

MENTOR TEXT – BOOKLET 16

On Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025, at approximately 10:00 a.m., my Standard Four class of Oasis Primary School visited our community library, where we were treated to a read-aloud by Ian Alvarez, otherwise known as Bunji Garlin. This report details exactly what took place during the event.

Upon our arrival at the library, our class entered the main reading area. Chairs were set up in rows facing a small stage at the front of the room. Other students from different schools were also present, sitting in some of the chairs.

Mr. Alvarez, also known as Bunji Garlin, walked onto the stage. He was wearing a casual outfit. He held a large picture book in his hands. The book had a colourful cover.

Mr. Alvarez began to read the story. His voice was clear and loud, and he held the book so that everyone could see the pictures. He turned the pages at regular intervals. His reading continued for approximately twenty minutes. The book highlighted the origins of our well known Calypso and Soca music.

After he finished reading the story, Mr. Alvarez placed the book on a small table next to him. He then answered questions from some of the students. Students raised their hands, and Mr. Alvarez pointed to them to ask their questions. This question and answer session lasted for about ten minutes.

Following the question and answer session, Mr. Alvarez signed a few books for the library. Our teacher then instructed our class to gather our belongings. We exited the library at approximately 11:00 a.m. and returned to Oasis Primary School. The event concluded with our departure from the library.

