



## water & sanitation

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#### **DWS targets learners during Water Week**

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) partnered with Mohokare Local Municipality, Department of Economic Development, Small Business, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (Destea) and Bloemwater to celebrate National Water Week (NWW) in one of the towns that is most affected by drought. As one enters the town of Smithfield in the Xhariep District one noticeable change stands out, that the dam that supplies the town with water is completely dry and has been like this for a noticeable period.

As NWW is celebrated from 14 to 22 March this year it is only opportune that Smithfield is one of the towns that will appreciate the importance of water the most. In order to spread the message of water conservation school learners were targeted as they have the ability to pass the message to their parents and the community at large.

Relebohile Combined School attended the event. There were presentations regarding water conservation, water purification, the drop a block initiative and water pollution. Mr Marcus Monyakeni from DWS also introduced the learners to school competitions such as Baswa le Meetse, South African Youth Water Prize and Aqua Enduro that they should enter as the department is in need of young scientists and engineers.

The DWS and partners gave all the attendees Drop a Blocks, water bottles and 5 litre water containers contributed by Bloemwater and Destea in celebration of National Water Week, as well as pamphlets on water saving tips and the correct way of washing hands.

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