

10th June 2022

The Pelican Brief

The Codrington School ~ PYP Newsletter



Dear PYP Parents,

It was an eventful week in our school community with the dreaded COVID gremlins resurfacing and impacting three of our students. We quickly adjusted however and pushed through with as little disruption as possible to the week. Many thanks to parents for making the necessary arrangements at home to accommodate those students in isolation. It was another timely reminder that we're still not *'out of the woods'* with this ubiquitous virus.

With just over two weeks remaining, it's fair to say the countdown to the end-of-school has been well and truly activated! Time is sliding past at an incredible rate and we'll all be on summer break before we know it.

That said, it's always a bittersweet time of year at an international school like ours as we'll soon be saying goodbye to families moving on from Barbados. It's never easy saying farewell to members of a close-knit school community and this year will be no exception.

The good news however is that new enrolments for the 2022-2023 academic year are at the highest level for a number of years. We have many new international families relocating to Barbados from overseas but a significant number of local families will be commencing with us in September as well.

Unfortunately we'll also be saying goodbye to Ms. Heather, our PYP 8 teacher, who has accepted a teaching position in Singapore for the new school year. Ms. Heather landed at Codrington in 2017 and has taught our PYP 8 class for the past five years. She has been the consummate professional throughout her time at Codrington and has made a significant contribution to the school. She will be missed.

While there is only two weeks remaining, we're certainly not taking the foot off the pedal! We still have a lot to accomplish inside and outside of our classrooms including wrapping up our Units of Inquiry, completing summative assessments, field trips and a class drama production to name a few. We're building for an exciting finish on June 24.

Have a great weekend.

Regards,
Rob Fuller
Head of Primary



Around Campus





Tie-Dye Tee Shirts

As part of their Unit of Inquiry on 'Materials', Ms. Peggy's PYP 4 students commenced making tie-dye Tee shirts this week. They tied up their white shirts, coloured them with dye using a variety of colours and began soaking them in a tray. The shirts will continue to soak over the weekend before the students wash them out on Monday morning and hang them out to dry. Amber got a head start on the process today and has already hung her shirt on the make-shift clothes line. It looks fantastic. This fun, creative task connects nicely with one of the Lines of Inquiry for their Unit on 'changing the properties of materials'.



Dramatic Conflict

Ms. Liz's PYP 7 students used their rehearsal time this week to fine-tune their production of Shakespeare's *Romeo & Juliet*. The play is an excellent link to their current Unit of Inquiry on 'Peace & Conflict' with the Capulets and Montague's feud providing an excellent vehicle for the PYP 7s to show their thespian talents. They have put a significant amount of hard work into the play and are looking forward to performing it to students and parents next week. The Pelican Brief was privileged to have a sneak preview of their dress rehearsal on Thursday and witnessed some wonderful acting from the cast. But please be warned, it's a tragedy of course, and there are some very dramatic deaths!



The Road to Athens

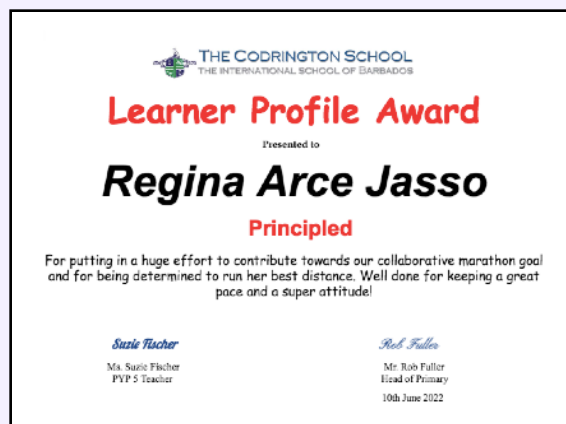
Ms. Suzie's PYP 5 students continued their marathon running this week as they attempt to replicate the heroics of Philippides, the Greek messenger in the battle of Marathon. They have completed a very determined 31 kilometres of their 42 km journey on the sports field over the past two weeks. They now have the finish line in Athens clearly in their sights.



Learner Profile Awards



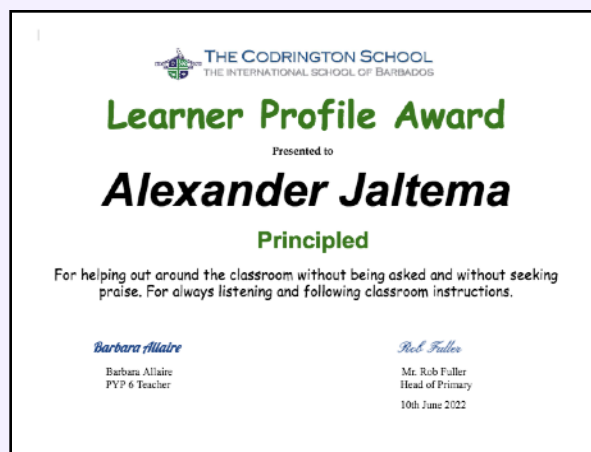
Gigi Arce Jasso (PYP 5) - Principled



Dashiel Trigg (PYP 6) - Principled



Alexander Jaltema (PYP 6) - Principled



Farewell to Team Davies

Sadly, next Monday is the final day at Codrington for the Davies family. Amber (PYP 4), Ethan (PYP 8) and Jessica Davies (MYP 1) commenced at Codrington in April 2020 during our online learning programme and have all thrown themselves into every aspect of school life at Codrington since their arrival. Moreover, their commitment and dedication to their academic work and learning has set a fine example for their peers. We wish Team Davies - Stuart, Jenna, Jessica, Ethan and Amber - all the best for their new adventure in Jamaica and hope they come back to visit us in the near future.



House Captain Conference

Our PYP House Team Captains got together this week for a 'Think Tank' on a final student activity for the school year. They decided to hold a PYP 'Wacky Wednesday' dress-up day on Wednesday 22nd June.

The theme will include wacky dress, wacky hair and wacky attitude (oh dear!). There's no cost to participate and team points will be awarded to the most creative outfits.

Details to be released shortly.



Diploma Programme Graduation

The parents and families of our DP2 students enjoyed a wonderful graduation ceremony at Codrington last Saturday. It was a fitting celebration for our 11 graduates who have toiled diligently with their studies in very difficult circumstances over the past two years. It was a great send-off and we'll certainly watch their progress with interest over the next few years. Well done to Ms. Vicky, Mr. Darryl and Ms. Rain for organising a very special ceremony and celebration.



The Paz Award

Ms. Allie's PYP 3 students were awarded The Paz Award today as the Primary School's class of the week. Congratulations PYP 3!



House Team Points Totals

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Gooding-Emtage have held onto their lead this week.

Can they hang on? Can Elliot Sealy rebound next week? Is it Anstey's time to surge back into contention?

Only two weeks to go!

Who will be Champions?????????



Important Dates

22nd June: Wacky Wednesday dress-up day

24th June: End of Term 3.

Final day of school (noon dismissal)

