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St. Francis Primary And Carberry Court Special School Celebrate Read Across Jamaica Day

Kingston, Jamaica, 13th of May 2024. – Schools across Jamaica including St. Francis Primary and Carberry Court Special School came together to celebrate Read Across Jamaica Day, a joyful event dedicated to promoting literacy and the joy of reading among Jamaican youth.

The event brought students, educators, and community members together in a spirit of literary exploration and fun.

CIBC Caribbean Jamaica joined in collaboration at both schools, engaging students in storytelling sessions and interactive reading activities. Among those in attendance were some of the bank's senior staff members, Managing Director Nigel Holness, Jerome Griffiths, Head of Human Resources, Renee Whitehorne, Marketing Manager, and Sherian Macdonald, Corporate Senior Manager of Deals Management.

"We are delighted to participate in Read Across Jamaica Day with St. Francis Primary and Carberry Court Special School," said Nigel Holness, Managing Director. "Events like these are vital for fostering a love of reading and learning among young people, laying the foundation for their future success.. Education is the cornerstone of progress, and initiatives like Read Across Jamaica Day exemplify the transformative power of collaboration."

Throughout the day, students were captivated by engaging stories read aloud by the guests, sparking their imaginations and nurturing a deeper appreciation for literature. From classic children's tales to tales of adventure and discovery, the event showcased the magic of storytelling in igniting curiosity and creativity in young minds.

Jerome Griffiths, Head of Human Resources, praised the dedication of the schools and their commitment to promoting literacy for all students. "We are proud to support initiatives like Read Across Jamaica Day, which play a crucial role in building stronger communities through education and empowerment. By encouraging a love for reading from an early age, we are helping to shape the future leaders of tomorrow."

The celebration of Read Across Jamaica Day at St. Francis Primary and Carberry Court Special School highlighted the importance of partnerships between schools, communities, and businesses in advancing educational opportunities for all. Through shared efforts, participants were left inspired and motivated to continue their journey of exploration through the world of books.

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(L-R) Patrica Ramikie Gordon, Librarian, St. Francis Primary School and CIBC Caribbean executives Nigel Holness, Managing Director; Renee Whitehorne, Marketing Manager and Jerome Griffiths, Head of Human Resources review a selection of books during “Read Across Jamaica Day” at the school on May 7, 2024.



Sherian Macdonald, Corporate Senior Manager of Deals Management interacts with students of Carberry Court Special School during the reading of a story by her on “Read Across Jamaica Day” on May 7, 2024.



Nigel Holness, Managing Director, CIBC Caribbean has some help from students of St. Francis Primary demonstrating how a frog jumps during his reading to them on “Read Across Jamaica Day” on May 7, 2024.



Nigel Holness, Managing Director, CIBC Caribbean with students of St. Francis Primary following his reading to them on "Read Across Jamaica Day", May 7, 2024.



CIBC Caribbean's Head of Human Resources, Jerome Griffiths interacts with students of Carberry Court Special School during the reading of a story to them on "Read Across Jamaica Day", May 7, 2024.

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