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At the launch were (back, from left) Laola Altschul (Thrass, United Kingdom), Janet van Heerden (Department of Education) and Nicholas Young (Absa CEO), with (front, from left) Themba Mathe (KwaZulu-Natal regional executive manager), Sathianand Rampath (Greenhill Primary School principal) and Dean Konar (Absa Raisethorpe branch manager).

School benefits from Thrass

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GREENHILL Primary School is the first school to benefit from the Teaching Handwriting, Reading And Spelling Skills (Thrass) initiative through the TalkTogether Project which aims to address English literacy in early childhood. Thrass is a ground-breaking computer programme that uses the international phonetic alphabet and moving lips to demonstrate the pronunciation of sounds. It also enables broader communication skills in other languages. The school has joined forces with

Varsity College's third-year Bachelor of Education students who will be trained to teach literacy in schools using the programme. The college's Colleen Thatcher said they are delighted with the new development as it enables them to contribute to the delivery of enhanced education standards.

Greenhill Primary School principal Sathianand Rampath said that he is grateful that the college introduced them to Thrass. Chief operating officer at Absa, Nicholas Young, said that the bank is excited about the partnership with Varsity College

