



Friends of Kwezana Primary



Mrs Gape Returns to Kwezana

Towards the end of January Mrs Gape, one of Settle CE Primary's Governors, went to visit Kwezana Primary as part of an exchange visit. This is Mrs Gape's fifth visit to Kwezana and she was pleased to discover the many changes that have occurred over the last few years. She was particularly pleased with how the school garden has developed. Children not only benefit from the fruit and vegetables grown there but it also gives the children an outdoor learning space to enhance some of their learning, particularly in science.



Unfortunately there are still many problems facing the children of Kwezana. It was the height of summer during Mrs Gape's visit and she experienced first hand the ferocity of a summer storm. Roads were impassable safely without a four-wheel drive vehicle and some of the local Primary schools had buildings damaged by the typhoon strength winds. Luckily Kwezana's buildings were not damaged but the school tap (the school's only nearby water supply) ran dry due to the intense heat drying up the local dam (or reservoir as we call it). Water had to be collected from another source so that the children had something to drink during the day and so that the cook was able to prepare a school meal. The water used was rainwater from the nearby church which had been collected in water tanks. Kwezana has damaged guttering and no water tank at the moment so they are unable to collect their own rainwater for the children to drink and wash with. Hopefully something that the Friends of Kwezana will be able to help out with in the future.



We wish to extend our best wishes to Ms Mbatani, the Head Teacher of Kwezana Primary, who is recovering from an operation. Hopefully she will be able to return to school next month as I am sure that all the staff and children at Kwezana will be looking forward to her return.

Photos From Kwezana

A selection of images from around Kwezana taken by the children using a camera Mrs Gape brought them to use.



The book corner in Ms Mveni's classroom. Some of the books are in English and some in the children's native language, Xhosa.



New play equipment



It's time to dress up and listen to a story!

