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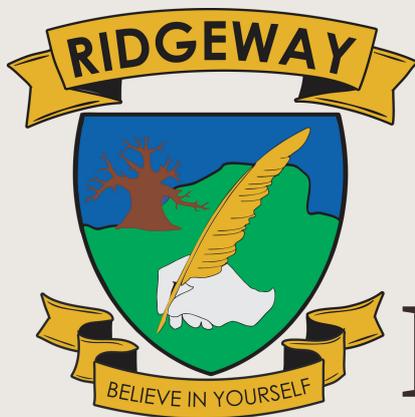
FINAL MESSAGE FOR 2023

As the curtain falls on 2023, I reflect positively on the wonderful experiences and opportunities we shared. I wish to thank our community for embracing me for, as unreal as it may seem, it is still only my first year at Ridgeway Preparatory.

I have watched us participate and excel on the sports field, stage, in the classrooms as well as in digital spaces as we attempted to reach new heights without fear. We took on junior hockey, cricket, horse-riding, swimming and so many other wonderful initiatives which are in line with our vision of holistic development. I am so proud of each and every child for going out of their comfort zones as well as our teachers who have made immeasurable sacrifices for our children. I remember fondly my first Ridgeway Races event and how scared we were that it would be rained out. Thankfully, we never allowed the weather to slow us down as we prepared for the first of many events.



Our many Orator's Evenings, Art Expos, Eisteddfod entries, and successes as well as our spelling bee events gave our learners ideal opportunities to expand their skills to more than just sport. All these events are only possible with teamwork and a dedicated group of not only teachers but ground staff and admin personnel as well. Just reflecting on our weekly newsletters and social media posts shows the activity on our campuses, and this is something that I am most proud of.



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In the classroom, we put a high emphasis on the development of critical thinking skills with tests/assessments and tasks focusing on reasoning skills, which form the foundation of 21st-century learning. I am proud of the work done even with our Grade R children in this regard, with many of our parents getting involved in weekly homework tasks that were insightful and interesting.

2023 was a successful year for Ridgeway Preparatory and while we prepare to celebrate this achievement, I have one eye firmly in the future as we look to build on our success. 2024 will bring even more excitement and events.

I wish you and your family well over the festive period and if you are travelling, please do so carefully.

On behalf of all our teachers, admin, and ground staff, we wish to thank you for allowing us to be an integral part of our children's lives, and we will continue to make a positive impact in 2024!

