Vishwasaya: In Faith We Trust



Srikaveri Sriram performs an Indian Classical Dance Drama (left) and Jithya Wijesinghe performs a monologue from Pony Blossom (right)

Inspired by the MaP Service Programme, Jithya Wijesinghe (L6K) and I learnt that the Happy Hearts Project was seriously lacking funding, so we approached MaP with our idea of organizing a show, which we named 'Vishwasaya' (In Faith We Trust), to be held on Saturday 22nd June.

Some of the many notable performances were an interpretation of an ancient Indian poem, portrayed in the Indian classical style, but with a contemporary twist. It was a dance drama, depicting the trials and tribulations of a mother with a young child suffering from cancer. There was also a beautiful monologue by the character Pony Blosson, a nine-year-old girl afraid of death, from the play 'Approaching Zanzibar' by Tina Howe. The show included a variety of contemporary and Bollywood dances, a band, guitarists, singers, Nteta (MaP's acapella group), and, for the first time on a stage here in Botswana, Jithya and I managed to incorporate our two passions of ballet and taekwondo into a dance battle!

The money raised on the night of the show was P135,000, but the final total grew to P166,110. This would not have been possible without the support and effort of so many people, and especially our families, who encouraged us to bring our dream into reality.

Srikaveri Sriram (U6)

Princeton in Africa @ MaP



"I am excited to continue a career in education at one of Africa's premier academic institutions for youth!"

- Ms Winnie Godi, 2019 Princeton in Africa Fellow at MaP

This term, MaP welcomed Princeton in Africa Fellow Ms Winnie Godi. Over the next year, she will immerse herself in our community, teaching Geography to our junior students and taking an active role in our SPE programme.

Originally from Kampala, Uganda, Ms Godi has been living in the United States since 1998. She graduated from Princeton University with honors, receiving degrees in both International Relations and Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies with a minor in Peace and Global Studies from Augsburg University.

After graduating, she served as a youth worker at Girl Scouts River Valleys, providing inclusive programming to over 200 girls of color in Minnesota. She was appointed by Governor Mark Dayton to the third cohort of the Women's Foundation of Minnesota's Young Women's Cabinet, working closely with 24 other members to create and advance opportunities for young women in Minnesota. Over the past year, she worked as a Kindergarten Teacher at Sabis International School in Nairobi Kenya. These leadership opportunities have led her to become an advocate for youth, women and the LGBTQIA+ community, and led to a commitment for the advancement of the African continent, it's people, and diaspora.

DSTv Eutelsat Star Awards Handover



From left: Ms Thembile Ndzinge, Tanaka Chonyera (U6), Ms Katlego Arnone and Principal Andy Taylor

Multichoice Managing Director Ms Katlego Arnone, accompanied by Marketing Manager Ms Thembile Ndzinge, visited MaP to hand over Tanaka Chonyera's (U6) prize for winning the 2018 DSTv Eutelsat Essay Competition. In addition to a trip to Paris to watch a satellite launch, Tanaka received a state-of-the-art Explora 2 decoder, a TV and a DSTV subscription for the school.

Speaking in assembly, Ms Arnone noted that Tanaka had beaten everyone to get this award, adding, "He is a brilliant mind from MaP and Botswana. We are very proud of him." Well done, Tanaka!

Lunchtime Concerts



MaP's Music Department treated us to another Lunchtime Concert at the Green Patch on the central campus. It featured original and cover performances by Form 1s, 2s and 3s, including a moving rendition of The Fugees' Killing Me Softly. Students also played various instruments, such as marimbas, electric guitar and piano.

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