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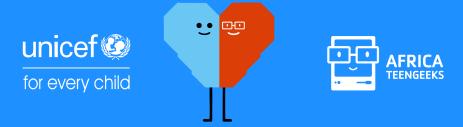
**Newsletter** 

## **Dear Parents/Guardians**

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you back and extend a special welcome to the new families that have joined us. We want to start by thanking you for your fantastic support of the **Afro Tech Week** initiative that took place in the month of May.

As we usher into a month of youth we would like to announce that ATG has planned initiatives where our kids will be partaking in activities geared at commemorating the National Youth Month. Two important announcements are our Strategic Partnership with UNICEF and Afronovate Competition.

## **United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Partnership Announcement**



We are delighted to announce that Africa Teen Geeks, with support from UNICEF, will be launching a ground-breaking initiative to help close the digital education gap in South Africa. 2,000 teachers from 1,200 schools will be trained for the pilot of the Coding and Robotics curriculum in North West and Limpopo Provinces. The pilot is estimated to reach about 1.2 million learners in both provinces.

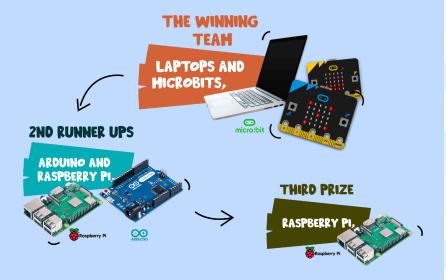
The other exciting deliverable of the programme is the translation of the Coding and Robotics workbooks and training videos into all our 11 South African official languages. This initiative will to a large extent improve educational outcomes for students in complex and dynamic multilingual settings. We are excited and looking forward to this.





The deadline for the Afronovate competition was extended to 20th June to give an opportunity to those who requested an extension. We are happy to report that both the quality and quantity of entries increased.

Please do SUBMIT your best work today and stand a chance of winning these great prizes:



Results will be announced on the 26th of June.

## Why is coding so important?

We teach children to read and write because it opens new doors for them, gives them new ways to think about the world, and offers new ways to express themselves. The same is true for coding. When they learn to code, they learn to think sequentially, logically, solve problems, and above all, gain the ability to create anything they can dream of.

## **General**

We would like to thank all parents/carers and staff for your fantastic support. By working together so positively, we have demonstrated just how much can be achieved within such a cohesive, assured, caring and supportive community such as ours. From this, we should continue to draw much strength.

To our Geeks, let's make this a great year and remember to reach for the stars! Please do remember to contact us if you need any support.

Kind Regards, The Africa Teen Geeks Team



"African Time" previously loaded with negative connotations, has been reclaimed. "African Time" now refers to the fast-paced and innovative way Africa is hurtling ahead towards digitisation.











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