

Spotlight on Teachers in Free State Schools

Heide Primary School

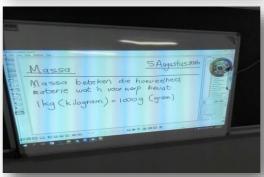
Most of the teachers at this school have achieved the first step of using laptops for their administrative tasks. Although most of the staff are still not confident enough to use the equipment in class as they still are in need of more ICT skills training, Mr Ferris, the ICT champion at the school, is doing wonderful work. He learnt how to use the e-Beam during a change leadership workshop and has since trained other teachers on the use the e-Beam. In addition to the support he provides to his colleagues he is also tasked with technical maintenance. He acquired the code for Eduplay and installed it on all the laptops. This programme is very popular at the school as it is also available in Afrikaans.

http://www.eduplay.co.za/site/index h5.html

Mr Ferris teaches with technology every day and he is constantly exploring the educational content supplied with the Telkom laptops and the features of the e-Beam software. In the photos below he is presenting a Maths lesson on mass to his grade 7 class.









Adel Van den Berg, a language teacher, has also started engaging with content and recently started using Eduplay in her grade 4 language lessons. She is reportedly very pleased with the response from her learners. She in turn inspired Ezelle Du Preez to start using technology by showing her what she has been doing in her lessons and the benefits of preparing her lessons in PowerPoint. Below









are photos of a reading lesson Adel presented during the school visit.





Ezelle Du Preez below shares how she is using technology in class by including multimedia and software in class.

Karabelo Primary School

Ms Pabalo Mothupi is the only teacher at the Karabelo Primary who is showing initiative in using the skills learnt after various training workshops. She openly admits that she is no expert, however she is not afraid to use technology in her class and try new approaches in her lessons. Pabalo is a grade 4 teacher who recently discovered how easy it was to download YouTube videos and incorporate these into her PowerPoint presentations prepared for class. She is visibly excited about her new found skills and so are her learners.

Pabalo's next goal is to identify two other colleagues that she will be able to motivate to integrate ICT into their lessons and administration





Pabalo Mothupi doing a lesson on primary colours with her Grade 4 learners

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