

4th November 2022

# The Pelican Brief

The Codrington School ~ PYP Newsletter





Dear PYP Parents,

Our Halloween dress-up day kicked off another big week in fine style with everyone making a super effort to show their school 'spirit'. The weird collection of witches, zombies, mummies and monsters was not a pretty sight but was counter balanced by some beautiful butterflies, princesses, super heroes and astronauts. Thanks to everyone for joining in the fun.

Congratulations to the five PYP students who have been selected to represent the school in the heats of the Barbados National Swimming Championships next week. Gabe (PYP 5), Kaija (PYP 8), Sahara (PYP 8), Jaime (PYP 8) and Finn (PYP 8) will be representing Codrington against students from other Primary schools on Tuesday with the hope of making it through to the finals on November 18. We'll be following their efforts next week with close interest.

Two Diploma students from our Secondary School, Ben McKenzie and Chase Bryan, have stepped forward with a recycling initiative for the Codrington community. Every Tuesday morning from 7.30am - 8.20am they will be stationed at the front gate to collect glass, cans and plastic items from parents and students. We encourage everyone to support this wonderful initiative to promote sustainable practices and environmental conservation.

Hope you have a great weekend.

Regards,

Rob Fuller  
Head of Primary

## Swim Champs

Good luck to our super fish in the pool at the National Swimming Championships next week!





# Learner Profile Awards

Congratulations to Jessica (PYP 4), Mikki (PYP 7), Dashiel (PYP 7) and Esme (PYP 1) for winning Learner Profile awards this week.





Halloween Dress-up Day







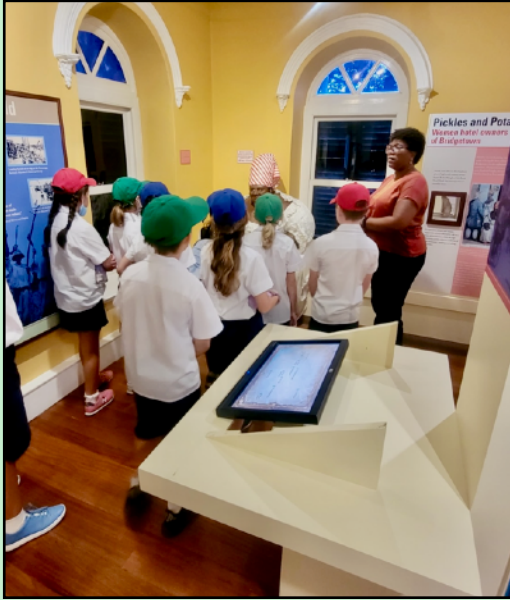
	Early Years PYP 1 & 2	Lower Primary PYP 3, 4, 5	Upper Primary PYP 6, 7, 8	Teachers
Scariest costume	Ms. Carla	Leif	Jamie	Ms. Liz
Most creative costume	Ava	Amaia	Lili B.	Ms. Suzie
Most original costume	Lola	Tristan S.	Nathan	Ms. Ada
Funniest costume	Matteo	Annabelle	Lily G. & Irene	Ms. Judy & Ms. Renee
Best home-made costume	Lacy	Joshua	Talia	Mr. Rob





## PYP 7 at the Exchange Museum

Ms. Suzie's PYP 7 students travelled to the Exchange Museum in downtown Bridgetown on Thursday as part of their research on the different ways ideas and information can be presented for different purposes. The museum was the perfect venue as it has a range of interactive displays and well-presented information boards. One goal of the excursion was for students to identify a presentation style that sparks their interest and to use that format when presenting their own information in their classroom back at school.





# Mystery Readers

Mystery readers have been visiting Ms. Judy's classroom throughout this week to support the PYP 2's current Unit of Inquiry on 'Stories'. Each day mystery readers have knocked on the PYP 2 door and surprised the class by reading a favourite storybook to the students. Special thanks to the Diploma students for giving up their time to join in the fun as well.





## Dia De Los Muertos

Our MYP and Diploma students created an impressive Dia De Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) exhibition in the foyer of the assembly hall this week. It was an interdisciplinary collaboration driven by our Spanish teachers Ms. Mila & Ms. Bea and Art teacher Mr. Zak and their students. On Wednesday morning the PYP students visited the display and heard about the background of this famous Mexican celebration.





## PYP 7 Language Arts

PYP 7 students have been reading biographies of famous people recently and practicing paraphrasing key details of the person's accomplishments. The class was also set a task to write a fiction piece using their own words. The students wanted to take it a step further by writing it as a diary piece by the famous person. Mikki Basso chose Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala and wrote an excellent diary entry of the trauma Malala suffered when she was attacked for her views on female education in Pakistan. Mikki presented her writing to the PYP 8 class during their library lesson on Thursday, speaking confidently and articulately to an enthusiastic audience.

Dear Diary,

Today was a confusing day, I woke up in an isolated room. Around me was strange beeping equipment, surrounded by white walls. The last thing I remember was being on a school bus looking at the end of a gun, then everything went black.

Someone with an all white outfit and a weird thing around his neck entered the room. It seemed like he wanted to speak to me. I tried to respond but I couldn't as it felt like my mouth was superglued. He said some gibberish but I just shrugged my shoulders. Then he laid out a board on my bedside table with all the ABC's on it.

Finally I felt like I could communicate! I pointed to the 'h' and then the 'I' and the doctors mouth turned into a wide smile. Then I pointed out where am I then he pointed back to Birmingham, England.

I was very puzzled some of the thoughts I had were "Was England at war", "Can I go to school", but then I thought for a minute, nowhere was worse than Pakistan. My heart felt sympathy for the people back home, especially my family.

Then the doctor left and then a translator came in and told me that I had been shot on a school bus and that I had surgery. And then he told me that newspapers had been following my story and that my family was coming to see me tomorrow. I felt delighted that I was going to see my family soon.

Until we meet again diary,  
Malala

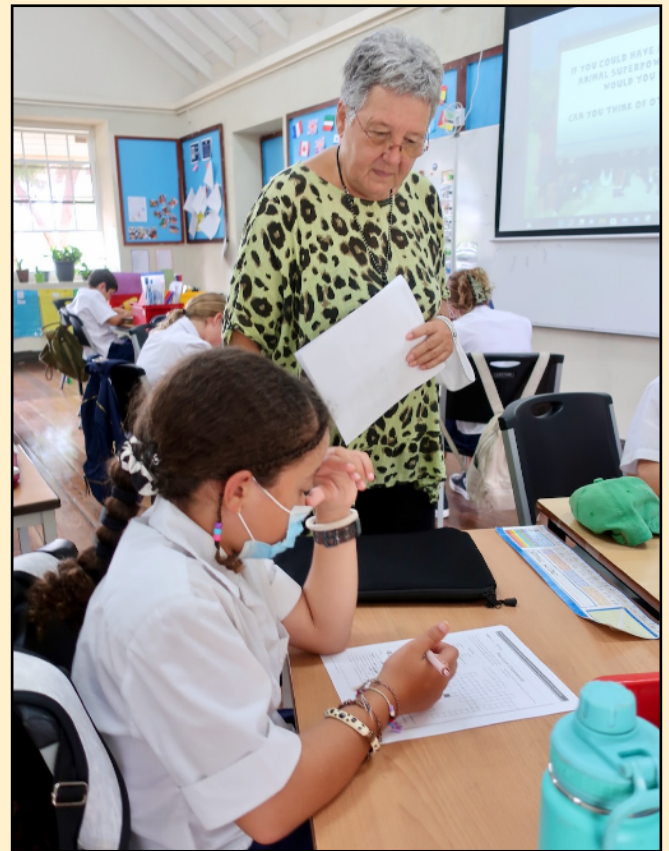
(By Mikki Basso PYP 7)





## Guest Speaker

Longtime friend of the school, Ms. Petra Bellamy, visited our upper Primary classes on Friday to speak about animal welfare. Ms. Petra has a long association with Ocean Acres Animal Sanctuary on the east coast of Barbados and visits Codrington every year to share her vast knowledge and experience with our students. Unfortunately we haven't seen Ms. Petra for two years due to the Covid restrictions so it was great to welcome her back on Friday.





## PYP Assembly

Ms. Liz's PYP 6 students made a wonderful presentation in our PYP assembly today on the history of the world. They also demonstrated their knowledge of the composition of the earth, explained tectonic plate movement and the theory of continental drift. We also witnessed an entertaining puppet show of the famous story of Hansel & Gretel from the PYP 2 class.





## Paz the Pelican Award

Congratulations to Ms. Peggy's PYP 3 class for winning the Paz Award as our PYP class of the week. They won the award for their attitude and application to their work this week.

They were also recommended for the award by our Art teacher Mr. Zak for their improved diligence and self-discipline in Art this week.

Well done, PYP 3!



## Welcome to the Ticknor family

We wish a very warm Codrington welcome to the Ticknor family, Lucas Ashley, Holden and Eleanor, who joined our school community this week from Canada. Holden has commenced in Ms. Ada's PYP 4 class while Eleanor joined Ms. Judy's PYP 2 class.

It was a 'baptism of fire' for Holden and Eleanor as they were greeted on Monday morning by their teachers dressed in Halloween costumes! What a start to your first day at a new school. Both Holden and Eleanor came prepared in their own costumes however so they certainly felt part of the school from the outset.

We look forward to getting to know the family over the ensuing months. Welcome aboard!





# House Team Points Progressive Scores

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Emily (Elliot-Sealy), Lili (Anstey) and Virginia (Gooding Emtage) display the updated scores

## Important Dates

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

**2nd December:** Winter concert

**7th December:** Celebration of Learning

**9th December:** Final day of school before Winter break





## Day Out

As part of their Service as Action, the Secondary students have created an Ocean Acres Youth group which is bringing awareness and education to their peers across the island. For their first event, they are organising a Day Out at Ocean Acres.

On that day, visitors will be able to play in the puppy pit, do some cat yoga, eat some homemade cakes, walk and pet the dogs and a lot more fun activities.

The Youth Group needs your support, please come along on Saturday 12th of November at Ocean Acres from 11am.

**Caroline Weber**

