

St. Lawrence Primary

NEWSLETTER

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Christmas at St. Lawrence

In keeping with the Christmas Spirit, the student body accompanied by their teachers attended the Christingle service where Rev. Hazell explained and reinforced the true meaning of and the importance of Christmas.

Once again we held our annual Christmas Party. The students received Christmas gifts from the Sandals Foundation, Mrs. Jean Burton and the Church of St. Lawrence.

During the season, Turtle Beach by Elegant Hotels also invited the students of Class 3 to a tour of their facility. Students were able to interact with members of staff to get a better appreciation of the hospitality industry.

There was also a Christmas Concert where the staff and students were treated to performances from the Rhythm Poetry group under the tutelage of Mr. Alleyne and our newly formed choir under the direction of Mrs. Joseph.

This term's give back project was in the form of showcasing our talent. To this end, the choir performed for the patrons of Cafe Sol (a long time supporter and sponsor of the School) and the visitors in the Cruise Terminal as well as completed a recording of Christmas songs at Starcom Network Studios.

Sandals Foundation distributing gifts at Christmas



Tour of Turtle Beach

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Christingle Service at the Church

PREFECTS INSTALLATION

The Prefects' Investiture Ceremony was held on November 13, 2023 at The Church of St. Lawrence, St. Lawrence, Christ Church. Reverend Sandra Hazell, priest in charge and guest speaker, shared an inspirational message with all present. Prefects were encouraged to serve others, just as Jesus did, in their new role.



Head Boy, Malachi Sargeant, feet being washed by Rev. Hazell



Head Girl, Asia Bowen, (backing) washing the feet of one of the prefects - Keziah Baird.



The Prefect Body consists of twenty students; 4 Junior Prefects, 14 Senior Prefects, 1 Head Boy and 1 Head Girl.

The students proudly pledged to serve by promising to use their superpowers: to lead by example, to be respectful and to be responsible. The highlight of the ceremony was the pinning of the badges which was done by joyful parents and guardians. This was indeed a superb occasion!



HYPE DAY

Cross Country Run Edition

Hype Day was held over two days. On Day 1 (October 27th) the students participated in a rigorous routine workout instructed by Ms. Jones and Ms. Phillip. The students thoroughly enjoyed the invigorating session as they took part in a variety of fitness exercises. The day's proceedings ended with a line dancing session conducted by Uncle Randy. This was very engaging as the students learned different dance movements. Day 2 (November 1st) took the form of a cross country run. The route started at the back gate of the school (next to Graeme Hall Swamp). It proceeded along the terrain to the Ministry of Agriculture and returned to the compound of the school.

INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS

The St. Lawrence Primary School celebrated a week of activities as part of our Independence Celebrations. On Monday, November 27th, we saw dramatic performances by Xavier Went: A Brighter Future for Every Child, Sabra Ruck: A Bright Future for Every Child, and the Rhythm-Poetry group. On Tuesday, November 28th, we listened to and enjoyed a musical rendition by the choir who sang The 50th Anniversary Barbados Song.



The Winners of the Independence Parade were:

Most Original Costume: Lauren Grant and Cristina Jones

Best Overall Costume: Amora Harinaraine and Da-Shawna Rochester

Best Bajan Super Hero: Skye McPherson and Amaya Warde

Best Nation Builder Costume: Camiyah Atkins, Ceanna Richards and Carleon Prescod-Brome



The Infants were also treated to a reading of a Bajan Story by Patrick 'DJ Salt' Bellamy. The activities culminated, on Wednesday, November 29th, with an Independence Parade. Students and teachers showcased costumes that included Nation Builder costumes and Bajan Superhero costumes.

Aunty Kaye, a representative from the Barbados Museum, displayed artefacts that were part of our households back in the day. Students enjoyed learning about these 'old time' items.



INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

TREVOR STRAUGHN CROSS-COUNTRY RUN

The Trevor Straughn Cross Run was held at the Gymnasium on November 9, 2023. Twenty students from the school took part in this national meet, ranging from Class 1 to Class 4. The Class 1s and 2s ran in the 1600 meters along the grassy area of the Gymnasium, while Class 3s and 4s ran in the 2000 meters. The students from St. Lawrence persevered and completed their races in the respective age groups. Students placed between 27th and 186th from among an average of 230 students in each race. They did us proud and we appreciate all of their efforts.

PONTIFICATIONS & POETRY



The taste of victory was sweet with the achievement derived from the island's inaugural Pontifications and Poetry 2023 Competition when our two competitors, Xavier Went and Sabra Ruck, took the first and second place positions respectively.

SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

Members of the junior school represented us in the ICBL Junior Spelling Bee. Three students, Sabra Ruck, Xavier Went and Tyrone Hampden, advanced to the finals and received participatory medals.

N.I.F.C.A

The school submitted a rhythm poetry piece, entitled "The Ballad of Clement Payne" to the NIFCA gala. They performed it before a panel of judges on October 27th. Despite being unsuccessful, the students made an indelible impression on the judges.

BEACH WRESTLING



On November 18th, two of our students, Jakobee Beckles and Milez Graham participated in the Barbados Beach Open Beach Wrestling at Brandon's Beach. They were in the Beach Sumo Division. The boys were selected from the Karate Club; an extra-curricular activity which takes place every Friday evening. Although neither one progressed beyond the first round, they both performed admirably and were awarded medals for their participation.

MENTAL MATHS COMPETITION



Five students were participants, for the first time, in the Primary Mental Maths Competition 2023. Xavier Went, Keziah Baird, Christina Chase, Malachi Sargeant and Jaiden Stanford participated in the Preliminaries and advanced to the Quarter Finals of the competition. The competition provides students with an opportunity to learn new strategies, compute quickly, reason, improve number sense and recognize various number relationships. These participants must be commended for their efforts. Mental Mathematics is marvelous and we encourage each student to consolidate the concepts taught as we eagerly await next year's competition.

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Interactive wall painted by members from KPMG. Pictured: Lorraine Gittens, Principal, Christopher Brome, Advisory Partner KPMG and Lynette Greaves, Early Childhood Coordinator.



Gifts received from The Sands Hotel

Reminders...

Next term begins Tuesday, 9th January 2024.

**Eliminations will be held on Friday 12th
January 2024.**

**Sports Day to be held on Friday 19th January
2024.**



**Happy New Year
2024**