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The Pelican Brief

The Codrington School ~ PYP Newsletter



Dear PYP Parents,

It's usually a very upbeat week when a new Unit of Inquiry is introduced to our classes and this week was no exception. Students are always excited to hear what their new themes will be whilst the teachers enjoy revealing the units through creative provocations and learning challenges. It's often a cryptic and menacing reveal by the teachers designed to spark the student's curiosity and kick-start some higher-order thinking.

We have another diverse and interesting range of themes this time around and we look forward to seeing where each class takes their inquiry:

PYP 1 - Patterns (cont.)

PYP 2 - Homes (cont.)

PYP 3 - Types of Art

PYP 4 - Materials

PYP 5 - Outer Space

PYP 6 - Advertising

PYP 7 - Leadership Skills

PYP 8 - Exhibition

As mentioned previously, we're always keen to hear from parents or other connections to our school community who have expertise in these areas. Guest presenters in class always add another layer to the learning experience for students. Similarly, off-campus field trips create meaningful hands-on experiences that resonate with our students, so please let us know if you have any ideas or links to external resources.

As you may be aware we've experienced a handful of cases of head lice in our school community this week. As always, the health and well-being of all our students is our number one priority so thank you to those parents that have kept their children at home to avoid spreading it to other students. Regular inspections at home to ensure eggs and hatchlings are not present is highly recommended. We also recommend school caps are taken home and thoroughly washed every 2-3 days. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

We have a huge 3-4 weeks ahead of us on the Codrington calendar. The double-unit **Celebration of Learning** is scheduled for March 15 and the **PYP 8 Exhibition** will be held on March 22. Our immediate thoughts however are focused toward **Sports Day** on March 7. It's our first one in three years so it promises to be a super day for our Codrington community.

And just a friendly 'heads-up' that a parents race has been scheduled on the Sports Day programme. So.....you've only got a couple weeks to either dust-off the trainers, or, to think of a really good excuse to not run!

Have a great weekend.

Regards,
Rob Fuller
Head of Primary

Around school this week



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Exhibition Update

Our PYP 8 students are working diligently towards their upcoming Exhibition on the United Nation's Sustainable Developments Goals. Part of the process involves collaborating with their PYP teacher mentors 2-3 times per week. The mentor's role is to provide guidance, advice, feedback etc. to their group. On Thursday morning the mentors participated in a drop-in session in the PYP 8 classroom. The Exhibition is being held on campus on March 22.



Green-thumb Growth

Ms. Ada's PYP 4 class has moved onto their new Unit of Inquiry on 'Materials' but it hasn't stopped them continuing with their work from their previous unit on 'Plants'. The students continue to water & care for the herbs & vegetables they sowed 4-5 weeks ago. This includes measuring & recording the growth of the plants. The coriander, beans, basil & mint are looking strong but don't hold your breath waiting for their tomatoes!



Blowing Hot Air

Ms. Carla's PYP 1 students enjoyed a new learning experience in their Unit of Inquiry on Patterns this week. They used a straw, water tray and soapy water to create their own shapes and patterns. The blew all sorts of crazy shapes, including spheres, hexagons, octagons and some really weird triangles. They had to look for and identify patterns emerging from the bubbles. It was also an excellent connection to their recent work on Shape & Space in mathematics. It was a super fun activity for our youngest group of inquirers. Fortunately, nobody inhaled!



A nose for woodwork

PYP 6 student Conor Dow was in the Design Technology workshop this week creating a new nose for our PYP tree stump. Conor created the original face two years ago but unfortunately the nose mysteriously disappeared. While his skills with the belt sander, drill & hammer were excellent, it was Conor's problem solving when attaching the nose that was most impressive. He dabbed some red paint on the end of two dowels so it would leave a mark on the tree, allowing him to accurately drill perfectly aligned holes to fit the dowels. Great initiative, Conor.



Learner Profile Awards

Congratulations to Ava Letren and Sophie Maisonneuve (PYP 2) class to Emily Asher (PYP 6) for being nominated for Learner Profile awards this week. Well done!



Paz the Pelican

Paz the Pelican is usually awarded to our PYP 'Class of the week' but we diverted from tradition this week to acknowledge and thank two hard working and important people in the Codrington family.

Ms. Annette and Ms. Cynthia work tirelessly every day in Cafe Codrington to produce wonderful meals for our students. It can get a little 'hot' in the kitchen of course, but that doesn't stop them from always putting our students first and ensuring they're all well fed each day.

They were presented with the trophy in assembly today and received a very enthusiastic reception from students and teachers.

Congratulations Annette and Cynthia and thank-you again for all you do.



House Team Points Progressive Scores

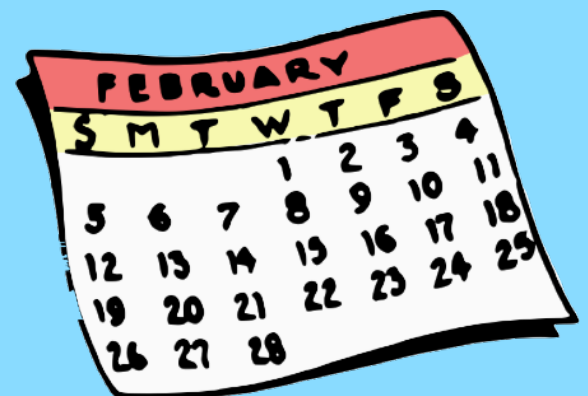
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Harry (Gooding Emtage), Kiran (Elliot-Sealy) and Sophie (Anstey), display the Term 2 progressive scores for the PYP House Team competition.

Important Dates

- 7th March:** Sports Day at Usain Bolt Stadium
- 9th March:** Swimming programme recommences;
PTA Pizza Day
- 15th March:** Celebration of Learning (1.00-3.00pm)
- 22nd March:** PYP 8 Exhibition (8.00-10.00am)
- 25th March:** Easter Break commences
- 11th March:** School recommences



Sports Day

Let the games begin!



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