



LUKHANYO PRIMARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME: 4 & 6 OCTOBER 2016

Seventeen children from Lukhanyo Primary School in Zwelihle came to school during their holidays. They came for two days of edutainment organised by Whale Coast Conservation's Shirley Mgoboza.



The young people were justifiably proud of their plantings. Shirley Mgoboza (middle) shows off the plants with 'Les Girls'.



Nicholas McLean introduced the children to concepts of healthy eating, and explained to them how important it is to include all the different colours of vegetables and fruit in their daily diet. He offered them some sunflower sprouts - a new taste experience for them.



After lunch the children prepared a vegetable garden at the school, with WCC's Denfred Bruintjies showing them how. They really got stuck in, especially the girls. They were not just pretty faces.



The children then had fun decorating tins in which to plant water-wise plants to take home. In the process they learned about water scarcity and the need to recycle grey water onto the garden and to use kitchen waste to make compost to feed the plants.



On the second day they all turned up again, demonstrating that a WCC event can indeed be great fun. The weather was inclement and not suitable for the planned street clean-up and visit to the solid waste transfer station. Instead the children were treated to a trip to the Green House where they could interact with various educational displays.



While waiting for their transport, Anina Lee explained to the children what fynbos is and why it's so important, not just in terms of biodiversity but also in creating jobs through tourism.



At the Green House Shirley Mgoboza showed them the various aliens that invade and threaten fynbos. She also explained how we remove them.



It was raining and outside the rain frogs were calling to their mates, so Shirley showed them images of the frogs and their matching mating calls.



Anina showed the learners how they can save water in the bathroom.



And Bantu Sam showed them amusing videos with strange and novel ideas on how to save water.



However, it was not all serious education – they had some serious fun as well.

The children were very impressed with the “off-grid” technology at the Green House. One young girl ventured to say that their natural science & technology teacher would be impressed if she could visit the Green House and see what we do in terms of saving energy.

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