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DWS and MTN Foundation hand-over state-of-the-art media classroom

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Smiles, ululation and dancing were the order of the day when the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) handed-over a state-of-the-art media classroom sponsored by MTN Foundation to the learners of Mogobeng Primary School in Katlehong recently.

This came about after the school showed its intellectual mettle when they won the Baswa Le Meetse (BLM) National Competition during the annual South African Youth Water Summit in 2016.

BLM is one of the projects of the 2020 Vision Programme aimed at educating learners about water resource management and promotion of water sector careers to address the scarce skills challenge.

Through this programme learners are able to transfer the knowledge and skills to their families and communities and to advocate for efficient use and protection of natural resource.

The media classroom is equipped with 21 computers, data projector, multifunctional printer, two modems, two data cards and internet subsidy for twenty four months. Other prizes include a cash prize of R6000, trophy and a certificate.

Tsholofelo Motaung, a learner who won the media classroom for the school could not hide his jubilation as different speakers praised him for the sterling job he did for the school and for the community of Katlehong at large.

"I am grateful to the school management for giving the opportunity to take part at the BLM competition. This is a great investment to the school that will go from one generation to another," said Tsholofelo.

The DWS's Acting Chief Director for Transformation, Mr Curtis Mabena congratulated the school for winning the state-of-the-art media classroom. He also told the learners that the country is faced with water challenges and that he hopes they will use the media classroom to research, and come up with innovative ways to save water.

"These computers are meant to be utilised by pupils, you have no right to keep them away from the pupils," he said.

Senior Manager for Community Programmes at MTN Foundation said that, "as MTN we always associate ourselves with excellence and we are happy to be here today too officially hand-over the media classroom".

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