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The British Lions
& Irish come to
Masibambane
College



HSBC BRINGS SPORTING HEROES TO MASIBAMBANE COLLEGE

On May 27th, members of the British & Irish Lions squad and Principal Tour Partner HSBC opened a brand new sports pitch at Masibambane College in the heart of the Orange Farm township in Johannesburg.

Masibambane College is a flagship community school initiated and supported by Education Africa. The multi-purpose pitch was officially opened by Gerald Davies, Tour Manager of the British & Irish Lions and Giles Morgan from HSBC, Principal Partner for the Lions Tour. The pitch includes some turf from Ellis Park - the venue of the Lions final test match against South Africa on 4th July. Students from the school then christened the pitch with a special TAG rugby match involving the British & Irish Lions players. The players also planted trees around the outside of the pitch as a lasting memento of this unique occasion.

Speaking at the event Gerald Davies said, "Today is a special day and on behalf of the Lions players and management we are delighted to be able to attend and help with this fantastic legacy project. Education Africa is a fantastic charity and are making a real difference to the community of Orange Farm, and HSBC's new sports pitch will bring pleasure to the whole community for years to come. Spending time in the community is an integral part of any Lions Tour, and the players have really enjoyed spending time with the children here today."

Brian O'Driscoll, who is on his third Lions Tour, said, "Today has been great and a really humbling experience. This is the first time I have really been to a township and the response of the kids here at Masibambane has been phenomenal. There is so much enthusiasm for rugby, and the children have really enjoyed playing tag with some of the boys. I have no doubt that this new facility will be very popular with the whole community."

"I have been fortunate enough to be involved in the HSBC Rugby Festivals back in the UK & Ireland and spending time with the next generation of Lions players has been very rewarding. Perhaps today we have found one or two of the next generation of Springboks!"

Giles Morgan, Group Head of Sponsorship for HSBC Holdings, explained the partnership with Education Africa, "HSBC has a relationship with Education Africa through the Chief Executive of the bank who is involved with the charity. As Principal Partner of this Lions Tour we wanted to ensure that there was a genuine legacy left behind once the Tour was over. Today's pitch opening marks one of the most significant elements of HSBC's Lions legacy. In addition to the pitch, we have set up a kit donation scheme which has led to over 100 boxes of rugby kit, that has been collected by children across the UK & Ireland, being sent to children over here.

"Over the coming weeks of the Tour there are more activities planned across the country, including a special Coach Education programme and more HSBC Rugby Festivals involving over 4,000 South African youngsters. It is an exciting time for rugby in South Africa and HSBC hopes to help enable more youngsters to be able to enjoy the sport in the future." He has also been quoted as saying 'it was probably one of the most rewarding days of his career so far'.

James Urdang, founder of Education Africa added, "Masibambane is an important programme for Education Africa for the whole Orange Farm community through its many outreach programmes and plays a key part in educating children and adults. It has become a quality educational institution in a rapidly growing informal housing settlement in one of the biggest townships in Johannesburg. The college is not just for children but for the whole community and plays a key part in trying to educate adults from the community. We are grateful for HSBC's investment in the new sports pitch which I know will be both popular and important in building even more links with the people of Orange Farm."

Krishna Patel, Group General Manager and CEO of HSBC Africa, said, "Today marks the start of a very exciting six weeks for everyone at HSBC. The staff here in Africa have been heavily involved in the Lions investment and have been directly involved with the TAG rugby programme that we have been running in townships like Orange Farm all around Johannesburg. It has been a privilege to be involved with what I am sure will be a long lasting relationship between HSBC and Masibambane College."

To see a video of the Lions visit to Masibambane College please follow the link below (live for another 12 days)

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NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY FINISH THEIR SPECTACULAR SOCIAL ARCHITECTURE PROJECT

Nottingham University finished their Social Architecture project on May 10th 2009. After a six week marathon of work and logistical challenges, the 40 strong student team finally downed tools to the acclaim of all involved. The impressive new pre-school facility in the Jouberton township has now been named Noah's Ark by the community after seeing the unique buildings take shape. At a ceremony to formally thank all involved the collective stakeholders; Education Africa, Nottingham University, AngloGold Ashanti, the local Municipality, the Mayor and local community gathered at the school site for speeches, awards and a BBQ lunch. Nottingham's presence in the local community has created many new friendships, skills exchanges, shared stories and experiences, empowering everyone involved to surpass any of the stakeholders

Education Africa's Social Architecture programme creates real change





expectations for the project. The students and local people found the experience truly life changing.

Noah's Ark will formally open in July this year with up to 100 children expected to attend. Coming from a shack and church hall, the teachers and children are going to have 4 classrooms, two offices, a kitchen, proper toilet facilities and an outdoor play area.

For more information about Nottingham Universities involvement please visit www.projectjouberton.com.

For more information about Social Architecture and how you can get involved please contact Education Africa via www.educationafrica.org or directly with Chris Brown - Head of Corporate Relations via chris@educationafrica.org

Some additional news items

MASIBAMBANE COLLEGE OUTREACH	PROGRAMME	EMMANUEL'S	TEDDY BEAR CRECHE	ECD PROGRAMME
	Masibambane Colleges Outreach programme helping orphans and vulnerable children in Orange Farm is now using the new homework and feeding facilities at the school. Everyday Masibambane reaches further into the community.	 They have developed a large vegetable garden to help feed the children attending the creche.	 This creche now has extended facilities serving more children in need in the local community.	 Our Early Childhood Development programme is in full swing helping many teachers in need.

Thank you for your continued interest and support

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