

## ***MERAFONG CITY CELEBRATES ARBOR DAY IN KOKOSI***

### ***TREES NEVER STOP GIVING US....***

The municipality's Parks Section celebrated Arbor Day by planting five trees at Retlile Primary School in Kokosi on Friday 23 September 2022 in showcasing the importance and value of the trees in our lives. The municipality was accompanied by the West Rand District Municipality's Member of Mayoral Committee (MMC) for Integrated Environment Cllr Jean Kotze.

The municipality taught learners on how to take care of the trees, as trees are helping us by producing healthy food such as fruits, nuts, berries and leaves for food and other structures. Trees provide clean air, water and protect healthy soil. They were also taught on how trees support biodiversity, good health and counter climate change by absorbing carbon. Learners were also encouraged to advise their parents not to cut or destroy trees as they play an important role in peoples' lives.

Cllr Kotze highlighted the importance of trees by saying "Trees are vital for all forms of life on our planet. Beyond the role trees play in the survival of humans, animals and other living things as they also provide an incredible spiritual and aesthetic enrichment."

Both municipalities representatives, school representatives as well as learners rolled up their sleeves to plant the trees in the schoolyard. The school promised to take good care of the trees as they will be beneficial to learners and the community.

The day was concluded with cultural performances by learners and the school principal Elisa Ntsiepe also thanked the municipality for teaching learners on the importance of Arbor Day.