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Botshabelo Primary School wins Provincial Baswa Le Meetse competition

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Botshabelo Primary School in the Free State has won this year's Provincial Youth in Water Competition, Baswa Le Meetse, hosted annually by the Department of Water and Sanitation.

This event was held Tuesday, 13 March 2018 to determine the Free State winners who are to contest the national competition to elect the national champions.

Baswa Le Meetse is held to stimulate the desires and interests of learners to consider careers in water, but most importantly involve themselves in water conservation practices daily.

With emphasis on water conservation, health and hygiene, and good practice using arts as a medium to express the message, the Sebatso Primary School from Botshabelo scooped two positions both in Praise-Poetry and Poster categories declaring themselves double winners of the day.

"Indeed, hard work does pay. And to those educators who did not get the positions, to me they are also winners hence they made it to Provincial competitions," this is according to a delighted Ms Majoase Mokoena, a teacher from Sebatso Primary School.

She stressed that the competitions also sharpen learners to be more mindful in both water preservation use and care of sanitation facilities at school and in their homes. "Since our school started participating in these competitions our water bill has reduced drastically because we know how to apply the water savings techniques in Botshabelo," concluded Mokoena"

Other schools that performed beyond their expectations are: Matswathaka Primary School from Bethlehem, which scooped position one in Poetry; followed by Boikemisetso Primary School from Kroonstad in Dram. Lebohang Primary School in Qwa-Qwa scooped position 1 also in Music.

The winners took R10.000 while the runners-up pocketed R8 000, with position three receiving R6 .000 in all categories.

Winners at National level will get R20 000, runners-up R15.000. Third place competitors get R10.000.

Shasha Reitumetse, a 12-year-old learner from Lebohang Primary, was thrilled to have travelled all the way from Qwa-Qwa to Bloemfontein as this was her first time to walk out of her village to a city of Mangaung.



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She was overwhelmed by the feeling of being able to mix with “fellow citizens in a bigger stage”.

“I am happy and excited for the opportunity given by DWS to be part of the Baswa le Meetse programme that teaches us to save water,” adding with a big smile that she was eager to be part of the National competitions where she will be representing Free State.

Baswa le Meetse (Youth in water) is a competition aimed at grade six learners’ showcasing abilities in water and sanitation. Learners compete in five different categories – drama, music, poetry, praise-poetry and poster.

The competitions starts at District level and winners advance to Provincial level after passing a stern test of adjudicators’ watchful eyes. The adjudicators are sourced from the Department of Sports, Arts and Recreation who pick the premium among the finest to represent Free State Province at National competitions.

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