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Scotiabank empowers young boys through literacy and life skills at The Babb's Reading Clinic.

Scotiabank is proud to continue its support of The Babb's Reading Clinic, an initiative dedicated to improving literacy and life skills among young boys preparing to enter Secondary School.

Now in its fourth consecutive year of partnership, Scotiabank's contribution has helped the Clinic grow significantly. The 2025 programme, which runs from July 14 to August 15, saw a record number of approximately 130 boys enrolled—nearly doubling the participation from previous years.

Founded by Dr. Astra Babb, the Clinic has been operating for eight years and continues to make a lasting impact. Specialist tutors offer free instruction in key areas of literacy development, including phonemic awareness, structural analysis, and reading comprehension. Participants also benefit from engaging activities such as problem-solving exercises and educational field trips.

As part of its broader support, Scotiabank hosted financial literacy and career guidance workshops for the boys attending this year's Clinic. The Bank's employees led an interactive session on budgeting and saving, as well as, provided insight into various career paths, including opportunities in banking.

Dr. Babb expressed her appreciation for the continued partnership: "The Babb's Reading Clinic is extremely grateful to Scotiabank Barbados for its ongoing collaboration. Beyond financial support, their employees have taken the time to educate our boys in financial planning and career readiness. The boys truly enjoyed the session this year and were excited to learn from the Scotiabank team."

Natalie Wood, Senior Manager, Business Support, Scotiabank who helped facilitate the workshops also reflected on the experience: "It was a pleasure engaging with such an eager group of young men. Their interest in saving, budgeting, and investing was inspiring. They asked thoughtful questions and were genuinely invested in learning how to plan for their future."

An extension of the Clinic this year is the introduction of Saturday morning sessions, to be held from September - November. Scotiabank is pleased to also support these sessions and remains committed to investing in youth development initiatives that promote education, financial literacy, and personal growth.



Natalie Wood - Senior Manager, Business Support, Scotiabank interacts with boys participating in this year's Babb's Reading Clinic during the Bank-facilitated Financial Planning and Career Guidance workshop.

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