

13th January 2023

# The Pelican Brief

The Codrington School ~ PYP Newsletter





Dear PYP Parents,

It was an important moment for student leadership in assembly this afternoon when we announced our PYP Student Council for Term 2. The fundamental role of the Student Council at Codrington is to provide a 'voice' for the student body. They are the conduit between the students, the teachers and the Head of Primary, working towards the collective goal of maintaining a positive learning experience for every student.

While we strive to develop leadership attributes in every student throughout the Primary School, the Student Council provides the elected students with an excellent opportunity to step forward as effective role models, communicators and problem-solvers. It also creates a greater sense of personal responsibility and growth mind-set within the those students.

Earlier in the week the PYP 7 and PYP 8 classes voted for who they believed would be the most effective students in these important roles.

Congratulations to **Nathan, Kaija and Farah** (PYP 8) and **Dashiel, Mikki and Noah** (PYP 7) for being elected. It's an impressive group of young people and I'm very confident their collective decision-making will have a positive impact on the school community.

The group will meet regularly with me to put forward new ideas, discuss important student issues and to plan activities and events for the PYP students. I look forward to those gatherings and brainstorming with the group on how we can further enhance the student experience at Codrington.

Regards,  
Rob Fuller  
Head of Primary

## Welcome aboard!

On Monday we welcomed the Chandaria family to the Codrington community. Nylah (PYP 3), Nahlen (PYP 5) and Nayden (PYP 7) have relocated from Toronto where they attended another IB school, The Toronto French School. They have transitioned very well into their new school environment and have already made some wonderful connections with their classmates. We look forward to them becoming an integral part of our Codrington family.





## Looking for Chattel Houses

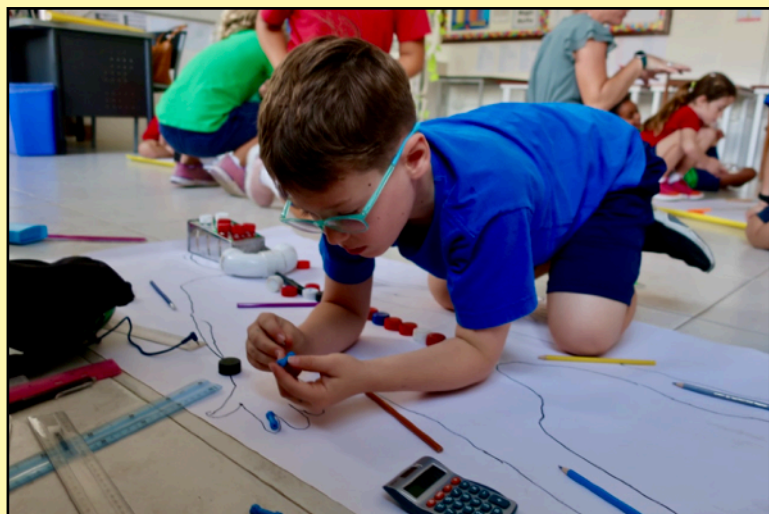
Ms. Judy's PYP 2 class hit the road on Thursday in their first field trip for the year. They toured Bathsheba in search of Chattel houses as part of their Unit of Inquiry on 'Homes'. The students had to locate and identify the traditional features of these iconic Bajan homes, such as timber construction, a steep gabled roof, a central door, shutters & louvres, and if it's elevated off the ground. The students discussed the function of these unique architectural features and then made comparisons with other dwellings in the area to ensure they were genuine Chattels.





## Experiential Learning

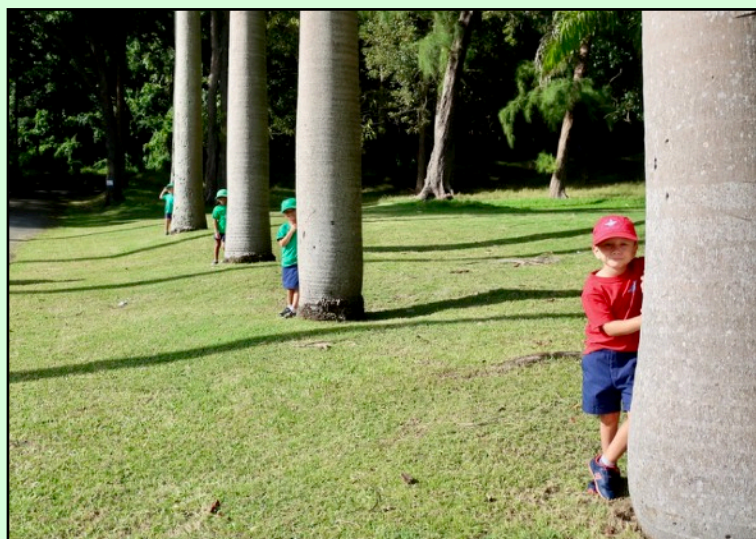
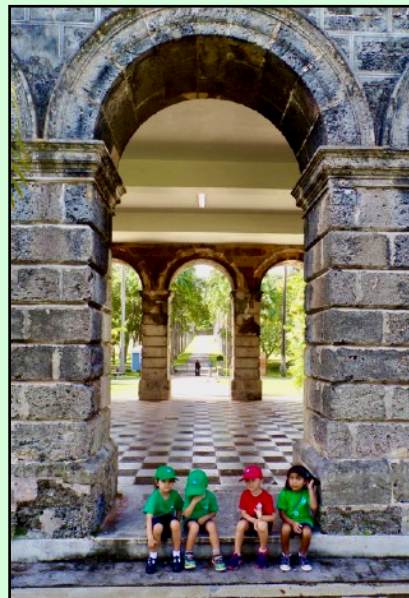
You only had to wander into any of our PYP classrooms during the first lesson on Monday morning to get a feel for the wonderful experiential learning that takes place throughout the Primary School on any given day. Students in PYP 6 were up to their elbows creating an articulated skeletal system from anything they could get their hands on, the PYP 5 crew were blindfolded searching for their Central Idea in an archaeological dig, while our PYP 1 students were searching around campus trying to find natural and manufactured patterns. Just another engaging Monday morning of hands-on learning in our Primary School.





## PYP 1 at Codrington College

It was an historical moment on Wednesday when Ms. Carla's PYP 1 students traveled off-campus on their first ever field trip. The class visited Codrington College as part of their Unit of Inquiry on Patterns. They found & identified natural patterns in palm trees, leaves & bark, and manufactured patterns such as stonework, tessellated tiles, windows & doors, and pathways. They also saw the fish swim in patterns, the ducks waddle in a pattern and patterns in the coats of the black-bellied sheep!





## Around Campus









## PYP Student Council

Congratulations to Nathan, Kaija and Farah (PYP 8) and Dashiel, Mikki and Noah (PYP 7) for being elected to our Student Council for Term 2. We look forward to them having a positive impact on student life in the Primary School and being wonderful role models for our entire student body. Good luck in your new role!



**Left to right:** Nikki Basso, Dashiel Trigg, Farah Heilling, Kaija Eastmond, Nathan Barrett and Noah Bayley.



## Our National Bird

Ms. Peggy's PYP 3 students have been showing their creative flair in Mr. Zak's Art class recently. On Wednesday they completed their papier-mâché tribute to the national bird of Barbados and our school mascot, the mighty pelican!





## PYP 8 Exhibition Update

This week the PYP 8 students put forward their preferences for their area of study for the Exhibition. The class is focusing on the U.N.'s Sustainable Development Goals so students were asked to nominate which goal they would like to pursue further. On Friday Ms. Allie announced the allocation of the goals, the composition of the four collaborative groups and their respective mentors. There is now a real sense of 'game on' amongst the PYP 8 students.



**SDG:** Climate Action

**Students:** Farah, Valentino, Rowan, Emanuel

**Mentors:** Ms. Ada & Ms. Peggy



**SDG:** Gender Equality

**Students:** Jaime, Conor, Lily G.

**Mentors:** Ms. Barbara & Ms. Liz



**SDG:** Responsible Production & Consumption

**Students:** Nathan, Sara, Ravi, Kaija

**Mentors:** Ms. Suzie & Ms. Bea



**SDG:** Quality Education

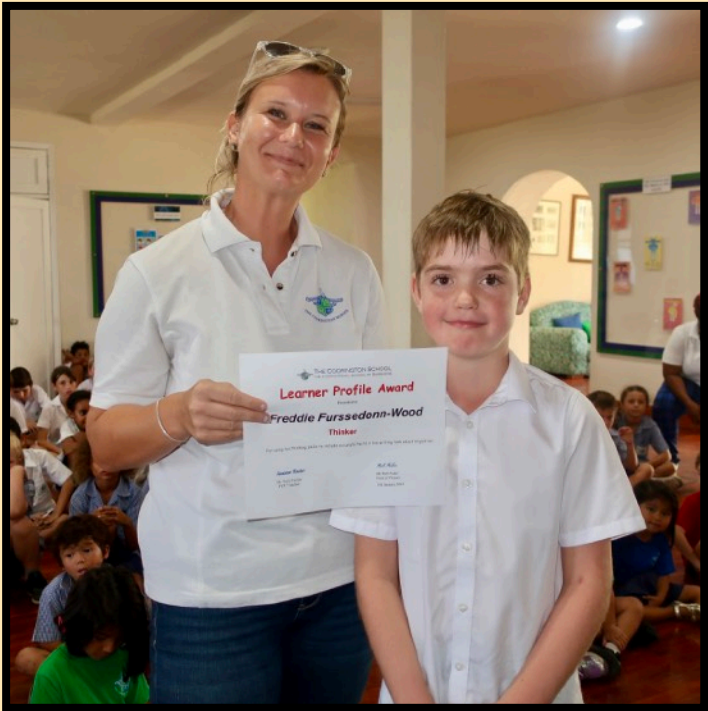
**Students:** Sahara, Finn, Irene, Keaton

**Mentors:** Ms. Renee & Mr. Rob



# Learner Profile Awards

Congratulations to Edward and Emily (PYP 6) and Freddie (PYP 7) for being nominated for Learner Profile awards this week!





## Joyeux anniversaire

Our Primary School tradition of singing Happy Birthday to students was taken to another level this week when we sang the song in French to Annabelle Jankovich (PYP 3) for her sixth birthday. Fortunately, we now have a strong contingent of French Canadians and French-speaking students in the Primary School so they assembled alongside Annabelle and were enthusiastically led by Ms. Barbara in a stirring rendition of Joyeux Anniversaire.



## House Team Points Progressive Scores 13th January 2023





## Paz the Pelican

Our first winners of the prestigious Paz the Pelican award for 2023 is Ms. Suzie's PYP 7 class. The Paz award is presented each week to the PYP class that has consistently demonstrated a level of excellence throughout the week. The PYP 7s had a huge week in the classroom this week and topped it off with a wonderful performance in our PYP assembly this afternoon. Congratulations PYP 7!



## Important Dates



**9th February:**

PTA Pizza Day

**11th February:**

Mid-term break commences

**20th February:**

Classes resume

**7th March:**

Swimming programme recommences

**9th March:**

PTA Pizza Day

**15th March:**

Celebration of Learning (1.00-3.00pm)

**22nd March:**

PYP 8 Exhibition (8.00-10.00am)