

Sponsor a Child Newsletter

In April, TIPA organized the first edition of its Creat'Art Exhibition. The event was part of TIPA's effort to bring awareness of our work and mission to the public in Mauritius, and at the same time it served as a fundraising platform to promote our campaign Sponsor a Child. The Exhibition was also thought as an opportunity for sponsors, supporters and partners to see the creative minds of TIPA staff at work since all of the team members are professional artists or have some sort of artistic skills. The two hours event was filled with live artistic performances involving painting, mix media, mime,

dancing, singing and poetry. Between the performances the public had the opportunity to leave their mark in the exhibition by creating their own art work while responding to the question: "What is Art?" The show was closed with a fun performance that depicted the need to work together as a team and in harmony in order to achieve common goals. The exhibition turned out to be a great success and we counted with the presence of several press channels which helped us to broadcast the event as well as promote our work. Thank you for all who came to participate!

"Fostering participation and self-confidence"

How to foster participation and self-confidence in children? That was the starting point on which our art facilitators worked when planning the first drama workshop this year. The idea was for the kids to introduce themselves to the class through a game: each child had to say his/her name and associate it to a body movement, which the rest of the class had to memorise. Besides requiring them to participate in the activity and be self-confident when introducing themselves, the facilitators also aimed at favouring their observation and concentration skills, while developing visual and oral memorisation.

What did some kids think about the activity? Kris and Tracy, from Std V at André Bazerque GS, work with Yannick who specialises in drama. When recalling that first activity of the year, they say they struggled a bit with the body movements but found out their listening capacity was the key to overcome this difficulty: they listened carefully to the instructions and understood what was expected from them in terms of movement.

And what did they learn? Through this activity, Tracy and Kris understood that participating means "not excluding ourselves from the group and having team spirit" while

learning to be self-confident means "not being afraid or shy" to speak out.



Their teacher's opinion: According to Mrs Jamalkhan, this session helped her pupils overcome their shyness and grow more self-confident. When they become adults, "they should find their place in

society, be self confident about their skills, and this should help them socialise".

Yannick's point of view: The two life skills on which the game focused should help the kids "move forward in the future and undertake projects". On a more personal ground, this experience with the kids helped him understand "how difficult it can be for a child to participate and be self-confident", but also lead him to question his own participating skills and self-confidence.

Yannick is presently guiding Kris and Tracy through a short piece the class will present to the school community at the Art Festival that will take place on the 22nd July.

Upcoming Events

We are now entering a very exciting period of our action. During the months of July, August and September, we will be celebrating Art in the schools through the 4th edition of the Art'lalila Festivals. The whole school community will be mobilized and the children will have the opportunity to present their artwork, while participating in various art workshops. The entire TIPA team is already

very busy with the preparations to ensure that the festivities live up to the children's hard work. We need motivated volunteers to help with the organization of the festivals. If you are interested, please, contact us for more information.

Help us to promote the campaign Sponsor a Child by spreading the info to your family, friends and colleagues!

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