

Gäwa Carnival!

March 2012

The Brazil Carnival in Gäwa was simply one of the best nights we have ever had in Gäwa. It was a magnificent display of glitter, feathers, fabulous costumes, floats, dance moves and an invitation for families and the community to share in their children's lives. God brought us together and it was a night to celebrate all the wonderful blessings God has given us.

Lara Hvala



Carnival Preparations

Much preparation is put into Rio Carnival and our Gäwa version was no exception! Armed with a bounty of feathers, glitter and jewels we got to work creating extravagant costumes. During art class we made carnival masks, then the entire school split into their teams for two afternoons preparing costumes and float decorations. The children made grass skirts and arm bands, feather bikinis and chokers. Everyone worked together to create amazing outfits and accessories.

We spent Friday mornings learning a Brazil dance and each group practiced their own special moves to dance in their floats. When it was finally time to wow the crowds with our costumes, creativity and choreography, each child and adult alike lost all inhibitions as they basked in the attention from the excited crowd.

Salome Moes

What a privilege to be a part of such an exuberant celebration. All term we have learned about Brazil- their flag, people, climate, housing, culture, art, the rainforest and Amazon River. Mayawa class have really enjoyed writing facts about animals like the Anaconda, Toucan, Caiman and Poison Arrow Frog. Sal, Clive and Jerome gave us brilliant dance lessons and we enjoyed making and eating Brazilian food thanks to Mark and our fabulous chefs. What excitement we had creating and getting dressed in our glamorous costumes and decorating our floats. A rainbow of colours dazzled us at the carnival evening and everyone sparkled. Just like in Brazil, Christ the redeemer with arms open wide to accept us all was present in our celebration. It was wonderful to meet parents and friends, enjoy great food and have fun together. Thank you and congratulations to everyone.

Mandy McDonald





Under the Sea



Rio Sweethearts

The floats were also a spectacular display of colors! Balloons, glitter, flowers, paint, material, feathers and crepe paper adorned the trailers and boats that the children were assigned. Great team work ensured that all the floats looked wonderful. Tropical Sunshine (Orange and Yellow), Rio Sweethearts (Red and Pink), Under the Sea (Green and Blue) and the Brazilian Birds (Purple and Blue) were the chosen themes and the floats were decorated accordingly. The children eagerly boarded their floats during the evening parade and happily danced in front of their fans! What a night to remember!

Lara Hvala



Tropical Sunshine



Brazil Birds



Brazilian Feast

Well what a night! Fun, laughter, dance and bright colours!! Not to be outshone, our trusty kitchen staff displayed their creative flare, whipping up some tantalising Brazilian delicacies to feed the excited party goers. During carnival, an entrée of acaraje (Black eyed bean fritters) and a tropical punch beverage was served to sustain the dancing crowd. This was followed by a delicious traditional chicken dish, Brazilian cheese bread, and all topped off beautifully with chocolate mousse.



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