



## INTERNET ARTICLE

### **DWS in Gauteng continued to celebrate National Water Month with Lindopark Primary School in Pretoria**

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In a continued effort to raise awareness about water conservation and the importance of preserving these precious resources, the Water Department in Gauteng partnered with Rand Water and the City of Tshwane to continue celebrating National Water Month at Lindopark Primary School in Pretoria, Gauteng on Friday, 15 March 2024.

National Water Month, observed annually on 22 March, serves as a platform to promote water as a catalyst for peace. This year's theme, "Water for Peace," aimed to excite and educate learners and educators about the significance of water.

Mr. Thami Mndawe, a representative from the Department of Water and Sanitation in Gauteng, took the opportunity to provide an overview of National Water Month and its importance.

In his address, he encouraged all attendees to be vigilant about water conservation and actively participate in school competitions related to water and sanitation.

Mndawe announced that the DWS organizes annual water-related competitions, such as the SA Youth Water Prize and Baswa Le Meetsi. These competitions not only enhance participants' knowledge of water but also stimulate their interest in water and sanitation. By actively involving youngsters in such initiatives, the department aims to encourage them to pursue careers in the water and sanitation sector.

"Engaging young people in activities that raise awareness about the importance of water can encourage them to take proactive steps to protect it," remarked Mndawe during his address.

He also highlighted that water conservation competitions empower young individuals to comprehend the complexities surrounding water and sanitation issues. In turn, they become better prepared to tackle challenges within the sector and pave the way for a sustainable future.

The partnership between the DWS, Rand Water, and the City of Tshwane for this event exemplifies the commitment of these organizations to fostering a water-conscious society. It also demonstrates the collective effort of various stakeholders in promoting the responsible use of water resources.

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Ms Maria Mogale, a water conservation officer from the City of Tshwane, and Mr Themba Nkuna, a water quality facilitator from Rand Water, agreed with Mr Mndawe. They added that the government alone cannot win the fight against water scarcity. Therefore, a collaborative effort from all stakeholders is necessary to ensure that water remains a priority. This is because there is no substitute for water.

“It’s important for everyone to participate in promoting and protecting water resources. It is not only the government’s responsibility, but also the responsibility of each individual, including learners like you, as the future greatly depends on it”, Maria said.

The learners at Lindopark Primary School actively participated in answering the questions posed by the presenters, demonstrating their knowledge and comprehension of the importance of water conservation. Their enthusiastic involvement reflected the success of the event in promoting awareness and understanding among the younger generation.

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in Gauteng continues to prioritize water conservation and education initiatives. They provide information on career opportunities and bursaries within the department, encouraging young individuals to consider a career in water conservation. For more information on these opportunities, interested individuals can visit the DWS website at <https://www.dws.gov.za/LearningA>.

The collaborative effort between the DWS, Lindopark Primary School, and other stakeholders in celebrating National Water Month showcases the commitment and dedication towards preserving our water resources. Through education and engagement, we can ensure that the importance of water conservation is instilled in future generations, shaping a more sustainable and water-conscious society.

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