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Limpopo teacher wins car sponsored by Vodacom at National Teaching Awards

At the 16th annual National Teaching Awards held in Midrand on Saturday the 27th February, Mabore Lekalakala of Toronto Primary School near Polokwane, Limpopo was named winner of the Excellence in Teaching Mathematics Award, sponsored by Vodacom Foundation.

Mabore received a 10 inch Vodacom Power Tablet with Keyboard, Vodacom Smart Ultra 6 Cellphone and airtime to the value of R220. She also walked away with a brand new Datsun GO 1.2 mid car sponsored by Vodacom. **The official handover will be held at Vodacom Regional Office, 93 Biccard Street, Polokwane on 17th of March 2016 between 13:00 and 14:00**

The National Teaching Awards is an opportunity to show “appreciation for teachers who go above and beyond to make the future of South Africa a brighter place through the creation of active, responsible citizens,” said Angie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education.

Vodacom’s involvement in the awards is part of a broader concerted effort to improve education standards in South Africa by helping to support and motivate teachers.

Vodacom’s Chief Officer: Corporate Affairs and Chairman of the Vodacom Foundation, Maya Makanjee says: “On behalf of Vodacom, a hearty congratulations to all of the award winners including Mabore and not forgetting the many talented South Africans that were nominated in each of the categories. As an investor in the country and partner of the Department of Basic Education, our goal is to ensure that educators throughout the country are encouraged and motivated. Investing in educators is key to the success of improving education standards in South Africa.”

About Mabore Lekalakala

Mabore teaches Grade 5 Mathematics at Toronto Primary School in Mankweng, near Polokwane. She has been at the school for 20 years and it is her first full-time teaching post. She has a B. Ed Degree, Further Diploma in Education, Senior Primary Teachers Diploma and has also completed a number of short courses. Mabore is a Microsoft Certified Educator and has completed a number of courses through the Massive Open Online Courses programme as part of the Microsoft Educators Network.

In 2012 she received the Microsoft Innovative Educators Award and in 2015 she was recognised as an ISPA Champion Teacher, winning ICT equipment for her school. In April 2015 she attended a Microsoft conference in the USA and this experience has aided her in integrating ICT into her classroom practice. She is a keen networker and sharer of best practice and conducts webinars for SchoolNet SA as well as face-to-face training for educators in her province.

Mabore has also been requested by her circuit manager to conduct training for principals on creating mathematics resource materials and integrating ICT into the teaching of Mathematics. She is a chess coach at her school and has found that playing the game helps learners develop their problem solving skills.



Limpopo Pride, Ms Mabore Lekalakala

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