

11th November 2022



# The Pelican Brief

The Codrington School ~ PYP Newsletter





Dear PYP Parents,

There were many stellar moments in the Primary School this week but the standout highlight was the fantastic performances of our swimmers at the Inter-School Swimming Championships on Tuesday. Our team of 'Flying Fish' had a fantastic day in the pool with all of our swimmers achieving personal bests in their respective events. Our National champion, Kaija Eastmond, set the pool alight by smashing records in two of her events. One of those records had stood since 2007!

We're super proud of Gabe, Sahara, Jaime and Kaija for representing the school with such distinction. They are now setting themselves for the finals at the Aquatic Centre on November 18.

It was also a big week in the classrooms. We've now completed the third week of Unit of Inquiry #2. The place has been buzzing with inquiry and industry throughout this week as we enter the 'business end' of the unit cycle. Next week teachers have more field trips, guest speakers and experiential academic activities planned to deepen the learning experience of our students.

As time evaporates before our very eyes, it's an appropriate moment to highlight some key dates on the near horizon:

**30th November:** Barbados Independence - National holiday

**2nd December:** Winter concert

**7th December:** Celebration of Learning

**9th December:** Final day of school before Winter break (12.00 noon closure)

**3rd January:** Professional Development Day for teachers

**4th January:** Classes recommence for PYP students

Please note that your child's academic report will be sent out electronically on the final day of school on December 9. The report is the second part of our annual assessment and reporting process and should follow on directly from the conversations you had with teachers at the recent Parent/Teacher Conferences.

All the best for the weekend.

Regards,  
Rob Fuller  
Head of Primary



## PYP 3 Ornithology

Ms. Peggy's PYP 3 team of ornithologists were roaming around campus this week as part of a birdwatching task for their Unit of Inquiry on 'Local Birds & Animals'. The activity involved bird spotting, naming the birds, tallying the number of each species, and then making sketches of the birds they observed. Fortunately our beautiful campus is a haven for birdlife so there were plenty to see. Blackbirds, pigeons and sparrows were most common but the team think they may have spotted a frigate circling up from the Atlantic. Back in the classroom they wrote sentences describing the bird's actions and movement.





## PYP 5 at Welchman Hall Gully

Ms. Barbara's PYP 5 class hit the road today on a field trip to Welchman Hall Gully. The students are currently studying how living things function, interact and adapt within their environment so 'The Gully' was the perfect location for a wild, hands-on experience. The students explored the tropical rainforest habitat looking for living things and examining the specific adaptations they've made to survive in the forest.





## In the workshop

Some of Ms. Suzie's PYP 7 students visited the Design Technology workshop in the Secondary School today to commence work on a bespoke display unit they are creating for presenting information. The design of the display was inspired by a recent class visit to the Exchange Museum in Bridgetown. It's a collaborative effort by all PYP 7 students and will hopefully be incorporated in their next Celebration of Learning in December.





## Developing independence

A significant focus in our teaching and learning at Codrington is developing independence in our students. This is particularly important in our lower grades where our youngest students are still in the early stages of building their self-reliance, self-confidence and sense of belonging.

The long trek from the bus or the campus front gate in the morning is a good litmus test for the bravery and independence of our 3 and 4 year olds. We're there for them if they need us of course, but it's still a big challenge to 'walk the walk' to their classroom door at the commencement of each school day. It's always a delight to see our youngest inquirers steel themselves and work their way through this important rite of passage.





## Enrichment Programme

The after-school Enrichment Programme continues to be an important part of school life at Codrington. The programme provides students with an opportunity to try new things, discover new passions and develop new skills through a variety of activities and pursuits. It also gives students a physical, creative or cerebral outlet at the end of the school day, away from the rigours of the classroom.









## PYP Assembly

We were treated to two enthusiastic performances in our PYP assembly this afternoon. Ms. Barbara's PYP 5 students presented a very unique and entertaining way of looking at habitats while Ms. Allie's PYP 8 students outlined the U.N's Sustainable Development Goals they have been researching as part of their Unit of Inquiry on access to opportunities for children. Ms. Barbara also showed us her psychic abilities by reading the mind of a student in the audience. You had to see it to believe it!





## Paz the Pelican Award

Congratulations to Ms. Barbara's PYP 5 class for winning this week's Paz Award. They won the coveted award for a super week in the classroom, capped off by a great performance in assembly this afternoon.



## Learner Profile Award

Congratulations to Isabel Ndlovu (PYP 6) for being nominated for a Learner Profile Award this week.



 **THE CODRINGTON SCHOOL**  
THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BARBADOS

### Learner Profile Award

Presented to

**Isabel Ndlovu**

**Thinker**

For making connections between new areas of learning and prior knowledge, especially connecting what we've learnt about rocks and minerals to actual events in Barbados and the wider Caribbean region.

*Liz Fursedonn-Wood*  
Ms. Liz Fursedonn-Wood  
PYP 6 Teacher

*Rob Fuller*  
Mr. Rob Fuller  
Head of Primary  
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# House Team Points Progressive Scores

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Rowan (Elliot-Sealy), Farah (Anstey) and Sahara (Gooding Emtage) sitting on a 106 year old wall with the updated team scores.

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# OCEAN ACRES

## YOUTH GROUP

NOVEMBER 12, 2022

FROM 11:00-2:00

HAVE FUN WITH CUTE DOGS AND  
CATS!

LEARN HOW TO TREAT ANIMALS  
WITH RESPECT!

SPREAD AWARENESS!

HELP US MAKE IT FAIR  
FOR OUR ANIMALS

