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Judo Classes

Once a week, the children of our Sacred Heart College and Holy Family College campuses are offered Judo classes. This program started first at the Holy Family campus in 2017 and a year later was introduced at Sacred Heart College.

The classes run for an hour weekly, each grade benefiting from it on a rotation basis. It helps children develop their self-discipline and build their resilience.

From an exercise point of view, they can enjoy an hour of supervised physical activity and can get rid of their energy before going home!



Alumni Day



On May 18th, a group of about 20 past learners from the project joined the Marist Young Adults volunteers for our monthly Alumni Day. The teenagers first enjoyed a special cooking class during which they prepared a vegetarian and gluten-free lunch.

To complement the cooking class, they had an information session on why some people are vegetarian or vegan and why some suffer from lactose or gluten intolerance which impacts their eating habits. In the morning, they also received homework support from the volunteers and later all got together to enjoy the delicious meals they had cooked.

We look forward to seeing you all again next month to join some more fun and informative activities!

Novices Visit



On 20 May, a group of novices from the Franciscan Sisters, Little Company of Mary, Assumption Sisters, Holy Cross Sisters, the Dominican Sisters and Brothers accompanied by Father Neil visited the project on its Sacred Heart College campus.

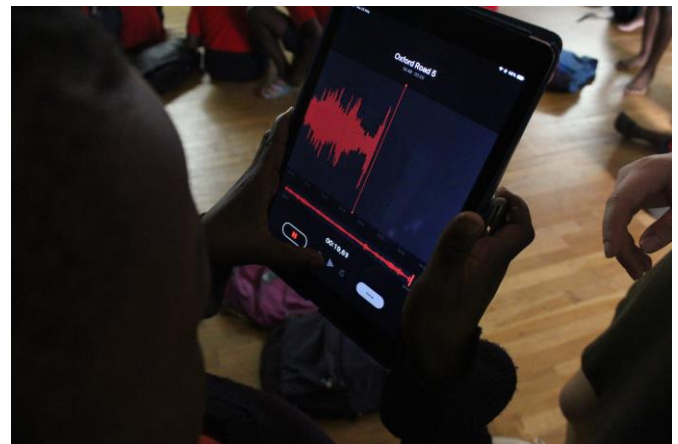
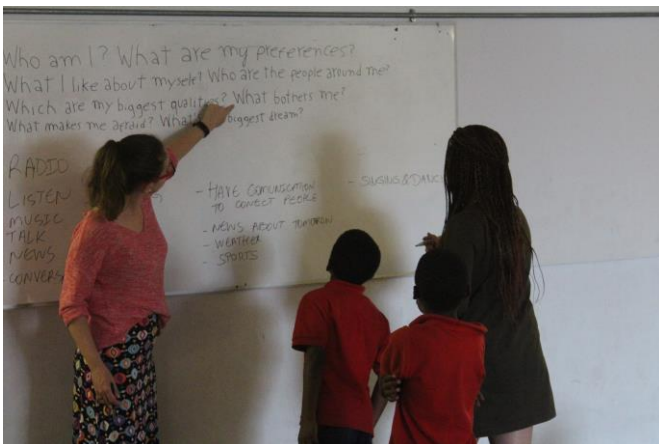
The principal of the primary school of that campus, coordinator and volunteers of that campus welcomed them warmly.



They were then shown our two Précieuse videos about a refugee's journey from their home country to South Africa and a refugee's experiences in South Africa, as well as a video of our project which presents who we are and what we do.

Our visitors then greeted the children at assembly time and later joined them in the classrooms to observe how they are learning. Before leaving, the group of novices made a very generous food donation to the children of that campus. Thank you all so much for your visit and for your support, we hope to see you again soon!

Edu-Communication Classes



This month, our Brazilian volunteers Honi and João started a new class project with the Three2Six children based at the Holy Family College campus.

Our dedicated volunteers launched educommunication classes during which they started a radio program with our excited learners who, in the coming weeks, will be encouraged to speak about various subjects which will include culture, history and migration.

Children are divided in groups of two and, after receiving guidance from our volunteers, interview each other on the weekly topics. At the end of the term, the work done during those sessions will be compiled into a radio program that will be shared on Three2Six's social media pages. Stay tuned!

Remedial Class



In May, remedial classes were launched at our Sacred Heart College campus to provide extra help to the students who have learning difficulties and struggle in class.

From now on, classes will be held every Saturday morning with the campus' grades 4 and 5 children who need support from the project to improve their results in English and Mathematics.

We hope this will equip them with the necessary tools to succeed in these subjects and build their resilience.

Advocacy Update

This month, the director and manager of Three2Six met with several deans, from the Department of Educational Psychology at the University of Pretoria, from the School of Education at the University of the Witwatersrand and from the Faculty of Education at the University of Johannesburg to introduce the project's manual 'Talking and Thinking about Refugees'. The teaching material was funded by Three2Six's long-standing donor, Misereor.

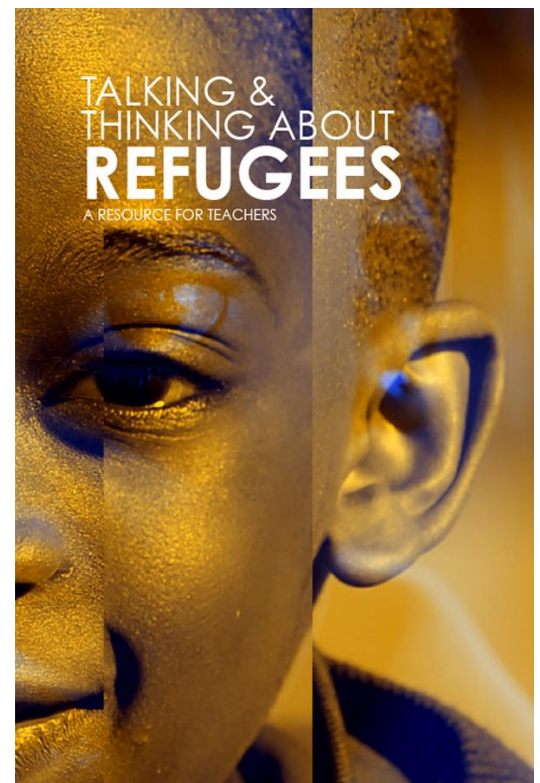
The discussions were very stimulating and promising as various areas of collaboration were considered and explored together. These include incorporating some lessons of the resource into the courses already running at the Schools of Education as well as incorporating them into the teaching practice of trainee teachers. The project was also invited to attend seminar series and information sessions to introduce its teaching material to trainee teachers and to the staff members of the above-mentioned structures.

The idea of researching certain aspects of the project with PhD students was also raised, which would be of great interest to the project.

Three2Six is very grateful for the opportunity it was given to present its teaching resource to those deans and for the interest it has generated.

The whole resource is available on our website as well as each separate lesson plan for teachers and educators to easily access the resource and use it in their classrooms. Lesson plans are age appropriate and are divided as follows: intermediate, senior and FET phases. Be sure to consult it at <http://www.three2six.co.za/ttr-2/>

It is only together that we can make a durable and significant impact and work towards changing mindsets!



Fundraising Update

The project remains eternally grateful for the support granted by all our funders and donors to enable the project to move forward. 225 children have been provided with access to bridging education, food and uniforms and stationeries in the first half of the year and will continue to receive support for the rest of the year.

Help us achieve our goal by connecting us and sharing our stories to ensure that we can provide even more opportunities for the refugee and migrant children in our community in 2020. We are looking forward to renewed partnerships and open connections.

We would like to thank the following partners who have continued their partnerships to assist the project in delivering its objectives for this year:

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We would like to also thank all previous funders, supporters and champions of Three2Six that continue to support the work that we do in various ways.

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Thank you for all you do for our kids. You are a part of their lives too.

We are always available to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Farewell – Celine and Paula



We want to say goodbye and see you soon to our German Marist CMI volunteers Celine and Paula, who volunteered with us for several months. They left the project at the end of May when they travelled back to Germany to start their studies after nine months with us.

Celine worked at our Holy Family College campus and Paula at our Sacred Heart College campus, both helping with office work and assisting teachers in the classrooms and wherever needed. We are appreciative of all the time, efforts and love that you dedicated to the project. We wish you all the very best in your future endeavors. You will both be very missed!

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Welcome Lethabong!



We have welcomed our new finance officer, Lethabong, who started working with us at the end of this month.

He is an experienced accountant and will take care of the Three2Six finances while helping us develop our capacities with balanced finances. We look forward to working together and all our best wishes!