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Ogies learners reminded of the value of water use efficiency

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) joined Anglo American and Rand Water in an awareness drive to remind the learners of Ogies in Emalahleni Local Municipality of the importance and benefits of water use efficiency and water conservation.

The public education awareness event was held at the Ogies Combined School recently as part of the Water Month activities.

The learners were encouraged to be water ambassadors and spread the message of water use efficiency and water conservation in their communities taking in mind that South Africa is a water scarce country. DWS distributed water saving tips and encouraged the learners to share the tips with their families, friends and neighbors. The learners were also reminded of the effects of the drought and encouraged to save more water as most dams are still trying to recover as a result of the recent rains and the fact that we are approaching the dry winter season.

As part of the educational awareness, the learners were encouraged to come up with other innovative ways of saving the precious resource. Learners who came up with interesting ideas and answered questions correctly were rewarded with water bottles, writing pads and key holders.

As part of the educational session, the Rand Water mascot, Amanzi provided with educational entertainment to ensure that the message is entrenched in the learners' minds.

One active learner who promised to be a dedicated ambassador, Siphso Mahlangu said, "I am now going to be the one encouraging my neighbors to save water as I now understand the value of the source of life and the importance of making every drop count".

Water is life and South Africa is a water scarce country recovering from the worst drought in decades, which makes water conservation everybody's business. Let us save the little water we have for the benefit of our current and future generations.

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