

20th January 2023

The Pelican Brief

The Codrington School ~ PYP Newsletter



Dear PYP Parents,

An important part of our weekly routine in the Primary School is our assembly on Friday afternoon. It's a perfect time for all of our PYP classes to come together to reflect on the week and to celebrate what we've accomplished over the preceding five days.

The assembly has evolved over time to become an entertaining experience with a refreshing level of unpredictability. We're never quite sure what we're going to see from our students as they take centre stage to present an aspect of their learning from that week. Irrespective of whether they 'nail' their presentation or not, our assembly time is a wonderful platform for students to practice their public speaking and develop their communication skills. It's also an important opportunity to build their self-confidence in front of their peers and teachers.

Today Ms. Allie's PYP 8 class put on a wonderful skit on community hunger that they created, wrote and produced themselves. They even had a fridge on stage, which was a first for the PYP assembly. Ms. Peggy's PYP 3 crew then followed up with a fun presentation connected to their Unit of Inquiry on Local History. They transported the audience back in time with a traditional Bajan game called Chinese Skip.

The assembly is also the time of the week when we acknowledge winners of Learner Profile Awards, celebrate (or commiserate!) House Team scores and announce the coveted Paz the Pelican award for the class of the week. We call this 'ear plug' time!

All that said, the most important three minutes in assembly is the singing of the Barbados National Anthem. It's a time for everyone in the Primary School to pay their respects to this wonderful country and its people. Our collective goal is to 'raise the roof' of the assembly hall with our dulcet tones and to ensure all of the Secondary School classes can hear us through the walls and floorboards. Rarely do we fail on that one!

Have a wonderful Errol Barrow Day tomorrow.

Regards,
Rob Fuller
Head of Primary



Chattel Village

Inspired by their recent field trip identifying Chattel houses on the east coast, Ms. Judy's PYP 2 students created their own Chattels this week using plywood, masonite, glue and paint. They made sure the homes included the traditional features such as a central door, high pitched roof, window shutters and some colourful Caribbean colours. They joined them altogether to create their own version of a Chattel village. It now hangs proudly by their lunch shelter.



Magical Mystery Mathematics Hike

As part of their work on measurement in maths, Ms. Liz's PYP 6 class set-off on a 'Magical Mystery Mathematics Hike' out the side gate of campus on Thursday morning. Their goal was to obtain a greater understanding of how far a kilometre is in 'real life'. They walked with a trundle wheel and 'trundled' along a road, then a track, a path, and finally through a sugarcane field to clock a 1000 metres on the wheel. Looking back towards school.....it was further than they first thought!!!!



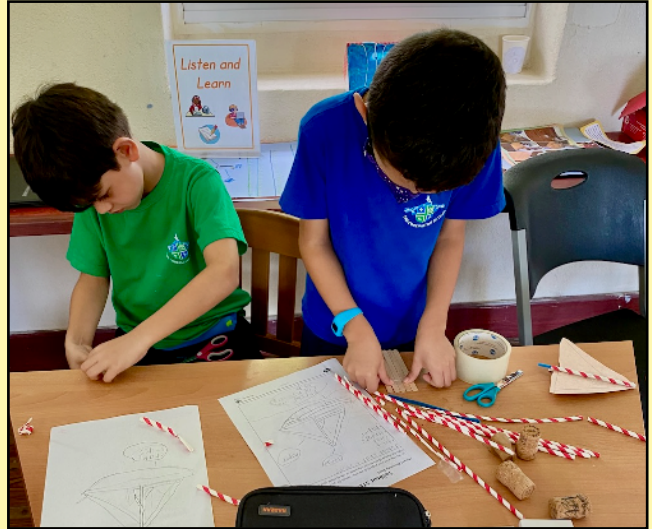
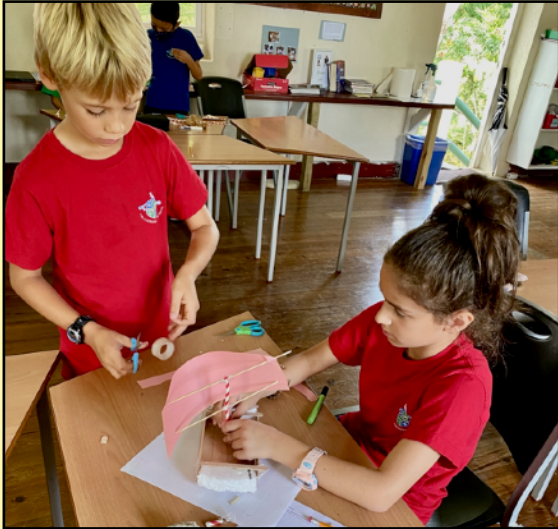
Passion for plants

To compliment their Unit of Inquiry on Plants, Ms. Ada's PYP 4 students traveled to Lancaster House in St. James on Wednesday as special guests of John and Rain Chandler. Accompanied by Ms. Renee, the group toured the beautiful grounds of the property to see an impressive variety of plants, trees, flowers & vegetables. John's extensive knowledge and passion for the flora added another dimension to the visit as the students hung onto every word of his running commentary as they strolled around the gardens.



Egyptian Sailboats

Ms. Barbara set her PYP 5 students their first STEM challenge for the new year on Monday. The task involved using ancient Egyptian sailboats as inspiration to design & build a sailboat that could do two things: i) float on water, and ii) move by using wind power. The students used their communication, thinking, & problem-solving skills to collaborate on their designs. While there were setbacks, modifications & compromise, their perseverance won the day with all the boat designs successfully achieving the goals of the task!



Sowing the seeds

Ms. Ada's PYP 4 students have taken over a small patch of 'dirt' adjacent to their classroom to grow some vegetables as a practical connection to their Unit of Inquiry on Plants. They hope to grow lettuce, beans, and herbs over the next four weeks and beyond. On Thursday Nico, Mia, Jessica and Danny put in some 'hard yards' preparing the area. They discovered the soil wasn't very conducive to growing vegetables so they're going to sink a large plastic tub in the ground, fill it with fertile soil and plant their seeds in the tub. We'll keep you posted on their success!



Making Paper

In connection with the Central Idea of their current investigations on 'Ancient Civilizations had a global impact', Ms. Barbara's PYP 5 students learned about how the Egyptians developed their own way of making paper using the papyrus plant. Buoyed by the fact that Egyptians continue to use this ancient method even today to produce artwork for tourists, the PYP 5 students decided to make their own version of papyrus to use for the Egyptian inspired art they are creating themselves.



Learner Profile Awards

Congratulations to Kaija and Valentino (PYP 8) for being nominated for Learner Profile awards this week!



Recycle



Recycling is back!

Every Tuesday morning from 7:30am - 8:20am.

DP students Ben and Chase will be at the green shed by the entrance of school to collect your recyclables.

Please remember to bring the following:

- * glass
- * tin cans
- * plastic bottles

Another lap around the sun

This week it was Kiran's turn to hear our rousing rendition of the Happy Birthday song at the conclusion of afternoon break on Thursday. The popular PYP 3 student celebrated his sixth birthday and we were all delighted to contribute to his special day in this small way.



House Team Points Progressive Scores 20th January 2023



Sahara ([Gooding-Emtage](#)), Ravi ([Elliot-Sealy](#)) and Tino ([Antsey](#)) reveal the progressive scores for Term 2.

Paz the Pelican

This week's class of the week was awarded to Ms. Judy's PYP 2 team. They won the Paz Award for completing a very principled, productive and consistent week in the PYP 2 classroom. Congratulations PYP 2!



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)