

## **Sandwatch 'Clean-up' campaign and training new groups in Bequia**

The Small Islands Voice/Sandwatch group launched a 'Clean-up' campaign on the 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2007. The group are conducting regular 'clean-ups' of the school's surroundings, both inside and out, at regular intervals (once per week). Wednesday is the assigned day for these 'clean-ups.' The first clean-up had the group hard at work cleaning the school's windows.

As students graduate and leave school, it always becomes necessary to train new groups. So on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2007, the Small Islands Voice/Sandwatch group embarked on a training session at Lower Bay Beach where new recruits to the program was given a short orientation session by former Coordinator, Mr. Herman Belmar.

The group was given hands-on training on how to measure a beach profile using the abney level, compass, tape measure and datum poles. This provides information about the size, shape and slope of the beach and shows whether it is eroding or accreting. They were also trained in analyzing sand.

Another training session is scheduled for June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2007 in the area of long shore current, wind direction, wave interval and debris collection.

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Reading the Abney level



Setting up the beach profile



Making the first measurement