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Breadline Africa Launches 67th Library in Gugulethu, Western Cape

On Wednesday, 24th February 2016, Breadline Africa celebrated World Read Aloud Day by handing over a library to Vukukhanye Primary School in Gugulethu, Cape Town. The library was kindly funded by Mrs Miranda McIntosh in the UK, in memory of her late husband Tom McIntosh. Vukukhanye was selected by a NPO called Teenages not Curses who run an anti-violence and drug abuse programme at the school.

There are approximately 600 children enrolled from grades R to 7 and the principal, Mr Damian Michaels, has worked exceptionally hard to offer these children access to alternative activities in a crime-ridden environment. The Amy Biehl Foundation is one such partner, hosting an afterschool creative arts programme with children who want to learn dance and drama. Their talents were showcased when three groups of children performed at the opening event. One was a marimba band, the second traditional dancers and the third gumboot dancers. They gave a really great performance and the pride in their achievements could clearly be seen. Grade 7 children participated through drama and poetry, a symbolic gesture on World Read Aloud Day.

The school circuit manager, Ms Vanessa Minnaar, acknowledged Breadline Africa and in particular, thanked Mrs Miranda McIntosh. She also congratulated Vukukhanye Primary School for reaching the milestone of 50 years since its establishment in 1966. Mr Michaels thanked the Breadline Africa staff for offering the school a new start in literacy, saying that the library was the beginning of great things for the school. He added that the library served as motivation for staff and the children, proving that they are not alone on this journey. Vukukhanye means “arise and shine”, and we trust that this investment will allow the staff and learners an opportunity to rise and shine in their lives every day,” said Tim Smith, Breadline Africa’s director.





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