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PRESS RELEASE

Donation of Books to TN Kirnon Unit for the Blind and Visually Impaired

On 8th December 2017, Antigua and Barbuda High Commissioner Her Excellency Karen Mae-Hill, in partnership with Book Aid International, donated over 200 books to the Unit of the Blind and Visually Impaired of the TN Kirnon Primary School. Each book was carefully selected to suit the needs of individual students and included a selection of children books in braille.

Book Aid International was founded in 1954 by Hermione Countess of Ranfurly who recognised the positive influence that books can have on transforming lives. This philosophy permeates throughout the organisation to this day. Chief Executive Alison Tweed noted: “At Book Aid International we believe that everyone, regardless of their personal circumstances, should have the opportunity to access books and enjoy reading. We are delighted to be able to support the TN Kirnon library and the excellent work that they do.”

High Commissioner Hill thanked Book Aid International for their generous support: “Books are important for personal and professional development. In an age where knowledge and information are valuable commodities, the old adage of “knowledge is power” rings true perhaps now more than ever. This initiative, made possible by Book Aid International and supported by British Airways who transported the books from London is most welcome”.

Also present at the short handing over ceremony was Director of Education Mr Claire Browne and Education Officer with Responsibility for Special Needs in the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Ms Joy-Ann Harrigan and the Principal of the TN Kirnon Primary School, Ms Hyacinth Galsalves-Barriero. Ms Harrigan expressed her deep appreciation for the initiative: “As Education Officer for Special Needs, within the Ministry of Education, the responsibility is mine to plan and institute programmes and support for our students with challenges. Therefore when we receive resources such as these books, we are always delighted. We depend on initiatives such as that of our High Commissioner Karen Mae Hill, and so I express deep gratitude to Book Aid International for this donation of books which our children at the T.N. Kirnon School, who are Blind or visually impaired, and also our typical children can enjoy and expand their imaginations.”

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