

# Roland Edwards Primary School wins the Berger Royale Best School environment

By Ashlee Cox

THE Roland Edwards Primary School, was the winner of the Berger Royale Best School Environment!

As noted by James Sealy, Senior Field

Superintendent at National Conservation Commission, who also acted as a judge for the Best School Environment award and the Best Recycling Project as he spoke at the fourth Annual Berger Royale National Primary School awards, which was held at the Queen's College School recently.

According to Sealy, it usually took them about two days to judge the schools, which included walking the grounds, meeting the Principals, and look at the general areas of the school. They also look at the recycling, the whole idea of a litter free environment, as well as the water saving devices, at the school.

"We also look at the gardens, do you have a kitchen gardens, do you

have normal gardens, are the students involved in these activities, do you have a 4H club, do you have an environmental club? These are some of the things that we look at and to be honest, I've been extremely impressed by what I've seen. I've also been very concerned at times, with some of the more urban schools and I'm hoping that we will work together to get that up to scratch," he noted.

Explaining that they wanted to make this programme a national event, he highlighted some of the schools that stood out to him.

"Vauxhall created a green house made out of pep-bottles, Lawrence T Gay, which is an urban school, merged recycling with water saving and they created

their own water saving devices and Hilda Skeene, created a home grown water saving and environmental programme, that is sustainable, its still in its infancy, but I can imagine that in the next 2 to 5 years, they would have on of the most outstanding and far reaching programmes that we'll have," he noted.

Continuing, he further stated, "Roland Edwards did an integrated approach to environmental management, where they touched on all of the little things that we talked about earlier, in terms of recycling, litter free etc and they have been the outstanding school this year."

The Lawrence T Gay Primary School, School also won the Best Recycling Project.