

Montego Bay Infant School benefits from Books4Kids programme

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MORE THAN 500 students at the Montego Bay Infant School were beneficiaries of educational materials, including books, crayons, pencils, and bags from the Palmyra Foundation's Books4Kids Jamaica programme on Tuesday.

Each package also included a colourful 300-page BrainQuest Workbook and one reading book. Montego Bay Infant School students are among 5,500 children across the island who have been selected to receive 10,000 free books, valued at US\$100,000, courtesy of the Palmyra Foundation.

Organised under the slogan "The Future is Bright When You Can Read and Write!", Books4Kids Jamaica commenced its 2013 book distribution to three-, four-, and five-year-old kindergarten students at the Port Antonio Infant School in Portland on Monday, September 2.

The western Jamaica-based charity's latest distribution was



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Volunteers Garth Ramsay (left) and Christopher Clarke presenting books and bags to children at the Montego Bay Infant School during the Palmyra Foundation's Books4Kids project at the school.

welcomed by Constance Graham, principal of the Montego Bay Infant School, who said more than 400 of her students received similar gifts last week when the academic year started.

"We are extremely heartened by

Foundation's chairperson, Ragni Trotta, the BrainQuest Workbook single-handedly will give every child the opportunity to learn letters and numbers.

To measure the impact of the books, the foundation is providing a general skills test that will be administered both to children who have received the books and to children who have not. At the end of the school year, the foundation will evaluate the results of the initiative.

This year, the books were shipped to the island courtesy of Seaboard & Freight Jamaica Ltd. Local transportation company Jamaica Tours Limited provided its services for the sixth consecutive year. The 2013 programme

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tion's Robert Trotta poses with two students of Bay Infant School after presenting them with during the Books4Kids project at the school.

