

Kulturfest

The German cultural festival has been held annually at Namibian German schools since 1995, under the patronage of the German Cultural Council (DKR). As of 2023, the AGDS has taken over this project after the DKR was dissolved in June 2022. The aim is to familiarise our students with selected themes about the cultures of Germany and Namibia. Each hosting school chooses the theme of the cultural festival itself and prepares three days filled with learning, games and fun for the students.



The Cultural Festival 2023 took place from the 2nd until the 5th of March at the Delta School Windhoek. The theme for this year was "Games from around the world."

40 children from schools in Otavi, Omaruru, Grootfontein, Swakopmund, and DSW participated. The students and their accompanying persons arrived at DSW promptly at 5:00 pm. After a hearty welcome the children settled into their bedrooms. After dinner (the weekend meals were prepared by Mrs. Andrea Meyer from the Delta Verein Windhoek and Mrs. Zonja Holmes from *golunch* with the help of many colleagues) there was a brief introduction, followed by some ice-breaker games. By 10:00 pm, everyone was exhausted and fell asleep. After breakfast, there were many sporting games on the sports field, where the children had a lot of fun. After a short cake break, the games continued in the school hall, as it was now too hot on the sports field. After lunch, each group went to a "game-station," where the children were first told something about the different games. For example, where the game was originally played and where it

actually comes from. Then the games were explained and played, of course. There were 5 different game stations: chess, mancala, marbles, word games and story writing, circus games, and card games. After dinner, everyone gathered in the hall again for dancing and playing.

On Saturday morning, after breakfast, the group work continued with full enthusiasm. Each group practiced something different for a performance in the evening. A long lunch break helped the exhausted participants to recover. Cake and juice were served again at 3:00 pm, and then everyone had to go back to the sports field for a dodgeball tournament. The evening turned into a success. The circus show was short and good, and the last evening of the Cultural Festival 2023 ended with a cozy gathering together with parents and special guests.

The next morning, after breakfast, everyone set off on their way back home.

See you next time!