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NGC Hands over Upgraded Grounds to Ste. Madeleine Secondary



Grateful for the work done, were the words of Mrs. Pamela Branker, Acting Principal, Ste. Madeleine Secondary School, as she thanked Mr. Sircliffe Thompson, NGC's Construction Co-ordinator Facilities Development Project for the upgraded school grounds and facilities. Works started in July 2009 and were completed in December. The handover took place at the school on Thursday December 10, 2009.

NGC upgraded the existing cricket and football playfields, which included improving the perimeter drainage. The Company also constructed a cricket sand wicket and installed a practice concrete cricket strip and nets. NGC responded to a request made by the school following loss of land space which the Company acquired to install natural gas pipelines adjacent to the existing corridor on the north eastern boundary of the School.

During the handover, Mrs. Branker, accompanied by the Acting Vice Principal Mr. Brendan Bissoon, noted that she was very happy with the ground, particularly because the children have a safer place to do their sporting activities. "The grounds had cracks and now it is safer for them to use. Our children are very talented and we are glad we have these facilities now that could be used by them for their all-round development."



After the handover, members of the winning team also planted shade tree seedlings such as almond on the perimeter fence with NGC's Hermann Wilson, Field Supervisor of NGC's Reforestation Programme. The trees were provided by NGC. In the next few years, these trees will allow students to relax in shade while they watch their teams on the field.

Mrs. Branker and staff expressed their appreciation and thanks for the work, with the Sports Masters and Mistresses noting that they

expected better performances from their athletes form next year because of the improved facilities. The Acting Vice Principal noted with pride that the Under-14 Football Team, which did not have a home ground, won Group A of the South Zone Under-14 Football League. “Now we have the fields, both cricket and football. We expect to do wonders next year, thanks to NGC!”

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