



RIDGEWAY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

Today we celebrate World Wildlife Day...

World Wildlife Day is observed annually on March 3, worldwide. The day is an opportunity to celebrate the many beautiful and varied forms of wild fauna and flora and to raise awareness of the multitude of benefits that their conservation provides to people.

World Wildlife Day: History

On December 20, 2013, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), at its 68th session, proclaimed March 3 as the UN World Wildlife Day to celebrate and raise awareness of the world's wild animals and plants. March 3 is also the day of signature of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) in 1973.

According to the UN, the UNGA resolution designated the CITES Secretariat as the facilitator for the global observance of this special day for wildlife on the UN calendar. World Wildlife Day has now become the most important global annual event dedicated to wildlife.

World Wildlife Day: Significance

The animals and plants that live in the wild have an intrinsic value. The wild fauna and flora contribute to the ecological, genetic, social, economic, scientific, educational, cultural, recreational, and aesthetic aspects of human well-being and to sustainable development.

According to the UN, World Wildlife Day is an opportunity to celebrate the many beautiful and varied forms of wild fauna and flora and to raise awareness of the multitude of benefits that their conservation provides to people. At the same time, World Wildlife Day reminds us of the urgent need to step up the fight against wildlife crime and human-induced reduction of species, which have wide-ranging economic, environmental, and social impacts. Considering these various negative effects, Sustainable Development Goal 15 focuses on halting biodiversity loss.



World Wildlife Day 2022: Theme

This year, the theme of World Wildlife Day is “Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration.” Celebrations under this theme will seek to draw attention to the conservation status of some of the most critically endangered species of wild fauna and flora, and to drive discussions towards imagining and implementing solutions to conserve them, according to the official website of the UN World Wildlife Day.

Also, all conversations will be inspired by and seek to inform efforts towards the achievement of UN Sustainable Development Goals 1, 2, 12, 14, and 15, which are No Poverty, Zero Hunger, Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns, Climate Action, Life Below Water and Life on Land, respectively.

Over 8,400 species of wild fauna and flora are critically endangered, while close to 30,000 more are understood to be endangered or vulnerable, according to data from the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species. It is suggested that over a million species are threatened with extinction, based on these estimates.

All life on Earth is threatened by the continued loss of species, habitats, and ecosystems. People worldwide rely on wildlife and biodiversity-based resources to meet all our needs, from food, to fuel, medicines, housing, and clothing. Millions of people depend on nature as the source of their livelihoods and economic opportunities.

This year, World Wildlife Day will therefore drive the debate towards the imperative need to reverse the fate of the most critically endangered species, to support the restoration of their habitats and ecosystems and to promote their sustainable use by humanity.

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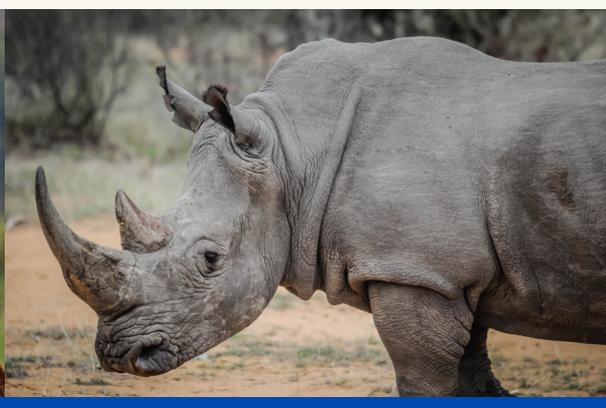
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Grade 8 Induction Ceremony

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On Tuesday 15 February, our Grade 8s were inducted into the high school. During a candle-lit ceremony our Grade 8s were formally welcomed into the Ridgeway High School Family. Each of our Grade 8s signed a declaration to uphold the values of our school, abide by its code of conduct and to carry themselves as ambassadors of Ridgeway College. Our Grade 8s were congratulated by the Leader Council and blazers were 'pinned' by our Head Council to commemorate the occasion.



Welcome to
Ridgeway College
Grade 8



SAPS Visit

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On Tuesday, local representatives from the South African Police Service spent time with our pupils. Sergeant Radzilani, Sergeant Rabadi, and Warrant Officer Ramufhi discussed the dangers of social media abuse, drugs and alcohol, and sexual assault. Pupils had the opportunity to engage with the representatives after the talk to pose questions and discuss any personal concerns. The two sergeants will remain available to our pupils should they need any advice.



To Serve and Protect



Long-Bone Practical

'Grade 11 Long-Bone Practical

Our Grade 11 Life Science pupils assumed the role of osteologists this week during their practical investigation on long-bones.

*I hear and I forget
I see and I remember
I do and I understand*



Field Trips

'Grade 8 – 10 Field Trip

Last week our Grade 8 to 10 pupils were out-and-about on their field trips to Lapalala, Johannesburg and Durban, respectively. A sincere thank you to the staff that accompanied our children and ensured that they all both enjoyed themselves and returned safely.



Career Day Expo

Grade 12 Career Day Expo

A delegation of representatives from over sixteen different tertiary institutions travelled to Ridgeway College on Monday to share information and guidance on career options with our pupils. Our thanks go to Mrs Rasool for making this event materialise, I trust that our Grade 12s gained some valuable insight into available options post-matric. These institutions will be returning to Ridgeway later this year to spend time with our Grade 11 pupils.



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