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## PYP Children's Day Fun Day Out



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## **Introduction**

On Saturday, 29th May, 2021, we had a successful PYP Children's Day event tagged "PYP Kids' Fun Day Out". Our students learned, played, faced their fears and bonded. We are grateful that despite how the global pandemic has affected everyone and our work at PYP, we still had the opportunity to work together with our generous sponsors, volunteers, family and friends to make an impact in the lives of children in our community, FESTAC Town, this year. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, we have been unable to enrol new students for our annual tutorial classes and summer school, therefore, our activities thus far and subsequently the Children's Day were focused on our alumni from the previous years; 2015 to 2020.

After brainstorming ideas on how best to have a unique, memorable and impactful event, we decided on sharing an experience we believed our alumni have never had before: a visit to a museum and fun time at a recreational centre. The goal was to give our students the chance to learn about history and culture beyond what they are taught in school, and to engage in play in a very different way. Our initial plan, which we shared during our fundraising campaign, was a visit to the National Museum and an escape room experience at the Escape Room. Unfortunately, a few days before the day of the event, we were informed that Escape Room had been closed down and won't be available for use. The alternative we found was Upbeat Recreational Centre offering jumping and sporting activities.

We are happy to say confidently that the entire experience met our goal and was worthwhile for our students. The children gave so much positive feedback with satisfied smiles on their faces. Find below a detailed breakdown of how the event happened below with some pictures to show.

## **About the event**

For the event, on the 8th of May, 2021, we officially launched our Children's Day fundraiser, with a target set at five hundred thousand Naira (500,000 Naira; equivalent to 1000 Euros), which was to be donated locally to our local bank account. Two weeks later, we set up a Gofundme page in order to make it easier for international donations. Through the help of our volunteers, families and friends who worked hard at spreading the word about the campaign, we were able to reach our target before the campaign deadline of May 27th, raising 335,500 Naira locally and 580 Euros through Gofundme.

Preparation for the PYP Kids' Fun Day Out began with high hopes, plans towards the event day were made and various tasks were assigned to available volunteers. Each volunteer got to work, sourcing for vendors, negotiating prices, making orders and ensuring that all required tasks were done in time and in an efficient manner. The parents of the selected students were contacted to seek their permission to let their children attend the excursion. The students picked up their consent form a day before the event. They were instructed to bring the forms signed by their parents on the morning of the event. This would serve as a ticket of admittance as we wanted to ensure parents gave their consent.

On the event day, Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021; 42 students arrived for the excursion. After we received their forms and checked that they were wearing face masks, (in compliance with COVID-19 protocols), we began our journey out of FESTAC Town at 8:15am prompt, to our first location of the day; the National Museum located at Onikan, Lagos. It was a fun time right from inside the buses as we engaged the students in various exciting and brain-tasking games

such as spelling bee, song association, trivia and more. At 10:00am, we arrived at the National Museum, and into the welcoming arms of the guides. 42 PYP students and 9 volunteers took the tour.

At the Museum, the two female guides gave us a tour of the different museum's sections which represented different sessions of the cycle of a Nigerian's life, below are some of them:

*The fertility and birth section:* here we learnt about cultural traditional rites of birth, the different gods worshiped for fertility, the different rituals to be performed for safe delivery as well as the traditional methods of taking care of children when they are born.

*Initiation into adulthood:* the fattening room was shown in this session, which is the room to groom an adolescent female into womanhood. The students were enthralled by this aspect of our culture.

*Death and funeral:* the guides explained to us how the different tribes prepare their corpses to be buried, the way they announce the death of a king and we were also shown the mediums they use, i.e. the gong.

There is also reincarnation, wisdom and learning, external influence and the Nigerian government sections where we viewed the history and portraits of various heads of states both past and present.

#### *Arrival at the National Museum*



*Question and answer time with our guide*



*A photoshoot outside of the National Museum*



**Note: pictures inside the museum was not allowed**

At 11am, we left the Museum to our second location of the day, the Upbeat Centre. While in the bus, the children munched on snacks and drinks while we played more games and interacted.

*Arrival at the recreational centre*



We arrived at Upbeat Centre at 11:30am, after making payments for tickets, the students were each given signature upbeat socks, and then they watched a safety video before they were led to the play area. At the play area they engaged in various activities like, trampoline jump, trampoline basketball, foam pit, dodgeball, rock climbing, etc. At Upbeat, the children not only played but learned to face their fears and improve their strength through rock climbing and then jumping from a high surface into a low foam pit. These activities were completely safe, there were also Upbeat center officials and 5 PYP Volunteers (Chaperones) who were on stand-by to watch the children and ensure safe-play. The children got to play for an hour.

*Collection of play kits*



*Jumping games on the trampolines*



*Another group photo session after fun time*



After taking group pictures, we boarded the bus at 1:30pm and headed back to FESTAC Town. The students were officially exhausted but elated from the games at the Upbeat Center, then they were given their food packs in the bus so they could eat and were refreshed with sponsored bottles of LaCasera drinks. We arrived at FESTAC Town at about 3:00pm, where we distributed the gift packs, took some more pictures and dismissed the children. They were also grateful and thanked the team many times before leaving.



## *Gift packs received*



## **The gift packs**

All thanks to our sponsors, we were able to give the following gift items to the students that were opportune to participate in the event:

- A story book
- Oxford English dictionary
- Mathematical set
- Notebook and stationary
- Snacks
- Food
- Drinks

## **Expense report**

The total money raised both from the GoFundMe campaign and local community campaign was N625,500 surpassing our goal. We received books and stationeries from a donor contributing to the gift packs. Below is a breakdown of the expenses for the Children's Day outreach. The rest of the money not spent will be put into plans for other PYP programs.

## **Sponsors**

The PYP Sponsors are special and important people who have given off their time, money, efforts and counsel to support any of our activities. They are those who believe in what PYP is doing and their belief has brought PYP to where it is today. Seventy-six (76) sponsors rose to give our children an exciting and educative time-out this Children's Day and with their help, it was a huge success. PYP team highly esteems these liberal people and holds them in great honour.

## **Conclusion**

We say a very big thank you to all those who have supported this event both financially and otherwise, we were only able to record a success because of your trust, belief and contribution. We pray God grants you an increase in all your endeavours.

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