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No matter how busy you may think you are, you must find time for reading or surrender yourself to self-chosen ignorance.

Confucius

2024 ended on a high note with a 'Reading with Meaning' workshop for teachers and the Phendulani Quiz in October. The workshop was a follow-up to the one held in February. It was run by Deb Avery from LITASA and Mike Hart from 'Read to Learn'. Thanks to both of them for another inspiring workshop for our teachers.

The Phendulani Quiz was a huge success again this year. Initially we had 9 schools participating but unfortunately 2 had to withdraw at the last minute due to internal school issues. The schools love receiving the books and their participation in the quiz is always a highlight of their school calendar.



The quiz was run at in a wonderful venue in Marina Beach, where we have a large container to store all our books over the holidays.



Our winning school this year was Isikhuthali Primary School, a rural school in Jericho Location, inland of Margate. They are a small school with just one class per grade. This is the first time they have won the quiz.

There was a tie for second place between Ithuba Wild Coast Community College, a school situated in the Eastern Cape with Xhosa speaking learners, and Insingizi Primary School situated inland of Port Shepstone. Ithuba won last year, but this is the first time Insingizi has achieved result in the top three.



Luleka Mhlanzi, poet, actress and motivational speaker gave a wonderful presentation that involved the learners writing their own stories. The creativity and writing skills that some of the learners displayed was exceptional.

I have a passion for teaching kids to become readers, to become comfortable with a book, not daunted. Books shouldn't be daunting, they should be funny, exciting and wonderful; and learning to be a reader gives a terrific advantage.

Roald Dahl



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