

Rugby

This month ACER Brasil and SESI Diadema expanded rugby training into two groups, and through this partnership we have been able to provide even greater opportunities to get involved for the children and young people signed up.

Greg the rugby coach explains about starting two sessions at SESI Diadema: “We started taking children to SESI, as we had previously been training at pitches in São Bernardo do Campo and it took almost an hour to get there. At SESI it’s much closer and there is also more equipment - training isn’t so physical now that we have better protection”. Another big difference is that the pitch is made of synthetic grass, which means that training can take place even if it’s raining, something which was impossible on the muddy pitch at São Bernardo. For the young girls and boys in grade M19, there is another change: as there are now changing rooms with showers, they can go straight to school after training.

The students in both groups who train at SESI Diadema feel very lucky to have great facilities to practice the sport they are starting to love.



The training for the M19 group takes place on Monday and Wednesday from 4.30-6pm, and grade M15 takes place on Tuesday and Thursday from 6-7.30pm. There is transport which leaves from ACER 45 minutes before the session from 427, João Antônio de Araújo street. Come and join in!

Kathryn Swallow, wife of the Consul General from New Zealand in Sao Paulo, got to know ACER Brasil through her children’s school, St Paul’s. She heard about our new programme bringing rugby to pupils in grade M11 in the community of Eldorado, in an event our English rugby coach, Greg Reeve spoke at. Rugby is the national sport of New Zealand and so when Kathryn was on holiday at home, she ran a campaign to collect donated sports clothes and equipment. As you can see from the photos, she collected more than 20 pairs of rugby boots and various shirts and shorts that were shared between the children who train with us.



We are very grateful for the initiative and the generous donations collected by Kathryn. We hope it will be the start of a new partnership with the New Zealand community and businesses in Sao Paulo.

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Percussion

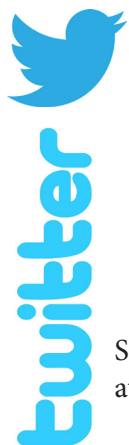
We welcome our new percussion teacher, Cosme Luciano Sena Ferreira who joined us in August after the departure of Betinho, who had been leading our work on percussion and African dance for many years. Cosme comes from Bahia and before he came to ACER was involved in many projects; he comes to ACER with the aim of renewing our programme. He describes what he intends to do in the second half of 2017: "I'm coming with a new musical idea, linking African rhythms and cultural references, which have their foundations in drumming but without losing the essence of their African roots. We will go on a journey back in time, aiming to preserve the culture of our country, getting to know and mixing types of music that form part of our history.

The main idea is to give our students a wider musical experience through their regional context, reviving the African heritage left by those who have gone before us. The main focus of this work is getting to know Brazilian music in every sense, as well as keeping our culture alive and preserving the rhythms created in our country like samba reggae, afoxé, axé music, 'samba enredo' and 'maracatu'."



A group of seven young people, all whom have attended our percussion classes for a few years, have been chosen to take part in the 'National Treasures' project, coordinated by 'Everything is Possible', along with other participants from Manor CE School from the UK, iFall from Sweden and Westside Circus from Australia. This project involves exchanges for professionals and young people, between the organisations and countries in question. Vinicius Viana, Lucas, Janaina, Maciel, Thaissa, Vinicius Bina and Laura will travel to Melbourne, Australia between 9th and 20th November accompanied by Jonathan Hannay. During the exchange, the young people will receive classes from other groups and will give a percussion workshop for all the other young people. As well as this, they will put on a show that they are working on, featuring African and Afro-Brazilian beats, as well as their own composition and two dances (one African and one samba).

They have been meeting since June and they are currently practising every Wednesday and Saturday - everyone is putting in so much effort so that they can proudly represent ACER, Eldorado, Diadema and Brazil. They are also learning English and general knowledge with our volunteer Sarah from Articulate. As Vinicius Bina says, "so much in my life has changed and this trip will certainly give me new opportunities and broaden my horizons". They will perform shows in local schools and other places to prepare for this big trip - the first will take place on 5th October.



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