

FRATERNITY CUP 2017



**Our learners with their educator Mr. MC Sibeko
and Valued Citizens facilitator, Mrs. Sana Manganye flying South African flag in France**

Summary

It was a dream come true for Grade 6 learners from MC Weiler Primary School in Alexandra who participated in the Fraternity Cup 2017, in France, organised thanks to La Voix de l'Enfant. The learners flew on the 1st of April 2017 and came back on the 11th of April 2017 with the support of the French Consul in Johannesburg who organised the French Visas for the whole delegation. It was apparent that the whole trip was a learning curve to the learners and they couldn't stop expressing their gratitude for being selected to be part of this event celebrating diversity in humanity. Karabo Rakola said "It was really good to witness other people's cultures; we really got to discover everyone's language and cultures."

They also indicated that though communication was a barrier, but that couldn't stop them from mingling with their counterparts from other countries and it also taught them the power of a smile and a gesture of care. "We tried to learn French but it was still difficult to communicate with other children." Noluvo Sondzaba shared.

Moreover, the learners indicated that they will treasure the memories that the Fraternity Cup brought in their lives, from their first experience of flying in an aeroplane, seeing the Eiffel Tower to the games and cultural activities that they participated in.

The following came to the fore as far as the learners' comments are concerned:

"The transportation and accommodation was good and well organised not to mention the meals. Thank you so much to La Voix de l'Enfant and its partners, it was an opportunity of a life time to go to France, please keep doing this so that many more children can benefit from this. Merci ☺" **Noluvo Sondzaba**

"Even though it was hard to understand what they were saying at times, we felt part of a family. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to visit France and to learn about other countries and their cultures – Burkina Faso, Madagascar, France, India, Morocco, Palestine, Israel and Afghanistan." **Esau Marman Junior Setumo**

"I was very lucky and privileged to be chosen to attend the Fraternity Cup and everything was amazing and well organised. My suggestion is that in the next Fraternity Cup organisers must mix the children at the hotel, they should not make them sleep together from one country." **Lebone Comkae**

"Thank you Valued Citizens Initiative for this opportunity, this is a great motivation for me to be a better person in life and be appreciative." **Kagiso April**

"It was great playing golf for the first time and I really liked it. The event motivated me to learn about other people's countries and understand their culture and language." **Karabo Rakola**

"I learnt a lot about the Fraternity Cup and I would like to say thank you so much for the great opportunity." **Mita Nkabinde**



Our learners mingling with their counterparts from other countries



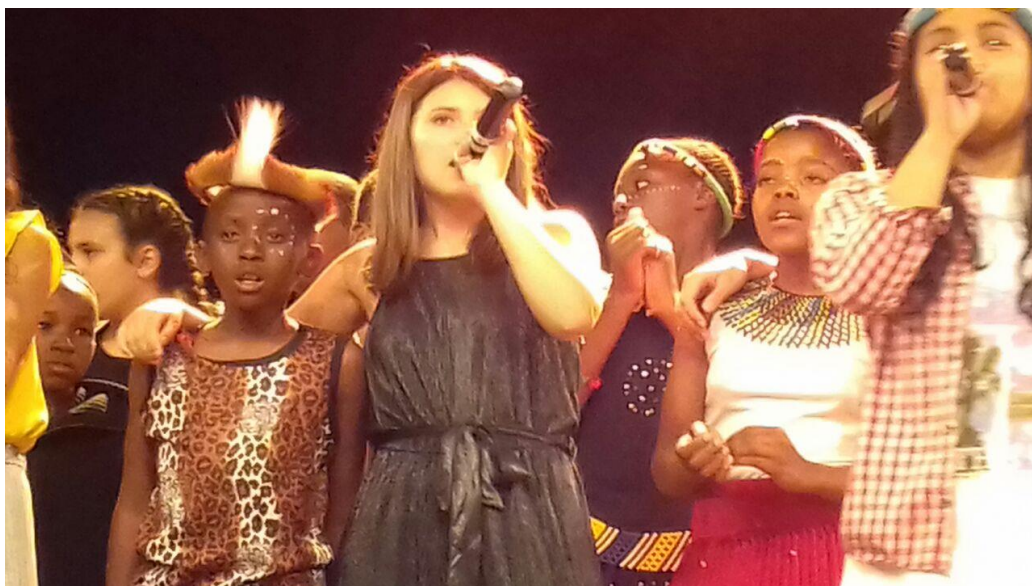
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*"It was very interesting to discover how people in Palestine are suffering from discrimination from Israel and hoe the same discrimination occurs in Bosnia between religions. It is an eye-opener to witness the world from another perspective and as South Africans we need to start to appreciate what we have and from where we come from. I thoroughly enjoy the Fraternity Cup and I am thankful t la Voix de l'Enfant and valued Citizens Initiative". **Mabandla Cassius Sibeko***

*I would like to thank Valued Citizens Initiative and La Voix De L'Enfant for the opportunity that they gave me to visit France. It was such an amazing experience to discover the world and be more knowledgeable through mingling with people from other countries of different cultures and languages. I especially enjoyed the Music, Theatre, playing Golf, visiting Eiffel Tower and Museum I could not have experienced all of this without you! I just want to let you know that I was extremely pleased with the time I spent there. Thanks to our Tour Guide Flora Dehay, she was so patient, informative, she made our days easier." **Sana Manganye***



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