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Swimming Camp

The Public Health & Sports Department organized a 3-week swimming camp in December. The swimming camp was executed by Cocoon (Dutch swimming organization).

Around 50 children participated in the lessons and by the end of the program 9 received Guppy certificates, 2 received Angelfish Certificates, 8 received A-Diplomas, 3 received B--Diplomas, and 2 received C-Diplomas (1 child and 1 adult).

The goal is to have swimming lessons offered more regularly on the island and the next opportunity is scheduled for April.

New Equipment

A container is currently in transit to Saba from the Netherlands with new sports equipment.

Most notably, the shipment contains new portable basketball goals for the Princess Juliana Sportsfield. The facility has a few new storage spaces created last year to help keep these properly stored when not in use. Given the investment made, we hope together with the community, we can use and maintain this new equipment responsibly.

In addition to the basketball goals, the container also holds a large donation of equipment for the Sacred Heart School and Saba Comprehensive School.



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Upcoming Events

- Feb. 23rd & 24th → Basketball vs. Statia
- March 28th-31st → Netball Tournament in St. Maarten
- Apr. 21st → SSS School Games - Hosted in Statia
- May 5th → SSS School Games - Hosted in Saba
- May 26th → SSS School Games - Hosted in St. Maarten
- June 14th & 15th → End of Season Volleyball Tournament



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Women in Sports

Women in Sports Day inspires girls and women to come together to play and be active, to realize their full power. The confidence, strength and character gained through sport participation are the very tools girls and women need to become strong leaders in sports and every day life.

This year there were a series of events to recognize the day-- an afternoon on Cruyff Court with Child Focus and a day at The Spot with teen girls.

On February 7th (official day of Women in Sports), there was an event on the Princess Juliana Sportsfield open to all women in the community to come together and learn a new sport-- pickleball!

Every Thursday there is women's softball on the field at 6:30pm! All are welcome!

SSS School Games

This initiative is a collaboration between Saba, St. Eustatius, and St. Maarten with the goal to provide more interisland exchange opportunities.

This will be a 3-part series of events where each island will host a 1 day competition. St. Eustatius will host volleyball for secondary school girls as the first event at the end of April. Saba will host netball for primary school girls as the second event and St. Maarten will host basketball for primary school boys as the final event of the initiative.

In addition to sports, each island will organize a social aspect of the day where the athletes from the neighboring islands will have the opportunity to interact off the court as well.



Basketball Development

The Netherlands Basketball Federation (NBB) will be dedicating the coming years to the development of basketball on Saba. This will be done in close collaboration with the Ministry of VWS, Public Health & Sports on Saba and the local basketball community.

There will be 3 main themes: improving the organizational structure, training of administrative and technical personnel, and establishing and organizing a structured basketball program on the island.

The NBB has already identified a regional supervisor and education and an educational supervisor, both located on St. Maarten. The Public Health & Sports department is currently working to identify a local project coordinator on Saba who will also work closely with the colleagues on St. Maarten and the Netherlands to further develop basketball on the island.