

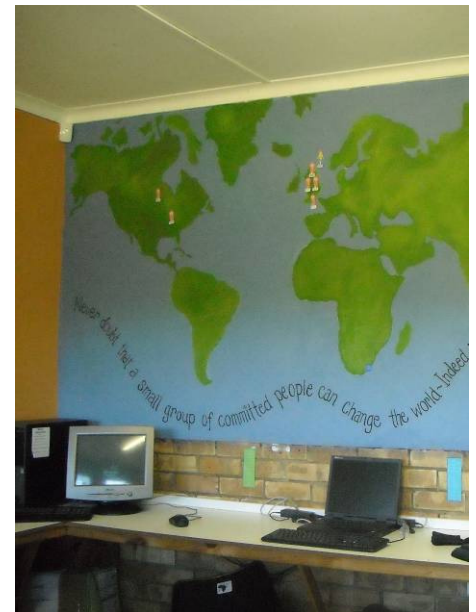
End of year report 2009 Cintsa East Public School



Computer literacy lessons

The computer lab has been running for nearly three years now and the skills of the learners have grown immensely. All learners from Grade R - 7 have been taught this year, with Grades 3 - 7 receiving a 45 minute lesson twice a week for the first and last term and once a week for the second and third term. The foundation grades (R - 2) have been receiving once lesson a week which has included 20 minutes of computers and 20 minutes of art. The topics covered this year have been linked to Eco-Schools and were Wetlands, Climate Change, Waste management and Food and Nutrition. Grade 7 entered their Climate Change PowerPoint presentations into the Amathole Municipality competition in May 2009 and unfortunately were not successful but produced amazing presentations.

The lab had an amazing repaint in September and now all walls display some funky and stimulating wall displays.



Art activities

Weekly art activities have taken place with Grades R-2 this year. Work produced has been used in displays through the foundation phase classrooms.

Long term volunteer Tammy Raymond started the Chintsa Craft Kidz club mini-enterprise initiative with the Grade 7 learners. The products they made during their twice weekly after school classes were sold at Tea in the Trees monthly market and all profits were split between reinvestment in the club, the learners involved and the School's feeding scheme.

Other projects

- The Feeding scheme was officially set up in September this year supported by the Friends of Chintsa. Two cooks work daily to produce meals from all learners including the pre-Grade R's.
- The school was fortunate to be donated a brand new Adidas football and netball kit in August this year. Richard and Leigh Bullock amazingly sourced the kits from Adidas using money donated by Richard's company 101 communications.
- With support and guidance from the VA Facilitator, the school achieved Gold award in the WWF/WESSA Eco-Schools Programme.
- There has been a rainwater harvesting project as well as improvements to the schools grounds regarding the feeding scheme delivery carried out by two ISV groups during the later part of the 2009.
- As requested by the school, the outside shed has been cleared and converted into a safe storage area for the school to use so that the classroom for storage at present can return to being used as a classroom.
- A library has been set up in the hall for Grade 4 - 7 learners to access. The foundation phase classrooms have been given a 'makeover' in terms of classroom organisation and displays.
- The school and community garden have been supported by VA32 with the purchasing of seedlings and some volunteer help.

The start of a special project - International links

A Global Partnership was set up between a cluster of schools involving Chintsa, Bulugha and Ngxingxolo and three schools in the UK. A £6000 grant was obtained from the British Council to send a teacher from each school in South Africa to visit the UK schools and vice versa. Nolitha from Chintsa East participated in the visit that took place in September 2009 and has started to share what she gained from the visit with the rest of the school. The UK to SA visit is to take place in February 2010. The project also entails the exchange of specific project information that will take place throughout the next two years and will involve all learners. VA32 hope that this partnership has a very positive effect on the learners, staff and school as a whole.

Proposals for next year

- All grades (R - 7) to continue receiving computer literacy lessons. Grade R-2 to continue with art activity lessons.
- Full time timetable to be implemented at the start of the year with the possibility of reducing to three weeks depending on volunteer situation.
- Computer lab to have internet connectivity within the first two weeks of term. VA was unsuccessful in getting broadband connection with Telkom due no ADSL provision in the school area. Funding has been acquired to allow mobile email and some internet connectivity for the school. An email address (chintsaschool@gmail.com) has been set up and will be explained to all staff during the first two weeks of term.
- Feeding scheme to continue under the leadership of the school with the support from Friends of Chintsa.
- Chintsa Craft Kidz club to be offered to new Grade 7 learners as a once a week after school club.

