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### **The hot meal program has started at Observatory Girls' Primary School campus**

At the Observatory Girls' Primary School campus, meals for the children had consisted of exclusively sandwiches, fruit, and juice or milk until recently. Thanks to the generous support from funders, Observatory Girls' Primary School was able to buy new equipment to provide an improved feeding program to our children. On January 24<sup>th</sup>, we had our first hot meal.

It consisted of rice, fish, and vegetable gravy. There were happy faces all around as children enjoyed the tasty hot food. Since then, they have eagerly awaited the two days a week they get to eat the hot meals cooked for them including pasta, rice dishes, meats and vegetables.

The variety of tastes and nutrients mean that this contribution to the project was a great addition to the program: children consistently finish their food and therefore get a better source of energy and fullness to take on the day of learning and playing.

As for some children, their only food for the day is this school meal, the introduction of a hot meal twice a week has been extremely influential in their nutrition intake.

## Democracy Prep Public Schools



Democracy Prep visited Three2Six on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February as an excited group of American high school students enthusiastic to have fun with our Three2Six learners. They first joined the Sacred Heart College campus to receive an overview of the project and to exchange with its director.

For the rest of the afternoon, Democracy Prep created many fun activities to play with the kids tailored to their age group.

Each of the two classes at Observatory Girls' Primary School campus was split into three groups and Democracy Prep ran the activities, each for 20 minutes, before rotating the kids to the next game.

The games and activities were of a great variety, using both indoor and outdoor spaces for crafts, songs, movement and games.

These included dancing to music outside, running relay races and 'Simon Says', cutting and drawing hearts for valentine's day, and songs with drums.

The Democracy Prep students were flexible in their plans to accommodate the ideas and inclinations of the children. In this way, both Democracy Prep and our learners took ownership of the fun shared all afternoon.



The children immediately became enamoured of the Democracy Prep visitors and were all too happy to engage fully in the activities: as a day of fun, the children were ecstatic and quickly built one-on-one relationships with the Democracy Prep students.

The day was full of fun and having the Democracy Prep students leave at the end of the afternoon was a bittersweet affair. The children will remember the time they spent together.

Thank you, Democracy Prep, for visiting us and we look forward to seeing you again!

## Funder's Visit



On 11 February, one of Three2Six's funders joined the project for the afternoon. Our visitor was warmly welcomed at Sacred Heart College by the project's learners who sang a few songs to honor our guest. We then all visited Observatory Girls' Primary School where our guest talked to our very enthusiastic two grades.

We also took part in an iPad class which the children absolutely loved. They liked making short time-lapse videos of themselves and sharing them with us. We all had a very enjoyable moment. Thanks a lot for visiting us!

## Staff Training

At the end of the month, the Three2Six's teachers and coordinators from our three campuses benefited from a "Tutor of Resilience" training offered to us by the International Catholic Children Bureau (BICE).

They were joined by partners from Yeoville Community School, Yeoville Boys School as well as from Lawyers for Human Rights. The training was facilitated by Alessandra Cipolla, a professional psychologist from the Resilience Research Unit (RiRes) of the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart of Milan (UCSC) and from the Associazione Francesco Realmonte Onlus.



The training aimed at leading them to assume the role of tutor of resilience with the children they work with who have been victims of traumatic experiences, through providing them with resilience-focused methods, practical tools and guidelines. These four days of training, organised around workshop sessions, were very playful and interactive.



It gave the participants the opportunity to fully engage with the facilitator in an open discussion and to share their own experiences, good practices and expertise to benefit everyone. It has surely equipped the participants with very valuable tools that will be most useful in their professional lives.

We would like to thank BICE, RiRes-UCSC and the Associazione Francesco Realmonte Onlus for offering this fantastic experience to Three2Six and its partners!

## Fundraising Update

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to all our confirmed funders and donors of the project for 2019. The project has renewed partnerships with the following:

The project has confirmed funding until June 2019. This is 45 % of the project's annual costs. The three2six team is pushing hard to fundraise and is asking all our funders, friends and supporters to assist in any way possible with donations and referrals to other donors to keep the remaining 225 children in the project and ensure that they can complete their studies and be integrated into mainstream schooling as well as open more doors for more children in 2020.

The project is asking all our existing donors to help us fund one class for a year with a contribution of R582 957 per class. We hope that in turn, it will help us reach our target of 3.8 million.

We would like to thank the parents of Sacred Heart College and supporters of the project who continue to donate food parcels to ensure that the children are fed at home. Thank you for your ongoing support. Indeed, it does take a village, a community and a nation to raise a child.

We are raising 225 at a time, understanding that every little bit helps us to go a long way. It is a long way indeed.

The need remains acute for refugee and migrant children in South Africa. Get involved. Help us get there.

Contact our fundraising officer, Nthabiseng Seane, to donate or suggest a prospect funder at [partnerships@three2six.co.za](mailto:partnerships@three2six.co.za) or on 065 860 25 06.

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## Three2Six Staff Update



We welcomed Nyasha who joined the team at the beginning of the month! Nyasha is a Mzansi Marist volunteer from Zimbabwe and is a trained finance officer.

She will be with us as the project's bookkeeper for another two months before she leaves for Germany where she will pursue more volunteering work. We hope you will enjoy your time with us!