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This year's Term 3 excursion started off with 2 buses full of children arriving at the SAA Museum Society in Germiston. The

The students and teachers followed a guide into a retired Boeing 747 named Lebombo. She is 51 years old and spent a total of **12 and a half years** in the air! Can you believe it? While on board our guide told us some interesting facts about Boeing 747s; like did you know that if you were to repaint a 747 it would take 90 gallons of paint? And that Lebombo could carry up to 200 000 litres of fuel. What?!

The museum not only houses Lebombo but also many other aircraft and even features 2 fully functioning flight simulators.

Once we had finished at the SAA Museum Society, we buckled up for a half an hour ride to the Apartheid Museum situated at Gold Reef City.

The museum is filled with interactive displays & activities such as Nelson Mandela's Walk to Freedom (release), the South African Constitution, different race classification articles, and even temporary exhibits that feature the work of apartheid journalists, David Goldblatt & Peter Magubane. Unfortunately, there was not a guide available to take us around, but we had the opportunity to explore the museum at our own pace.

All in all, it was a fun and beneficial day out for all the learners. Thank you to the BESA staff for making it possible! – Lee Kaplan



DID YOU KNOW?

Lebombo is the plane that flew over Ellis Park during the 1995 Rugby World Cup final. She still has the words 'GOOD LUCK BOKKE' printed underneath (pictured left).

The take-off weight of a Boeing 747 is 380 Tonnes – that's 380 million Kilograms!

Lebombo was built in 1968 and featured 12 first-class seats.