

ÉPELLE-MOI

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OUR COMPETITIONS & FINALS

This edition 2023 was a real success!

Enthusiasm, tension, motivation... What an edition this was!

For 6 months, we ran our programmes through South Africa, Lesotho and Malawi – working with over 2000 children.

French language and literacy were celebrated through a series of workshops, activity booklets, conferences, YouTube videos, online quizzes, selections, semi finals and finals.



This year, we had 2 categories taking part to our French Spelling Bee competitions in South Africa:

- **Junior Francophone category:** 300 children took part to this year's programme. Students from the French schools in South Africa – Lycée Jules Verne in Johannesburg & Pretoria / Lycée Français du Cap – and some children coming from our programmes in Yeoville & Bezvalley – coming from less privileged communities.



- **Senior Non Francophone category:** 48 schools took part in our programmes for this category this year – 20 schools in South Africa (Gauteng, Eastern Cape & Western Cape), 18 schools in Malawi and 10 schools in Lesotho. All participants had access to many resources online and took part in many online workshops to prepare for the competitions. Around 2000 children in total participated in the programme.



OUR 2023 CHAMPIONS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FRENCH SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONS !

What an achievement !

Our 9 champions have managed to go through selections, semi finals and finals. They showed excellent oral and pronunciation skills, preparation for the competitions, had all a great elocation and impressive knowledge of French vocabulary. The levels were high and candidates were truly impressive. These finals were inspiring, and we are very much looking forward to the next edition.

Winners – Junior Francophone Category

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1 NOUR BELILI
Lycée Jules Verne / Campus de Pretoria
- 
2 EZECHIEL LOLONGA
Lycée Jules Verne de Johannesburg
- 
3 ISABELLE FRENDO
Lycée Jules Verne de Johannesburg



Online final between the French schools of Pretoria, Johannesburg and Cape Town on 15 March


Winners – Senior Non Francophone Category

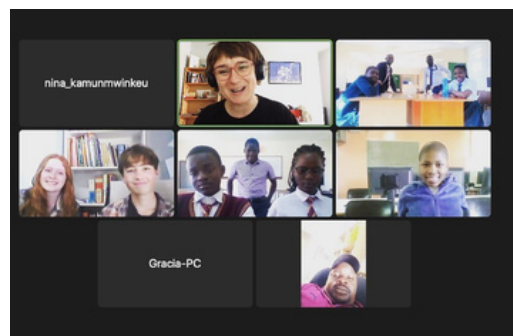
FRANCOPHONIE DAY FINAL 11 MARCH

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1 AMY SCHWARTZ
Deutsche Internationale Schule JHB
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2 MARKUS SCHMITZ
Deutsche Internationale Schule JHB
- 
3 LÉA NUTTALL-MBEMBE
Roedean School JHB



ONLINE FINAL 10 MARCH

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1 O'BRIEN KALONG
The Lilongwe Academy in Malawi
- 
2 VOCTORIA STILL
Somerset College South Africa
- 
3 TESSY U MUTAMBA
Bambino Intern. School in Malawi



OUR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES

Some teachers and students from Lesotho came for the first time to our French Spelling Bee competition in Pretoria! It was truly special to meet all of them, rather than doing the final online. We had a beautiful picnic organised by the association APFG (Association des Professeurs de Français du Gauteng). Thank you in particular to Mientjie Carbonell and Hedwig Coetzee for organising it all. We hope to have all finalists from Lesotho and Malawi next year!



EMI – ÉPELLE-MOI INTERNATIONAL



Épelle-Moi Afrique du Sud is a founder member of EMI. This new international association aims to promote French language and literacy through French Spelling Bee competitions and Francophone cultural events. On the 25 March, an online international competition was organised, with 18 candidates from South Africa, DRC, Benin, Ivory Coast, Togo and Canada. The level of spelling was so high that the competition lasted 3 hours. The winners were from DRC and Ivory Coast, but we loved every minute of the competition. **HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to our 3 candidates who did so well.**



Fatima Bayo, Mervedi Kabemba and Sofia Anangi Pambani study at Sheikh Anta Diop College in Yeoville and are part of our programmes for less privileged Francophones young people. One day, our big dream is to have this international competition in person. **Thank you to Dibuka and IFAS for hosting us and supporting this project.**

HOW TO SUPPORT OUR PROGRAMMES

WE ARE AN ORGANISATION WORKING ON FRENCH LITERACY IN SOUTH AFRICA WITH FRANCOPHONE AND NON FRANCOPHONE COMMUNITIES.

But we do much more than this... we work on children's confidence, public speaking skills and enhancing multicultural relations.

We keep growing every year and we aim to work at a more international level on a longer term. We would like to focus on our programmes for less privileged Francophone communities.

To do so, we need your support.

Your contributions will go towards:

- School equipment
- Competitions & prizes
- Children transport (Yeoville, Troyeville & Bezvalley)
- Snacks and drinks
- Spelling coaches stipends (young coaches from less privileged Francophone Communities)



OR SET UP A MONTHLY PAYMENT WITH US TO BECOME PART OF OUR FRENCH SPELLING BEE COMMUNITY.

ALL DONATIONS ARE WELCOMED !

We also need school equipment, books, dictionaries, etc.

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or visit our website & press the DONATE NOW button

<https://a-better-africa.com/show/frenchspellingbee/wiki>



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(reference: French Spelling Bee

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