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Celebrating Scholastic Achievement

Acknowledgment and recognition help to motivate people to continue to do well, to work harder and to generally strive for excellence. In light of all this, the Ministry of Education continues to encourage scholastic achievement through a number of events that acknowledge good and hard work. The National Awards Ceremony is one such activity.

During the 2014 National Awards ceremony, a number of students and schools were acknowledged for their accomplishments in the 2013 primary and secondary exit exams.



Top Performer / 2013 Common Entrance
Gian - Paul Baker



Top Performer / CSEC
Kaela Barrett

There were other individual awards presented to students who gained 11 or more CSEC subjects, the top performers of each secondary school, as well as the top performers in each of the various CSEC subject-disciplines.

The top 10 performers in the 2013 Common Entrance Exam received awards for their outstanding work:

Gian-Paul Baker	Kingstown Preparatory	1st
Areanna St. Luce	Calliaqua Anglican	2nd
Kelcey Allen	Kingstown Preparatory	3rd
Sariah Jackson	Lodge Village Gov't	4th
Zoe Porter	Windsor Primary	4th
Delaan Nedd	St. Mary's R.C.	6th
Kyle Da Silva	Richland Park S.D.A.	7th
Anthony Overing	Mustique Government	8th
Janique Nichols	Biabou Government	8th
Nneka McMillan	Kingstown Preparatory	10th

Every year at the National Awards Ceremony, the Ministry of Education also presents awards for commendable performances after remediation. These awards are given to students with success stories; students who did not meet the requirement or scored poorly when they sat the Common Entrance but over time, and with remedial help, improved significantly and performed commendably in their CSEC work.



Top Performer / CSEC after Remediation
D'Mario Browne

In addition to the individual student-awards, a few schools were recognized:

Emmanuel High School Mesopotamia - The school with the best CSEC results after remediation

Sandy Bay Secondary School - The school with the most improved CSEC results

Girls' High School - The school with the best CSEC results overall



Principal / Girls' High School **Andrea Bowman** receiving award from Minister of Education Hon. Girlyn Miguel

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Hon. Girlyn Miguel, delivered the feature address at the ceremony. The event took place on Tuesday, 8th April at the Methodist Church Hall in Kingstown.

Retired Home Economists Recognized

The SVG Home Economics Association (SVGHEA) embarked on a few activities, on the heels of celebrating World Home Economics Day 2014.

Nine (9) Home Economists were recognized for their contribution to the SVGHEA. They were honoured at an awards ceremony and cocktail sip on Saturday 29th March at the Frenches House, Kingstown.

The nine recognized were Zita Arthur, Alanza Daisley, Cordelia Gibson, Vercil Jack, Patricia John, Noelene Kydd, Sonja Lewis, Ingrid Robinson and Sylvina Rodney.



Some of the awardees at the cocktail

Michelle Guy, Education Officer for Home Economics, indicated that the SVGHEA paid homage to the retirees based on their sterling contribution over the years. According to Ms. Guy, the association also showed its appreciation to two other members: Sharon Joseph and Elaine Duncan.



World Home Economics Day is celebrated on March 21st every year.

L-R: Michelle Guy (Education Officer/Home Economics) Elaine Duncan (Past Home Economics Organizer in the Ministry of Education) and Anita John (President of SVGHEA)

2014 Inter - Schools' Athletics Championships

A Good Show

It was an impressive tournament - the 2014 National Lotteries Authority (NLA) Inter-Schools' Athletics Championships. Patrons came out in their numbers. The athletes seemed to shine, each with a sense of school pride, contributing to two (2) good days of athletics at the Arnos Vale Sporting Complex.

The Kingstown Preparatory School showed the nation that hard work pays off when they dethroned defending champions, Layou Government School in the Primary Schools' championship on Wednesday 9th April.

The Buccament Government School, Layou Government School and C.W Prescod Primary School also gave good accounts. One of the surprises of the competition came from the students of the small Pamelus Burke Primary School.

There were some other outstanding performances. Akani Slater completed the double when he won the 1500m and 800m respectively. The Union Island Secondary School also gave a very good account, especially in the Senior Boys high jump, during which those students took the gold and silver medals. The Georgetown Secondary School and the St Martin's Secondary School also had some good performances.



Three years ago, the National School Games Committee re-introduced the Inter-Primary Schools' Athletics Championship with renewed energy. In 2012, there were only a few schools involved. In 2013, thirty (30) schools registered. In 2014, fifty-one (51) schools participated – a major record, as there are sixty-seven (67) primary schools in the country. It appears that our primary schools have begun to respond positively to the development of athletics.

At the conclusion of the Secondary Championship, the St Vincent Grammar School retained the boys' title, while the St Joseph's Convent Kingstown took home top honours amongst the girls. The Thomas Saunders Secondary School remained a force to contend with taking second spot in both categories (male and female).

The Secondary Schools component of the annual NLA Athletics Championships was also exciting.

As expected, Roberto Boyde (Junior Sportsman of the Year) of the Bishop's College Kingstown displayed a fairly high level of sprinting. Among the girls, Shantel Rouse of the Bethel High School won every individual track event, in which she participated – 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, copping the Victrix Ludorum title.



The secondary schools component of the NLA Inter Schools Athletics Championships included the Inter-Schools' Dance Competition. The results are as follows:

- 1st: Intermediate High School
- 2nd: Bethel High School
- 3rd: Central Leeward (Barrouallie) Secondary School



Bethel High School



Troumaca Ontario Secondary School



Above: Face painting activity at the Primary Schools' Athletics

Lower / right: Primary School Children having fun with three (3) of their favourite cartoon characters.



Intermediate High School



Central Leeward (Barrouallie) Secondary School



Petit Bordel Secondary School



C.F.S. Training of Trainers

CFS training of trainers workshop for 2nd cohort of educators

A 2nd cohort of educators has been trained to become implementers of the Child Friendly Schools (CFS) model at their respective schools. The educators were engaged in a 3-day workshop aimed at improving the life chances of every child impacted by the CFS philosophy.

In the first phase of the implementation project, 13 schools were targeted and in the second phase, 21 schools were involved, bringing the number to 34 primary schools. This represents just about half the total number of primary schools in the country. However, the Ministry of Education's aim is to eventually introduce the model in all primary schools throughout St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

At the opening ceremony, on 23rd April, Elizabeth Walker - Senior Education Officer and CFS focal point in SVG, spoke of the progress of the implementation programme thus far.



Chief Education Officer, Lou-Anne Gilchrist, indicates that the Ministry of Education fully embraces the CFS model as it addresses the holistic development of students.

Lou-Anne Gilchrist –
The Child Friendly Schools initiative encompasses a wide variety of aspects of human development. In the Ministry of Education, we are not only responsible for the students' academic



development, but also for their social and spiritual development. We are also responsible for teaching them life-skills, so that once out of the school environment, which should be friendly, they would be able to function as stable, well-adjusted human beings, who will then turn into stable, responsible and productive citizens of our small-island developing state.



Elizabeth Walker – *The progress made so far in the implementation programme is promising. We have experienced changes in the classroom environment, improvement in strategies for managing behaviours, improvement in the physical environments of schools and the involvement of parents in the lives of the schools. We hope this training will give the impetus to work hard, to ensure similar successes at more and more schools.*



Cleaner... Healthier... Safer Schools

Janitors attached to educational institutions were reminded of the importance of their service to the education sector.

The Ministry of Education, through the Adult and Continuing Education Unit, has begun conducting a series of training workshops for cleaners of primary and secondary schools, as well as learning resource centres.

According to Francis Clarke-Palmer, director of the Adult and Continuing Education Unit, it is the first time that a session of this nature is being held for janitorial workers and the information is expected to reach about 400 janitors.

Francis Clarke-Palmer –

Janitors are very important to the running of everything. I have followed cases in different countries where cleaners rebelled and refused to clean and collect garbage. The place went down hill fast, people were panicking and it was serious. This goes to show the importance of the sector.



Meanwhile, Chief Education Officer, Lou-Anne Gilchrist, says that the role of the janitors is critical in maintaining school environments that are clean, healthy and safe.



Lou-Anne Gilchrist – *We depend on our janitors to help keep the school environment clean and healthy. We want our students and parents, teachers and headteachers to know that the work that cleaners do is very important in maintaining a healthy school and we value and appreciate what they do.*

The training sessions cover a range of topics, including:

- The rudiments of good cleaning
- Proper use of chemicals
- The importance of teamwork
- Proper water conservation and garbage disposal



Participants - Training workshop for janitors of primary and secondary schools — at Fisheries Conference Room

Know Yo' History

The Ministry of Education emphasized the importance of teaching Local History with the production of a Local History Quiz Competition titled "Know Yo' History".



The quiz highlighted a number of important aspects of Local History, including School History, the advancement of Science and Technology and local expressions. The competition catered for students of the lower secondary school.



Senior Education Officer responsible for matters relating to the curriculum in schools, Aldia Gumbs-Dyer, outlined the objectives of the competition as follows:

1. To motivate students to research the socio-economic, political and cultural heritage of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, not only as an academic discipline but also as a rewarding leisure pursuit
2. To highlight student-achievement in the study of Local History
3. To foster among students greater appreciation for Local History.

The Local History Quiz was introduced in 2004 as an initiative of the Heritage Club of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Community College. The first competition was won by the Bethel High School.



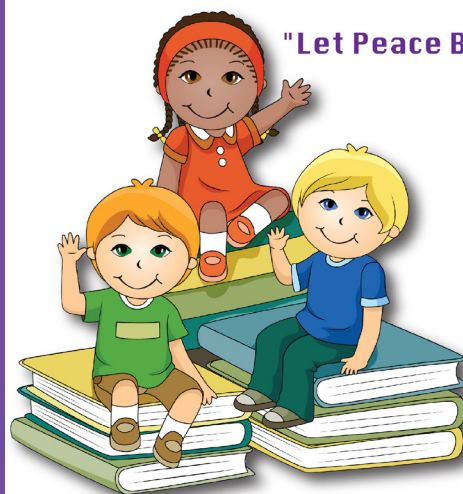
The 2014 edition of the Local History Quiz Competition took place on Thursday 3rd April at the Peace Memorial Hall.

The Ministry of Education
(Early Childhood Care & Education Dept.)
Celebrates:

CHILD MONTH
MAY 2014

**"Tolerance Today for a Violence-Free
World Tomorrow"**

"Let Peace Begin with Me"



Celebrating May as Child Month, 2014

Spotlight

ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT KINGSTOWN

Brief Description and History of the School

Saint Joseph's Convent Kingstown is a Private Assisted Secondary School for girls administered by the Sisters of St Joseph of Cluny, a Religious Order belonging to the Roman Catholic Church.

Monday January 2nd 1947, the St Joseph's Convent began as a small private co-ed school with four students – Patricia Dos Santos, Paul Mc Leish, Reginald Da Silva and Orrin Cotter. The school was first housed at the Sisters' residence in 'The Palms' at Back Street. It was moved to its present location in December 1951. The first principal was Mother Ina, the principalship of the school was under the Religious Sisters until January 2002 when the Cluny Board appointed its first lay principal – Ms Calma Balcombe.

The school's philosophy embraces a holistic approach to education. Our goal is to prepare our girls to not simply fit into society, but more importantly, to contribute positively to society. Hence the balance between the academics, fine arts moral and social development. St Joseph's Convent is renowned for its excellence in the Creative Arts, having won several trophies for singing, dancing, drama and more recently steel pan. Since November 1988, the school holds its Literary and Arts Competition bi-annually which gives each student the opportunity to excel in her area of strength.



2014 Junior Calypso & Soca Competitions

Several primary and secondary school students are now looking forward to Tuesday 1st July, to showcase their talents in Calypso and Soca at the annual Junior Calypso and Soca competitions. The competitions are held annually as part of the activities for Vincy Mas and are hosted by the Carnival Development Corporation (CDC), in conjunction with the Ministry of Education.

Following the preliminaries in March, the CDC has released the names of the finalists in this year's show:

JUNIOR CALYPSO COMPETITION Primary Schools' Finalists

Student Name	Name of School	Name of Song
Gabriella Gurley	Fancy Gov't	Chatoyer We Love You
Tia Wyllie	New Prospect	Save the Environment
Cha-Chanie Morgan	New Prospect	Let's Work Together to Build this Country
Kristian Christopher	Layou Gov't	You are my Hero
Terina Phillips	Brighton Methodist	Read to Succeed
Teyanna Williams	Brighton Methodist	The Role of a Teacher
Mahlique Castello	Sandy Bay Anglican	Stand up
Shelsi Clarke	Sandy Bay Anglican	Grab Some

JUNIOR CALYPSO COMPETITION Secondary Schools' Finalists

Johnroy Haywood	Troumaca Secondary	Feel Their Cry
Roshard Tittle	North Union Secondary	Let's Join Hands
Norrisa Gerald	Sandy Bay Secondary	Party Band Wagon
Shane Wynne	Bishop's College	Foundation
Brandon Frederick	St. Vincent Grammar Sch.	Today's Calypsonians
Grantliea Caine	Intermediate High School	Listen to Granny
Kristina Christopher	Thomas Saunders Sec.	Change
Defending Monarch <i>Gillian Smart</i>	<i>St. Joseph's Convent K/town</i>	

JUNIOR SOCA COMPETITION FINALISTS

Arriel Delpeche	Greggs Primary	Them Too Easy
Roshard Tittle	North Union Sec.	Sex Education
Giovannie Collins	St. Joseph's Convent M'qua	Ah Drink Ah The Wine
Niesha Richards	West St. George Sec.	Skinny Gal
Delanzo Lavia	Sandy Bay Secondary	Slow Down
Jasper Alexander	Thomas Saunders Sec.	Granny
Iran Pompey	Sandy Bay Secondary	Breadfruit
Defending Monarch <i>Kristiana Christopher</i>	<i>Thomas Saunders Secondary</i>	



Quality Education – A Collaborative Approach

The St. Vincent and the Grenadines Teachers' Union (SVGTU) hosted its 18th Biennial Convention under the theme *Quality Education – A Collaborative Approach*.

Mr. Nigel Scott, Deputy Director of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Community College presented the feature address at the opening ceremony, during which he explored the many elements that are essential to the achievement of quality education.

The new executive of the SVGTU was also sworn in to their respective positions:



The National Executive 2014-2016

Oswald Robison	President
Sheldon Govia	1st Vice President
Kent Cain	2nd Vice President
Margaret Lewis-Jackson	General Secretary
Jane Farrell	Assistant General Secretary
Wendy Bynoe	Public Relations Officer
Vibert Lampkin	Treasurer
Maxford Jones	Committee Member
Sharon Doyle	Committee Member



Honourees - Tyrone Burke and Carmela Smart

At the convention, the Union recognized two stalwarts for their outstanding contribution to education in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and for their invaluable support towards the development of the SVGTU. The two awardees were Mr. Tyrone Burke, former Chief Personnel Officer and Ms. Carmela Smart, a retired teacher.



L-R Donald Browne, Asfo Stephens, Nigel Scott, Oswald Robinson and Margaret Lewis-Jackson



Several teachers and heads of educational institutions attended the convention at the Georgetown Secondary School. It took place on Wednesday 16th April.

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