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MINISTER MOTSHEKGA CONGRATULATES LEARNERS MAKING STRIDES IN CODING AND ROBOTICS

Basic Education Minister Mrs Angie Motshekga wishes to send her congratulations to the learners at Greenside High School in Gauteng, on their recent wins at the World Robotics Olympiad, the ESKOM Expo for Young Scientists and the iMbewu North Gauteng Senior Science Fair. 'This goes to show that our learners have the gift and talent to be the best they can be.'

'I want to congratulate the school management, teachers, coaches and most importantly the learners who participated in this competition, representing their school, the Department and the country as a whole. This is great work, indeed in line with the vision of the Department of Basic Education to develop digital skills of learners to capacitate them to be able to develop applications (APPS) that will assist the new life of the industrial revolution we now live in.'

'It also gives me great joy to acknowledge and congratulate seven-year old Natemba Sogoni, a Grade 2 learner from South Ridge Park in Mthatha, Eastern Cape, who at his age, is able to design and create computer games and animated stories for children his own age. Natemba has also created a robot, which he named Vernie', which according to his father, was created in only two days.

'Our coding and robotics programme is fairly new, but I'm extremely excited about the strides it is already making, and highly encouraged about how our learners, teachers, parents and schools are behind our effort as a Department', said Minister Motshekga.

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