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The Pelican Brief

The Codrington School ~ PYP Newsletter



Dear PYP Parents,

I'm very pleased to report that our newly elected PYP Student Council have hit the ground running since they assumed office just over a week ago. Ideas and initiatives are flowing thick & fast from the team and they've wasted no time in putting their words into action. Here's a sample of what they've accomplished in the first ten days:

Spirit Week

They have planned a 'Spirit Week' for the Primary School on February 6-10. There will be a set theme for each day of the week to encourage students to join in the fun and build school spirit. Details will follow shortly but they plan to include a Mad Hatters Day, Sunglasses Day and a House Colours Day, to name a few.

Buddy Bench

A 'Buddy Bench' has been positioned in a discrete area of the playground area for any student who needs someone to talk to or play with during breaks. The bench is to be used by students as a signal to others that they need some company, their day isn't going as well as they had hoped, or they're feeling a little left out.

Cricket equipment

Equipment for playing cricket is now available for students to use during break times and lunchtime.

Suggestion Box

Installation of a Suggestion/Reflection Box in the Outdoor Classroom for the PYP students to put forward ideas on improving student life at Codrington. Students can also use it to reflect positively or otherwise on activities or school events that have taken place. The box is emptied every Friday and its contents are reviewed and discussed at Monday's Student Council meetings.

So, they've started with a big 'Bang'! It's been a delight to witness the proactive leadership and maturity demonstrated by the group. We look forward to them continuing in the same manner and 'making a difference' throughout Term 2 and beyond.

All the best for the weekend.

Regards,
Rob Fuller
Head of Primary



Barbados Museum

Ms. Suzie's PYP 7 class traveled to the Barbados Museum in Bridgetown on Thursday to further their investigation into the history of migration to Barbados. The museum tour also provided a valuable insight into Colonialism, the forced movement of people to the island through the slave trade and the development of Barbados into a plantation society.



Green Thumbs

Ms. Ada's PYP 4 class of green thumbs finished building their Flower Wall on Tuesday and began planting their flower seeds on the wall and their vegetable seeds in their garden bed. Both projects are part of the 'hands-on' component of their Unit of Inquiry on Plants and will require on-going care and maintenance from the students for the remainder of the year.



Around school



Mudlarks

As part of their Unit of Inquiry on 'Homes', Ms. Judy's PYP 2 students have been investigating the different types of construction materials that can be used to build a house. One alternative, cost-effective & eco-friendly method that caught their attention was the use of mud bricks. So.....they decided to make their own! On Thursday they were up to their armpits mixing soil, sand & water to create a quality mixture of mud. They packed the mud into their brick moulds and are now waiting for it to dry & harden before construction begins.



Roman Aqueduct

Ms. Barbara's PYP 5 class have been learning about how the Romans were the first to provide citizens with clean water using aqueducts. In order to answer some of their own questions about how aqueducts work, the students put their engineering skills to work on Wednesday by building two of their own on the school grounds. There was trial & error as they had to solve a range of problems along the way but communication, collaboration and teamwork got them through. And who said Rome wasn't built in a day?



Sports Day

is coming!



Details soon.

Learner Profile Awards

Congratulations to Sahara (PYP 8), Gaby and Charlotte J. (PYP 7), Gabe (PYP 5), Henry (PYP 4) and Kora (PYP 1) for being nominated for Learner Profile awards this week!



PYP Assembly



Helping the Homeless

Three MYP students have just launched a school wide campaign to collect toiletries for the homeless people of Barbados. Former PYP graduates Daniel, Dominic and Nahri announced the campaign to our PYP students in our morning gathering this week. They are calling on the Codrington community to donate items such as soap, toothpaste, shampoo, toilet paper, hairbrushes/combs etc. The drive runs from January 30 to February 6.

They boys will then deliver the goods to Barbados Alliance to End Homelessness (BAEH) for distribution to those in need.

A collection box will be set-up in the Outdoor Classroom on Monday for students to drop-off items. There will also be collection points at the Aquatic & Hometown bus stops.

We look forward to our school community getting behind this very worthwhile initiative.





DANIEL, DOMINIC, NAHRI PRESENT

TOILETRIES DRIVE

WE NEED:
Shampoo
Bar Soap
Toothpaste/Toothbrush
Deodorant
Kleenex
Conditioner
Dental Floss
Toilet Paper
Hairbrushes/Combs

Hometown:
Collected by: Daniel & Nahri
Mornings: Jan 30, Jan 31
Feb 1, Feb 2, Feb 3, Feb 6

Afternoon:
Jan 30, Jan 31, Feb 1, Feb 2, Feb 3,
Feb 6

Aquatic:
Collected by: Dominic
Mornings: Jan 30, Jan 31, Feb 1,
Feb 2, Feb 3

There will be 2 boxes in the PYP Outdoor Classroom from Jan 30th to Feb 6th. Donations can also be made at the Hometown bus stop and the Aquatic bus stop. They will be collected in the mornings and the afternoons.

January 30th - February 6th

Clothing Drive

Diploma students Hope and Mica also dropped by our Morning Gathering on Friday to announce their Clothing Drive for the homeless. Another great initiative from our Secondary School students that the Primary School is very keen to support.



CLOTHING DRIVE

WHEN: JANUARY 25TH - FEBRUARY 3RD

This week drop off **2-3 items** of clothing and support the homeless!

REQUIREMENTS:

- The clothes must be clean and undamaged
- There should be no holes, tears or stains



Where to drop the clothes off?

In the clothing box located
in the PYP Outdoor Classroom

Another lap around the sun

More birthday celebrations this week with Sophie (PYP 2) and Xavier (PYP 3) reaching milestones. Both had to endure enthusiastic interpretations of our Happy Birthday song from their fellow students, including the mandatory “are you 1?...are you 2?.....”. Congratulations Sophie & Xavier!



House Team Points Progressive Scores

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Mason W. (Gooding Emtage), Robby (Anstey) and Laya (Elliot-Sealy) display the progressive scores for the PYP House Team competition.

Paz the Pelican

Congratulations to the PYP 5 class for winning this week's Paz the Pelican award for being our class of the week. The students had a super week, responding magnificently to the academic and practical challenges Ms. Barbara threw at them. Their problem-solving skills, collaboration and teamwork was a highlight this week and subsequently earned them the coveted Paz trophy. Congratulations PYP 5!



Important Dates



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| 6-10th February: | Spirit Week |
| 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) |