

GEMS Cambridge school celebrates moms in style

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Mothers' Day is a special day of the year that should not go unnoticed. No matter how long one postpones the celebration, a mother's love can always be counted on. In the same way, pupils and staff of GEMS Cambridge International School located along Butabika Road in Kampala, made mothers feel wonderfully special at a breakfast bonanza organised in their honour.

This happened on May 25, at the school sports complex under the theme; *Enjoying Motherhood Today*. It was zealously enjoyed by mothers and their children.

Indeed, the pure bond ever known to mankind which is motherhood, was celebrated in high spirits and merriment from 8:00am to 10:20am.

Heart-warming feelings filled the air of the richly decorated hall that dazzled in white with a dash of pink roses.

Besides, mothers together with their dynamic and energetic children enjoyed a nonstop flow of snacks, fries, fruit and juices till the end.

Renowned radio personality Crystal Newman, a mother of three, kept the celebration rolling in high gear as children lifted up their voices in songs of praise to their mothers.

They also confidently echoed and recited poems with messages of mothers being a symbol of love, respect and dedication to their families and the world.

This lit up the mothers' faces thanks to the teachers who made an earnest effort



The mothers at the celebrations held last week

to instill the importance of mothers in their pupils' hearts.

Children also conveyed an important message of being humble, respectful and obedient to the parents.

Meanwhile, being a working day did not matter to the guests. Over 100 mothers of different nationalities put aside their engagements and tight schedules to attend the bonanza.

The bonding emotion was kept in mind amazingly as mothers embraced and cuddled the little ones.

The red carpet celebration was a mark of unity in diversity. The little bundles of joy irrespective of nationalities and gender freely interacted with mothers of their classmates and friends.

Similarly, mothers mingled, hugged and pecked passionately as though they were workmates, relatives

or even village mates to the extent that many of them greeted each other by name or by those of their children.

It was an event not worth missing as it had more special and unique treats to offer that brought smiles on the mothers' faces.

Prizes won

Three mothers won raffle prizes picked and presented by pupils. These included a Shoprite shopping voucher worth sh300,000, a meal worth sh350,000 at Sheraton

Hotel Kampala and a full beauty treat at Maisha BeautySpa.

Later on, the guest speaker, Hazel Kutesa an events Management consultant carried the mothers to another exciting moment of sharing with the group how they manage motherhood blues.

From prayer, rigorous exercise to yoga, dance and seeking helping hands from friends and relatives among others are some of the tricks



A comforting smile of a mother

they shared.

Mothers were also given quick recipes for pancakes and vanilla cupcakes before cutting a cake which they shared.

The children climaxed the occasion beautifully when they presented their mothers with roses signifying the fragrance and colour that mothers bring to children's lives.

Brenda Mutesi, the parents' relations executive, said that this event was intended to thank the mothers for the significant role they play in the wellbeing of their pupils and the school.

"Mothers do a tremendous job of ensuring that our pupils thrive. We thought of a pleasant way to say thank you to these heroes because they are so special to us," she

explained.

Mutesi noted that in this same way, fathers are going to be celebrated as well and these two marvelous events will be celebrated every year.

Meanwhile, the vice-principal, Harvey Trum, upheld the unequalled position of a mother.

He supported this with quotes such as "God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers" by Rudyard Kipling and Mother Teresa's "It is easy to love the people far away. It is not always easy to love those close to us. It is easier to give a cup of rice to relieve hunger than to relieve the loneliness and pain of someone unloved in our own home. Bring love into your home for this is where our love for each other must start."



A mother and daughter enjoy selfie time



A mother and son



Mother and daughter share heart-warming feelings