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# The Pelican Brief

The Codrington School ~ PYP Newsletter



Dear PYP Parents,

Thanks again for taking the time to attend our Parent/Teacher conferences on Monday. We hope you enjoyed connecting with your child's teacher and receiving an insight into their progress since the commencement of Term 1. Please don't hesitate to follow-up with your child's teacher if you think additional dialogue would be useful.

It was an exciting week in the classrooms this week as students commenced their new Units of Inquiry. Teachers revealed the units through a range of tasks and provocations, designed to generate interest and kick-start the inquiry process. We have another interesting round of themes and look forward to students embracing their new area of study over the next six weeks:

PYP 1 - Feelings

PYP 2 - Stories

PYP 3 - Local animals

PYP 4 - Movement

PYP 5 - Habitats

PYP 6 - Natural features of Earth

PYP 7 - Expressing ideas and information

PYP 8 - Access to opportunities

On Monday we're holding our Halloween dress-up day. Participation is not mandatory but we encourage students and teachers to join in the fun and wear the scariest, weirdest, wackiest costume they can find. House Team points are on offer for those that impress.

Looking ahead, the next major event on the Codrington Calendar is our Winter Concert. This is being held under the big marquee on campus on **Friday 2nd December**. Our theme this year is 'A Caribbean Christmas'. Students from each class will be performing a unique song from a Caribbean country. Rehearsals have already commenced in Ms. Chrystal's music lessons and we're looking forward to a big show under the Codrington mahoganies in December.

All the best for the weekend.

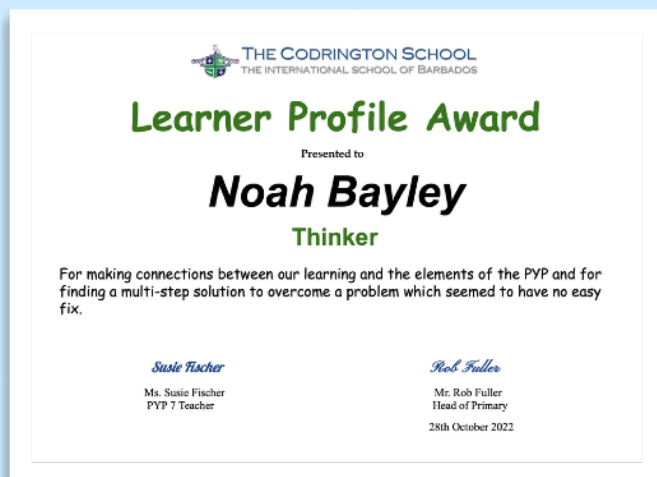
Regards,

Rob Fuller,  
Head of Primary



# Learner Profile Awards

Congratulations to Tristan (PYP 5), Noah (PYP 7) and Sophie (PYP 5) for winning Learner Profile awards this week.





## PYP 4 at PowerHouse Studio

Ms. Ada's PYP 4 students travelled to the PowerHouse Dance Studio on Tuesday as an introduction to their new trans-disciplinary theme of 'How we express ourselves'. The Central Idea for their Unit of Inquiry focuses on 'how ideas and emotions can be expressed through motion and movement'. The students will also be studying the physical and emotional benefits of movement. The session at PowerHouse was an excellent provocation for the Unit, and most importantly, a heap of fun the students!





# The Mysterious Central Idea

Ms. Barbara's PYP 5 students were involved in a scavenger hunt with a twist on Wednesday. The goal was to work out the Central Idea of their new Unit of Inquiry. The students had to find clues hidden at seven locations around the Codrington campus. At each location the students had to successfully complete a math problem to get the clue that revealed the location of the next clue. The final location contained a key that opened a padlock on a mysterious backpack in the PYP 5 classroom. The missing words to complete the Central Idea were hidden in the backpack. The teamwork, collaboration, problem solving and higher order thinking from the students was impressive. Well done PYP 5!





# Halloween

## Dress-up Day



Monday 31st October

Team points awarded



## On a Roll

To emphasise the concept of time in the history of Earth, Ms. Liz's PYP 6 students were given the task of creating a timeline of significant events using a roll of toilet paper. Were birds on earth before dinosaurs? Fish before birds? Bacteria before human life? After some robust debate, the students agreed on the sequence of events and placed props on the 'paper' to represent each event. A challenging task! The activity also reinforced that old COVID adage: 'there's no such thing as having too much toilet paper'!





## Paz the Pelican Award

It was an abbreviated week this week due to Parent/Teacher conferences so it was difficult for one particular class to stand out as our 'Class of the Week'.

So we took the opportunity to break from tradition and present the award to a very hardworking and selfless member of our PYP family.

Our cleaner/caretaker Ms. Nacole was presented the award this week for showing the Pelican Spirit every day of the week. She works tirelessly to ensure the PYP classrooms are clean and hygienic and has become a very popular member of our PYP community.

Congratulations Ms. Nacole!



## Happy Birthday Ms. Dawn

The PYP students and teachers made and signed a birthday card to celebrate another lap around the sun for Ms. Dawn, our hard-working facilities manager.

We also sang a stirring rendition of 'Happy Birthday' to her in today's PYP assembly. We then did the 'are you 1... are you 2....?' count. We stopped at 21 due to time constraints!



## Pizza Day!

Thanks a million to the Codrington PTA for holding a free pizza day for students and teachers today. There were miles of smiles everywhere. Special thanks to Jeanette, Ryan, Orawan and Ericka for taking the time to deliver and serve the pizzas so efficiently to the students. A great way to wrap up the week!



## Farewell Federigo

It is with much sadness that we must say goodbye to PYP 7 student Federigo Tozzi Calderon. Today was Federigo's final day at Codrington as his family are relocating to New York.

Fed has been a very popular member of our school community over the past three years and he will be sadly missed. A balanced, knowledgeable, and multi-lingual student, he has set a wonderful example as a global-minded PYP student.

We wish Federigo, his father Max, mother Hilda and 3 year old sister Victoria all the best for their next adventure.

Don't forget us!!!!!!





## PYP Assembly

We wrapped up the week with some impressive performances by PYP 4 and PYP 8 in our PYP assembly this afternoon. Ms. Allie's PYP 8 students recited poetry they've recently written themselves while Ms. Ada's PYP 4 students performed their famous Cha Cha slide.





# House Team Points Progressive Scores

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**Elliot-Sealy** are back! The mighty Green Machine re-grouped over mid-term break and have overtaken **Anstey** and **Gooding-Emtage** this week to lead our PYP House Team competition. PYP 3 students Kallum, William and Matthew proudly display the updated scores for their team in the photo below.



## Important Dates

- 31st October:** Halloween dress-up day
- 30th November:** Barbados Independence - National holiday
- 2nd December:** Winter concert
- 9th December:** Final day of school before Winter break

