

REPORT  
ON  
THE INTERNATIONAL OZONE DAY CELEBRATION  
IN ARMENIA

16 September, 2008

As previously planned, the main celebrations of the International Ozone Day were held at Yerevan Secondary School N 176 with participation of teachers and students of 16 schools located in the same community called Malati-Sebastia.

The ceremony was opened by Head of “Molorak” (planet) Junior Team Leader who welcomed all the participants and introduced Head of the NOU of Armenia, Asya Muradyan, who later spoke on the ozone-related global and local issues and congratulated everybody present on the International Ozone Day.



Following Asya Muradyan’s speech, children appeared on stage discussing through the prism of their own perception the issues regarding the ozone layer depletion, its protection, as well as their own protection from the UV dangerous radiation. They declared that they realized the statement “Every Action Counts for the Ozone Layer Protection” and would do their best to both perform ozone-friendly actions themselves and urge their family and friends to do the same.

Afterwards the words turned into action, i.e. into a nice play entitled “Planet’s Dream” with participation of the personalized Earth, Atmosphere and the complex personages as the People, Plants and Animals. The actors proved to be very talented in their debut, particularly the Earth dressed in a map who through her candid and persuasive act succeeded in convincing the participants of the urgency of the environmental protection in general.



After the play children enjoyed the well-known film “Ozzy Ozone” which enriched their ozone-related knowledge obtained prior to the film and passed on to summing-up the Environmental Drawing Contest Results together with the Council of the school and NOU representatives formed to evaluate the drawings. The Council’s final decision was to leave the contest still open with a deadline to be fixed in this way giving an opportunity to more children to indirectly input in the Protection of the Ozone Layer.

At the end, Asya Muradyan, made a presentation of the Ozzy Ozone Game reproduced by the NOU in 3m x 3m format for making it playable on the ground and the reproduced and adapted Education Pack “Saving the Ozone Layer” which was later distributed to each teacher.



She concluded the meeting with words of thanks to all the participants for their presence and invited children to the back of the hall to play the game.

All the children circled the game with great enthusiasm to play it. However, according to the game instruction, only 6 players could be chosen to play the game. Therefore, taking into account the job done for that day by the “Molorak” Team members, they were the first (among the children) to play the game. Why among children...? The thing is that before taking the game to the school it was presented at the Ministry of Nature Protection of Armenia and some of the employees expressed their strong wish to play the game, as well. Frankly speaking, they played it with no less enthusiasm than the school players the proof of which can be the pictures given below:



All the International Ozone Day celebration activities were later highlighted in the Armenian Electronic Newspaper PANORAMA and in the TV Programme BNAPAHANI ORAGIR (Environment Protector’s Diary) on 16 September and 20 September, 2008, respectively.