

The PYP Exhibition at The International School of IITA

Grade 5 students at The International School of IITA carried out an extended, collaborative inquiry process, known as The Exhibition, under the guidance of their teachers and mentors. The Exhibition is the culmination of the Primary Years Programme (PYP). Students synthesized the essential elements of the PYP and shared them with the whole school community. It was an opportunity for students to exhibit the attributes of the IB Learner Profile that they had developed throughout their engagement with the program. Students were given flexibility in their choice of real-life issues or problems to be explored and investigated. The central idea stated a broad conceptual understanding that the students investigated. Students worked with their teacher to focus their inquiry. They explored both local and global issues related to that inquiry, then prepared a presentation for the community to view.

This year the students planned their Exhibition under the PYP transdisciplinary theme of “Sharing the Planet”. This involved an inquiry into rights and responsibilities in the struggle to share finite resources with other people and other living things; communities and the relationships within and between them; access to equal opportunities; and peace and conflict resolution.



Grade 5 students.

Central Idea (developed by the grade 5 students and teachers)

Rainforests are the world’s most biologically diverse ecosystem and must be protected.

Lines of Inquiry

The lines of inquiry were developed by the students and teachers. Each line of inquiry reflected a key concept chosen by

students and teachers, relating to a real-world issue.

As a grade level, the students decided on:

- Where and what rainforests are.
- The interdependence of plants, animals, and humans.
- The resources and threats to the rainforests.

The International School of IITA Open House 2018

Once a year, The International School of IITA presents an Open House. This year we all had a wonderful time as we travelled round our beautiful continent of Africa at our “Celebration of African Cultural Diversity”.

Such a rich morning: We were treated to a fashion parade of many different African traditional costumes; we heard all about the Congo and other Central African countries; we danced the Southern African Gumboot dance; we sang about our beautiful host country of Nigeria; we “Walked like an Egyptian”; we learned that your “Condition may not be Permanent”; we enjoyed songs as diverse as “Hakuna Matata” and “Waka, Waka”; we were treated to beautiful poetry recitals from Ethiopia to Somalia; we enjoyed The Akwaaba Dancers; we appreciated a



Students performing one of the cultural dances.

strong Karate demonstration; and we ended the students' performance with a lovely cultural dance enlivened by the participation of Dr Sanginga.

We were also able to donate a wheelchair and a basket of essential items to the Jesus Kids Home for the Disabled and the Taiwo Adeyanju Centre from our fundraising efforts facilitated by Mrs Gonzales and Mrs Okungbowa.

Lastly, we had lots of fun participating in all the different stalls facilitated by our teachers whilst listening to the best band in Ibadan, The Just Rockers. What a day! Thank you to everyone in our community and their participation and support of this event. A special thank you to Mrs Edith Ekun and Mrs Folake Oyekan for facilitating the whole day.



2018 Sportsfest closes amidst showers of blessings

It was a colorful sight as the IITA family in Ibadan came together in their respective team colors: Green, Red, Orange, Yellow, White and Blue—dancing and singing to the instruments of the live band as they made their way to the football pitch—all in celebration of the closing of the 2018 Sportsfest

The DG, Dr Nteranya Sanginga, his family, and the Management team were thrilled at the unique playlets and dance exhibitions with resonating messages for the IITA Family. DDG-CS, Ms Hilde Koper-Limbourg, welcomed and appreciated everyone for coming and joined the DG and other dignitaries in declaring the final match open between the Red and Green teams.

The 2018 Sportsfest tournament included Draughts, Scrabble, Table Tennis, Lawn Tennis, Badminton, Chess, Ayo-Olopon (Nigerian Local chess), Football, Volley Ball, Dance, Walkathon (Male & Female), 100-meter Sprint (Male & Female), Bi-monthly fitness walk, and Team Presentations.

The final was not without its usual fun, suspense, and rib cracking comments from Akin Soji Akinyemi and Kunle Fatai—the match commentators. The Green team scored its first goal after the first half on the slippery pitch owing to the rainfall. However, the Red team equalized and won the match on penalties.

Throughout the event, the planning committee were on standby to ensure a hitch-free closing ceremony. In the medal table chart, the following teams came first, second, and third:

Green Team: 7 Gold, 5 Silver, and 5 Bronze

Red Team: 3 Gold, 3 Silver, and 3 Bronze

Yellow Team: 3 Gold, 2 Silver, and 5 Bronze

The 2019 Sportsfest promises to be more exciting. IITA Oyeh!



DG Sanginga (center) leads the procession.



The Green team.



The Orange team.





DG and Mrs Sanginga with members of Management team.



DDG Akuffo-Akoto with managers.



Red football team.



Green football team.



Hilde Koper-Limbourg (DDG-CS) addressing teams.



Trophies ready for collection.

IITA Ibadan launches Safety Banners on Campus

There are so many safety slogans, but the commonest one is: "Safety starts with you". The issue of safety in the workplace cannot be overemphasized. As part of IITA's mandate to create a safe and enabling work environment, the IITA Safety Committee created more awareness through the launch and display of different banners on campus.

IITA Family and friends were advised to always observe the safety caution signages like the zebra crossing, speed limit and speed bumps, one-way lanes, pedestrian walkways, and the use of Personal protective equipment (PPE).



Selection of Safety banners.

Quotable quote: "An organization's ability to learn, and translate that learning into action rapidly, is the ultimate competitive advantage" – Jack Welch

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