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2023 Children's Day Event



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Introduction

For us at Powerful Young Project, Celebrating Children's Day is not only about kids having fun, it is also about the new knowledge the kids would acquire, which will impact positively on them and leave them with a new consciousness of events or happenings around them. An example of this was when we took 50 kids to the National Museum in the year 2021, the kids were able to explore and get new understandings of the various tribes in Nigeria, history of past leaders and incidences that the nation has experienced even before they were born, after which we ended the day at Upbeat center where they had fun engaging in different games, you can read more of this [here](#).

In the course of us planning for the 2023 Children's Day event, we came up with different ideas as to how to make this year a memorable day for the PYP kids, in the first week of April 2023, we officially kicked off our fundraising campaign to raise funds for the event, of which every of our volunteers were tasked with speaking with their friends and families, so that together, we can all actualize our goal and ensure that this year's Children's Day is not any different, and at the end, we were all glad at the success of the event.

On Saturday, May 27th 2023, we celebrated this year's Children's Day by organizing a party for PYP's students, alongside a session titled "Promoting National Consciousness Among Kids". The goal of the session is to create a new consciousness in them, to make them aware of their country, their rights as well as obligations required of every good citizen of the country, all these will be elaborated on as we progress in this report.

Event set up

At around 8am, we began to set up our event venue, we had people setting up the canopies we rented and then some of the PYP alumni setting up the items for decoration. This went on for some minutes until we had to put a hold on it as it began to rain heavily and we had to continue with whatever could be done indoors. As soon as the rain began to subside at around 9:30am, we resumed with the setting up and decoration.



While we were doing this, the kids also began trooping in, in their beautiful and colorful attires that they were proud to show off to the camera, and when we finished with the set up, we began the event for the day.



Event kick off

At around 11am, we kicked off the event with an opening prayer coordinated by the Program Coordinator, Damilola Akanmu, after which we officially welcomed the kids to the event, wished them all a Happy Children's Day and informed them of all the activities we have planned for the day.



The excitement on their faces was contagious as they all looked forward to the fun time ahead. We first engaged them in an interactive discussion where they were asked the question: “Why I Love Being a kid”, this was coordinated by our Associate Program Coordinator, Ezeoke Amaka, and the kids gave different answers, albeit funny ones, but one answer stood out for us, one of them said, “she loved being a child because it gives her the opportunity to learn new things” and we agree with her, because just as we admonish them every week, at the stage they are, everything around them presents an opportunity to gain new knowledge, that is, if they can take advantage and pay attention to what they are learning. After this, they went on to participate in a game of Charades, Lemon Lemon, quizzes, and then, they danced.





Educative session

At the end of the games, we went to the second part of the event, which was a session also coordinated by Amaka titled “Promoting National Consciousness Among Kids”. In this

session, they were taught the meaning and significance of the different national symbols, which are, National anthem and Pledge, National flag, Coat of Arm, and, National currency. They were taught who composed the anthem and pledge, who designed the Coat of Arm, the different nationalities on the Currency denominations, etc, then also, the various rights they have as citizens as well as their obligations to the country. We engaged the kids by quizzing them on questions related to this topic after which we presented gifts to the kids with correct answers. To end this session, the kids were taught to recite the 2nd stanza of the National anthem.



After this, we went back to our games, a group of students also performed choreography, then we had a dancing competition, shared drinks and food and called it a day at around 1:30pm.





Expense Report

A total of ₦170,000 was raised in our fundraising campaign and below is a breakdown of the expenses for the Children's Day Event. 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. Sixteen(16) sponsors rose to ensure that this year's Children's Day was memorable for the PYP Kids and with their help and support, it was a huge success. The PYP team appreciates people for all that they do for the kids in our community.

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 endeavors.

We love feedback. Reach out to us through our social media pages and website. To see more pictures and videos and know more about PYP activities, kindly follows us on:

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