



Children from Unity College learn new dance moves, like these hip-hop steps, during the community day.

Children in business

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Unity College hosted its annual community day on 2 September, when children from the school enjoyed a fun-filled day supporting the stalls organised and run by children in the senior phase.

According to Shadreck Chidakwa, a senior educator at Unity who organised the day, children in the senior phase have been learning about entrepreneurship in their business studies curriculum.

“Once they had learned a little bit [about how entrepreneurship works], they started planning a small enterprise of their own, planning what they would sell and market [to the rest of the school] and so on.

“It is a big project for them, which isn’t finished [when community day is over], as

afterwards, back in class, they will do the calculations to see if they made a profit against their expenses, and also talk about what challenges they faced.”

There were 22 stalls set up at the Unity College campus on the day, 18 of which were run by Unity children as part of the project where they had to sell a variety of things, including baked treats and pot plants.

“They [were] very excited and eager to make money. I think the children learned a lot about running their own business, which they will take forward with them into the future,” Chidakwa said.

One budding salesman, Joshua Young, decided to sell jewellery from his stall this year.

“It’s been going very well!” he told *Fourways Review*. “So far I’ve sold lots of jewellery, including most of the earrings and quite a few of the necklaces.”

Unity College also set up a number of fun activities for schoolchildren and visitors to enjoy. People could dress up, have photos taken and digital prints made at a photo booth, children could play on a jumping castle, dancing lessons were on offer in styles like zumba and hip-hop, and visitors could even visit a stall where they could try their hand at archery.

The community day was also a birthday celebration, as Unity celebrated 27 years in August, with a cake to mark the occasion. Unity College was started in 1990, and only had 27 students and five teachers at the start.

“Today was a wonderful success,” said Bruce Lindsay, the school’s principal when asked about the day. “It’s showcased the wonderful successes of our students, and also highlighted the functionality of our curriculum for our children’s future.”