



## Youngsters explore water quality

pupils have done their bit for water quality as part of the international education programme World Water Monitoring Day, held under the auspices of the Water Environment Federation and the International Water Association.

This programme aims at the active participation of young researchers in the monitoring of water sources. This is the second time that Cyprus has taken part in the programme which involves the participation of some 85 countries

The project - involving some 30 pupils aged five to 12, was carried out by the International Re-

search Centre Nireas and the Environmental Science Workshop Gaia of the University of Cyprus, headed by professor Dr Despo Fatta Kasinou.

The young researchers were informed on the importance of monitoring water to safeguard quality and briefed on the various parameters of water quality which they were then asked to measure.

The children also went to St George Park in Athalassa where they took samples of water from the lake. They checked the clarity of the water, the temperature, oxygen and ph and established that oxygen levels were down, the ph at



neutral levels and temperature at normal heights for the time of year. The children also took note of the cleanliness of the lake and the presence of fish and other life.

For the third part of the project, the children visited the labs for further measurements and were also able to observe water micro organisms from the lake in a high powered microscope.