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The DBSA and Kaalfontein Primary School celebrate Mandela Day

In embracing the spirit of the Nelson Mandela International Day, the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) handed over books contributed by its staff members and the Rotary Club and two cabinets to the Kaalfontein Primary School in Midrand.

The Kaalfontein Primary School which has 1 935 learners housed in prefabricated is one of the schools in Midrand that has been adopted by the DBSA as part of its Corporate Social Investment (CSI) projects. The other school is Igugulethu Primary School in Vlakfontein.

Rosemary Mangope, DBSA Divisional Executive Manager said, “We at the DBSA and our partners Adopt-a-School Foundation are aware that numeracy is important, thus the handing over of these books and I would urge you to please treasure the books and not tear the pages”. Mangope read a book titled, “The Lion King” to the learners.

The principal, Emmanuel Mohale said that Mandela even when he was imprisoned never stopped reading because he believed that knowledge is power.

“It’s an honour for the Kaalfontein Primary School to have our 6-months old library beefed up in celebration of Madiba’s birthday” said Mohale.

Graeme Bloch, DBSA Education Specialist said, “Tata loves children, we love you and you love us too. One of you will one day be like Tata. You have to be the best you can because you are the future”.

He paid tribute to the dedication of the teachers in ensuring and inspiring learners to aspire in reaching for the stars.

The 12 year old Selaelo Makhwidiri applauded Tata Nelson Mandela as the doyen of democracy and freedom. He said, “You have ensured that there is equality amongst the people South Africa. As Kaalfontein Primary School, we would like to celebrate and enjoy this moment with you and wish you many more days of life, you our gallant fighter.

“Today, we are among the best and peaceful countries in the world because of your great efforts even through you may be far from our eyes but you are always close to our hearts.”

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Note to the Editor

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