



The British Academy News Digest

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**Carnival Fever**

Approaching the much anticipated Carnival weekend in Trinidad, The British Academy prepared for its annual Carnival competition which was to be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2008. The school had an opportunity to visit the Harts mas camp, to observe how an official Trinidad carnival band, prepared for the carnival celebrations. The students then were able to begin creating their own costumes with the use various materials and some even composed calypsos. Everyone eagerly awaited the day of the competition and by the time it arrived students and teachers thoroughly entertained each other. The competition awarded deservedly, Jevon Singh, for his expressive portrayal of: "Midnight Robber". The themes, colors, and well arranged costumes of the different carnival bands really showed the creativity of the students.

There was also a calypso competition, which included calypsos on

crime in Trinidad, carnival revelry and even playful lyrics on some students. The competition was eventually won by Zane Sudan, accompanied by his back-up singers, with his calypso was entitled "Crime Free T and T".



One of the most entertaining performances however, was done by one of our own teachers Mr. Mulliss singing a calypso about his Form 3 class and tickling the crowd with his playful lines about some students.

At the end of it all, students, teachers and even parents all had a fun time at what was British Academy's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Calypso and Carnival competition.

By: Seve Cedeno



We would like to congratulate one of our students, Renee Ronalds who sang at The Music Festival competition at Queens Hall.

*The following is an article by one of our students on his participation in a bicycle competition Chaguaramas*

### **River Raid Bicycle Race**

*On 17/02/08 I participated in a bicycle race in Chaguaramas. I placed 5<sup>th</sup> out of about 15 competitors. Interestingly I was the youngest in my group only 11 years of age. However I felt that the organizing of the event could have been done differently as the results relied mostly on faulty technology. As a result my brother was placed 15<sup>th</sup> when he should have been 1<sup>st</sup>.*

By Jonathan Sellier

### **ATTENTION: LEADERS OF THE FUTURE!!!!**

These generations of teenagers are more likely to fall under the threats of peer pressure because of the desire to have a high social rank among friends. The new trend is the smoking of illegal substances such as marijuana, which has been vastly taken up by young boys and now young girls. Some of these teens are quite aware of the consequences of this illegal act but others unfortunately commit the deed without knowledge of results. Marijuana can deplete your performance at school, in sports and other parts of your life; it can also lead to anxiety and paranoid thoughts. Although at first marijuana leaves a feeling of high, underneath, it will give you problems with your memory and learning, you will have trouble with problem-solving, motor-coordination and you will suffer from increased heart

rate. These effects can worsen if marijuana is taken along with other drugs. So, leaders of the future, sex is not the only thing you can abstain from!

By: Rachelle Singh

### **“KEEP A CLEAN SCENE”**

One of the things I noticed, on first entering the British Academy, was how clean and well kept the compound was. The bathroom was clean along with the various classrooms. Only recently however, during the school week, it has been observed that there are areas of the school which look a little less tidy than they formally were. On occasion at lunchtime there are wrappers and/or bottles left in the play areas and even after P.E class there is a lot of mud in and around the bathrooms, various rooms and sometimes the outside stairs. I wish to encourage my fellow students that we all are responsible for the cleanliness of the school, and that we should remember to clean up after ourselves as much as possible. Many students and even teachers have recently been falling sick and it may have been as a result of this. Therefore let us all look out for one another in this manner and **“KEEP A CLEAN SCENE!”**

By Seve` Cedeno

### **Riddle time:**

*I am Cold...slimy...and I live under rocks. What am I?*

**Answer:** A Salamander

### **Note: Student Council**

The British Academy is setting up a School Council to advise Mr. Butts. Each class will vote for a representative and an assistant who will meet with Mr. Butts once a month to discuss issues that affect the student body. They will bring suggestions, observations and ideas from their classmates.

In order to get the School Council off to a flying start the school has given the council \$1000. Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March will be a 'Free Dress Day' when students can come in out of school clothes - on payment of \$10, which will be added to the fund! The Council will decide how and on what to spend the money.

### ***British Academy football match***

Parents, teachers and fellow supporting school mates of The British Academy were entertained by the first ever football team in their match on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 at the International School of Port of Spain (ISPS) grounds. The British Academy under 14 and Under 16 teams faced ISPS's teams in the same divisions. Joshua Mottley was made captain of the Under 14 team and Kenneth Mora was made vice captain. The match was well played with many brilliant saves by our goalkeeper Gonzalo Sinner. The first half had gone by without any goals scored until Ben Fifi of Form 1 scored the first goal for The British Academy in the second half. GO BA! GO! Then Ryan Ford of Form 1 scored the crucial equalizing second goal by the end the game the teams equally matched, ended in a 2-2 draw.

The under 16 match, led by Kevin Fuentes, was well played, however the dusty field made it difficult to face any opposition. Goalkeeper Gonzalo Sinner one of the boys playing his second game of the day saved spectacularly once again. At the end of the first period

neither team was able to break the dead lock and the teams went in 0-0. We had some assistance from students of Dunross Preparatory. One such player was Jason Maingot who eventually replaced Gonzalo Sinner. Ryan Ford scored British Academy's only goal in that game and even though our team fought hard, it ended with the score 2-1, to ISPS. The day also showed the talent of three of our female students, who were part of the team in the second match. In the school's first ever football match our players really put forth a team effort and enjoyed the occasion as well. We are very thankful for the effort put forward by our coaches of both teams Mr. Balfour and Mr. Texeira.

### **British Academy under 14:**

Joshua Mottley  
Kenneth Mora  
Ben Fifi  
Hugo Montgomery  
Finley Howard Stephens  
Jesse Vokaty  
Anthony Bryan  
Liam Cauquil  
Gonzalo Sinner  
Nicholas Rostant  
Ryan Ford  
Joshua Maingot

### **British Academy under 16:**

Kevin Fuentes  
Micah Jodhan  
Arianne Talma  
Laura Proudfoot  
Finley Howard Stephens  
Gonzalo Sinner  
Nikki Taylor  
Kristofer Chow  
Paul Lambie  
Uchenna Adams

Report by: Anthony Bryan.

## **Visit to the Queen's Hall**

On 15<sup>th</sup> February Mr Gonsen, the school's Drama and Music teacher, organized a guided tour of the Queen's Hall. We were privileged to be able to visit all parts of the theatre and get an understanding of how such a complicated organisation works.

We started in the lighting and sound control booth where we saw how the volume and lighting could be controlled for any performance. The lighting sequences could be pre-arranged and then stored in a computer for actual performances.

We moved onto the stage itself and saw how backdrops ('flies') could be raised and lowered. Backstage is a rehearsal room, dressing room and the Green Room. This is where artistes relax before and after performances.

We were met by the Front of House Manager, Ms Lynette Ling who explained all the problems of organizing an event at the Queen's Hall and how she dealt with them. She explained the protocol for when important people such as the President or Prime Minister visited and gave us a great insight into how a modern theatre is run.

Nikki Taylor and Alexis Sinner, Form 3