



# FRIENDS OF RWANDAN RUGBY NEWSLETTER SPECIAL EDITION MAY 2022 – RUGBY FOUNDATIONS TOUR



*27<sup>th</sup> May 2022*

**FINALLY**, after two years' delay due to Covid, our Rugby Foundations tour to Rwanda was on. A group of 8 of us left Heathrow on the RwandAir flight to Kigali. We were supposed to be a group of 10 but one of the group had tested positive for Covid so he and his dad couldn't come. Fortunately, we were able to rearrange their flights so they could join the Players' tour later. RwandAir allowed us 5 extra bags giving a total of 21 hold bags = 480kg of kit.



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The first two days were spent in Kigali sorting kit and visiting the Genocide Memorial museum. Clive met with Assinapold who was wearing the Risca RFC shirt that Clive had donated 3 years ago!



On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> we headed to Rwamagana District in Eastern Province where we would be introducing tag rugby to new primary schools. It was really good to have our team of RDOs altogether once again!



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Our first day of full coaching was with four Rwamagana District primary schools – EP Rwamagana, Paradis des Anges, Friends of Children and Excel Bilingual. We were made very welcome and all schools were so supportive and well organised providing us with groups of children and also a teacher who would be learning alongside the children.





For the next four days we worked at the primary schools teaching large groups of children tag rugby.



Our coaches ran a three day introduction to contact rugby with a local secondary school which culminated in a mini 7s tournament with the teams wearing shirts donated by Risca FRC, Bryncoch RFC and Treorchy Zebras.



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The highlight of the trip is always the Tag Tournament. 80 children from the four schools took part. The tournament ran like clockwork – the only slight hitch was when a match ended in a draw. The teams were so evenly matched it took a while before there was a score to finish the game!



Congratulations to EP Rwamagana for winning the girls' tournament and Paradis des Anges for winning the boys' tournament.

We travelled back to Kigali and our final day was spent visiting the Kinamba Community project, exploring Kigali, visiting the market for hand made shirts and our end of tour dinner at the Italian restaurant Sole Luna.



#1for1for1 - £1 pays for 1 child to have regular rugby coaching for 1 year. Help us reach more children by donating at <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/19247#!/DonationDetails>

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