

One ? World - Our ? World ?

On Saturday, November 19, we celebrated our annual activities' day with many classes once again preparing a lot of different sections some of which visitors could even actively participate in.

There were, for example, our drummers' workshop as well as an Indian tent where oriental fairy tales were presented and there was also a lot of information on child labour in the so-called "developing" countries of the "Third World" or on the situation of women in India and Nepal where participants were invited to produce their own T-shirts under quasi-sweatshop conditions.

Other classes invited people to make up their own toys out of mere waste and rubbish, while a further group effectively imitated a walk across an almost authentic minefield so that people might all the better imagine what it is like to live in a place like Bosnia or some parts of Africa where landmines may hit you almost everywhere. Less dangerous was a visit to some well-presented walks visualizing the production of bananas and of chocolate bars.

Special attention was also given to the Amaveni orphanage in Zimbabwe/Rhodesia, where members of the worldwide Mary-Ward congregation try to care for at least some of the many children in Africa who have lost their families because of Aids or civil warfare. As usual students had also prepared a wide range of specialities from all over the world, mirroring once again very well the great variety of lifestyles our planet offers to anyone living on it. There was food from India, Spain, South America and Africa and our A-level classes invited visitors for a hefty brunch down in Aquina Dingler Hall (K 12) or a cup of tea and coffee together with a large offer of home-made cakes and biscuits - up at the top of our house- in the library. (K 13).

Our orchestra and our two choirs were, of course, also "in concert" with the rest of the school. The whole day was so replete with activities and actions that we do not see our way to referring to all of them within the space provided on this website - but we hope no one will feel offended if we did not expressly mention his or her project. Feel free, however, to have a look at the annexed photos - and remember a day, which was really a great success. The funds we raised - amounting to 6.382,14 Euros - will be split among various projects, most prominently among them the Mary Ward Grammar School in Buenos Aires (601,98 Euros), the Mary Ward Orphanage in Amaveni (1.297,96 Euros) and another Mary Ward Primary and Secondary School in Nepal (1805,63 Euros).

We would like to thank anyone involved in donating and collecting such a considerable amount of money.