

## CIBC FIRSTCARIBBEAN'S NIGEL HOLNESS GOT AN "A" FROM TEACHERS, STUDENTS

**Kingston, Jamaica, May 10, 2023** - It is difficult to determine who enjoyed "Read Across Jamaica Day" more on Wednesday, May 9, 2023, but the teachers and students of St. Francis Primary & Infant School gave an emphatic "A" grade to Nigel Holness, Managing Director, CIBC FirstCaribbean for his efforts.

Holness, read to Grade 4B and had the entire class responding animatedly - imitating various animal sounds referenced in the book. Their moos, barks, grunts, blahs, resonated across the classroom as they matched words to action. Holness was a good sport too, allowing one student to demonstrate how he walks his dog, using the bank executive's tie like a leash. The table turned, hilariously, when Holness proceeded to walk the boy instead.

Latoya Smith, Reading Coordinator at the school commended Mr. Holness for "immediately connecting with the children and getting them involved in the story. It was an enjoyable reading", she declared.

Principal, Shallette McIntyre thanked Mr. Holness for "taking the time to come to the school and committing wholeheartedly to engaging the children".

For his part, Mr. Holness thanked the school for the opportunity. Noting that CIBC FirstCaribbean has an ongoing relationship with several educational institutions including tertiary, secondary and primary and basic schools.

Mr. Holness said "our bank sees education as critical to the development of the young minds of the future leaders of our country".

One of Jamaica's oldest schools, the St. Francis Primary & Infant School (formerly the St. Francis All Age School) was established by the Franciscan Sisters of Allegary in 1890.



Timothy Samuels, Grade 4B student of St. Francis Primary & Infant School demonstrates how he walks his dog, using the tie of CIBC FirstCaribbean Managing Director, Nigel Holness as a leash. The class erupted in laughter after the affable bank executive turned the tables, leading the boy instead. Mr. Holness read to the students on "Read Across Jamaica Day", May 9, 2023.



**True Participation:** Students of St. Francis Primary & Infant School vie to respond to questions posed by Nigel Holness, Managing Director, CIBC FirstCaribbean following his reading of a story to them on "Read Across Jamaica Day", May 9, 2023.



Janice Palmer (right), Teacher of St. Francis Primary & Infant School and Nigel Holness, Managing Director, CIBC FirstCaribbean engage students during the reading of a story by him to the Grade 4B class on "Read Across Jamaica Day", May 9, 2023.



Nigel Holness, Managing Director, CIBC FirstCaribbean with Shallete McIntyre, Principal of St. Francis Primary & Infant School following his reading to students on "Read Across Jamaica Day", May 9, 2023.



Nigel Holness (back), Managing Director, CIBC FirstCaribbean with students of St. Francis Primary & Infant School following his reading to them on "Read Across Jamaica Day", May 9, 2023.

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