

**Children engages with nature in Ivorycares' World Children's Day event**

CHILDREN'S shrieks of laughter and screams of excitement filled the air at Taman Rekreasi Kuari, Penang Botanic Gardens (PBG) in a World Children's Day celebration organised by Ivorycares, the philanthropic body of Ivory Properties Group Berhad.

Aside from celebrating the significance of the annual occasion, the event also aimed to encourage the children to get to know Mother Nature at a closer distance as the younger generation now is more likely to learn about nature virtually on their mobile phones and computers rather than actually engaging with the natural world.

Registration began at 8am, and the 56 enthusiastic children, aged three to 12, present were divided into eight groups according to animal themes. Each child received a goodie bag and a handcrafted visor adorned with cute animal cartoons.

After a 15-minute warm-up exercise, the children were taken on a tour around the gardens and got to learn more about the lifecycle of the flowering plants. They listened attentively to the PBG tour guides and were busy taking a closer look at the native flora.

The wonderful characters of Disney's 'Frozen' such as Elsa, Anna, Olaf, etc. were brought to life in a play put on by the Ivorycares volunteers who dressed up convincingly for the roles.

When the animated film's worldwide hit song, Let It Go began to play, the excited children sang along and even copied the motions – spinning around happily.

The cast and crew's efforts were paid off sweetly as the audience, both children and their parents, were all ears during the performance and gave a resounding applause. A photo session was held afterwards as a brownie point for the well-behaved little ones.

The children also participated in a mini treasure hunt to locate sweet treats in various hiding corners.

In the games session, the children were giggling heartily during the tug of war, beanie bags throwing and ping-pong ball passing. All the teams received tokens of appreciation.

A 'painting with nature' art workshop saw the children-parent teams getting their creative juices flowing to work on a drawing board using leaves and sticks and successfully churning out their masterpieces.

The children were also treated to Marrybrown meals at the end of the event.

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