# DR A. D LAZARUS CHRONICLE 2024



## A Sweet Day at Dr A D Lazarus Secondary School

February 14 – Dr A D Lazarus Secondary School celebrated Valentine's Day with a special raffle sponsored by Mrs M Maharaj. The lucky winner of the raffle was Purline Chetty of Grade 12. The staff and learners enjoyed the festive atmosphere and appreciated the kind gesture of Mrs Maharaj.



Learners showed their appreciation for one another by exchanging cards and treats.

It was such a fun day filled with laughter and good vibes.

The event was a huge success, and everyone had a great time. The RCL would like to thank everyone who participated and helped make the day special.

# **Robotics Whiz Kids Shine**



Dr A D Lazarus Secondary School is proud to announce that our talented Grade 9 learners, under the expert guidance of Mr Mahomed, Mr L Gumede and Mr B.D Chamane participated in the robotics competition in Resmount Primary, on the 18<sup>th</sup> July. With the generous support of Mr R H Mahomed, who provided refreshments for our young innovators, our team showcased their skills and creativity. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mr Jebraj for his unwavering support in providing the transport. Their contribution has not only fuelled our learners' passion for robotics but has also instilled in them a sense of community and gratitude.

We eagerly anticipate the next competition and look forward to even greater achievements.

# Our Young Scientists Shine at Eskom Expo for Young Scientists



Dr A D Lazarus Secondary School is proud to announce that two of our talented Grade 9 learners, Leenasha Rampersad and Ruhaan Jagesar were selected to participate in the prestigious Science expo for young scientists. Under the guidance of Mrs S. Barath, these young scientists showcased their exceptional skills and innovative ideas.

We congratulate our learners on this remarkable achievement on receiving silver medals for their outstanding performance and a special engineering award for their innovative project. Our sincere gratitude to Mrs Barath and the science team for their dedication and support.

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." - Eleanor Roosevelt Let this quote inspire you to reach for the stars, dream big, and never stop exploring the wonders of science. Your curiosity and passion are the keys to unlocking the secrets of the universe.

## A Heartfelt Mother's Day Celebration – High Tea

Dr A D Lazarus Secondary School hosted a heart-warming Mother's Day event, organised by Mrs S Parthab. The event was a delightful occasion filled with treats, games, and a captivating dance performance by the talented Dhiya Ramdhani, a violin presentation by Dristi Maharaj, a heart warming speech by Asanda Mdikeli and a beautiful song by Awanda Ngcobo.

The event provided a wonderful opportunity for Grade 12 learners and their mothers to bond, create lasting memories, and express their love and appreciation for each other. We extend our sincere gratitude to Mrs Parthab for her dedication in organising this special event.

"A mother's love is the fuel that enables a normal human being to do the impossible." - Marion C. Garretty







# A Night to Remember: Matric Dance 2024

Our hearts are filled with joy and pride as we reflect on the magical night of our Matric Dance. Held at the elegant Winchester Hall, the event was a resounding success, attended by over 60 of our brightest young minds.

Our matriculants looked absolutely stunning, dressed in their finest attire. The evening was filled with laughter, dancing, and unforgettable memories. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mrs A Folly for her tireless efforts in organising this spectacular event.

A special thanks to Sai Photography for capturing the essence of the night, preserving these precious moments forever.

A Message from the Principal:

"To our beloved matriculants, as you embark on this new chapter, remember that the world is your oyster. May this evening be a prelude to a future filled with success, happiness, and fulfilment. Congratulations, Class of 2024!" We wish you all every success for the future.



# A Fun-Filled Day: School Fun Run and Sports Day

On the 16 August 2024, our school hosted a thrilling Fun Run and Mini-Sports Day, where the entire school that came together to celebrate health, fitness, and camaraderie.

The Fun Run was a resounding success, with learners participating enthusiastically. We raised much needed funds and we extend our sincere gratitude to our learners and sponsors for their generous support and donations, which made this event possible. We also thank our dedicated staff and SGB for support and ensuring the safety of our learners throughout the event.





The day was filled with excitement and energy, as learners engaged in various sporting activities, including races and a thrilling tug-of-war competition. The event was masterfully organised by Mr L. B Gobind and Ms N.P Khomo, with their energetic team of teachers to add to the festive atmosphere. Our talented music learners provided entertainment, creating a vibrant and joyful ambiance. We are proud of our learners for their enthusiasm and sportsmanship. This event was a testament to the importance of physical activity and a healthy lifestyle.

# A Dazzling Debs Ball

Our school recently hosted a glamorous Debutantes Ball, where our learners looked absolutely stunning. The event, held at the magnificent Winchester Function Venue, was a night to remember. We extend our sincere gratitude to Mrs S. Parthab and her dynamic team for creating the glitz and glamour of a night never to be forgotten. We extend our gratitude to Azam Khan for sound and lightning Sai Photography for capturing the elegance and excitement of the evening. We also thank our generous sponsors for their support and all the well-wishers, which made this event possible.



A special thanks to our dedicated staff for their invaluable assistance in making the Debs Ball a resounding success.

# A Passion for Mathematics and Science

Ms M. Maharaj and Ms S. Barath has consistently ignited a passion for mathematics and science in young minds. Through their innovative teaching methods and unwavering dedication, they have nurtured countless aspiring mathematicians and scientists in the Olympians' journey. A select group of learners have embarked on a remarkable journey to excel in the South African Mathematics and the South African Agency for Science and Technology Advancement (SAASTE) Olympiads. These "Olympians", Aryan Maharaj (Gr11), Caleb Abraham (Gr11) and Aaditya Ramsunder (Gr11) and Muhammed Mika Suleman (Gr 9) have consistently demonstrated exceptional problem-solving skills, critical thinking abilities, and a deep understanding of mathematical concepts and progressed into the second round. Our passionate young Grade 9 scientists, S Williams, A. Datadin, C. Gounden and N. Maharaj have achieved merit passes in the Olympiad. Well done learners!

### **Bookworms Unite!**

Our school book club, led by the inspiring Mrs. E. Maharaj, is thriving! We're thrilled to see so many enthusiastic readers joining the club and immersing themselves in the wonderful world of books. The club provides a platform for learners to:

- \* Share their love of reading: Discuss their favourite books, characters, and authors.
- \* Explore new genres: Discover hidden gems and expand their literary horizons.
- \* Develop critical thinking skills: Analyse plots, characters, and themes.

\* Make new friends: Connect with fellow book lovers and build lasting friendships.

We're grateful to Mrs. Maharaj for her dedication and passion for fostering a love of reading among our learners.

If you're interested in joining the book club, please contact Mrs. Maharaj for more information.





We are proud to announce that 2 of our learners, Aryan Maharaj and Om Pancha have represented ADL

at the Mind Blown League, a science orientated board game. The board game encompasses science of the world including biodiversity and climate change. Mind Blown Game takes the wisdom from the latest scientific discoveries, summarises them into mind-blowing facts, packed into collectible, digital cards called Mind Seeds, all in one fun game. These learners demonstrated their vast knowledge and passion for science at the book club event. Well done!

#### Quality Learning and Teaching Campaign A Pledge for Excellence: Our Commitment to Quality Assurance and Teaching

We were honoured to witness a powerful moment in our school's history. Our teachers, learners, and SGB members came together to recite a pledge, symbolizing our collective commitment to quality assurance and teaching excellence.



This momentous occasion marked a significant step forward in our journey to provide the best possible education for our learners. By taking this pledge, we reaffirm our dedication to:

Elevating Teaching Standards: Our teachers are committed to continuous professional development and innovative teaching methodologies.

Fostering a Positive Learning Environment: We strive to create a supportive and inclusive space where learners can thrive.

Empowering Learners: Our learners are encouraged to reach their full potential through rigorous academic programs and extracurricular activities.

Strengthening Partnerships: We value the collaboration between teachers, learners, parents, and the SGB in achieving our shared goals.

Together, we will work tirelessly to ensure that our school remains a beacon of excellence. Thank you to everyone who participated in this special event.

Let's continue to inspire and empower our learners, one day at a time. Grade 12 Pledge Ceremony



# A Day of Commitment: Pledge Their Best

We witnessed a powerful moment as our Grade 12 learners came together for a special Pledge Day. It was a day filled with determination, unity, and a shared commitment to academic excellence.

The ceremony was conducted by the Grade Controller Mrs A. Folly and during this event, our Grade 12s solemnly pledged to:

- Adhere to Rules and Regulations: Upholding the highest standards of academic integrity.
- Embrace Diligent Study Habits: Committing to consistent and focused study.
- Cultivate a Positive Mindset: Fostering a growth mindset and a can-do attitude.
- Persevere Through Challenges: Demonstrating resilience and unwavering determination.
- This pledge symbolises the unwavering spirit of our Matric class.

We're incredibly proud of their commitment to achieving their full potential.

#### Grade 12 - Boot Camp Subject: A Successful Matric Bootcamp

We're excited to share the success of our recent Matric Bootcamp! It was a fantastic experience filled with focused learning, expert guidance, and unwavering support. Together, we:

- Dived Deep into Subjects: Our expert teachers provided in-depth explanations, practical tips, and ample opportunities for practice.
- Mastered Exam Techniques: We honed your time management skills, stress reduction techniques, and exam strategies to maximize your potential.
- Built a Supportive Community: Connecting with fellow Matrics fostered a sense of camaraderie and shared learning experiences.
- A huge thank you to our generous sponsors for providing delicious food and refreshing drinks. Your support contributed significantly to the overall success of the bootcamp.

We're confident that hard work and the knowledge gained from the bootcamp will lead to excellent results in the final exams.



# A Heartfelt Thank You for Saving Lives

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Dr R. Mahadev and our incredible learners who coordinated 2024 blood campaign at school in collaboration with SANBS in the blood drive. The efforts of Aliya Haripershad, Dhiya Ramdani, Aditya Ramsunder, Mangaliso Ngcemu and Om Pancha. Your selfless act of donating blood and coordinating the campaign to ensure learners donate on time has made a significant impact on the lives of countless patients in need.



By giving the gift of life, you have demonstrated compassion, empathy, and a strong sense of community. Your generosity inspires us all and reminds us of the power of human kindness. We are proud to have such caring and compassionate learners at our school. We look forward to our new our representatives from Grade 11 next year.

**Our School Garden: Nurturing Growth and Community:** Let's Grow Together! We're excited to announce the launch of our school garden! This vibrant space is not only a beautiful addition to our campus but also a valuable learning experience for our learners. Under the support and supervision of Ms S. Barath, learners enjoyed maintaining and reaping the benefits of the garden project.



Our enthusiastic team comprises of:

Yolanda Mvelaphi (11UG), Vishen Govender (10RHM), Raees Claivette (10RHM), Muhammed Hussain Vahed (10RHM), Nishika Sanker (10RHM), Siobhan Steele (10RHM), Shahil Madarjith (10RHM), Aryan Krishna (11UG), Kimishka Maharaj (11NMB), Pereshni Govender (11UG), Nishtha Jagesar (11NMB)

Our school garden offers numerous benefits:

\* Hands-on Learning: Learners gain practical knowledge about plant growth, ecology, and sustainable agriculture.

\* Healthy Eating: We encourage learners to try fresh, homegrown produce, promoting healthier eating habits.

\* Community Building: The garden fosters teamwork, cooperation, and a sense of responsibility among learners.

\* Environmental Awareness: We teach students about environmental conservation and the importance of preserving natural resources.

\* Join the Garden Club: Participate in gardening activities and learn new skills. By working together, we can create a thriving garden that benefits our entire school community.

## **Our Theatre Experience**

Think Theatre in collaboration with the Elizabeth Sneddon Theatre presented a specular stage production of Hamlet.



Once again, multi award winning director, writer, teacher and actress, Clare Mortimer, directs a professional cast in action-packed performances which keep audiences enthralled and help learners to understand and enjoy Shakespeare. With her wealth of experience as a Matric English teacher and marker, Clare has given the greatest of care to the scripts. Our Grade 12 learners were fortunate to attend and watch this delightful experience on the 29 February 2024, under the supervision of Mrs E. Maharaj.

# Life Science Learners Dive into Coastal Exploration

Our Grade 11 Life Science learners embarked on an exciting educational trip to Treasure Beach, immersing themselves in the wonders of coastal ecosystems.







The trip aimed to bridge the gap between classroom theory and real-world applications, allowing learners to:

- Explore tidal zones and marine life
- Conduct experiments on coastal erosion and sedimentation
- Analyse the impact of human activities on coastal environments

"We're thrilled to provide hands-on learning experiences that spark curiosity and deepen understanding" stated by Mr P.S Biyela, our life sciences teacher.

# Drama Students Take Centre Stage

Our talented Drama learners had an exhilarating theatre experience at the Physical Theatre and Movement Workshop.

This outing aimed to:

- Enhance learners' appreciation for the performing arts
- Provide insight into theatrical techniques and storytelling
- Inspire creativity and self-expression







"Theatre has the power to transform and educate," said Ms N.Madlala. "We're excited to see our learners inspired by the magic of live performance."

#### **Unleashing Creativity: Our Creative Arts Competition**

Learners participated in the Ramayan Art and Essay competition hosted by the KZN Department of Education. The learners were expected to do an art piece or an essay on aspects of the Ramayan. Excellent pieces of art and 2 essays were submitted.

The following learners work were submitted:



Arya Datadin Gr 9







Shruti Devar Gr 8

We're still buzzing from the incredible talent showcased at our recent Creative Arts Competition! This year's event was a resounding success, filled with inspiring performances, stunning artwork, and captivating storytelling.

Congratulations to all our learners for their entries.

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Stay Tuned for Next Year! Let's keep the ADL spirit alive!