

KLUB INTERACT DEUTSCHE SCHULE

ENVIRO-SPORTS DAY ON FISH HOEK BEACH 27 February 2016

“We had joy, we had fun, we had seasons in the sun.”

Once again the members of the German School Interact Club (K.I.D.S.) excelled in bringing joy to the often drab lives of the children of homes and shelters patronised by the Interact Club.

One of the highlights of the day undoubtedly was the weather. Under a cloudless sky, with the very gentlest of breezes, the warm Indian Ocean invited even the most unwilling child into the waves. While the children disported themselves under watchful eyes, members of the interact club prepared food and drinks for lunch sponsored by Pick 'n Pay and Peninsula Beverages.



Two little boys from Philisa Abafazi arrive at Fish Hoek Station on the Edu-train for a day on the beach

Another highlight was the support of the Good Hope Seminary Interact Club which helped with the disposal of the litter collected by the children and the Fish Hoek High School Interact Club who were on the beach at dawn to help the German School members to erect gazebos and banners. The president of KIDS, Mila Newby, has been busy in the course of the year in building bridges with other interact clubs. Her success in this regard can be measured in the enthusiastic support from other interactors.



Let the games begin – some of the participants while speeches are being made

There were also some heart-stopping moments. The shark scare turned out to be the sighting of four dolphins gambolling in the waves. Four-year old Tosie, who was apparently missing, was found asleep in the arms of one of the carers. Most heart-warming, of course, was the joy of the children ranging from four to sixteen years in playing beach games, break-dancing, collecting litter on the dunes and in paddling in a perfect sea.



The sea was 24 degrees centigrade!

The 26 Deutsche Schule interact club members must be congratulated on their ability to rise to the occasion and morph into whatever duty was needed at the time to make the day an overwhelming success. Ally Winkler needs to be acknowledged specially for fulfilling the role of a gracious and well-spoken hostess. KIDS were grateful for the moral support of one of our senior teachers, Herr Wolfram, who waded waist deep in the water in his trousers to persuade some of the stronger swimmers to return closer to shore.

Although members of K.I.D.S work steadily throughout the year as caterers to raise the money to fund the day - especially the cost of the Edu-train - , the event would not be possible without the generous support of Pick 'n Pay and Peninsula Beverages who pay for the food and drink. Support from local life-savers from the Fish Hoek Life Saving Club were greatly appreciated as the children surged into the warm sea.

To conclude I would like to quote from a thank –you received from one of our homes:

“Thank you for planting lavender in the hearts of my children. They really enjoyed themselves and had so much fun. A huge thank you to the hands and hearts that contributed.”

Frau Ball

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