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DWS in North West take Global Handwashing Day campaign to schools

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In a bid to inculcate a culture of regular hand washing with soap, the North West Department of Water and Sanitation visited Mokala Primary School in Setlagole village on 17 October 2016 as part of the Global hand washing day which is observed annually on the 15 of October.

The visit was one of the many activities which were undertaken during the month of October where various schools and communities were visited for engagements and presentations on the importance of hand washing with soap.

The aim of the campaign is to motivate and mobilize millions around the world to improve their handwashing habits by washing their hands with soap at critical moments every day.

Addressing the learners at Mokala Primary School, Ms Mangie Rakale from DWS Sanitation unit highlighted that keeping hands clean is one of best things people can do to keep from getting sick and spreading germs to others.

“Washing your hands regularly with soap is the most effective and inexpensive way to reduce the spread of disease. Thus, we all have to heed the call of making hand washing a habit”, said Rakale.

Through the school visit learners were encouraged to take care of sanitation facilities and start practicing good hygiene practices, like washing hands with soap after using the toilet, after handling baby nappies, after visiting the toilet, before handling food and feeding a child.

Learners at Mokala Primary school also exhibited the importance of regular hand washing with soap through rendering poems and drama with messages specially tailored to instill and raise awareness about the importance of washing hands regularly with soap to stop the spread of germs.

The campaign was done in partnership with the Department of Health, Education and the local municipalities within North West Province.

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