



Day of German Unity at Deutsche Schule Kuala Lumpur

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Happy DSKL students celebrating German Unity Day.

As part of their curriculum, Year Four students worked on various topics about Germany and Europe surrounding the division of Germany into FRG (Federal Republic of Germany) and GDR (German Democratic Republic), the Wall and the German Unity Day, which was an excellent opportunity to invite Year Three students to a small presentation. Mr Karsten Schulz, who himself grew up in the GDR, was pleased to pose as a first-hand witness, fielding countless questions and providing explanations to both the classes, and students followed his historic account with keen interest.

After so much academic input, everyone received a well-deserved reward in the form of biscuits painted in German colours by Year Two students, who had earlier extensively dealt with the topic surrounding the German flag. During this beautiful and interesting day, little German flags prepared by Year One and Two were happily blowing in the wind. It was a wonderful way to celebrate this special day in German history.

The highlight of this festive event was the performance of the Sinfonietta at the reception of the German Embassy in the Mandarin Oriental Kuala Lumpur on the next day. Excellently prepared, the orchestra gave a stunning performance with its proven repertoire and three new pieces. Apart from two well-known songs, they presented, for the very first time, the song "City of Stars" from the film *La La Land* featuring two soloists, Ainara Zander and Noah Heitkamp. The audience was then treated to a performance by Karen van der Waal, who sang the Malaysian national anthem. Ainoa Lio and Zoe Fiedler presented the "Photograph", while Zoe Fiedler being the most experienced musician and singer in the orchestra delivered a stunning rendition of "I will survive" and "Impossible". 

To commemorate the national day of Germany, "Tag der Deutschen Einheit" (Day of German Unity) on 3 October, 2018, which we cheerfully celebrated here in Malaysia, despite the thousands of miles separating the two countries. Both the kindergarten and primary school children of the Deutsche Schule Kuala Lumpur (DSKL) were dressed in German national colours matching the theme of

the day, and those who fancied colourful cheeks had them decorated with a German flag.

Experiencing German history in a hands-on way, Kindergarten and Year One children built the Berlin Wall with Lego bricks and, fortunately, tore it down again. Students of Years Three and Four were also engaged in themes from all around Germany.