

# The BAND

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## Power outage

On Monday May 14<sup>th</sup> the electricity suddenly turned off. It was because the electric meter had burnt out. When the electricians came, we saw the wires, the wires were exposed. The heat had melted the plastic insulator. Nothing in the school was working, so we had to go home early that day. On Tuesday we didn't have class because the power still wasn't on. Mrs. Sheed called T&TEC to see to the problem.

## Various Field Trips

On Wednesday May 16<sup>th</sup> as the electricity still wasn't going, we did many field trips. The field trips happened after Break and ended at lunch time. In the mornings, before we went on the field trips, we did a period of Maths, and English.

Field Trips places.

- Zoo
- Fort George
- Museum

## Zoo

On Wednesday May 16<sup>th</sup> we went to the zoo. There we saw many species of animals, monkeys, deer, fish, etc.

The students held a Burmese, albino, reticulated python. While looking for more animals we saw a tame peccary running around.

We had a work sheet to fill with the name, species, habitat and scientific name.

## Fort George

On Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> we went to Fort George. There we had to fill a work sheet with questions about what we could find around the fort.

The fort was built there in the time of the Napoleonic War. The reason for it being so high it was that it would be harder for the people who wanted to invade the island get up there and steal the money and important documents that were hidden there. The fort was never invaded. The fort still had its cannons and everything.

All the students held a cannon ball used in the cannons on the fort. It was heavy and old.

From up there you can see all of the city. Everyone liked it and had fun there.

## MUSEUM

On Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> we went to the Museum, there we saw fossils, paintings, species of animals, insects, stilt walkers, costumes, things used a long time ago; toilets, cash register, etc. We also saw a project showing us the idea of the machines that takes the petrol from the ground.

When we got there, there were many people; they were all from different schools. We noticed a big notice saying that it was Museum day.

We saw a lot of interesting things there, everyone enjoyed it.

# Students Assessments

For the past two days, that is Monday and Tuesday of this week, we have had students from different schools in Trinidad come to the British Academy to take assessments to come to the school in September. We have seen people we knew and people we had not seen before. The students all came from different Schools like: Providence, Dunross, St. Andrew's, Maria Regina, Holy Name Prep and many others. In all there were 22 students, each being assessed at the same or higher level. There were 10 students that came to the school on Monday, although some did not show up, and 11 students on Tuesday. In all, it was a wonderful experience, and we look forward in seeing them in September.

## Akbar's Arrival

Q: What is your full name?

A: Akbar Iqbal Shato

Q: What is it like in your home country (weather, is it like Trinidad?)

A: Normal

Q: What do you like to do (hobbies)?

A: Cricket, Football and badminton

Q: What do you think of the school so far?

A: Fancy

Q: Where do you come from?

A: Pakistan

Q: Name of the school you went to before you came to British Academy?

A: Westminster School and College

Q: What languages do they speak in Pakistan?

A: Urdu – Native

- Sindhi
- Baluchi
- Punjabi
- Bengali
- Kashmiri
- Gujarat

Q: Where did you live before you came to Trinidad?

A: Karachi Defence Phase IV

Q: Where do you live in Trinidad?

A: Victoria Gardens South

Q: Do you have brother or sister?

A: Yes, I have one sister

Q: What's her name?

A: Noreena

Q: How old is she?

A: Seven

## Ms. Singh's Birthday



As we all know, there have been many birthdays so far this year. A member of staff, Ms. Singh celebrated her birthday on the 27<sup>th</sup> May. Unfortunately we were unable to celebrate her birthday in school as

it was over the weekend, so she brought the students and the staff

## Mrs. Johnson Leaving

Our second language teacher Mrs. Johnson is leaving us on Wednesday June 27th, 2007. She's moving back to Scotland. Everyone will miss her for sure, but she will be most missed by Daniel, Nasheli, Bertha, Lucia and Akbar, her pupils.

Mrs. Johnson taught us English. Thanks to her pupils have been learning how to speak and work in English.

Have a nice journey to Scotland Mrs. Johnson, enjoy it there, we will miss you.

## The Band's Achievements

This is a great achievement for the B.A.N.D. to reach this far, three and still going strong, I personally think this is a great success. I want to thank the teachers, especially Mr.

chocolate from her party.

Mulliss for the inspiration, the parents, our photographers, editors and everyone involved. The news paper is now witnessing change with the addition of a fun section and usual article by the teachers.

## *De sports scene*

This term the sport scene has seen a consistence in favourites, with basketball at the front line. Lee and Akbar have shown themselves to be quite capable players. The joy in the student's eyes as they run around getting sweaty and lively is something to see. The 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in June brought a lot of pride to the B.A. with Sophia coming second in her tennis tournament at Country Club. Jelani coming second in his football tournament. Also to be mentioned is the England vs. Brazil match which ended in a 1 all draw.

## The Year in Review

As we leave The Academy for Summer Vacation, we will remember how the school was. Starting with its grand opening in September, with only 3 students, Sophia, Jelani and Xiomara, then with the arrival of Jamie in January. Then in March, the school sky rocketed with the arrival of Jessie, Daniel and Nasheli from Brazil, and Lucia and Bertha from Colombia. We had to bid farewell to one of the pupils, Jamie, as he was heading back to England. During the term we had lots of pupils coming in to be tested to hopefully come to the school in September. In late May we had the arrival of Akbar from Pakistan. That increased the amount of students in the school to 10 in total. Unfortunately, we must bid farewell to one of our teachers Mrs. Johnson, as she heads back to Scotland. She will be missed by all, especially by her students Lucia, Bertha, Nasheli and Akbar. But, as we leave and come back in September, there will be many more students, and we will be a more complete school.