

SCIENCE IN SCHOOLS- OPENING ADDRESS **by Mrs Josiane RAMVILLE, IA IPR d'anglais**

Mr Principal of Rose St Just School, members and friends of our academic community, ladies and gentlemen, dear pupils,

On behalf of Madame Catherine Bertot Lavenir, and Madame Catherine Ciserane, the Delegate for international relations....the current rector of the academy of Martinique, I am honored to offer a special warm welcome to Mr. Miles Hudson, who is one of Britain's leading physics educators.

I am profoundly delighted to launch the Science in Schools Programme and I must tell you in this tiny French overseas island, so far away from Europe, it is an unprecedented event, though the partnership between the British Council and the French Ministry of Education was set up in 2005. So, after 9 years, you've come to us with an innovative and ingenious programme, to ignite enthusiasm for science in our young people. We are thankful to you for giving the opportunity to our students to practice their oral skills in English while discovering and exploring the magic world of physics.

So 9 secondary schools have been registered, among them 3 lower secondary and 3 higher secondary Astronomy workshops will be set up in those schools
About 200 pupils will be involved

The subjects will deal with:

- Building a telescope
- The size of the universe
- Communicating with alien intelligences

There will also be workshop for teachers:

- Particle Physics
- Quantum Physics
- The mysteries of dark matter

This is an enchanting journey which is offered to you. I know you're excited and apprehensive. Before concluding, I'd like to tell you that like Alice in Wonderland you should keep a childish sense of wonder

Thank you for your attention and enjoy this Moment of Science, this joyful moment of pedagogy in English.

WELCOME TO THE SCIENCE IN SCHOOLS PROGRAMME!