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DWS NW hosted Provincial Baswa le Meetse competitions

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Seetsele Primary School in Mahikeng was brought to a standstill when dynamic learners wearing different traditional attire congregated once more for this year's edition of the Provincial Baswa le Meetse (**BLM**) awards on 29 May 2019.

The Provincial **BLM awards** are held every year for the purpose of increasing awareness to the public through learners about integrated water resource management and water management skills. Through the **BLM awards**, the Department intends to promote health and hygiene awareness and to enable the community to protect natural resources, managing water resources efficiently and addressing issues related to water.

The **BLM awards** are aimed at recognizing the role of youth in awareness campaigns related to water and environment and targets Grade six learners who align their messages to the "washing of hands, use and care of sanitation facilities for a healthy lifestyle".

The messages are expressed through the use of art as a delivery medium and are divided into five categories which are: drama, music, poetry, praise singing, and posters.

As a result, schools representing four district municipalities across the North West province participated in this year's edition of the Provincial **BLM awards**. The winners of each category received R10 000.00 cash prizes and a spot at the youth summit which will be held in Johannesburg from 23 to 28 June 2019.

Schools which got position two and three, received R8000.00 and R6000.00 respectively and the cash prizes will be shared between the learners and their respective schools.

The Department of Water and Sanitation: North West Provincial Operations' BLM project manager, Peter Mogosetso expressed his gratitude to the participating schools and the effort of the educators who spent their time preparing the learners to participate in the competitions.

"We know and understand that you are not experts in the field of art, but you always manage to prepare for this occasion whenever the call arises and that is what matters most. Your learners too are not art students, but the effort they put in is quiet amazing," said Mr Peter Mogosetso giving his purpose and background speech.

Mr Peter Mogosetso further alerted the participants that the winners will get a chance to participate at the youth summit where they will compete with their peers from other provinces. "At the youth summit, the stakes are high, so you have to put more effort if you want to win. I would like to wish all of you the best of luck for today and bear mind that you are all winners", said Mr Peter Mogosetso.

The **BLM awards** start at district level where all the district winners are chosen and they get to participate at provincial level for the main National Competition that happens annually during the Youth Month (June).

The following are the winners from the different categories:



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Name of School	Position	Category
Ntsweletsoku Primary	1	Drama
Tlhophane Primary School	2	Drama
Oketsang Primary School	3	Drama
Name of School	Position	Category
Tlhophane Primary	1	Poetry
Name of School	Position	Category
Motaung Primary	1	Traditional music
Seetsele Primary	2	Traditional music
Tshabelang Primary	3	Traditional music
Name of School	Position	Category
Ntsweletsoku Primary	1	Praise Poetry
Seetsele Primary	2	Praise Poetry
Name of School	Position	Category
Motaung Primary School	1	Poster
Tshabelang Primary School	2	Poster
Connie Minchin Primary School	3	Poster

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