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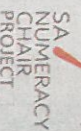


DEBBIE STOTT

Learning is fun – join the club

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Ten enthusiastic Grade 4 learners from Ntaba Maria Primary School have been members of an after-school maths club for the past two years.



SA NUMERACY CHAIR PROJECT

The South African Numeracy Chair (SANCO) project was launched in 2011. By February 2012 a maths club was started at Ntaba Maria, running every week after school during term time. According to Debbie Stott, the teacher assigned to the particular club, only one learner has ever been absent.

The children engage confidently with the material, much of which is presented through interactive games, which challenges the learners to react quickly while thinking critically.

"One of the drivers for the clubs is to develop a 'maths is fun' ethos. This is relatively easy to achieve through the use of well-chosen mathematical games," says Stott.

The clubs are limited to less than 15 learners, to ensure individual attention. Children who may benefit from the clubs and are not restricted by transport arrangements are identified and parental consent organised.

The project works with 12 schools in the broader Grahamstown area. Clubs include pupils from six schools in Grahamstown and two schools in Alexandria.

The project also includes a teacher development programme, in which a number of teachers in the wider Grahamstown area are involved. Some of these teachers have started their own clubs at their respective schools.

"The learners have a lot of fun while learning valuable lessons, which they then pass on to their friends in class," says Lulama Gama, a maths teacher at Ntaba Maria who is currently part of the teacher development programme.

According to Gama, the lessons are given in a friendly environment, where children are encouraged to learn through active engagement with material.

"The project has supported me in my teaching by providing not only human resources, but teaching material and resources to use in class," says Gama.

In 2012 an independent maths club programme was started at Samuel Nstiko in response to an article on the South African Numeracy Chair project in *Grocott's Mail*.

For more information on how to get involved or start your own Maths Club please visit: www.rmb.ac.za/sanc



TEN OUT OF TEN... Members of the Ntaba Maria Primary School after-school maths club, who come regularly for the fun, hands-on games that help them understand mathematical concepts. Photo: Hancu Louw

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INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL-TIME CLUBS

DATE: Tuesday 21st May

TIME: 2 to 4:30pm

NO CHARGE

VENUE: Environmental Learning Research Centre @ Rhodes University

PLEASE RSVP BY FRIDAY 10TH MAY 2013 :

EMAIL to sanumchair@gmail.com or by PHONE on 046 603 7357



Why Clubs?
They provide opportunities:



- to build mathematical confidence in learners
- for learners to actively engage with mathematics and sense making
- for more individualised attention
- to extend and challenge beyond potential
- to extend time on learning and establish 2nd sites of learning



CLUB ETHOS
In clubs learners are free to:



- Talk, argue about mathematics
 - Ask questions, make mistakes
 - Promote rough work
- We aim to:**
- help learners make mathematical connections
 - Consolidate foundational building blocks
 - enjoy mathematics



- INTERESTED IN STARTING A CLUB?**
- Come to the workshop and if after the workshop you are interested then we can offer you some support to get started. If you are prepared to run an out of school time club for Grade 2 to 4 learners on a weekly basis until the end of the year, we will provide a resource box containing a number of resources that allow you to get the club up and running. This typically contains:
- A register
 - Playing cards and dice for use in the club
 - Place value Arrow Cards
 - Flip file containing starter resources, worksheets and games
- Additionally, facilitators will have access to our website which hosts free resources.

Club facilitator boxes and support

NOTE: Clubs are run OUT OF SCHOOL TIME (after school, before school or at weekends) as our programme does not interfere with formal schooling.



For more info on the clubs visit us at www.rmb.ac.za/sanc/mathclubs/startingyourclub MAKE IT COUNT: WEEK FOUR