

Kenton Primary’s
“Cheetah Champions”
roar to victory in
BESA Brainiacs Quiz!

The atmosphere was exciting at our recent annual open day, not with flashing lights or rolling cameras though, but with the energy of young minds locked in a battle of wits. The occasion? The 2025 edition of the **BESA General Knowledge Quiz of Champions**, and we feel it definitely lived up to its name!

Emerging as the winners from this intellectual showdown were **"The Cheetah Champions"**, a formidable team of Grade 7 learners from Kenton Primary School. Their triumph saw them not only outscore the other team from their own school but also overcome the challenge posed by three eager teams from Glenanda Primary School.

The quiz itself was a vibrant test of diverse knowledge, featuring seven engaging rounds, each with a catchy title:

- "World Whiz" (Geography & History)
- "Nature’s Nuggets" (Science & Nature)
- "Fact or Fiction" (General Knowledge)
- "Dollars & Decimals" (Mathematics)
- "Brushstrokes & Bookshelves" (Arts & Literature)
- "Sports Showdown" (Sports & Recreation)
- "Mic Drop" (Music and Entertainment)



Prizes: The winners received the ‘Quiz of Champions’ floating trophy as well as some BESA branded items including a special edition mug and mouse pad.



Brainiacs: Kenton Primary’s Grade 7 learners who made up the winning team, calling themselves “The Cheetah Champions”, took an early lead and never really looked back.

The 120 questions presented a variety of formats, from multiple-choice and true/false to concise one-word answers and even identifying songs, artists, or movie titles.

Although the quiz generally focused on familiar Grade 7 content, the ‘Mic Drop’ round provided an unexpected moment of bewilderment. A question about a character from the ‘Where’s Wally’ picture book series drew blank stares from all the Grade 7 participants, revealing a generational unfamiliarity with the elusive Wally and his friends – a point duly noted for next year’s quiz!

The primary focus of the morning was on participation and enjoyment. Scores were tallied, but the ultimate goal was for the learners to have a fun and enriching experience, perhaps even picking up a new fact or two along the way. The jumbo chocolate muffins and refreshing water (which is food for the mind) certainly added to the positive atmosphere too!

The enjoyment wasn’t limited to the young participants. As the quiz concluded, one enthusiastic parent remarked that there should even be a quiz for parents,

highlighting what a thoroughly engaging experience it was!

An event like this is not possible without its valuable participants and we are extremely grateful to each of the schools, learners, and staff members who enjoyed the morning with us.

We eagerly anticipate an even more stimulating and challenging quiz in 2026!

PS – Did you know?

The Word “Quiz”: The first known printed appearance of the word “quiz” referring to a test of knowledge is in **1867**, according to the Oxford English Dictionary.

“The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled.”

- Plutarch

“There should even be a quiz for parents”

Did you know the answers to these questions from the quiz?

World Whiz

Question 14

In which country is the world’s tallest building, the Burj Khalifa located?

Fact

Brushstrokes & Bookshelves

Question 11

Which fictional book character lives at Number 4 Privet Drive?

Harry Potter

Mic Drop

Question 5

Which social media platform did Olivia Rodrigo gain fame on before releasing her hit song, “Driver’s License”?

Olivia Rodrigo