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On 24th September 2014,
Ecole du Nord celebrated
its 40th anniversary.

So, for this event,
the school organised
a day of festivities.

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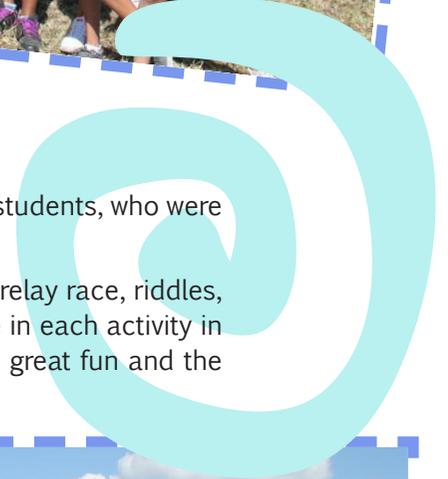
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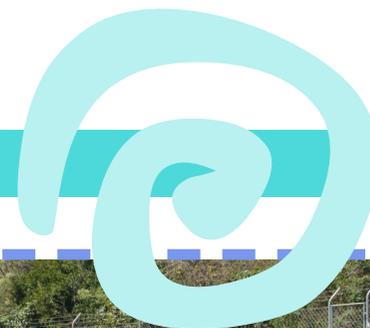


The day celebrations...

In the morning, there were eight different activities for the high school students, who were all in teams of six or seven students.

The activities were free throw, general knowledge trivia, musical trivia, relay race, riddles, tasting, tug of war and a drawing contest. The teams had to compete in each activity in order to score points which were tallied at the end of the day. It was great fun and the students really enjoyed it!





Free throw

The free throw activity was at the basket-ball pitch. We all had one chance at throwing the ball into the basket from within a specified area. If we succeeded, we would mark a point. But the jury was very strict; if we were not within the specified area at the time of the throw (even if we did score a basket), then we would not get the point.

This was the most difficult activity, because it was not so easy to aim at the basket.

By Hugo LUMET and Hugo WILL



Relay race

One of the proposed activities was the relay race. It wasn't a usual relay race; instead there were five different races within it. In the first relay two students had to run with their feet tied together. The second relay also involved two students; it was a wheelbarrow race. In the third relay, there was only one student who had to run in a bag. The fourth relay was a flat race with a twist; the student had to run with a ball under his chin. Finally, for the last relay, a student had to run holding a spoon with a potato in it. In this activity, four teams were competing against each other and the winning team was the first one to finish the race. Victory gave the team 8 points.

By Maxime CORNEILLET and Camille DABOUT



Riddles

For the riddle activity, each team had to take a riddle questionnaire from the teachers. Then, we had to sit in a circle and try to find the answers to as many of the riddles as possible. The riddles were not too difficult, but we really needed to concentrate. Every good answer would give the team one or two points, depending on the difficulty of the riddle.

By Christina BUCHEL and Charlène GREL

Musical trivia

One of the activities on offer was the "musical quiz". The aim of this game was to find the singer or the title of a song. There were eight songs in total and two teams were opposed to each other.

The rules were as follows: a teacher would put a song on the CD player for fifteen to twenty seconds, and, we needed to find the singer or the title of this song.

When a team found some information about the song, they needed to blow a whistle and give their answer. Every good answer brought one point to the team. However, if the answer was false, the other team got fifteen seconds extra time to answer.

If both teams found the answer, then none of them scored points.

It was a fun game and we enjoyed it a lot!

By Léna AMBROISE and Romain AURELLE

General knowledge trivia

Here is how the general knowledge quiz was organised: we arrived at the booth with the other team, a teacher welcomed us and explained to us the purpose of the game which was to respond as quickly as possible to the questions being asked. Two teams were opposed to each other and were fighting for the same reason: the marks!

Then, the game began. The questions were about topics such as Mauritian culture and history, maths and biology. The first five questions were easy but the last three questions were more difficult.

Our team won hands down, but it was not an easy feat! The opposing team began by scoring more marks than us, but in the end we were able to overcome them and this is what we liked the most about this memorable activity!

By Riaz MALECK and Morgane BORIBON



Drawing contest

The game was organized in the gymnasium. There were four boxes with different themes: sports, jobs, literature and films, objects and animals.

The students went one by one to pick a word at random from one of the four boxes. Then, they had to draw it on the white board. The aim of the game was to make the others guess the word in less than one minute. If the team found the word, they earned one point!

This activity was awesome, it was so much fun and we loved it!

*By Manon LACMANT
and Eloisa GOMEZ-MAGALHAEZ*



Tasting

For the tasting, the students would line up, and then go one by one to taste the ingredients. The students were blindfolded and had to taste and guess eight different ingredients. The ingredients were: mustard, mint, ketchup, juice, fruit purée, butter, Milo and chocolate. Each student would taste one of the secret ingredients.

It was a really amusing activity, because people made funny faces when they tasted the ingredients and some were really disgusted when they realised what they had just tasted.

By Jade MIRAUX and Sixte DE BRICOURT



Tug of war

We all know the tug of war! In this sport two teams are at either end of a rope and pull at it with all their strength. The aim of the game is to force the opposing team to cross the centre line.

On that day, our team lost. We think it is because the team did not have a good rhythm. Tug of war is a very technical sport and it is obvious that on top of physical strength, some strategy is also required!

*By Simon DOMAIN
and Enzo POMPEE*



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Night celebrations...

The celebrations continued at night and this time the parents and officials were also invited. It was a very special event for the school community as the school did a kind of funfair on the primary school playground. It started at 7 o'clock in the evening. There were lots of people, food, games for the kids and animations...

The celebrations kicked off at the gymnasium, where some parents and members of the APE (Parents' Association) and the staff had a cocktail party. They were so smartly dressed; it was so glam! There were many speeches and a film produced by some students last year was projected. Finally, some students from the primary school performed the "EDN cups song" live. They were very nervous, but did a great performance.

There were different games for the children:

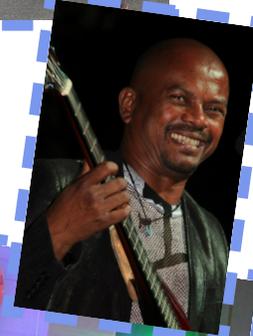
- "Crush the Can" – There were cans piled up to form a big triangle and people had to throw a ball at the triangle in order to destroy it. It was really fun, and many people wanted to try, just like in the movies!
- "Bottle Fishing" – That was the most complicated game because it demanded a lot of concentration! The objective was to fish a bottle using a magnet at the end of a fishing rod.
- "Giant Baby Foot" – It was definitely the game the younger children appreciated the most! It was a huge inflatable castle with ropes that were attached to the participants. It was like a normal baby foot, but only in bigger, and with humans this time! It was so funny to watch!
- "Bubble Football" – That was the coolest game for the teenagers! We had to get into big transparent bubbles, which would then be pushed by other people.

The animation was great! Some famous Mauritian singers came. They were: Eric Triton, the guitarist, Yoan Catherine, the interpreter of "Maryé mwa mo kontan li", Lionel Permal and Jean Lou Arlanda. They did a two-hour concert! The parents were their biggest fans!

Different food stalls were set up. The guests could choose between Belgian waffles, Belgian Fries, Chinese food (dumplings and broth), popcorn and candy floss. The beverages and some biscuits were free.

Everybody had fun and loved it! It was just amazing, and the school really went out of its way to do things well!

By Tatiana APPADU, Léa WIEHE, Jade YOUNG, Sébastien PIAT and Anand DELAPORTE



What the students thought of it all...

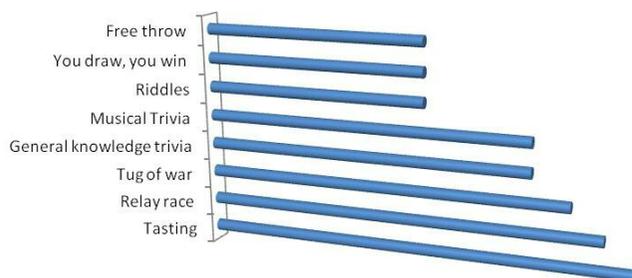
We did a little survey with some students to find out more about what they thought of this unusual school day and here are the results.

The best activities were the tasting and the relay race. The tasting was funny because, some people didn't like the food they tasted, so looking at the faces they made was really hilarious! The relay race was a great physical activity and it was also very funny to see the people fall.

The students enjoyed this day of celebrations, because it was loads of fun and we didn't have to work. All the students will agree that it was very kind to organise that for us.

By Emma BUFFARD and Alizée AVRILLON

Students' favourite activities



And Mrs Daurox, what did she think of it?



Was it hard to organise?

No, not really because everyone contributed as they could. Each one had something to organise that went with their skills and abilities.

Did everything happen as you had planned?

Mostly! I just regret that we couldn't have a giant birthday cake!

How did you manage to get the food stands and the artists?

Actually, Mrs Neubert, a representative from the Parents' Association, was the pilot of the organising team and she contacted different people and companies to set up the food and drinks stands as well as organise the artists for the show!

How did you get all the ideas for the activities?

There were many suggestions made. We discussed all of them to choose the most interesting ones!

Why did you choose to have sports and cultural activities?

It is because we are a school and we wanted to make you learn things and practice sports, but in a funny way! However, the night celebrations were more about having a party!

It's your second year at Ecole Du Nord, were you familiar enough to be proud of the school?

Yes, indeed. We become attached to this school very easily and quickly. You just want to jump into this amazing adventure with all the families who take care of this school and the staff who are so involved!

Was it important to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Ecole Du Nord?

Of Course, it was! It's an important event; Ecole Du Nord is one of the oldest French schools in Mauritius just after the Lycée Labourdonnais which is 60 years old.

I have a lot of respect for the generations of families that were involved in the school and that have made it what it is today!

Were you stressed about the organisation for the day and night celebrations?

Yes, I was! There were a lot of things to deal with like the security, the medical team and the electricity because there could be a power failure at any moment!

You organised everything with other people; were you all thinking in the same direction?

Definitely! We all wanted something simple and family-oriented. We wanted to share with everyone and not just with a small selection of important people.

How long did it take for the organisation of both celebrations?

We started the organisation in January 2014 and we would meet every month. This project took shape during the meetings, month after month.

By Ishika SOMARCHAND, Aghilan CUNNOOSAMY, Tatiana APPADU and Jade MIRAUX

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