



Providenciales Primary School



Scholarship Fund

School History and Background

Our school originally opened as a pre-school in 1991. The founder of the school, Alison Williams, named the school Headstart Learning Centre. The school opened its doors with 2 children and enrolment rapidly grew to 25 within the first year.

In 1993 Headstart Learning Centre amalgamated with Turtle House School, another small school of 8 children. At this time it became a primary school offering a British based education to children from the age of 2 to 11 years.

In 1995 new premises were built at Tuckers Hill and the school was renamed Providenciales Primary School.

In 2003 Providenciales Primary School moved once more to a much more central and attractive location at Graceway. Due to the current location of the school with its neighbouring facilities, and to the reputation that we have built up over the previous 12 years, enrolment has now grown to over 120 students.



The Need for Financial Assistance

We aim to support as many families as possible, who cannot afford to pay our full tuition fees.

Due to our current economic climate, combined with a shortage of places within the government schools, requests for financial assistance are becoming more common.

The school itself offers some financial assistance, and we have a few generous sponsors who have greatly assisted us in offering financial assistance to some of our families.



We are fortunate to have an active PTA who help fundraise for some of our fantastic resources. Other than this, the operating expense of our school is dependent upon enrolment and tuition income.

We have no endowment or other financial backing.

We are therefore unable to meet all the financial assistance requests that we receive, without support.

This year, we are reaching out to you, to consider assisting some of these families and to help us to continue to make a huge difference in children's lives.

Why Provo Primary?

Our philosophy, teaching faculty and resourcing allows us to deliver a rich and varied curriculum. We deliver:

- Creative and exploratory learning, encouraging curiosity
- High academic standards
- A track record for achieving high SAT and excellent Middle and High School Entrance Test placement results
- Superior and Competitive Sports Programme and facilities
- Excellent Music programme and Steel Band
- Theatre Arts, Drama and Dance programme
- Mindful philosophy encouraging children to understand how positive thinking and mindful actions can affect learning, relationships and success
- Foreign Language teaching and a large range of after school activities



Learning Through Play in Early Years

We aim to spark children's natural curiosity as a means of learning. We value and promote play and help develop children's inherent creativity.

Every day is different!

Children participate in both adult-led and child-initiated activities inside our colourful classrooms and in our playground/garden area. Children choose from a wide range of play-based learning including construction, role play, soft play, sand and water, bikes and the book corner.



Interactive, Hands-on Learning



We aim to excite the power of imagination and curiosity. We encourage our children to ask questions and search for answers. We develop knowledge and understanding through practical activities, exploration and discussion.

Our philosophy is committed to experiential learning. Regular, hands-on and purposeful activities enrich children's learning and interest.

Rich, Imaginative, Topic Based Learning.



Children become self motivated when they see purpose in their learning and are given some control over the decisions they make. Our teachers engage children in exciting projects whilst introducing them to concepts appropriate for their individual developmental level. Math, Science and Language skills are often introduced through topics ranging from Dinosaurs to Arawak Indians or Outer Space.

Throughout the school, our broad and balanced curriculum is supported by a wide range of extra-curricular activities and events. We offer a healthy balance between a truly creative curriculum and high academic standards and attainment.

High Academic Standards

Following the British Primary Strategy allows us to provide high academic standards, through a curriculum which we adapt to suit our children and the context in which they live.

Our goal is to combine excellence in teaching with relevance and enjoyment of learning.

By constantly tailoring our curriculum to the needs of our students and the environment in which they live, we:

- develop the distinctive character of our school, by working closely with the community to help us adapt and build upon our existing knowledge and strengths;
- **are creative and innovative in how we teach** and in how we continually improve our school;
- **use tests, targets and tables to help every child** develop their potential and measure school performance. •



Personal, Interpersonal and Social Education



We aim to help children develop responsibility for themselves and their actions, and to become competent, independent and co-operative individuals.

Our diverse community of learners come from varying economic backgrounds as well as many countries – the Turks and Caicos, Haiti, Jamaica, Dominican Republic, United Kingdom, United States, Australia, South Africa, Philippines, Canada and elsewhere.

Human beings are naturally different and diverse. At Provo Primary, we really embrace this diversity.



The Arts

“Arts are important, not only because they improve Math scores, but because they touch parts of children’s beings that are otherwise untouched”. Sir Ken Robinson.

Our Arts programme encourages children to use their creativity and imagination, allowing them to express ideas and feelings through drama, music and dance.

Performing to an audience teaches them to speak clearly, while thinking about the interest of the listener. It builds self-confidence, a sense of community and a wonderful feeling of achievement.

Music is a very important element of our school’s character that is recognised throughout the community. Our steel band performs regularly for functions both in and out of school.

Physical Education

Our curriculum provides a wide range of physical opportunities including a variety of team sports, gymnastics, dance, athletics, outdoor education, swimming and other activities.

Students learn to be creative and competitive. We emphasise the importance of participating in teams and supporting one another. Children learn to face challenges individually and in a group, developing perseverance and communication skills.

We are surrounded by world class sporting facilities – the TCIFA Football Pitch, the Graceway Sports Centre and the TCI National Athletics Stadium – and all are fully utilised as part of our P.E. programme.



Beyond the classrooms

Field trips and after school activities are an extremely important part of our school. They enhance our curriculum and offer children hands on experiences that we can demonstrate better outside the classroom.

We are also fortunate to have close links with various community members who come into our school regularly to share their knowledge and experiences of Turks and Caicos Culture, History, Marine and Land life and Tourism. Our Early Years field trips include visits to the vet, dentist, hospital, conch farm, Amanyara children's center and many more. Field trips for our older children have included trips to other islands in The Turks and Caicos, The UK, Disney (Educational Tour) and NE Georgia. In addition to offering unique experiences of other countries, and activities such as rock climbing, white water rafting, learning about American History, Cherokee Indians etc., they also offer children to experience time away from home, bonding with classmates, and the field trip usually includes some basic survival skill knowledge.

Field trips are heavily subsidized by fundraising activities for families who can't afford the additional costs involved.



Caring, Professional and Hard Working Teaching Staff



Our teaching staff have attained high levels of teaching qualifications and experience within the age groups taught. Led by our principal, Miss Sian, our teachers mentor, stimulate, provoke and engage the children in learning, and are the life blood of the success of the school.

Recruited from all around the world, they share Provo Primary's educational philosophy and a joy of teaching and learning.

Testimonial and Test Results

“Both my son and daughter had the privilege of attending the most innovative, warm and friendly Early Years and Primary level educational institution, “Provo Primary”. The various opportunities provided to children at such young ages at this school, develop the foundation for future success in whatever role they finally choose. Provo Primary offers high academic achievements, not only in Literacy, Numeracy, Science, Information Technology, but also in the equally important areas of Sports, Music, Drama, and Dance, where my daughter has really excelled.

However, I can truly say that if it was not for the kind and gracious support of the Director, Ms. Alison Williams, along with the good hearted persons who provided a full primary level education scholarship to my daughter; I would not have been able to access such a well-balanced educational experience for my children, which ultimately secured their continuing achievements at now secondary level education!”

Test results

2013 is the second year in a row that we have gained 1st, 2nd and 3rd position in the Year 7 TCI Middle School Entrance Tests and the third year in a row gaining the 1st position and 3rd position. We have also gained the top position in the Year 7 British West Indies Collegiate School Entrance Test for the past 3 years in a row (2011, 2012 and 2013) and also in 2009. Many of our children have gone on to study at prestigious day and boarding schools in The U.S, and on to various colleges and universities around the world.

The Scholarship Structure

We believe it is important for our children, parents and teachers to recognise the individuals and businesses who have assisted us.

We also want you to know how much your kind gesture means to us. This year, therefore, we will be honouring your donation in the following ways:

Donation	Amount	Award	Recognition
Full scholarship for a specific child or donation to our general fund	\$8,315	Flamingo	Front entrance recognition plaque
Half scholarship for a specific child or donation to our general fund	\$4,150	Dolphin	Recognition in our school newsletter and website
Donation to our scholarship fund (Funds will be divided between applicants)	\$2,500	Pelican	Recognition in our school newsletter and website
	\$1,000	Turtle	
	\$ 500	Conch	
	\$ 250	Osprey	