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Sunward Park High learners back the fight against water wastage

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The learners of Sunward Park High School in Boksburg have thrown their weight behind the Department Water and Sanitation's (DWS's) and Ekurhuleni Metro Municipality's water and awareness campaign.

The campaign took place on Friday, 10 March 2017 and forms an integral part of various activities throughout the nine provinces to mark the month of March as a Water Month.

A learner at the school, Gugulethu Hlatshwayo, applauded the department and the municipality for their role in imparting the message of saving water. She however said that communication between government and communities on water-related issues should continuously take place.

She said: "It is a good thing that government is reaching out to us about the importance of saving water. But, I think that government should not communicate with the people when there is a crisis. Communication must take even when the situation is normal."

The Grade 9 learner said she was doing her part to save water by making sure that she limits water when she takes a bath and even takes less time when taking a shower.

"After bathing or washing dishes, I use this grey water to water the garden. This water can help us to save as much water as possible. Other people think that you cannot use this water to water you're plants. Actually, it is this message that the department should continuously preach so that people become aware that this water is not dangerous but can be reused," she said.

Melissa Moyani, who is also a Grade 9 learner, said to do a bit in saving water she wants to start a community water saving project after her community had to live through water cuts in Dawn Park.

"The situation in Dawn Park got me thinking that there was something that I could do together with the community to save water. My dream is to have a project that will solely look at how we save water. There are many ideas that members of the community have that have not been used which I think can help us," the soon-to-be water activist Melissa said.

Ekurhuleni Metro Customer Relations Officer, Koketso and his colleague Peal Lediga, demonstrated to learners how to read a meter and how the meter helped to detect whether or not there are leakages.

The Department of Water and Sanitation official, Lungile Zulu, had an interactive session with the learners and managed to solicit responses on how best to preserve water as a scarce resource.

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