

## HERITAGE TOUR FOR LEARNERS

Heritage month is a month set aside to celebrate different cultures, encouraging domestic travel and celebration of our heritage. As part of the festivities, the district municipality in partnership with the local municipalities took learners from Deben and Kegomoditswe Intermediate schools on a tour around the district to experience the heritage sites in our town. The first visit was to the Moffat Mission, which is the first missionary established by Robert Moffat in the late 1800. The learners were given a brief history on the mission, which is currently being managed by the Kuruman Moffat Trust. This is the place where the bible was first translated into Setswana and a missionary station for missionaries. The mission has a library and conference facility.

The second stop of the stop of the tour was a visit to the Kuruman Eye, which is one of the largest fountains in the Southern hemisphere. The Kuruman Eye also boasts species of the gold fish, crabs and water lilies. Next to the Eye is the newly constructed site where the Langeberg monument was erected in honour of Kgosi Toto of Batlharo, Kgosi Jantjie and Kgosi Galeshewe of Batlhaping respectively. The monument was unveiled on the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018 in honour of the chiefs for the resilience during the Langeberg war that took place in 1897. From the monument, the learners went to Kurara fm for a short visit into the studios and a meet and greet with their favourite radio presenters.

The learners were thereafter treated to a braai at the Second Eye resort just outside town. Mr. Billy Moseki, the LED Manager thanked all the schools that participated in the tour and encouraged learners to take their history and heritage serious and to study towards tourism and history careers so that they can share our local stories and put the district on the map of tourist destinations.