

THE EXUMA FOUNDATION - NOVEMBER 2014



JUNIOR SAILING



The sailing programme continues to prosper with now more than 50 young people in the club.

This photograph is of the five boats and two chase boats which belong to the club at a Saturday practice.

We may need to look at some kind of basic shelter to protect the boats from the weather when not being used and a place where repairs can be carried out.



BOOK FAIR

At the latest book fair over 2,000 books were sold at \$1 each and more than 1,000 books were given away to children. As always our thanks to the Family Island Book Initiative especially Danielle and Jo.



BREADFRUIT TREES

The breadfruit tree experiment is doing well. We lost two plants to snails before we realized this was a problem but 70 of the young plants are prospering. We hope to sell the plants at the start of next year to cover expenses.

We are clearing the acre of land behind the activity centre with a view to establishing an orchard of breadfruit trees, avocado, soursop and guava. The irrigation for the trees will be from rainwater catchment.

A composting effort has started using all the leaves and weeds from the landscaping.



FOOD BANK

The Food Bank has now made 11 distributions each of which provides a family with basic food, etc. Our thanks to the volunteers and to all those who have given to the fund. This aspect of our work is much appreciated in the community.

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Six students and their lecturer, Dr. Nicolette Bethel, stayed at the campus for three nights in November. The students were pursuing various studies on the island and the Foundation assisted with accommodation and transport. Nicolette is the daughter of Keva Bethel who was the first president of the College of The Bahamas and was instrumental in establishing the College outreach at the Foundation.

IN OTHER NEWS

Rodney Smith, the new president of The College of The Bahamas visited the campus and expressed interest in the way the Foundation has facilitated continuing education on the island.

BTC has made a grant of \$1,000 to the Special School. Danny will collect this in Nassau at a presentation event.

The Foundation is exploring ways that we can help the Cancer Society in their fundraising effort. The Cancer Society has been active for several years and has given support and advice to many people in need.

Trustee Ron Fraser and friends have donated a touch screen computer to the school. The fast and reliable wireless connection provided by The College of The Bahamas make streaming Internet possible for the children.

Ron's people have replenished stock in the shoe bank.

The large flat screen television donated by The Royal Bank of Canada is now in place in the school.

Relevant Kingdom Ministry have also donated a television to the school that can be used in group activities.

ENVIRONMENTAL ED.



Catherine Booker is now working with the schools at the start of a year of support for environmental education. Much of the teaching involves field trips and practical work. These photographs are of students from Williams Town School on a trip to Moriah Harbour Cay. Catherine is encouraging school gardens and collecting recyclable bottles and cans.

The thinking behind this effort is that sustainability is only possible if the community concerned understand it and support it which in turn depends upon education.