



## Report on Zwelihle Holiday Programme

During the winter school holidays Whale Coast Conservation staff took a group of learners from Zwelihle Primary School on three days of educational holiday fun.



The first day was all about plants – water-wise plants, food gardening and healthy eating. The learners started the day by decorating tins in which to plant their water-wise plants with assistance from Shirley Mgoboza.



Nicholas McClean donated fruit and spoke to the group about healthy eating.



Denfred Bruintjies showed the learners how to make their own food garden in a box using the compost made from kitchen waste such as fruit peels, used tea bags, vegetable peels, etc. The learners got seeds to take home to plant their own food gardens.



Sheraine van Wyk talked about the water-wise plants and each person in the group could plant one in their tin to take home.

On the second day Sheraine van Wyk and Shirley Mgoboza led the group to the Waste Water Treatment Plant in Zwelihle.



Here the group went around the plant learning all the processes that take place in the treatment of waste water from the beginning till the end. The guide was WWTW staff member Wesley, who explained the different functions of each section of the plant.



The day ended with bird watching led by Sheraine. The learners were very excited to learn the names of the birds that they saw.

On the last day the learners found out a lot about how the Overstrand Municipality manages waste.



First the group really put their backs into picking up litter while walking to the transfer station. The spaces where they cleaned were really clean afterwards.



The learners were especially proud of the clean street outside their school.



The municipality's Johan van Taak led the group through the transfer station explaining each step and why it is important to divert as much waste as possible to recycling, composting and other reuse options.



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