



**ANTONINE PRIMARY SCHOOL - 2017**

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## Overview:

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I. Reclaimed Territory is an international initiative that works with schools, churches, detention centres, community programs and events. Our aim is to share culture and empower individuals to unearth their potential through music, writing and discussions while bringing warmth and energy from the Caribbean

II. Over the last 5 years Claudius England and the Reclaimed Territory team have done events in Jamaica, England, the United States, Canada and Scotland. Each year we have reached no less than 20,000 people and continue to build an audience.

III. During 2015 - 2019 we have made Scotland a staple on our schedule as part of Black history month Celebration. 2024 will be our first time back since Covid.



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## Reclaimed Territory Scotland - Black History Tour :

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Scotland and the Caribbean, particularly Jamaica, have a significant shared heritage. Reclaimed Territory explores this rich history with students through authentic music and dance directly from Jamaica. Reclaimed Territory has visited schools across Scotland since 2015, and we've teamed up with the Edinburgh Caribbean Association in order to continue bringing a full Caribbean cultural experience to the schools.

We have also partnered with Professor Sir Geoff Palmer who is presently the Jamaica Consul to Scotland. Professor Sir Geoff Palmer brings a wealth of knowledge about the connections between Scotland and Jamaica from a historical perspective.

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## Our long-term aim

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Our long-term aim is an enduring relationship between Jamaica and Scotland through the sharing of our history and culture. The Reclaimed Territory Tour brings the sunshine of the Caribbean to Scotland!

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## Benefits to the school

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- Discovering the fascinating historical links with the Caribbean now explored by Scottish academics
- Helping students to prepare positively for a multicultural society and international outlook
- Fits with the cross-disciplinary nature of the Curriculum for Excellence
- Offers the possibility of linking with a school in the Caribbean for dialogue and exchange
- Most of all, having fun doing something new together as an entire school community!




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## Testimonials

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*"Dear Claudius England, I am your biggest fan. When I saw you, you were so amazing."*

**- Logan Procek (Student - P5, Antonine Primary School)**

*"This was very infomative, even our teachers learnt something today. The children enjoyed every second and they can't wait to see you next year."*

**- Mrs Lynne Vint (Head Teacher, Antonine Primary School/Kinnaird Primary)**

*"To see an initiative such as Reclaimed Territory involved in education while adding a musical and cultural dimension is an initiative with which I am pleased to be associated."*

**- Sir Geoff Palmer**

*"Wow, today has been a fantastic day. To see all the students participating was very good."*

**- Ms Marcia Rose (Drama Teacher - Portobello High School)**

*"I hope you will come back to our school next year and spend a whole week with us."*

**- Kamau Williams (Student - S2, Portobello High School)**

*"Thank you so much, Claudius, for your visit. It's a wonderful project, and the pupils still can't stop talking about it a week later!"*

**- Mr Don McPherson (Head Teacher - Denny Primary School)**

*"The school visit from Reclaimed Territory was a huge hit with our P7s. We all learned so much about Caribbean culture, and I never imagined the pupils and teachers would all be dancing together!"*

**- Mrs Fiona Anderson (Head Teacher - Head of Muir Primary School)**

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## Interesting fact:

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The Jamaican Flag design was inspired by Rev. William McGhie, a Scottish minister who was friends with the then Prime Minister of Jamaica, Alexander Bustamante. The Jamaican flag is the only other one in the world that is also based on the Saltire of St. Andrew's cross which originated in East Lothian. Many places in Jamaica are named after places in Scotland..like Aberdeen, Glasgow and Edinburgh!



Pictures from previous years:



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**WITH SIR GEOFF PALMER AT HERIOT-WATT UNIVERSITY - BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION**