



**ST ANDREW'S**  
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



## 2025-2026 SEMESTER 1 REVIEW



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INTERNATIONAL  
& PROUDLY BAHAMIAN

Diversity

Community

Lifelong Learning

Ethics

Excellence





## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians, Alumni, and Friends,

As we bring Semester 1 of the 2025/26 school year to a close, I am proud to reflect on what has truly been a dynamic and purposeful period of learning and growth at St Andrew's.

The stories captured throughout this newsletter highlight a school community deeply engaged in learning beyond the classroom. From our youngest learners celebrating family, friendship, and culture, to our senior students leading meaningful CAS projects focused on environmental stewardship, social justice, and community service, the past months have exemplified our values of Diversity, Community, Lifelong Learning, Ethics, and Excellence in action.

This semester saw important milestones for our school. The Solar Array Opening Ceremony marked a significant step forward in our sustainability journey, reinforcing our commitment to environmental responsibility while creating real-world learning opportunities for students. Our very first 'Ethics and Excellence' Alumni Awards Ceremony recognised former St Andrew's students who have hit career heights and served local and global communities. I have also been putting the finishing touches to our brand new website, which I hope will be live before students return to school in January.

Student leadership and service have been particularly strong. Our CAS cohorts tackled complex global and local issues with empathy and initiative, our Red Cross Club and Kiwanis clubs extended care well beyond our campus, and our prefects and student councils demonstrated thoughtful leadership through advocacy, fundraising, and community engagement. These experiences develop not only capable students, but principled young adults.

The arts, athletics, and co-curricular life of the school have also thrived. From national recognition at the E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival to vibrant musical performances, spirited house competitions, and notable successes in BAISS sports, our students have continued to grow in confidence, teamwork, and resilience. Events such as St Andrew's Week, Languages Week, GGYA expeditions, and the launch of new initiatives like the Hurricane Hype Squad further strengthened school spirit and connection across year groups.

This newsletter offers only a snapshot of the vibrant life of St Andrew's, but I hope it conveys the energy, care, and ambition that define our community. Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Together, we are ensuring that the best is yet to come.

Wishing you and your families a restful and rewarding holiday break.

Gordon McKenzie  
Principal





## Grade 7 Students Explore Bahamian History

Grade 7 students recently enjoyed an unforgettable journey into Bahamian history as part of their Social Studies unit on the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

The day began at Clifton Heritage National Park where students explored historical ruins and learned about the Lucayans, Loyalists and enslaved Africans who once lived there. One student shared, "It was amazing to see the plantation and imagine what life was like back then."

At Fort Charlotte students experienced a historical reenactment that brought colonial times vividly to life. "I really enjoyed the reenactment, it made the history feel so real," said another student. To top it off everyone enjoyed a well deserved ice cream treat.

The trip concluded at the Pompey Museum of Slavery & Emancipation where students reflected on Pompey's courage and the strength of those who fought for freedom.

A huge thank you goes to chaperones Mr. Cooper and Mrs. Rodriques for helping make this inspiring and memorable trip possible.





## It's Electric!

On December 5, Grade 5 visited Easy Car Sales at the Mall at Marathon, as part of our Unit of Inquiry, "How the World Works." This experience allowed the students to explore renewable energy and learn how electric vehicles operate. The knowledge gained allowed the students to compare electric vehicles to conventional cars and discuss their impact on the environment. Additionally, Grade 5 had the opportunity to see real-world applications of this technology and consider whether electric vehicles are a better choice for a sustainable future.



## Ahoy Mateys!

Grade 5 went on an exciting adventure to the Pirates of Nassau Museum, as part of our Unit of Inquiry, "How We Organize Ourselves". The students set sail on "The Revenge" at the museum during the month of October. This hands-on experience brought our Piracy unit to life and allowed students to explore how pirates lived, worked, and navigated the high seas. Our adventure was even more exciting because the students came to school dressed as pirates.



## National Arts Festival Awards Ceremony

Congratulations are extended to Neishka Devilus, Grade 12 student, for being awarded the Most Outstanding Artist Award 2025 at the E Clement Bethel National Arts Festival. Additionally, special congratulations are also extended to Jackie Petersen, who was honored for her 25 years of participation in the National Arts Festival.

We look forward to recognizing all of our National winners and participants in January!





# Sunshine Day

Prekindergarten started the year off discussing two of the most important parts of their lives — their family and friends. The students looked into the relationships that they have with family and friends and how important they are to our lives. The class showed their guests just how much family and friends mean to them — through songs, poems, smiles, and a lot of heart. Once their performance was over they participated in many art and craft activities in their classroom. Also they showed off their work on the many displays.



## Coming this January

Step into a world of magic and music! Join us for our upcoming production of *Beauty and the Beast Jr.*, where dazzling performances, enchanting costumes, and unforgettable songs bring this beloved story to life. This is a show the whole family will enjoy—you won't want to miss it!

## BAISS District Debate

Our new Debate team proudly participated in their very first BAISS debate on November 4th, demonstrating impressive determination and teamwork. Although they did not take home the win, Jason Rodriques, Gregory Pinto, and Hadassah Taylor delivered thoughtful arguments and represented our school with integrity and passion. A special congratulations goes to Gregory, who was awarded Best Speaker for SAIS. We are incredibly proud of all three students and look forward to seeing their skills continue to grow in future competitions.





## Busy in Building Blocks

The Building Blocks Program for our little ones, 15 months to 2 years, has been a blast this Fall term. The children and their caretakers experienced new learning adventures every day as they played indoors with puppets and games as well as outdoors, where they chased butterflies and bubbles. The children painted and glued, glittered and tore paper, creating enchanting works of art with their little hands. Led by Mrs. Sandra Goodman, every moment was filled with learning.



## Grade 3 Simple Machines Celebration of Learning

As the students delved into the fascinating world of simple machines and discovered how these ingenious tools can make our daily tasks easier, they transformed into budding engineers. With excitement in the air, they embraced the challenge of designing and building their very own innovative, simple machines, creatively applying their newfound knowledge.

## PYP Workshop at Lyford Cay International School

Refreshed and energised is how this mixed group of educators left the weekend workshop feeling! The IB PYP Cat 3 Workshop, Connecting Subjects to Create a Coherent PYP Curriculum, was a timely and informative one. The teachers had the opportunity to review our current practices and curriculum design. They were also given new perspectives and ideas, which will allow for even further enhancements of our already robust Primary curriculum. One of the weekend's highlights was definitely collaborating with teachers from other IB PYP Schools, Lyford Cay International School and Lucaya International School. The presenters, Laura and Lupita did an excellent job of keeping the participants engaged and focused. Everyone came away with their own valuable understandings from the workshop and a certain eagerness to share and use what they learned.





# ARAWAK

## CAS Project

Over the month of October, the Grade 12 Arawak students planned and successfully executed two soccer workshops for the junior school students at St Andrew's. Their love for the sport and their desire to uphold the school's legacy of soccer excellence motivated them to choose this as their CAS project. In addition to the workshops, the students also planned and delivered presentations on topics such as nutrition, warm-ups, exercise, and sportsmanship.



# CARIB

## CAS Project

For the Carib CAS project, students embarked on a meaningful journey to raise awareness about the importance of mangroves in The Bahamas. Through activities such as propagule picking, creating a realistic fiction book entitled "Shelly and the Guardians of the Mangrove" and sharing it with fourth-grade students at Thelma Gibson Primary School, the students were able to raise awareness about the crucial benefits of mangroves and the importance of their protection and preservation. All in an effort to inspire the younger generation to appreciate and safeguard these vital ecosystems.





# LUCAYAN

## CAS Project

The Lucayan CAS project this year was led by Grade 12 Lucayans; a group of dynamic young ladies that chose a project near and dear to them. The title of the project "Code Red" addressed the concern of "Period Poverty". The project was used to address the needs of young ladies having access to menstrual supplies while facing other challenging situations. With the assistance of donations of a corporate sponsor, Lowe's Pharmacy, the team was able to make a generous donation to The Elizabeth Estates Children's Home along with reading resources.



# TAINO

## CAS Project

Grade 12 Taino students took the initiative to revive SAIS's partnership with the Bahamas Humane Society with a project titled "Taino Tails". The project aimed to raise awareness of the needs the shelter has and encourage students in our community to volunteer at and donate to the BHS. During the month of October, these students conducted visits to the BHS, laying the groundwork for wider school involvement. On Saturday, 15 November, the Grade 12 Tainos organised a visit for over 20 SAIS students and several SAIS families to assist in walking 102 dogs. On Friday 28 November, Grade 12s delivered a generous donation of cleaning products, blankets and other much-needed items collected by the SAIS community.





# GGYA

This semester has been an exciting one for the Governor General's Youth Award at St Andrew's. After restarting GGYA delivery last year, students across many different year groups have been inspired to sign-up to this prestigious and internationally recognised accreditation. Our numbers expected to participate in the adventurous expeditions have almost tripled, increasing from 9 last year to 30 this year!

The cohort of this academic year have made a great start to their training, attending weekly meetings and using their online accounts to update their progress in the Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections of their GGYA qualification. On Friday 5th December, 24 of our participants took part in a camping experience, where they were trained in CPR and AED first aid skills by our very own Nurse Bridgewater. And they also completed a number of team building activities, including a nighttime scavenger hunt around the school grounds to develop navigation skills.

We also ran a practice and qualifying expedition in October and November for our senior participants in Grades 11 and 12, some of whom signed up last year but were unable to participate. The qualifying was our first merged expedition with another school, giving us valuable insight into how other establishments run their GGYA expeditions. Well done to Connor Kemp in Grade 12, who is this academic year's first St Andrew's student to complete the Adventurous Journey section of his Bronze GGYA qualification. Excellent work Connor!

We are now looking forward to our younger students' practice expedition, which will be taking place from Sunday 25th to Monday 26th January 2026 on New Providence Island and then their qualifying in March, which will be taking place in Eleuthera!



## ST ANDREW'S WEEK HIGHLIGHTS



St Andrew's Week was full of spirit and celebration. Highlights included the St Andrew's Week Assembly, the unveiling of a new plaque honouring past Board Chairs, and recognition of long-serving staff. Students enjoyed Ice Cream Day, and the community came together for a lively Student-Staff -Alumni Softball Game and a festive Home for the Holidays weekend reception. The week concluded with a meaningful church service at St Andrew's Presbyterian Kirk.



# SPORTS news



## BAISS Baseball

The BAISS baseball competition entered its second season. We entered with a single senior team made up of both senior and junior players, blending a few experienced athletes with many newcomers.

The team showed outstanding commitment and growth all season, earning a place in the playoffs and advancing to the National High School Championship. They also made history by becoming the first St Andrew's team ever to play at the National Stadium.

It was an exceptional season and a strong foundation on which we can continue to build our baseball programme.

## BAISS Softball

Our girls' softball team have come on leaps and bounds over the last three years, when we established our first team for many years, with the help of Mr Rolle, who has volunteered many hours each week throughout the season to give our students valuable training, passing on his wealth of knowledge and tactics. His dedication to the team, as well as that of our captain Abigail Rolle, have enabled our students to develop both their skills and team cohesion. Our experienced and new players this year have demonstrated such devotion to their training that we were able to progress and perform even better this season compared to previous years, finishing third overall in the league. Well done girls!



## BAISS Swim Gala

The BAISS Swimming Gala was once again held at the Betty-Kelly-Kenning Aquatic Centre, in the 50m pool. St Andrew's was proudly represented in nearly every division and delivered some outstanding performances.

Led by captain Jahan Chatlani-Pickstock, the team included both National-level club swimmers and students competing at this level for the very first time, showcasing a mix of experience and emerging talent. Highlights of the gala included:

- 200m IM: Michael Fox-2nd, Jahan Chatlani-Pickstock-3rd
- 50m Fly: Michael Fox-1st
- 50m Free: Tiah Seymour-2nd, Jahan Chatlani-Pickstock-2nd
- 50m Back: Blue Gray-3rd, Tiah Seymour-2nd, Kaalen Ferguson-2nd
- 100m Free: Tiah Seymour-3rd, Michael Fox-2nd
- 50m Breast: Jahan Chatlani-Pickstock-1st
- Boys 200m Medley Relay: Michael Fox, Jahan Chatlani-Pickstock, Kaalen Ferguson, and Mateo Theberge – 3rd
- The team finished 5th overall, just 30 points behind 3rd place, an impressive achievement that reflected the dedication, skill, and teamwork of both experienced and first-time competitors.





## St Ann's Swim Gala

Twenty-five enthusiastic swimmers from Grades 1 to 6 made a big splash at the St. Anne's Swim Invitational this October! The meet was a fantastic chance for our athletes to shine, challenge themselves, and connect with swimmers from across the island.

A special round of applause goes to Katelin-Dahlia Hanna, Lynden Feaste, Leah Rolle, and Dakota Bastian, who powered their way to individual medals in their events. Our relay teams were just as unstoppable, with Zane Gibson, Ari Rolle, Kashta Rees, Connor Stevenson, Pablo Gomez, Jordan Thorne, and both Lynden and Dakota helping secure even more podium finishes for our school.

The event was exceptionally well organized and an absolute joy for our swimmers. Congratulations to all our athletes for their hard work, team spirit, and outstanding performances—and an extra cheer for our medal winners!

## KPMG Soccer Tournament

The KPMG Soccer Tournament, hosted by Lyford Cay International School, is an international competition featuring teams from across the Caribbean. It provided an exciting and challenging experience for both our boys' and girls' teams.

With several first-time players on each squad, the teams performed admirably, gaining valuable experience and learning a great deal. The boys' team notably won 3 out of 5 games, including a victory over one of the eventual finalists, highlighting their skill, determination, and growth throughout the tournament.



## Kickball

The House Kickball competition this year was held separately for Primary and Secondary School, giving students at each level the chance to showcase their skills, teamwork, and school spirit. Both competitions were filled with energy and enthusiasm, and every house gave their best, making the events exciting and memorable for all participants.

Results:

1. Taino
2. Arawak
3. Carib
4. Lucayan



## Basketball

The House Basketball competition this year was held for Secondary School students, showcasing skill, teamwork, and competitive spirit. The games were fast-paced and full of excitement, with every house giving their best on the court. It was a thrilling tournament that highlighted the talent and determination of all participants.

Results:

1. Taino & Lucayan (joint 1st)
2. Arawak
3. Carib

## Swim Gala

The St Andrew's Inter House Swim Gala once again highlighted the determination, skill, and depth of talent among our school's swimmers. From Kindergarten through Grade Twelve, both new and experienced swimmers took to the pool, giving their best and competing to earn points for their respective houses.

At the end of an exciting and competitive event, the final standings were:

Results:

1. Taino
2. Arawak
3. Lucayan
4. Carib







# THE RUN



The annual School Run Day took place on Friday, 21st November. Across two separate events in the morning, children from Pre-School upwards participated in races, celebrating the joy of running, experiencing friendly competition, and earning points for their houses.

Both events also included a community run. In primary, parents joined their children on the track, while in secondary, a non-competitive community run allowed students and staff alike to participate, earning house points in a fun and inclusive way.

The competitive races showcased determined efforts and outstanding performances from boys and girls across both primary and secondary school.

## Final Results:

- Joint 1st Place: Carib & Taino
- 2nd Place: Arawak
- 3rd Place: Lucayan





# INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEAN UP

This year's International Coastal Clean Up was hosted by Blue Lagoon at Yamacraw Beach.

Around fifty to sixty Eco Club members proudly participated by collecting debris, recording data and helping to protect the marine environment. Their efforts not only improved Yamacraw Beach but also demonstrated the positive impact young people can have in their community.



## Languages Week

We started our Languages Week with a bang - literally! Students who could explain the significance of the pinata stuffed with candy in the cafeteria were invited to have a go at it - and the first swinger managed to destroy it! During the week, we had Advisory slideshows on learning American Sign Language, and music in many different languages being played during lunch time in the cafeteria. On Friday 31st October Grade 11/12 Lucayan hosted an interactive assembly, Language and Communication, with a hilarious skit by Grade 7 French and a tricky trivia game by Grade 10 Spanish.



## Leadership Seminar 2025

Before the start of school, senior prefects attended an inspiring Leadership Seminar hosted by Mrs. Janice Gaitor, Director of Student Support, and her team. Alumni speakers Charles Hamilton (Class of 2007) and Derick McIntosh (Class of 2015) shared powerful insights on leadership, communication, and professional presence, while school counselor Ms. Pippa Sands guided students through an engaging leadership challenge. The seminar was a resounding success, equipping our prefects with practical tools and renewed motivation for the year ahead.



# ETHICS AND EXCELLENCE

## *Alumni Awards*

### Congratulations to all of our Recipients

Our inaugural Alumni Ethics & Excellence Awards evening was an inspiring milestone! We're grateful to everyone who joined us, supported this event, and helped make this event truly memorable.





**2025**  
**ETHICS**  
AND  
**EXCELLENCE**  
*Alumni Awards*  
*Recipients*



Anina Major  
Art and Design



Dr Blair Woodside-Adderley  
Health and Wellness



N Charles Hamilton  
Distinguished Scholarship Recipient



Catherine Azikiwe  
Education and Training



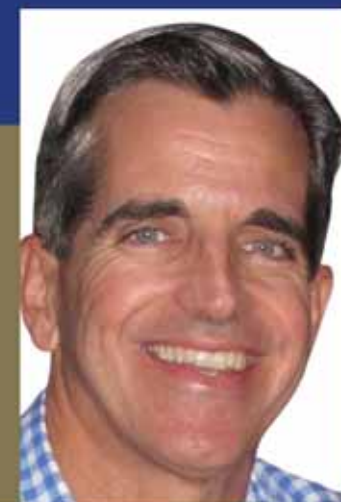
Paul Moxey Jr  
Travel and Tourism



Chad Strachan  
Science and Technology



Gian Dean  
Business and Finance



Bruce Stewart  
Award for Steadfast Support and  
Commitment to  
St Andrew's International School



# *Farewell* **MS PETERSEN**



“

*I've heard it said*

*That people come into our lives*

*For a reason*

*Bringing something we must learn*

*And we are led to those*

*Who help us most to grow...*

”







## Dear Students, Parents, Teachers, and All Hurricanes

Over my years at St Andrew's I have worn many hats: teacher, conductor, Director of Academics, Department Head, Producer, and occasional magician when instruments refused to cooperate.

These many hats have brought memories which I will carry and cherish...

Year Three adventures exploring the Oceans unit, the legendary musical *Sounds a Little Fishy to Me*, and of course our deep dive into Sound (complete with homemade instruments that definitely tested my hearing).

Trying to teach art...yes, Mrs Key, dream catchers are supposed to be lopsided...of course Primary got an art specialist the year I moved to the Secondary School.

Assisting Mrs Bristow in Primary music with the many concerts, National Arts Festivals, and shows like *Annie Jr.*, featuring a young Mr Carey playing a police officer. I have the pictures for evidence.

And then came my return to Secondary music where teenagers with instruments somehow became my favourite soundtrack. Many of you have asked, "How can you listen to all that noise?" My friends... that wasn't noise. That was music. (Okay, sometimes it was noise.) I loved watching students make those beginning sounds on an instrument and then stare at it in disbelief.

I've been so proud to watch the music and performing arts programme grow with countless performances, National Arts Festival wins, school shows like *Alice in Wonderland*,

*Into the Woods*, *Grease*, *Elf*, *Legally Blonde*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Sister Act*, and soon to come, *Beauty and the Beast*! If Broadway calls, I'll forward the message to all of you. Afterall, "It's a musical, people!" Have I mentioned the school trips? Oh yes. The students discovering the world...and the stores.

Canada trips where they lived in dorms, met new friends, tried university life, and ate too much cafeteria food.

The Creative Arts trip to New York - ice skating at Rockefeller Center, appearing on the Today Show (sort of), Broadway, Lion King puppetry workshops, art galleries... and shopping. My goodness, the shopping. I have never seen teenagers purchase so many "souvenirs" that looked suspiciously like entire wardrobes.

I can't forget my Caribs! The loudest and proudest! Win you mighty Caribs!

And now, after all the concerts, classroom moments, kit kat kahoots, house events, field trips, rehearsals, emergency instrument repairs, meetings and shared laughter, this concert must come to an end. I will leave the Murray mints with Mr Carey and the Earl Grey tea in the staffroom.

Thank you, St Andrew's, for the memories, the music, and for only occasionally questioning my sanity.

"Who can say if I've been changed for the better? But Because I knew you, Because I knew you, I have been changed for good."

**WITH LOVE, GRATITUDE, AND A FINAL DRAMATIC BOW.  
MS JACKIE PETERSEN**



# SOLAR ARRAY CEREMONY



On October 30, our school community gathered for a special Solar Array Ceremony to mark this exciting milestone in our sustainability journey. The event celebrated innovation, environmental responsibility, and the power of collective action in shaping a cleaner, greener future.

We were deeply honoured to welcome The Hon. JoBeth Coleby-Davis, Minister of Energy and Transport, who delivered inspiring remarks about the importance of renewable energy initiatives in The Bahamas. She then had the privilege of officially cutting the ribbon, signifying the beginning of this transformative project for our school. This first phase of our solar farm marks a major step toward reducing our carbon footprint. The installation will help power our campus with clean, renewable energy-serving as a living classroom for sustainability and innovation in action.

At St Andrew's, we believe in leading by example. Our commitment to renewable energy is not only about powering our facilities-it's about empowering our students to think critically about the future of our planet and to take action that makes a difference.





# Scholarship Reception



A Scholarship Reception was held in honour of four outstanding Grade 9 students, Kai Gardiner, Jady Bethel, Mataya Romer, and Chante Storr, who have been awarded scholarships to St Andrew's. Surrounded by the Board of Directors, teachers, staff, alumni, parents and fellow students, these young scholars were warmly welcomed and recognized for their achievements. Congratulations to each of them on this well-deserved accomplishment!

## Secondary Student Council

Student Council members were officially pinned and the executives proudly hosted their first event.

"Dress Pink Day 2025", was held on Friday, October 24, 2025. This meaningful initiative raised awareness and showed support for individuals and families affected by breast cancer. All proceeds from the event were donated to the Sister Sister Breast Cancer Support Group in Nassau, Bahamas.







# Builders Club and K-Kids making a Difference



## Breast Cancer Awareness Fundraiser

The enthusiastic K-Kids members, joined by their dedicated peers from the Builders Club and our proactive Student Council, were hard at work selling an assortment of vibrant 'pink' items. Their efforts were fueled by a shared commitment to raise funds for The Bahamas Cancer Society's invaluable work, fostering a sense of community and purpose in their mission.



## Photo booth Fundraiser

The K-Kids inaugural photo booth fundraiser turned out to be a "flashing" success, thanks to the enthusiastic collaboration of our Builders Club. Together, we proudly raised vital funds for Hurricane Melissa Aid Relief. It was a heartfelt moment to hand over a generous cheque to Mr. Sumner, President of The Bahamas Red Cross, to support those affected by the hurricane. Kudos to all the K-Kids for your hard work and dedication—your efforts truly made a difference!



## Breast Cancer Awareness Fundraiser

Builders Club members sold breast cancer awareness pins the entire month of October to raise funds to donate to the Sister Sister Breast Cancer Support Group. The proceeds were combined with funds raised by K-Kids and The SAIS Student Council.



# GO HURRICANES

## Hurricane Hype Squad "Hyperrricanes"



This year, we were excited to launch a new Cheer Group designed to promote teamwork, fitness, and school spirit. Students meet weekly to learn foundational cheer skills, develop cooperation, and build confidence through performance. The "hyperrricanes" made its debut at the swim gala, have increased pride at the pep rally and even had a performance before "The Run" where they danced and cheered. We look forward to watching this program grow and celebrating the dedication of our young cheerleaders. Some other events we are looking forward to continuing to bring the roar of the Hurricane pride are Sports Day, PTA BBQ, and Festival of Intercultural Understanding. Of course, we are looking forward to being at games during the sports season.

## Junkanoo Jitney

Grade 2 had an exciting experience on the Junkanoo Jitney! In connection to our Celebrations Unit of Inquiry, students learned about the origin and development of our strong Junkanoo tradition. They visited the Doongalik Art Gallery and the Craft Cottage to see art pieces inspired by Junkanoo. They also saw multiple Junkanoo Shacks and even got to visit a Valley Boys Shack and create their own headpiece.





# Primary Student of the Year Nominee, Amelia Rolle

We are delighted to announce that Amelia Rolle has been selected as our nominee for the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Competition.

Amelia embodies the very best of our IB Learner Profile attributes. She is principled, caring, balanced, reflective, open-minded, and demonstrates leadership and academic excellence. Amelia consistently achieves top marks and has earned numerous awards for her outstanding academic performance. Beyond the classroom, she is an exceptionally well-rounded student:

## Athletics

She plays soccer as a dedicated member of the Baha Juniors Football Club, regularly competes in triathlons, earning several medals, and has participated in inter-school events in soccer, track and field, and swimming.

## Leadership

She is a Student Council Representative, K-Kids President, Eco Club Co-President, and Taino House Captain.

## Arts

She has earned multiple National Arts Festival honours and has been a performer in every school musical since Grade 2.

## Service

Organized and led a book drive donating over 615 books to Thelma Gibson Primary School; volunteers annually to bring Christmas cheer through neighbourhood carolling; raises funds for Potcake Puppy Palace; participates in numerous beach clean-ups; supports church community work through the decorating committee at Ebenezer Methodist Church; and helps organize and sort food donations during our annual food drive.



Amelia is a compassionate, hardworking, and inspirational young leader who truly represents the heart and spirit of our school. We are incredibly proud of her achievements and all she brings to our community.

Congratulations is also extended to Sofia Roberts and Ethan Fair-Carter for advancing to the interview round of the selection process. We are so very proud of you all!



During the month of November, our Primary School students enthusiastically participated in the annual Random Acts of Kindness Challenge, collectively completing over 1,300 acts of kindness! A special congratulations to Arawak House, which completed the most acts of kindness with an impressive total of 366! This initiative highlights the importance of compassion and generosity, fostering social-emotional growth and helping students understand the impact of positive actions within their community. We are proud of all our students for demonstrating that small acts of kindness can create a big impact. Together, they are shaping a more caring and connected school community!



# Red Cross Club

Our Red Cross Club has been very active this semester. On Wednesday, September 3rd, we were invited to Government House to participate in the official induction of the President of the Bahamas National Red Cross and his executive team. We presented the Seven Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross Society.

On Sunday, November 2nd, we marched on the National Youth Parade for the first time. It was a joy to join in with other youth organizations to demonstrate that young people are contributing to society in meaningful ways.

On Sunday, November 9th, we attended the National Remembrance Day church service and parade in honor of those who served in World Wars one & two. Daniel and Emanuel Cruz were both flag bearers.

On Monday, November 10th, we participated in the World AIDS Day assembly at St Ann's Anglican School. Our head boy Kendell Miller and Prefect Mia Edgecombe read tributes to Mrs. Rosa-Mae Bain and the late Dr. Perry Gomez, pioneers in the fight against HIV/AIDS in The Bahamas.



## Annual BAISS Service of Thanksgiving

Our Senior Prefects joined student leaders from across The Bahamas at the Annual BAISS Service of Thanksgiving. During the ceremony, Head Boy Kendell Miller and Head Girl Brenay Beneby were each honoured with a trophy in recognition of their leadership. The event took place on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at Christ Church Cathedral on George Street, Nassau.



## St Andrew's Week Annual Church Service

On November 30, 2025, our Senior Prefects attended the St Andrew's Week Annual Church Service at St Andrew's Presbyterian Kirk, Prince's Street at Peck's Slope (opposite the Central Bank), Nassau. Head Boy Kendell Miller and Head Girl Brenay Beneby led the scripture readings during the ceremony.



# Thanksgiving Assembly

It has become a tradition for our Red Cross Club to conduct our annual Thanksgiving Assembly. This is special because it is a time when the whole school comes together to give thanks for all we have and extend a helping hand to those in need, through the Bahamas National Red Cross (BNRC).



## LETTERS TO *Santa*

Our Grade 1 students have been hard at work practising their writing skills as they created their own letters to Santa.

After planning and careful handwriting, the children proudly walked their letters to the school's main office, where Miss Sonia promised to send them off to the North Pole by FedEx. The excitement in the office was lovely to see, especially as many of them asked, "Will we get a response?" We're looking forward to seeing what seasonal magic unfolds!





## Christmas In Class Pottery Learning Experience

This holiday season PK2 celebrated Christmas by having an in school pottery painting learning experience. We got to apply our learning from our Unit "Patterns Surround Us" while painting with "Paint Your Own Pottery, Nassau" run by Gia.

## Builders Club Colouring Contest

This year Builders Club hosted its first Coloring Contest for Primary. Students entered for a chance to win a Night Before Christmas box filled with goodies, including a \$50 gift certificate from Kelly's Home Center.



## Haunted Village

Thanks to the creative work of Key Club and dedicated student volunteers, the hall shifted from a familiar space into a world of glowing pumpkins, eerie soundscapes, and playful scares. Children wandered through ghostly tunnels, met friendly monsters, and enjoyed just the right mix of fright and fun. Volunteers brought the magic to life with energy, imagination, and plenty of Halloween spirit, creating an event for our brave students.



## Holiday Bell Ringing

There's an unparalleled joy in spreading the warm spirit of Christmas while offering a helping hand to those in need. This year, K-Kids, along with Builders Club, were ringing the bells for The Salvation Army, embracing the season of giving and hope.







This year's Christmas concert was a vibrant celebration of music, dance, and drama, capturing the holiday spirit in the most magical way.

The evening highlighted the remarkable talent within our school community. An exciting highlight was seeing the audience participate in a few activities as well as joining in the final number, a lively rendition of "The 12 Days of Christmas."

A heartfelt thank-you goes out to everyone who took part—from the students on stage to the teachers and staff who worked behind the scenes to make the concert possible.







This year's Infant Christmas Production showcased students from Preschool, PK1, PK2, Kindergarten, and Grade 1 under the theme "A Bahamian Christmas." The sight of our children dressed as Bahamian policemen, flamingos, Junkanooers, and tourists brought the spirit of our culture to life in a truly delightful way. Well done, to our youngest performers!





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