



### Scotiabank Kiddy Cricketers Commemorate Earth Day at Sabina Park



**Caption 1:** Scotiabank’s Hope McMillan-Canaan (left) assists Kiddy Cricketer Nathan McKintosh (right), to place a Bismarck palm in the centre of a green area behind the North Stand at Sabina Park on Earth Day. Looking on from left are McKintosh’s team mates from Nazareth Primary, the top school in the Kiddy Cricket programme, Ronaldo Dennis and Britanya Newsome and Chirpy, the mascot.

**Caption 2:** Scotiabank Kiddy Cricketer, Nathan McKintosh (left), shows his gardening abilities as he assists with the planting of a symbolic Kiddy Cricket tree at Sabina Park on Earth Day, April 22. Nathan who attends Nazareth Primary in Manchester, the top school in the 2017 programme, was selected along with two other team mates to plant the tree. Looking on from left are Hope McMillan Canaan, Public and Corporate Affairs Manager, Scotiabank, Yanique Forbes Patrick, Vice President Marketing, Scotiabank, Ronaldo Dennis and Britanya Newsome of Nazareth Primary. In the background is Kiddy Cricket coordinator Phillip Service.

**Kingston, April 2017** On Earth Day, April 22, Scotiabank Kiddy Cricketers who gathered at Sabina for the second day of test match between the West Indies and Pakistan, used the opportunity to plant a symbolic tree in celebration of the occasion. The original plan had been to do the tree planting exercise just after their interval display scheduled to take place during the lunch hour, however, things changed based on the weather. In between the intermittent showers of rain the over 70 students gathered around a small triangular green area, to the back of the North Stand, to create a permanent marker that will inspire Kiddy Cricketers in years to come.

It was an educational initiative for those involved, to be reminded of the significance of Earth Day, and the importance of maintaining the environment through the planting of trees. Yanique Forbes Patrick, Vice President Marketing at Scotiabank said “Environmental protection is an area Scotiabank is very passionate about and planting trees is one of the easiest ways to positively

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affect the environment. It was also an opportunity to plant a Kiddy Cricket tree at Sabina Park to pay tribute to the growth and development of the programme, while commemorating Earth Day.

Members of the Nazareth Primary, the top school in the Kiddy Cricket Programme, were selected to assist with the planting exercise. Applause and cheers went up when the tree was successfully positioned.

The tree, a Bismarck Palm was placed in the centre of the green area and, with its exquisite silver pointed leaves the plant, will be a beautiful addition to the landscape of the park. It is described as a specimen tree that, in maturity, should grow no taller than 10 feet and requires little maintenance or care.

“Kiddy cricket is an important legacy for Scotiabank it is our contribution to growing the sport, this tree will be a great reminder to others in the programme”, said Forbes Patrick. “In years to come, these children will be able to look at the beauty of the tree and know that they had a part to play in its planting”, she continued.

The tree planting is first of many, as the Bank intends to roll out a tree planting programme in Kiddy Cricket schools across the island in upcoming months.

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