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The Pelican Brief

The Codrington School ~ PYP Newsletter



Dear PYP Parents,

It's been another huge week of learning and inquiry in the Primary School this week. The level of curiosity our students are displaying in their Units of Inquiry is wonderful to witness. Student engagement remains high across all of our year levels thanks to our talented team of teachers. The planning & preparation they put into creating interesting, engaging lessons is remarkable.

Some miscellaneous notes for your attention as we steamroll our way to Winter break:

Inter-School Swimming Championships

Our 'Flying Fish', Gabe, Jaime and Kaija competed in the finals of the Inter-school Swimming Championships at the Aquatic Centre today. Once again they represented the school with distinction. Gabe swam very well and recorded PBs in his two events. Jaime swam the race of her life to win the bronze medal in the 25m backstroke and Kaija won all 5 events she participated in! Kaija was also crowned the Champion swimmer in her age group. A super effort from them all.

Please note our weekly swimming programme goes into hiatus from December 9. Our students return to the pool from March 7. The swim sessions are replaced by a regular PE lesson on campus with Mr. Tanner during the hiatus.

Lateness

We certainly respect that everyone is still navigating challenging times (including roads & traffic!) and things can happen unexpectedly in the morning but please be aware however that students being dropped off after 8.00am are recorded as late in our Attendance Management System. That data is then reported as a permanent record on the student's report card at the end of term.

Punctuality is an important personal trait we emphasize in our daily teaching. Regular lateness can not only interrupt a child's learning but also disrupt lessons for other children in the class. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Winter Concert

The concert is being held from 6.30-7.30pm on Friday 2nd December. School finishes at 2.00pm on that day and students are required to return to campus at **6.00pm** for final preparations and their costume fitting for the 6.30pm start. The fun & merriment continues beyond 7.30pm with music, food, beverages etc.

Celebration of Learning

Please mark December 7 on your calendar for our second Celebration of Learning. It will be the same 'Open House' format as before with the classroom doors open from 1.00pm-2.50pm. Each class will be showcasing their work from their second Unit of Inquiry in various presentations and performances. Parents are very welcome to visit classrooms other than their own child's.

It's hard to believe we only have 14 school days remaining until Christmas break. We have a lot to accomplish between now and then of course, but we're certainly up for the challenge and look forward to finishing Term 1 on a big note.

All the best for the weekend.

Regards,
Rob Fuller
Head of Primary

PYP 3 & PYP 5 at Barbados Wildlife Reserve

Our PYP 3 and PYP 5 classes joined forces on Wednesday in a collaborative field trip to the Barbados Wildlife Reserve. Ms. Peggy's PYP 3s have been studying local animals while Ms. Barbara's PYP 5s have been focusing on habitats and animal adaptations. So the Wildlife Reserve was the perfect environment to marry the two areas of inquiry and create a humungous learning experience for both classes.



Swim Championship Finals

Some images hot off the press from the Aquatic Centre today.



Access to Opportunities

On Thursday morning Ms. Allie's PYP 8 class participated in a gender equality activity as part of their current Unit of Inquiry on 'Access to Opportunities'. The PYP 8 girls hiked from the Codrington campus through a neighbouring cane field to a water source, filling containers before returning to campus. The objective was to replicate, in a very small way, the journey many young girls in impoverished countries are forced to make each day to collect water.

The PYP 8 boys remained in class and completed their regular school work while the girls were walking, highlighting the gender inequality that occurs in education in those countries. While unfair and discriminatory, it was an important hands-on learning experience with a significant life message for our students.



But there was a twist to the activity however. In the interest of equality and fair play, the boys set off on the same journey to collect water in the afternoon while the girls remained in class. The sun was higher and hotter at that stage but the boys rallied together and successfully conquered the challenge.

Both groups embraced the activity with spirit and enthusiasm. Most importantly, they now have a greater perspective of the physical challenges young girls in those countries face each day but also the discrimination they endure by not being allowed to attend school.



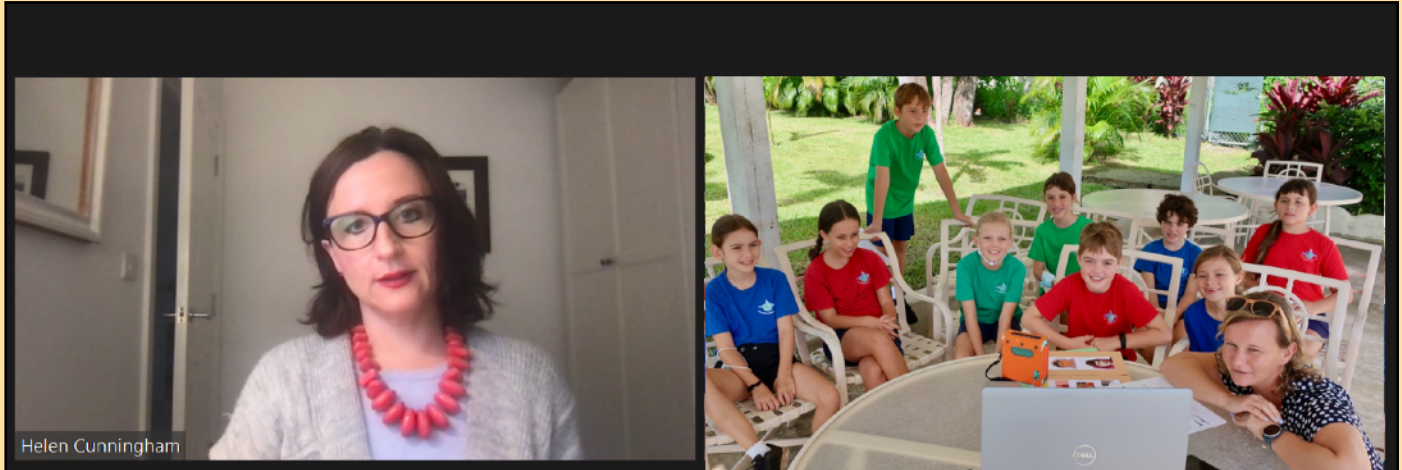
Ms. Petra & Local Animals

Animal welfare expert and friend of the school, Ms. Petra Bellamy, visited our PYP 3 classroom on Thursday to make a presentation to Ms. Peggy's students on 'Local Animals'. Ms. Petra spoke about local lizards, worms, birds, fish and the famous green monkeys of Barbados. Her information and experience with the monkeys was very enlightening for our students, particularly in regard to their behaviour, their feelings, and the perils of humans interacting with them.



Zooming in

Ms. Suzie's PYP 7 students participated in a zoom session on Monday with Ms. Helen Cunningham, the owner/operator of a renowned global publishing services company in London. Ms. Cunningham works collaboratively with international publishers, editors, authors etc. on educational projects around the globe, so today's discussion was a brilliant connection to the student's Unit of Inquiry on: 'Information can be expressed in different ways and for a variety of



PYP Assembly

We experienced another entertaining PYP assembly this afternoon with two classes making excellent presentations to a very receptive audience. This week it was Ms. Ada's PYP 4 class and Ms. Suzie's PYP 7 students up on stage in front of the Primary School. Ms. Ada's crew danced the Macarena, sign language the True Colours song and expressed their feelings through some fantastic Haiku poems. Ms. Suzie's students shared one another's work with the audience and revealed an impressive pelican mural they have been collaborating on over the past four weeks. They also showed a display unit they have been building to display and convey information.



House Team Points Progressive Scores

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Kiran (Elliot-Sealy), Leif (Gooding Emtage) and Tristan (Anstey) reveal the progressive scores

Important Dates

30th November: Barbados Independence - National holiday

2nd December: Winter concert (6.00-8.00pm)

7th December: Celebration of Learning (1.00-2.45pm)

9th December: Final day of school before Winter break (12.00noon departure);
Swim programme in hiatus until March 7

3rd January: Professional Development Day for teachers

4th January: Classes recommence for PYP students