

The BAND

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The school campus

Welcome to the second edition of BAND, the newspaper of The British Academy. Again the newspaper is the product of our students and while it might be unfair to others who have contributed articles I think a special 'thanks' has to go to our editorial team of Sophia, Jelani and Jess who have again used their English and ICT lessons to produce this edition. The hot weather of this dry season has seen fires around the city but has not stopped our students getting out to play rugby and basketball. We have lost Jamie Ford whose family have returned to UK but we welcome Ms Claire Rutledge who will be joining us in September. These and other stories have been covered in the newspaper. Another first has seen our ESL students presenting their first student meetings. Daniel gave us a talk on how sport is essential to keep students (teachers and parents also!) healthy. Nasheli, Bertha and Lucia told us a tale about a dragon with Daniel making a guest appearance as the dragon complete with talcum powder smoke. Things remain lively here in Alexandra Street with an Open Evening on Tuesday May 8th and testing for our September intake on the 28th and 29th of May.

Robert Mulliss
Director of Studies.

Kayaking

On March 23rd the British Academy went kayaking in Chaguaramas, when we got there we had to wear our life jackets and carry the boats to the water, after that Mr. Mulliss gave us all instructions and after that we started kayaking. Everyone had to go with a partner on the boat, Jessie and Jamie, Mr. Teixeira and Sophia's brother, Jelani and Daniel, Sophia and Xiomara and the last group, Nasheli and Lucia. Some times we had to change the groups, some of the students had to go to another boat, but while the boats were on the water.

Everyone had fun and enjoyed it, we were wet and happy. After we finished kayaking, put the boats back in their places, changed clothes and everyone had their lunches. After that we made our way back to school.



Everyone at Williams Bay in Chaguaramas

Birthdays

March

Name	Day of the week	Day of the Month	Age
Jessie	Saturday	3	15
Xiomara	Thursday	8	18
Lucia	Thursday	8	11

April

Name	Day of the week	Day of the Month	Age
Mr. Teixeira	Wednesday	18	29
Jelani	Friday	20	14
Mrs. Sheed	Sunday	22	??
Mrs. Rodrigues	Saturday	7	31



New Member of Staff



Latest News, Ms. Rutledge, a new teacher from England will be coming to the British Academy and will be teaching Science and Geography. I interviewed her and got the following information.

Q: Where are you from?

A: Newcastle England

Q: How long have you been teaching?

A: 6 ½ years

Q: Where were you last teaching?

A: Hong Kong

Q: How long have you been in Trinidad?

A: Since January 2007

Q: Why did you come to Trinidad?

A: Because her fiancée got a job here

Q: What subjects do you like teaching?

A: Science

Q: Do you like Trinidad?

A: Yes, the people are friendly

Q: What other parts of the Caribbean would you like to visit while you are here?

A: all of them

Q: Do you like Trinidad's climate?

A: Yes, except when I get sunburn

Q: Have you been to any of the beaches in Trinidad?

A: Maracas, for Shark and Bake and Toco to see the Turtles.

FAREWELL JAMIE

The Japanese Embassy

This is the first time that The Academy lost one of its Lower Form 1 students, Jamie Ford. He left us on the 27th April to head back to England. So at lunchtime that day we organized a farewell party for him. Everyone brought something in. Jelani and Xiomara brought in cake, Daniel brought in chocolate and Sophia brought in Brownies. Sophia made cards and a scrapbook of pictures of the school and got everyone to sign them. Daniel, Lucia and Berta made cards as well. After the party we went outside and played Basketball and Football as it was still lunchtime. Then at 1:15pm lunch was over so went on to our next lesson, P.E in Jackson Square, and then returned to school. We all started to pack our things up as it was time to go home. When it was time for Jamie to go, we all told him goodbye, then he left the school for the last time.



On Thursday 3rd May the lower class 1 went on a Geography trip to look at how the buildings near the British Academy were used. While we were waiting outside the Japanese Embassy a Guard asked us to come in as the consul wanted to give us some gifts. We were given a Pokemon Book and Origami book, information on Japan and a map. We also received a Cat's Cradle game. We were very happy and came back and wrote a Thank you letter.



Open evening

If you have a friend who knows a friend whose neighbour's cousins' half brother is looking for just the right touch of class and discipline in a school then tell them where to find us!

The fact you're reading this paper means you know where to find us. The British Academy is having its annual open evening on Tuesday the 7th of May @ 4.00 pm. We will be displaying our work and what we have been doing for the term. This promises to bring about some new students to the school. Every thing is going well in the classrooms with a lot of the students getting very excited and the decorations in the classroom promise to be very good with everyone including the teachers getting involved in it. This is the Academy's second open evening the first being the one on the 22nd November. This, as all things in the British Academy will be a great success!



South Africa



South Africa is a big country, divided up into 9 different provinces. I come from the eastern province, of which Port Elizabeth is the main city. We lived in a citrus farming community about an hour's drive from Port Elizabeth. My father was a citrus farmer. The biggest attraction of our area was the Addo elephant park which is home to over 300 elephants, lion, buffalo, hippos and many other types of buck. Port Elizabeth is the main motor manufacturing of South Africa, but it also has many beautiful beaches. South Africa has many different climatic conditions, ranging from semi-tropical to semi-desert. The semi-tropical area is found along the east coast the Indian Ocean. The semi-desert region is called the Karroo and is in the centre of the country in the Cape Province. The western cape, of which Cape Town is the main city, has a Mediterranean

climate. It is a big tourist destination and is famous for Table Mountain and the very fine wine routes. South Africa has many national parks where the big 5 animals are found- elephant, leopard, lion, buffalo, cheetah. The biggest park is called Kruger national park which is located in the north east of the country.

By Mrs. Johnson

Easter egg Hunt

On the last day of term we had an Easter Egg Hunt, We had to find as many eggs as we could. I found twenty one eggs. We were then divided teams and hid eggs for the other team.

Each team was given a map of the school and had to look for eggs, at given directions we were given small eggs for finishing the game.

By: Daniel Lé Guimarães



MY TRIP TO THE IMMORTELLE



Right now in my psychology class I am studying the specialist topics and abnormal psychology is one of those topics. I am learning about different disorders such as schizophrenia, Autism, Down syndrome, Anxiety disorders and lots more.

My teacher decided to take me to the school called the Immortelle where there are children who have some of these disorders, such as autism, Downs syndrome and epilepsy. When I got there I had an idea of what to expect but actually seeing these children was a whole different ball game.

Some of them drooled, some could not speak, some kept repeating the same sentence over and over, some had deformities, and one of the children even had an epileptic fit which was the first time I have ever seen someone go through something like that. Seeing these children and knowing that that is the way in which they have to live for the rest of their lives is sad, as they can not function as well as we can to survive in the real world, some may never be able to take care of themselves and would have to have someone do everything for them till the day they die.

It made me thank God for everything that I have, and I want to help these children and learn how to deal with these disorders and help

them as much as I can to live a functional life that would allow at least some of them to maybe one day be able to take care of themselves in the real world.

This experience has really been an eye opening one to what else is out there in this world and not everyone is "normal". There are people who are not able to live like we do and need our help to guide them through life and teach them as best we could to do so.

FRIENDSHIP

"Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for a while and leave footprints on our hearts. And we are never, ever the same."

***"Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow.
Don't walk behind me, I may not lead
Just walk beside me and be my friend"***

"A true friend is someone who thinks that you are a good egg even though he knows that you are slightly cracked."

These three quotes mean a lot to me, especially at this point in my life. As I grow older I realize that friends will not always be with you forever. As the 1st quote says, they may enter our lives and quickly go or some may stay longer and leave footprints in our hearts forever. No matter the circumstances as to how they left our lives, they still made a difference in it, even those who may be in our lives forever, each person who has crossed paths with us, those who have stayed have stayed and those who have already fulfilled their purpose in our lives are loved and have made a difference because each person was brought by God to teach us a lesson. Whether it's something about us or something about life, never hate any one and never resist the opportunity to meet new people. Life is too short to be wasted on hate and anger and everything that is negative.

One learns new things everyday, and grows older as each day passes. It is up to you to allow yourself to grow with God and try to be the best that you can be. Friends are blessings from God, and without friends one's life would be so much more difficult. They are there to guide you and walk with u till their purpose is fulfilled. Make the best of what u have and always let your friends know that you appreciate them.

Xiomara Robertson

Form 6

De sports scene



The academy has witnessed an exciting change in strokes from last edition, I spoke of badminton being the new craze but now, with the arrival of the basketball hoop, everyone wants to be the next M.J.

However, within a week of our colleague's departure our basketball phase faded and we brought out the cleats with Ronaldinho styled moves and were off in the wind with football shortly after though rugby has been the new trend, and to think all of this happened in 3 weeks is... sportstastic!!!!

