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XHARIEP MAYOR RENOVATES HISTORIC SCHOOL

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Getting hands dirty ... Mayor Mongi Ntwanambi painting the walls of the Madikgetla Primary School

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The Madikgetla Primary School, which is the oldest school in Trompsburg, received a facelift, as the mayor of the Xhariep District Municipality, Mongi Ntwanambi, got his hands dirty to do his part for Mandela Day on Wednesday.

Ntwanambi dug in the dirt and spent his day refurbishing the school, alongside the municipality manager, Lucas Mkhwane, and other senior municipal officials.

The mayor, who is also the regional chairperson of Xhariep, also took some time out to teach the learners at the school about the history of the former president, Nelson Mandela, and enlighten them about his contribution to the struggle against apartheid in South Africa.

“The school walls have always needed a facelift and we thought why not honour Tata Madiba’s day by doing just that. We spent the day educating them about the importance of Madiba Day and did some painting and cleaned the school yard,” said Ntwanambi.

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“The school has a very rich history and we thought it would be best to pay learners and teachers a visit.”

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The school has 540 pupils who were elated about the renovations. The principal, Jabulani Msiza, applauded the mayor and his team for giving them the wonderful gift.

“This means so much for us. The vision of Madikgetla Primary School is to only produce a “round child” and this initiative fits well into that vision. Initiatives like these, teach our children about the importance of Ubuntu and what it means.”

“Earlier before the Mayor and his team came, we explained the meaning of Mandela Day to the kids and why giving back or lending a helping hand is important,” said Msiza.

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