

Nelson Street Boys R.C (top) and Nelson Street Girls R.C (bottom) Schools

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Jumpstart Read for the Record Day

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Imagine school children in over fifty schools reading the same book on the same day to promote the importance of early literacy and reading.

Well, this was the reality throughout the East, West and North and South corridors of Trinidad and Tobago. School children in Trinidad and Tobago from over fifty primary schools and early care and education centres participated in Jumpstart Read for the Record global reading celebration on October 6, 2011.

In Trinidad and Tobago, children and teachers in classrooms, assembly halls, school corridors and libraries resonated the words from the books *Llama Llama Red Pajama* authored by Anna Dewdney and *Grommit My Life and Times* authored by Andy Campbell.

“It was a colourful day” according to a teacher from Bishop’s Anstey Junior

“It was a day to remember” according to a teacher from Nelson Street Boys

“MOVTIVATING, INSPIRATIONAL, FUNNY AND ENJOYABLE” were the words of day.

The Bridge Foundation sponsored books for over 50 schools with donation of one hundred and twelve (112) Llamas, *Llama Red Pajama* books from Jumpstart.

Thank you Jumpstart

We doubled our school participation from 28 schools in 2010 to 51 schools this year, 2011

Trinidad & Tobago school children participation rate increased from 2,314 to 9,029.

Congratulations **Trinidad and Tobago**



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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO SCHOOLS PARTICIPATION

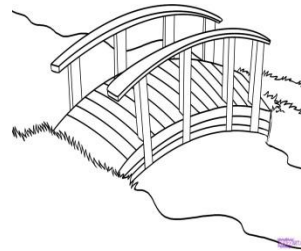
2010 Count: 2, 814

2011 Count:

1. Aranguez Government Primary School
2. Barataria AC Primary School
3. Bethlehem Boys R.C School
4. Bethlehem Girls R.C School
5. Bishop Anstey Junior School
6. Blackman's Private School
7. Bon Air Government Primary School
8. Bon Air Government Primary School
9. Carenage Boys Government School
10. Chaguanas Government Primary School
11. Chickland R.C Primary School
12. Chinapoo ECCE Centre
13. Curepe Educational Centre
14. Curepe Presbyterian Primary School
15. Diego Martin Boys R.C School
16. Diego Martin Girls R.C School
17. Diego Martin Government Primary School
18. Dunross Prep School
19. El Socorro ECCE Centre
20. El Socorro North Government School
21. Gran Couva R. C. Primary School
22. Happy Days
23. Holy Faith St. Bernadette's Prep School
24. Holy Faith St. Monica Prep School
25. Holy Name Preparatory School
26. Ideal Beginning Montessori School
27. La Puerta Government Primary School
28. Little Gems
29. Mamoral #2 Primary School
30. Maria Goretti Preparatory School
31. Nelson Street Boys R.C School
32. Nelson Street Girls R.C School
33. Newtown Boys R.C School
34. Newtown Girls R.C School
35. Petit Valley Boys R.C School
36. Petit Valley Girls R.C School
37. Rosary Boys R.C School
38. Sacred Heart Girls School
39. San Fernando TML Primary School
40. San Juan Presbyterian Primary School
41. Sangre Grande R.C School
42. St. Agnes AC Primary School
43. St. Andrew's Private School
44. St. Augustine South Government School
45. St. Joseph Girls R.C School
46. St. Ursula's Girls AC School
47. St. Xavier's Private School
48. The Arbor School
49. The International School of Port of Spain
50. The University School
51. Valsayn ECCE Centre



Read for the Record & Read to Rise Books Served As the Bridge



The Bridge Foundation promoted the Jumpstart selected book ***Llama, Llama Red Pajama*** read by children all over the world. The Llama, Llama Red Pajama book intended for young children was read by children and teachers in Trinidad and Tobago schools in creative ways:

Older children read the Llama, Llama Red Pajama book to younger children in classrooms and libraries

Children wearing pajama's sat on classroom floors covered with blankets and listened intensely to Llama, Llama story read by teachers

Beautiful pictures were drawn of Llama Llama in his red pajamas by teachers and students and the connection between the written word and artistic expression was reinforced

Even a arm-chair was positioned throughout the day in a decorated classroom children from kindergarten to primary three visited and was read the Llama Llama Red Pajama story

Readings Personified through Story-telling

While younger children read Llama Llama Red Pajama older children read a Caribbean authored book *My Grommit and My Life and Times* which was donated through the Bridge Foundation Read to Rise program which promotes Caribbean authored books to raise cultural awareness among school children.

School readings of *My Grommit My Life and Times* were personified through story telling at schools. Errol Fabien, a television personality memorized students at Nelson Street R.C. Boys and Girl through storytelling inspired by the Read to Rise folk tale.

At Nelson Street Boys the entire school read *Grommit My Life and Times* in unison standing in a choir arrangements; other boys of the school read paragraph's of *Grommit* interchangeably. Alongside Soca Artist "Fireball", Errol Fabien expressed his appreciation for the Read for the Record Day event and the new Read to Rise initiative.

Author Offers Lessons

Other children at St. Agnes A.C and St. Andrew's Private School experienced the story through the words of author who wrote the book. Andy Campbell gave an historical record of *Grommit* and shared why vultures like *Grommit* should be protected because of their efficient role in eating garbage and human left overs that are hazardous to humans but are necessary diet requirements for a vulture survival.

Other schools read *Grommit* in school assemblies

Some schools read *Grommit* during library hours.

Other schools studied the life style patterns of Vultures like *Grommit*

Even younger children listened to the *Grommit* stories read by their teachers.



Inspirational Quotes of the Day

At St. Agnes A.C.

Ingrid Jahra, CEO of Giant Screen Entertainment

"books helped me to travel all over the world and it can do the same for you."

At St. Andrews

Lee Ann Forbes, Miss Trinidad and Tobago, 2011

"Reading opens on your world to new ideas and all of you will promise me that you will read a book at least once a month."

At Nelson Street Boys and Girls R.C. Schools

Errol Fabien, storyteller, Television and Radio Presenter

Story-telling is part of who we are and it is way to share personal and fictional experiences.

SUPPORT FOR READ FOR THE RECORD DAY
The Bridge Foundation" fulfilled all expectations for the day and helped to bridge global and Caribbean cultures and experiences on the day. He noted that such a program help connect the importance of folk literature and reading to children who were like himself.

Errol Fabien

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