

Seakaid kicks off with a hat-trick



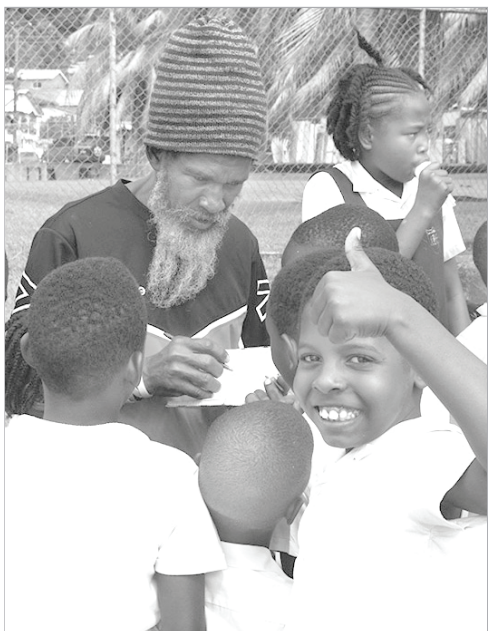
Mrs Verona Richards, Headteacher at the Sion Hill Government School, accepts the donation from Craig Cordice.

SEAKAID, a UK charity set up to recycle and distribute sports kits and equipment to the Caribbean, last Tuesday, January 23, launched its inaugural campaign in St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG).

A trio of meetings and projects kick-started Seakaid's core mission in the region – to identify and distribute sports kits and associated equipment to socially deprived and underprivileged children in SVG.

It's no surprise that this magnificent part of the world was picked to launch Seakaid's first campaign. Founder of Seakaid, Craig Cordice, an English Football Association (FA) qualified coach, has a personal connection with SVG – his father is a fellow islander.

Following his father's untimely death in January 2017, Craig's passion was lit to use his football connections beyond



Eddie Roberts of Future Sports Stars Academy (FSSA) was on hand to register those students who have shown interest in becoming part of his programme.



Students of the Sion Hill Government School making good use of the training equipment donated by Seakaid.

the pitches of the UK. During a day out, Craig was taken aback by the talent he witnessed as a group of boys played on a local pitch. Despite the inadequate conditions, the boys played with such passion and finesse, it moved Craig to action. Instantly, with the flame firmly fanned, Craig considered the difference he could make to the boys if he provided them with access to quality coaching, football kits and the footwear to top it all off!

And last Tuesday, Seakaid hit the ground running, first meeting with Cecil McKie – Minister of Tourism, Sports and Culture, to ensure Seakaid had the backing of the government.

Mr McKie, Ministry of Tourism, Sports and Culture, in welcoming the Seakaid initiative, said, inter alia, "The work that Seakaid is doing is going to be very important to assist with the development programme that we have established in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Next on the agenda was a meeting at Sion Hill Government School, where Craig gave an inspirational talk to a group of enthusiastic students. They listened intently, as Craig talked about football, staying focused at school and being the best they can be at all times – no matter what the circumstance.

An appreciative Mrs Verona Richards, Headteacher, said: "Sion Hill students being involved with the Seakaid project is going to give them an opportunity to build themselves up, leading to better behaviour, which will support their future career prospects. It's great for their allround development."

The visit to the Sion Hill Government School climaxed with a donation of football kits and equipment to the school/students.

The donation was made in partnership with the Future Sports Stars Academy (FSSA), a grassroots organisation set up to introduce a combination of football, dance, athletics and martial arts as a base for discipline and movement among boys and girls aged between 7 -17 years.

Founder of Seakaid, Craig Cordice said: "Seakaid is thrilled to be working with the government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Sion Hill School

and FSSA on this campaign. I'm overwhelmed by the support received to date. It's hugely significant and will help to widen Seakaid's network and continue to support socially deprived and underprivileged children in SVG and across other regions of the Caribbean."

Eddie Roberts, former pupil and



Seakaid's founder Craig Cordice (right) met with and won the support of Minister of Sports Cecil McKie.

teacher at Sion School, as well as manager at FSSA said: "Thanks to Seakaid and the sports equipment provided, our sessions are continuing to develop and grow. The football sessions are breaking down the barriers that have traditionally been in place."

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**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES**

CLAIM NO: SVGHCV2017/0027



BETWEEN:

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA

CLAIMANT

AND

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DEFENDANT

NOTICE OF HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that the pending decision in this matter, will be delivered before Her Ladyship the Hon Justice Esco Henry of the High Court on Wednesday the 31st day of January, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the High Court, Kingstown, St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Dated the 24th day of January 2018.

