

## World Water Day – Hanna Carstens, DHPS, Kl.8

**How is water valuable to the environment? Is all the water on earth usable, if not, what can happen to the environment if the water runs out?**

Water is one of the most important elements, to be able to live. Animals, humans and all vegetation needs water to live, without it, earth would not be able to carry life. Only about 3 % of the earth's water is usable. The other 97 % consists of salt water, ice or dirty water.

There is very little drinking water on earth, compared to all the other different "kinds" of water. It is very valuable and cannot be replaced. Earth is one of the very few planets in the galaxy that is able to produce life, mostly because of water. Of course, oxygen and sunlight are also highly important, but usable water is very minimalized.

Water is not only important for us to drink but all the sea creatures' lives depend on it. If humans keep dumping plastic and other toxic things into the ocean, the water gets more toxic every minute. Humanity has to think of the future: We have to change something before it's too late!

Water is not only important to drink but we also use it to stay hygienic and healthy. If people don't have access to clean water, sicknesses and diseases will spread and make peoples' lives hard.

Imagine what would happen if all the water on earth disappeared over night: Global warming would increase, all life on earth would die of thirst and sea creatures would not be able to breathe. These are all facts that show how important and valuable water really is.

Dirty water is not the only problem, the amount of clean, usable drinking water is very little. Especially here in Namibia, there are many people out there who still (!) don't see that. To prevent water wasting, we need all hands on deck. To help humanity realise how valuable water really is, on the 22 March every year there is the "World Water Day". This day reminds us to use water carefully.

Water is worth far more than we imagine. Always think carefully, before you use it. Without water we would all not be able to enjoy life to the fullest.

Think about it... and be thankful to be able to have access to clean water, we are all very lucky to live on an incredible earth like ours.