

School Children Celebrate “Ethiopia Day” at Ethiopian Embassy London

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Close to one hundred primary school children from various primary schools in Britain today converged at the Embassy of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to express their support to Team Ethiopia at London 2012.



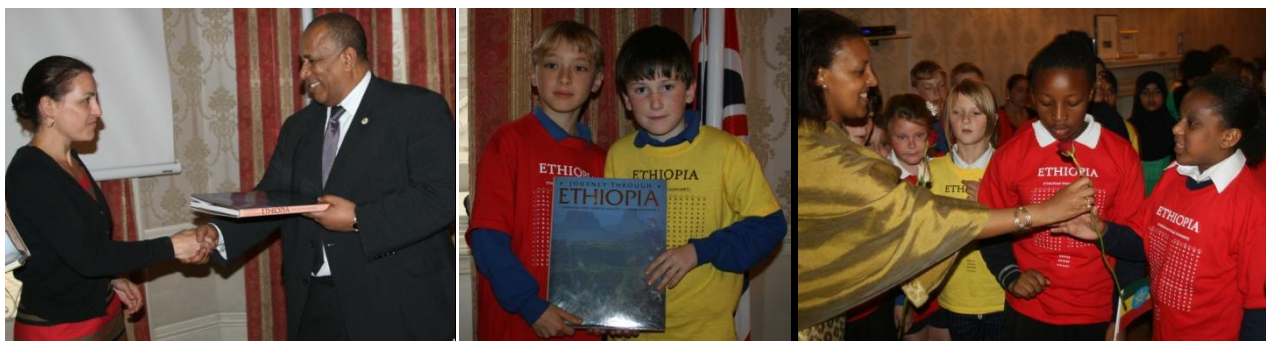
From the 39 schools which have expressed their support for Team Ethiopia, St. Barnabas & St Philips and St. Peter’s Primary School from London and Woodcote Primary School, Oxfordshire and Warrender School in Ruslip were treated to a quiz with prizes, and a film on Ethiopia’s renowned athletes.

An Ethiopian chef demonstrated how to cook Ethiopian dishes and the children had a go at playing an Ethiopian string instrument, the Masinko, and the drums before they joined in Ethiopian cultural dances.



At lunch, the school children were given a demonstration on how to eat Ethiopian food, which is eaten without cutlery, before they enjoyed a delicious variety of Ethiopian dishes.

During a quiz competition which covered Ethiopian history and culture and the history of Ethiopian athletes, the school children demonstrated their keen interest through their proactive participation. Each school was awarded a prize.



Green, yellow and red Ethiopian alphabet T-shirts and Ethiopian flags were distributed to the school children so that they will be able to wear them in support of Team Ethiopia. Similar school packs will be dispatched to 35 other schools.

In his welcoming remarks H.E. Berhanu Kebede, Ambassador to the United Kingdom and Scandinavian countries, thanked the teachers and students for deciding to support Team Ethiopia at London 2012 and he hoped the students would be Ethiopia's good-will ambassadors during the London Olympics. Miss Hackler from St. Peter's Primary School in London summed up the feelings of the school children as "simply ecstatic."

Bouquets of freshly-cut Ethiopian roses and Ethiopian coffee were given out to teachers at the end of a thrilling day.

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