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Young poets share their talent

The annual interschool poetry competition for Grade 3 and 4 learners was held recently and the learners shone. This event was hosted by Kwaphenduka Projects as part of the Learning English Through Literacy Project (LETT) sponsored by African Bank. LETT assists children with learning English as a second language in 10 primary schools in the Ilembe District.

Kwaphenduka Projects held inter-class poetry competitions at the end of the first term and the winners from each school then attended the final competition that was held at the Albert Luthuli Museum. “We had 20 children reciting poems with actions, dancing and props to try and get the edge over their competitors. It was a tough decision to find our top three poets but on the day we could only have one winner from each grade,” says Nathan Wit from Kwaphenduka Projects.

The Grade 3 top poet was Maldene-Lee Philip from Radha Roopsingh Primary School and the Grade 4 top poet was Nothando Ndlovu from Dr BW Vilakazi Primary School.

All learners received a snack pack and reading book as a prize for getting to this stage of the competition, thanks to African Bank’s sponsorship.

Kennedy Dembetembe, National CSI manager for African Bank, congratulates all the participants and encourages them to keep honing their poetry skills. “Poetry is a wonderful way to express emotions and share experiences. These talented learners are only nine and have so much potential. We will continue to support their progress,” he says.

Caption: from left Zama Gonptha, Nicole Saminathan, Amukelani Msomi, Kimberley Roopnarain, nondumiso mgabi, Mahadi Sithole, Nothando Ndlovu and Maldene- Lee Phillip.

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