

What's new ?

The last three months have been very intense for the kids and for the TIPA team. Students from STDs 1,2 and 3 prepared for the exhibit of their artistic work while their friends from the pre-primary section and from STDs 4,5 and 6 were involved in theatre rehearsals.

It is with great excitement (mixed with a dose of stress) that they presented their artwork to their parents and neighbours during the Art'la li la Festival which took place on July 20th at André Bazerque Government School in Rose Hill and on the 24th of August at Guy Rozemont Government School in Tranquebar. This sixth edition of the annual festival was rich in colours and in encounters with people from the school community. In addition, we enjoyed the support of more than 70 volunteers (parents, friends and sponsors) who made the event a success.

Among the 337 children with whom we are intervening this year, we have collected the comments of Princeley, student in STD 5, who shared his experience with us.

Respect for others and a sense of responsibility

Princeley « greatly surprised me ! », exclaims Rowin, art facilitator at TIPA. This little man, student in STD 5 at Guy Rozemont Government School has quite evolved since the start of the year. He gradually learned to listen to the advice of the art facilitator and to involve himself in the creativity classes, taking at heart the role allocated to him ; so much so that his development and performance on stage have lead Rowin to reflect on and question his perception of the artistic capacities of certain kids.

Princeley on his part is able to distinguish the aspects which he needs to improve : « I learned how to capture and memorize », skills that have helped him on stage for his performance during the Art'la li la Festival on the 24th of August. In relation to this key moment, Princeley enjoyed the fact that « a lot of people were watching us on stage. » Prior to this event, substantial work on citizenship values is carried out during the creativity classes. The skill that marked him the most is *respect for others*. He is convinced that knowing how to respect his friends today will help him later in his adult life.

His teacher also notes a positive change in her student : « Through theatre, he has developed a sense of responsibility, he is very punctual and regular at school » According to her, the values discussed during the creativity classes will help Princeley shoulder his responsibilities as an adult, both towards his family and his country. She believes that he will be better prepared to face challenges in life. One advice she would give to him : to believe more in himself.

This is what the TIPA team wishes for Princeley : to develop self-confidence and especially to continue on the right track by embracing those citizenship values daily.

Upcoming Events!



« I express my rights as a child ! »

In view of the Universal Children's Day on November 20th, TIPA and SAFIRE are joining forces to contribute in enhancing the knowledge of vulnerable communities, authorities and the general public on the Convention of Children's Rights. Consequently, several activities are scheduled to take place on this date at the Municipality of Port Louis : a platform for public expression with the adolescents from SAFIRE, the showcasing of a travelling fresco, of the work carried out by the children and parents from vulnerable communities, among other things. Come join us and demonstrate your commitment to the protection of children's rights !

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