"We learnt about different types of plants and animals. The things that we learnt about falls under one of our subjects, which is natural sciences. We also saw waterfalls and the national tree (yellowwood). We even learnt about dinosaurs and their food. We

learned how to keep nature so that those who come after us could see and use it.

"We saw things that we thought never existed and we even took pictures.

"We encourage other learners to pay for trips and we wish people to go and see all the amazing things about the Botanical Garden.

"We saw that it is better to experience after learning what you have learned. We'd like to thank our parents for supporting this trip because it was very successful and educational, too," said Mbali Khumalo.

The day we visited Sterkfontein

Sibusiso Sambo and Alexia

Mthayiza Primary School went on a trip to Sterkfontein, outside Pretoria, on an adventure to discover the origins of humanity.

The number of learners was 66 and it was a great day for them.

At the time of arrival, Mr Rabi Khoza introduced the learners to Miss Plessy's skull. Inside the Maropeng hall, they saw some skeletons and after that they boarded a boat, which accommodated four learners at a time.

"That was an interesting experience. We were sitting in pairs of four. On board the boat, we saw fire inside the water and we also saw the wall moving. It was so scary and exciting, and we got in the machine and it went around like a merry-go-round. Thereafter we took some photos. Some people told us that we have to eat before we go underground where the cavemen lived.

"After eating, we went inside the cave and saw a big deep river. We saw the writing of the caveman. The bad thing is that we heard some news about a child who got inside the



Learners on their Sterkfontein trip.

big, deep river who wanted to see how long and deep the river was, but fell inside the water and died. After that they showed us how cavemen developed. After that we went shopping for some food. As we boarded the bus back home, we were still thinking back at what we had experienced that day," said Proud Makukule.



Mthayiza Heritage day celebration

On September 21 the learners at Mthayiza Primary School celebrated Heritage Day. They performed traditional songs and music, drums and dances. Other learners performed traditional stories. Teachers performed traditional dramas and also wore traditional clothes. The community was also invited to join in the celebrations.

By Proud Makukule and Mbali Khumalo



Schoolchildren on their trip to the Botanical Gardens.