

Legacy Project Report

I have had the privileged to work with the Legacy project and be out in the field with the schools. I have been very impressed by the behaviour and manners the children have shown me. I am always greeted in English with complete sentences and the children are very obliging to help me with my equipment and assist with opening doors for me.

The boys respond very well when I have my guitar, they are very engaged when I play and I feel they seem to thrive more when I have this instrument.

I try to include the language learning by also asking for words that I'm teaching in English to be translated in Zulu. I feel this encourages them with their English even if they pronounce words incorrect as they see me have the same problem with the Zulu.

The songs we have been working on with the Grade 3's, as well as, the choir have taught the children English words with regards to Hygiene, Families, History, Sea life and Christianity. Some of these songs have also taught the children general life skills. I try to explain and have the children repeat in English certain aspects of the songs, so that they have an extended knowledge beyond what the songs are about.

I have found some teachers more engaged with what I'm doing than others. Celimfundo teachers are very involved with what I do and engage themselves with the songs and the English spoken. I do find Nkosi Mjwayeli teacher's less involved and seem to treat the time I'm with the children as a break for themselves. They do not participate with the children. I will try to encourage them next time I am there to learn the songs so that they can continue the English learnt throughout the rest of the week.

I have only been with Meadow sweets a short time, but the teachers there are very willing to learn and have helped me with the leading of the Soprano's and Alto's. This has been challenging for them, but they have tried their best and with a few more sessions with them, I am confident they should be able to lead the Choir on their own.

Overall the project is giving these children an amazing opportunity to learn not only English through song, but life skills.

I have been very honoured to be able to assist in the small way I can to make the project a success.

Kind Regards

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