

27th May 2022

The Pelican Brief

The Codrington School ~ PYP Newsletter



Dear PYP Parents,

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Parent/Teacher conferences today. It was great to see you back on campus and in our classrooms again. We hope the meetings provided a useful insight into your child's academic, social and emotional progress this term.

This week we commenced our sixth and final Unit of Inquiry for the year. It's always an exciting time for students when teachers reveal the Central Idea of a new unit. The classrooms were abuzz with initial tasks, establishing prior knowledge, and using provocations to spark their curiosity for the ensuing five weeks of learning. The fun part is now seeing where the students take their investigations from here.

Term 3 seems to be dissipating very rapidly before our eyes. The final month of June is almost upon us with the finish line on the horizon. Teachers and students made a commitment to one another this week to wrap-up the 2021-2022 year with a big finish. We still have a lot to accomplish before the end of term and we're determined to power our way through to the very end on June 24.

All the best for the weekend.

Regards,
Rob Fuller
Head of Primary

House Team Points Totals - 27th May 2022

The Green Machine is barreling it's way toward victory in the House Team competition. They had another big week of point scoring and now have a handy lead on Gooding-Entage & Anstey with only a few weeks remaining. Henry, Eloise and Leif emerged, on-the-run, from behind the mahoganies to reveal the scores to the students and teachers on Thursday afternoon.



Around Campus This Week



Wind in their Sails

For their new Unit of Inquiry the PYP 6 students have been researching how natural resources produce different types of energy. Ms. Barbara threw down a STEM challenge this week involving designing and creating a car that is powered by wind energy. Her students jumped at the challenge and produced a range of weird and wonderful model cars with recycled materials. Testing the vehicles involved capturing the east coast breeze to successfully propel the cars across the school basketball court!



Parent/Teacher Conferences



Local Materials

Ms. Peggy's PYP 4 class went on a 'search and discovery' expedition around our school grounds on Thursday as part of their new Unit of Inquiry on 'Materials'. They searched the campus for different types of materials and then returned to the classroom to discuss the various properties of what they had found. The materials included wood, bark, rocks, plastic, flowers and some feathers!



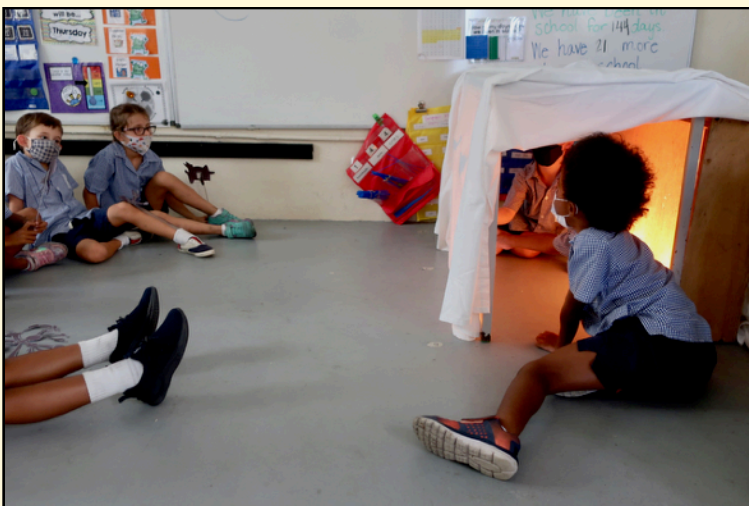
PYP 5 Making Papyrus

Our PYP 5 students transported themselves back to Ancient Egypt this week by making the traditional writing surface known as papyrus. Unfortunately there are no papyrus plants on the island so the students had to use strips of parchment paper and a mix of glue & water to make the ancient material. It dried overnight and the students are now very keen to write on the papyrus in hieroglyphics!



Light and Shadows in PYP 3

Ms. Allie's PYP 3 students have been exploring light and sound in their new Unit of Inquiry. This week they created their own shadow puppets and then designed a makeshift light box to project their puppets onto the big screen. They wrote their own scripts and then performed their shadow plays in front of the class, receiving some very positive peer reviews!

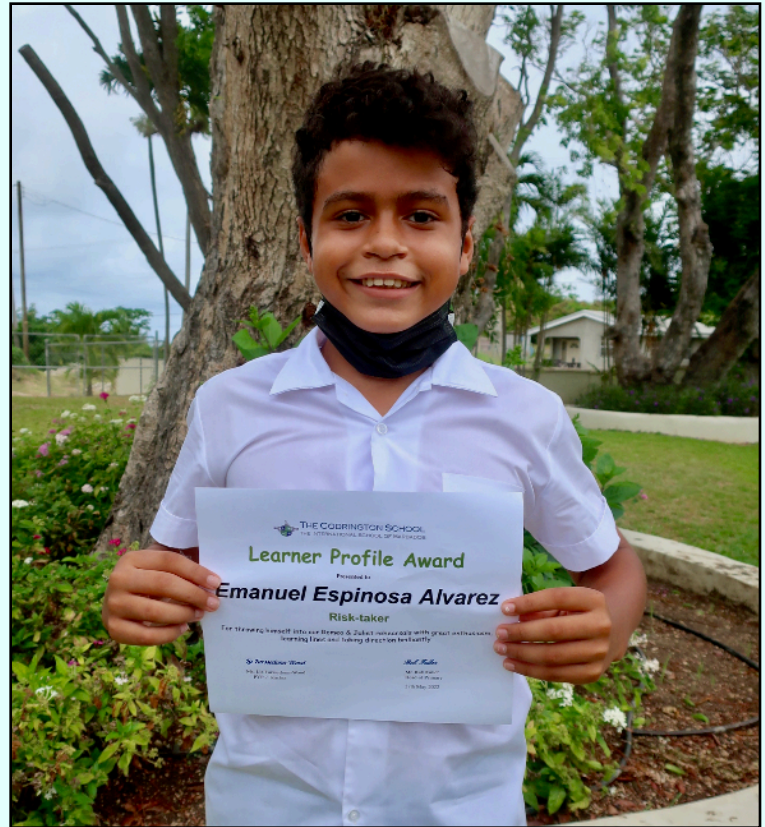


Learner Profile Award

Congratulations to Emanuel Alvarez (PYP 7) for winning a Learner profile award this week for being a Risk-taker.

Ms. Liz nominated Emanuel for the award *'For throwing himself into our Romeo & Juliet rehearsals with great enthusiasm, learning lines and taking direction brilliantly'*.

It was Emanuel's first Learner Profile award which made the announcement even more special for him. Well done Emanuel!



Happy Birthday Ana

The Primary School students and teachers honoured Ana Stefanescu's birthday this week with our PYP tradition of a group sing-a-long of Happy Birthday. Ana celebrated her 8th birthday on Monday. After a brief and unsuccessful attempt by the group to sing the song in her native Romanian, we soon reverted back to the Happy Birthday version we know and sing best. Congratulations Ana.



Farewell to Kourosh

It was a sad day yesterday as we said goodbye to Kourosh Jones, one of our longest serving students in the Primary School. Kourosh has been at Codrington since his PYP 2 year in 2017.

A popular and loyal friend to many, Kourosh has been an enthusiastic, principled and caring student since his arrival. His spirit and energy is infectious and he's always shown immense pride in his school and being a Codrington student.

His parents Richard and Mariam have also been wonderful supporters of our school and have made a significant contribution to our school community.

We wish them all the best in the next chapter of their journey as they relocate back to England.



First day of school in PYP 2
September 6 2017



Last day of school in PYP 6
May 26 2022

The Paz Award

Ms. Suzie's PYP 5 class were awarded the coveted Paz Award this week for a very productive week inside and outside of the classroom. They commenced their new Unit of Inquiry on Ancient Civilisations this week with enthusiasm and purpose while their behaviour in the playground at the breaks has been exemplary. Congratulations PYP 5 on a super week.



Important Dates

6th June: Whit Monday National Holiday

24th June: End of Term 3.

Final day of school (noon dismissal)

