

200 school shoes donated to local learners

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With the intention of providing an exceptionally strong educational foundation for learners in impoverished communities, Ziyasiza Consulting donated 200 school shoes to learners on March 09 at Busisiwe Primary School in Zola.

According to the Ziyasiza Managing Director, Andre Swart, one of the things that Busisiwe Primary School principal has informed them about, is that there are a number of children that would be grateful to be assisted with school shoes.

So the company decided to collaborate with the school so as to determine how they might best serve the kids.

“Our partnership with the school is still very young; we’ve only started a year ago so we are still in a process of figuring out what are the different things we can help the school with. We will continue identifying the fundamentals that the school needs in order to give these kids a really good starting chance in life from an education point of view,” said Swart.

The school shoes were distributed to both learners who had old ones and those who did not have any shoes at all.

Busisiwe Primary School Principal, Philip Gaborone Ma-

balane said the partnership with the corporate sector is crucial because in situations where they are unable to meet the demands of the school, businesses step in.

“I genuinely appreciate what Ziyasiza is doing for Busisiwe Primary School. Our partnership with them is very meaningful. As you can see,

learners are seated in the hot sun, so we will ask them to provide a carport. Additionally, as we transition to a digital world, the company is scheduled to upgrade our computer lab. Their contribution is really significant to us,” said Mabalane.



Learners at Busisiwe Primary School during the distribution of the school shoes.

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Kids learn about recycling

Children from Kiddies Hope Academy embarked on another educational tour last week to learn about recycling and taking care of the environment.

This time they visited the PIKITUP depot in Zondi where they were taught about waste management, different forms of recycling and caring for the environment.

The tour was the first one for the academy this year and it signalled the start of their career expo programme. This is where children learn about different careers and what it means to work in different industries.

Xolani Sithole from Kiddies Hope Academy said the educational tour was more than just to teach children about recycling but it was also about paying their respect to waste collectors.

“There are professions we don’t usually pay attention to but are very important. So we felt that it was also important to make our children aware of this profession and get them to learn about recycling and its importance to the environment and everyday life,” explained Sithole.

As part of the immersion, children put on their working gear and got their hands dirty working in waste collection. They also got a chance to see how recyclables are separated and prepared for processing.

The programme, according to Sithole has also helped instil a culture of cleanliness amongst children from an early age. He said, “We have small bins for children to use at the academy and they know that it’s important to throw waste in those bins after having their snacks so that their place is always clean.”

PIKITUP employees at the Zondi depot were also delighted to interact with the children and were more than happy to show them around and answer questions.

By taking children on this educational tour, Kiddies Hope Academy also hopes that waste collectors will get the recognition they deserve in the community because their

job is important. Children will also learn to appreciate and respect all professions after being exposed to different work environments from an early age.

Sithole thanked PIKITUP for opening their doors and working with them in educating their children and the community about taking care of the environment and keeping it clean.

