

# EDUGATE NEWS

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## THE HIGHLIGHTS

- Math Course/Workshop
- Government Official Books
- Students' Practicals/Teaching practice
- Supplementary Exams
- Students gardens

## Math Course/Workshop

Students and trainers both had a wonderful time during the Math course training. This has been an exciting time for EduGate as there was a lot to learn and put to practice.

This was also a good time for trainers to practice what they have learned from Anna Maija a consultant from Finland who has been coming to Swaziland in the past years to do this Math workshop yearly.

Some of the topics covered were (the use of manipulatives, patterns and sequences) just to name those that blew the students minds away. These topics were evaluated as the most interesting ones by the students at the end of the training.

All staff and trainers were very creative and worked together as a team in this. It was a great learning curve, more exposure and good experience to everyone.



*Students doing activities during the Maths course*

## Government Official Books

There is a number of official books needed for each preschool for good administration. These books also help in procedural and government principles being followed in the schools. We also had a privilege to host a consultant from within Swaziland to teach about these books. This included how many should each school have, their names and how each of them work. Trainers also participated in this training as they took note of everything that was important for EduGate to note. We are looking forward to hosting

this training without using a consultant next time like we have done in the Math workshop. It is so good to see the team grow, learn and take initiatives.

### **Students Teaching Practice**

June has been a great and busy month for EduGate. We have been working with partnering preschools in preparations for students teaching practice. There is now a very good and strong relationship between us and the preschools. Students were able to do a one day visit to the preschools to get materials, themes and topics for planning. This has made their work very easy as they have been able to do their lesson plans from day one of the practicals. All students are going back to the same schools they went to for observations in the first term.

### **Supplementary Exams**

With the accreditation process going on, a second proposal was sent to the Faculty of Education this month. They have confirmed getting EduGate documents and that they are happy with everything. Praise God for the first step. They have since requested that we send all topics covered in each course. In the process of meeting the requirements of the

accreditation process, students had to write supplementary exams in June from the end of the first term exams. All students who had to write a supplementary paper did very well and passed. These marks will be appearing in their end of second term transcripts.

### **Students' gardens**

Students' gardens have been affected by the cold season. Regardless of the frost in the mornings, students are working hard and doing a wonderful job in their plots. They have learnt about how to protect their vegetables from the cold by covering them with grass or pieces of old nets. That is what they have been doing in this month of June. This takes a lot of commitment as the grass sometimes needs to be removed in the mornings for the sun to heat the vegetables directly and cover them in the afternoon again.



*Students doing a phenomenal job in their garden plots*

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