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Wash hands properly to kill germs

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), in partnership with the Amathole District Municipality, embarked on a Global Handwash Campaign in the Eastern Cape this week.

The aim is to educate and motivate learners about the importance of washing hands. The event kicked off at Byletts Combined School in Mooiplaas on Tuesday, 10 October 2017. According to Mandisa Jim from Water and Sanitation, the Global Handwash event is celebrated on 15 October every year under the theme: "Our hands, our Future". She further shared six washing hand tips with learners for a period of 45 seconds washing hands with soap and water to kill germs effectively. She also demonstrated steps to be followed when washing hands.

Helen'er Boucher, an Environmental Health Practitioner from Amathole District Municipality, informed the learners and teachers that this campaign is very important for their health because it stops the spread of deadly and prevent diseases such as diarrhoea and serious breathing infections. She also encourages learners to save water because of the prevailing drought situation. Boucher also urged learners to be the ambassadors of change including educating their communities on the importance of practising good hand washing hygiene.

Byletts learners clad in their school uniforms were overjoyed to be part of this exciting learning experience, but most importantly, appreciated being each offered a towel, soap and a ruler.

A learner in grade 8, Lilitha Klaas said: "Today we received lots of information about washing hands. This is good in that this day will help us not to forget that doing this." Jim also encouraged fellow learners to conserve water and use water sparingly, but, most importantly, wash their hands properly."

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