



**The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago**  
**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

World Poetry Day Celebrations  
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The Ministry of Education (MOE), together with Hodder Education and the NALIS, celebrated World Poetry Day on March 21, 2023. To commemorate this event, students of Form One were invited to participate in an oral poetry competition, which also promoted literacy skills. The competition was held at the NALIS, Port-of-Spain and comprised dramatic group performances of selected poems, in front of a live audience. A panel of distinguished judges selected the winning performances and included Mr. Che Rodriguez, Ms. Mala Morton-Gittens and Ms. Thora Best.

Students demonstrated a wide range of talent and language skills. Their portrayals incorporated the use of costumes, music, drums and diverse props to present their dramatic renditions with enthusiasm and energy. The overall winners performed unique versions of ‘The Hammer’ by David Rudder and they are as follows:

- 1st place- Parvati Girls Hindu College
- 2nd place- St. George’s College
- 3rd place- San Fernando West Secondary

The first place winners were awarded airline tickets to Tobago through the courtesy of Caribbean Airlines. Second and Third place winners received tickets to Five Islands Water and Amusement Park. All finalists received certificates of participation from Hodder Education, as well as Hodder branded tote bags with books, stationery gift sets.

The Ministry wishes to thank all stakeholders involved in the successful accomplishment of this spoken word activity and looks forward to continued stakeholder collaboration.