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DAWNVIEW PRIMARY WINS LUTHULI MUSEUM PRIMARY SCHOOLS DEBATE COMPETITION

Shouts of happiness erupted when it was announced that Dawnview Primary School had won the Luthuli Museum Primary Schools debate competition recently. The event was held at the Museum in Groutville as part of the annual education programme.

Opposing the question 'Are our local municipalities doing enough?', Dawnview Primary learners Prudence Gumede, Lungelo Ndumo and Nokwanda Ntlauzana put their best efforts forward and they paid off. Their content was judged to be of a high standard than their opponents from Stanger Manor Primary.

Dawnview educator Ms S. Kanniah said the achievement meant a lot to the learners who had really put in extra effort including Saturdays mornings. Prudence Gumede was awarded the Best Speaker in this round of the competition.

Earlier Glenhills Secondary went up against Zakarriya Secondary School debating the topic "Did Chief Albert Luthuli deserve the Nobel Peace Prize?" and also emerged the winners. Learners Ernest Gumede, Erica Luthman and Ryan Dhanesar each performed the roles of speaker 1, 2 and 3 well. Gumede was awarded the Best Speaker prize for this round.

These four primary schools were part of 13 invited to participate in the competition that was held for 2013 grade 6 learners now in grade 7. The competition could not go ahead last year due to community unrest in the area. Prizes include trophies for the top teams and certificates for all participants.

"Debating teaches the individual a number of different skills, one of which is to respect another person's arguments, to listen and to have respect," said adjudicator Karen Bloomgarden.

The 'Let's Talk' debate was first held at the Luthuli Museum in 2009 and featured two high schools. It has since grown from strength to strength with a primary and high school level. For any further information contact Luthuli Museum education officer Clinton Taylor on (032) 559 682.

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