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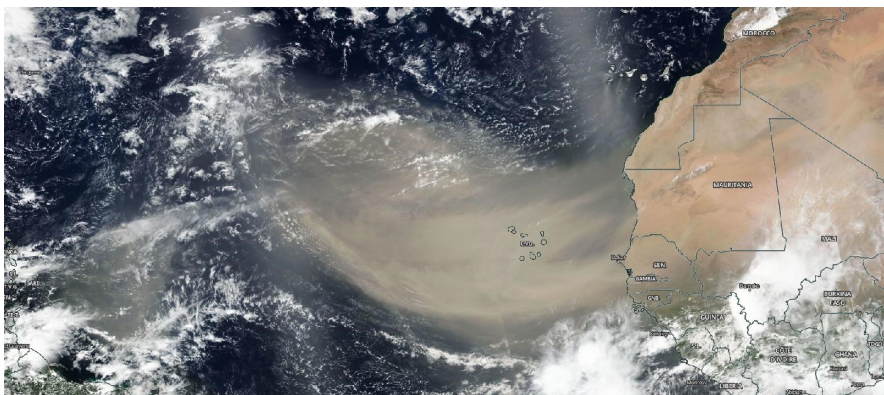
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Connection Ubuntu provides computer labs to students and entrepreneurs in Africa.

WHAT'S THE DIRT?

On the eastern coast of the United States, southern states encountered extra particles in the air due to a large dust plume that traveled 5000 miles over the Atlantic Ocean from its origins in the Sahara Desert.

NASA-NOAA's Suomi NPP satellite observed a huge Saharan dust plume streaming over the North Atlantic Ocean, beginning on June 13. Satellite data showed the dust had spread over 2,000 miles.



On June 18, 2020, NASA-NOAA's Suomi NPP satellite captured this visible image of the large light brown plume of Saharan dust over the North Atlantic Ocean. The image showed that the dust from Africa's west coast extended almost to the Lesser Antilles in the western North Atlantic Ocean. Credits: NASA Worldview

Normally, hundreds of millions of tons of dust are picked up from the deserts of Africa and blown across the Atlantic Ocean each year. That dust helps build beaches in the Caribbean and fertilizes soils in the Amazon. It can also affect air quality in North and South America.

NASA continues to study the role of African dust in tropical cyclone formation.

<https://www.nasa.gov/feature/goddard/2020/nasa-observes-large-saharan-dust-plume-over-atlantic-ocean>

KEEP GOING!



When this truck (and dust) is what is heading your way, "close the windows" is what you shout in your transportation vehicle.

And it is no wonder there are frequent places to wash your car in Africa — it might be just the trick to keep it running, preventing dust and clay build up.



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* Zawadi is the Swahili word for "The Gift"



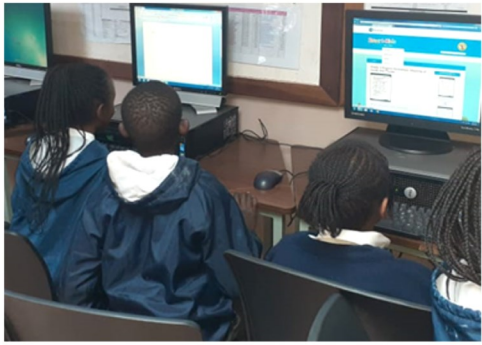
From their First Quarter Report 2020:

We have had many challenges with getting enough textbooks for learners and having computers made it easy to use e-books that learners could use. Some literature books that were out of stock due to a high demand could also be downloaded online, ensuring that the lessons continue

The little ones keep on begging to play their educational games and it is quite difficult to explain to them that they cannot be in the computer room every day.

The following services have been available to interested students since last year and continue in 2020:

- ⇒ Free computerized training in accounting for Gr 8 – 12 students
- ⇒ Free Autodesk training for engineers & architects
- ⇒ Private Pilot License (Costs are charged).



This year marked the start of the National Reading Programme that was implemented by all schools as a directive from our President, Mr. Cyril Ramaphosa.

It forms part of many initiatives aimed at raising awareness of reading from a young age.

This will hopefully raise the literacy proficiency of learners in English as well as their mother tongue.

Here at Advanced College we have different daily activities such as “Stop ALL and read” (30 minutes devoted to reading either every morning or afternoon). Learners from different grades are allowed excess to the computer room to search for interesting articles online that they can read out loud to the rest of their class or at the weekly assembly. Learners unknowingly have been reading hundreds of stories as they enjoyed searching for the perfect story.

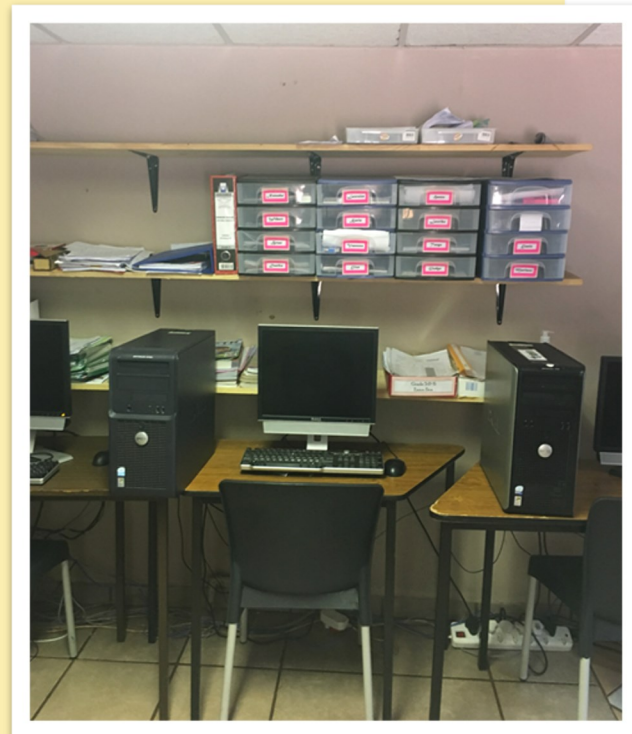
This year we had high hopes of getting a new premises for our high school as our Primary and High Schools have been operating separately since last year. The school has grown immensely with learner numbers that have doubled this year – something that we are very grateful for.

With Covid-19 also hitting South Africa, these plans have been brought to an abrupt halt. Schools have been closed for more than 8 weeks already but we hope to be back in the classrooms as the lockdown will hopefully be eased soon.

A separate premises for High School would mean that we would need a new computer room as well – we would be more than grateful if Connection Ubuntu would assist in making this dream a reality.

The virus has brought almost everything to a standstill but We at Advanced College do believe that if we stand together, we will get through it stronger than ever!

Many thanks to Connection Ubuntu once again for what it has done to assist in building the leaders of tomorrow.





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TESTIMONIAL

Greetings Connection Ubuntu,

Schools have been forced to close before we could even take photos of our new learners or get a testimonial out of them!

So here I am writing a little note of appreciation.

I have witnessed the opening of the school in 2017 and I have watched the learners grow from strength to strength.

I wish I could say that the learners find my English classes as their absolute favourite, but unfortunately not. :) Each and every learner is excited about going to the computer room, whether it is the CAT learners, learners who do research for assignments or simply learners who go and do their online reading - the computer room is undoubtedly the most favourite room in the whole school!

Allowing them to work on the computer keeps them happy - and makes me smile because my assignments are now always in on time!

Thank you Connection Ubuntu for making MY life easier as a teacher.

Yours faithfully,

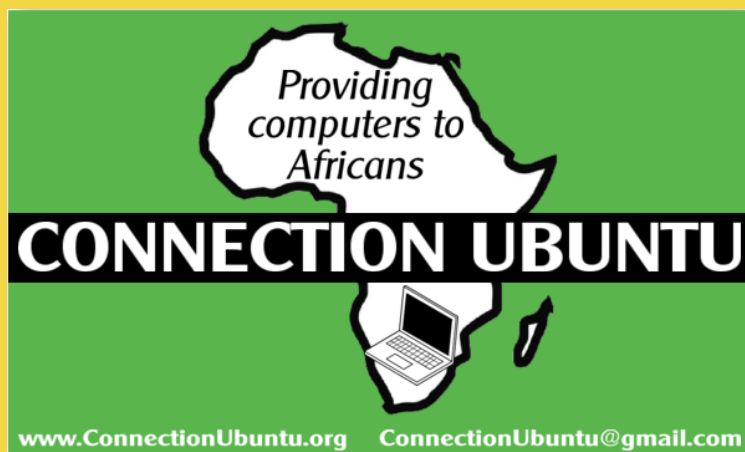
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Advanced College



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Connection Ubuntu believes that the world is a global community where all members have the right and freedom to be active and valuable participants when given the technological tools and knowledge needed for successful global community engagement and local community self-sufficiency.

Ubuntu: "I am what I am because of who we all are."



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