

Gugs community pulls together to upgrade local school

Improved school infrastructure, happy Grade R learners and invested parents is the outcome of a partnership between Shoprite and the Gugulethu community to upgrade a local school.

Luzuko Primary School now boasts two upgraded Grade R classrooms, a fully equipped and renovated school kitchen, as well as a new lick of paint on a building and the jungle gym, done by the school's parents.

"The delight on our children's faces was evident the moment they walked into their 'new' classrooms. The cubicles for their bags have had the greatest impact. Before they used to put their bags on the chairs, but now each child has their own cubicle with their name on." - Sheila Feni, Grade R teacher at Luzuko Primary.

"This initiative shows what can be achieved when a community pulls together. A Grade R parent approached us with a request to renovate the classrooms, but very quickly it became clear that more needed to be done. At Shoprite we strive to bring about change in the communities in which we trade." - Lunga Schoeman, CSI spokesperson at Shoprite.

"The impact of these renovations have been great. As a no-fee school we are fully aware that our parents have severe financial constraints. We were looking for financial support to renovate the school. I want to thank Shoprite for the enormous change they have made at our school. These renovations will become part of the history of the school." - Noxolo Tongo, acting principal of Luzuko Primary.

Shoprite partnered with NPO *NewKidz*, which implemented the changes at the school. In the past the school has been subject to vandalism and theft. The hope is that with the parents' direct involvement in the renovations such incidences will soon cease.

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Photo 1: Grade R teacher, Sheila Feni, reads to her learners at Luzuko Primary in the reading corner created as part of the renovation of their classroom, which came about through a partnership between Shoprite, the Gugulethu community and NPO *NewKidz*.

Photo 2: A Grade R learner from Luzuko Primary stores her bag in one of the cubicles added as part of the renovation of her classroom, which came about through a partnership between Shoprite, the Gugulethu community and NPO *NewKidz*.

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