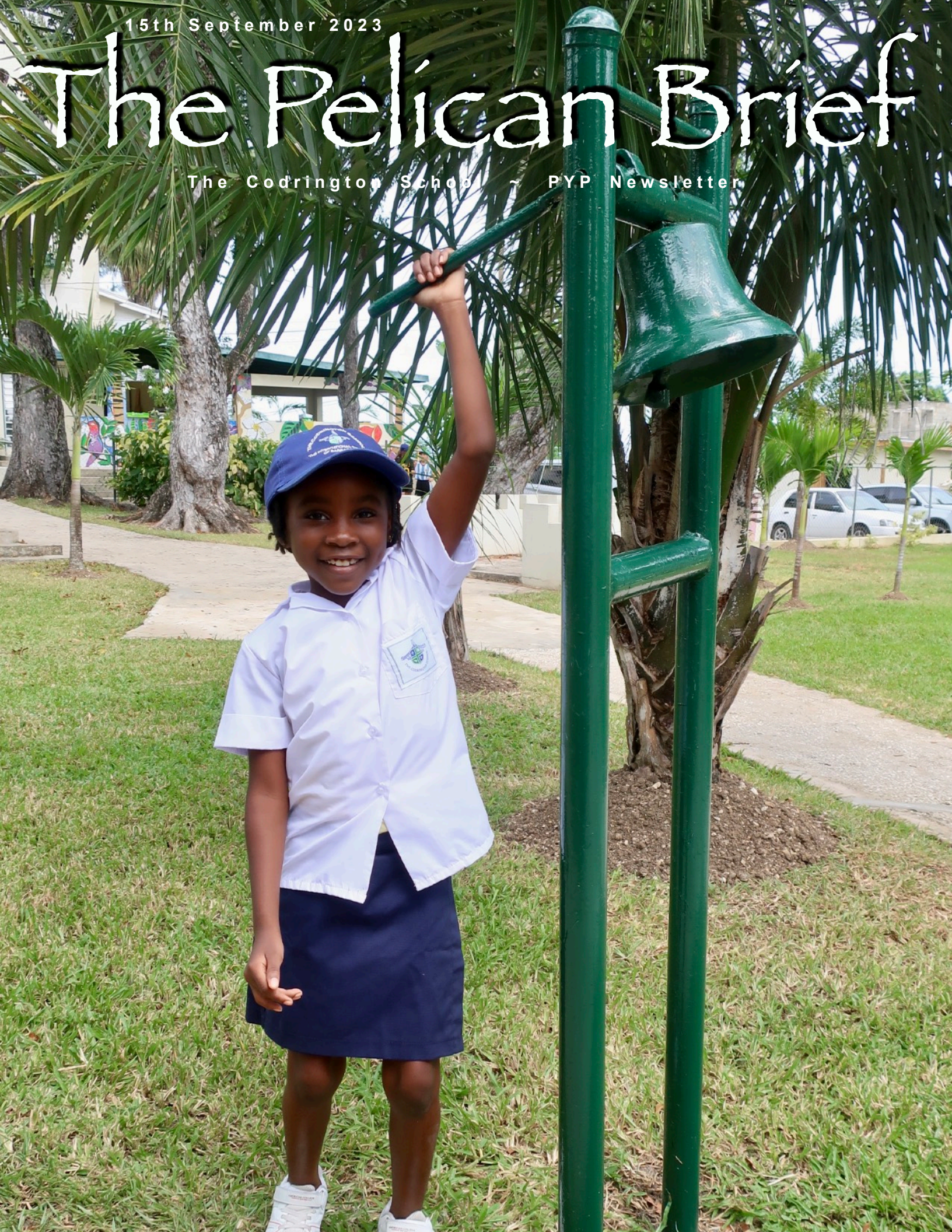


15th September 2023

The Pelican Brief

The Codrington School PYP Newsletter



Dear PYP Parents,

Welcome to the first edition of The Pelican Brief for 2023/2024. The goal of this newsletter is to keep parents and our greater school community in-the-loop with what's happening in the Primary School each week. Each edition will provide you with a glimpse into daily life at our school by showcasing and celebrating student activities, endeavour and achievement.

Our second week together has flown past at breakneck speed. It was a super week with many highlights from both inside and outside of the classroom. Our Enrichment and Swimming programmes began this week and we launched our House Team competition. It was also a week of 'firsts' with teachers commencing their first Unit of Inquiry for the year, our PYP 6 class traveled on the first field trip, and PYP 4 hosted our first guest presenter for the year. Most importantly, the students have now settled into the routine of their school day and are beginning to hit full stride.

This evening we're launching our PYP Class Blogs. The blog sites are designed and created by our teachers and are another communication platform to keep parents up-to-speed with what transpires in the classrooms each week. The blogs will be updated every Friday evening and we encourage parents to share them with family and friends. Please use the tabs at the top of this page to access the class site of your child(ren).

Our first major event for the term, the PYP Celebration of Learning, is not too far away. Please check the event schedule on page 12 of this newsletter for the allocated time for each class. We hope you can make it to campus on October 18 for the class presentations.

All the best for a relaxing weekend.

Regards,
Rob Fuller
Head of Primary

Important Dates

October 4:	PTA coffee morning: 8.30am at Splurge, St. Michael
October 18:	Celebration of Learning
October 19:	PTA Pizza Day
October 20:	International Day; Final day of school before mid-term
October 21-30:	Mid-term break
October 30:	Parent/Teacher Conferences 7.30am-3.30pm
October 31:	Classes resume

Getting to know our new teachers

Name: Ms. Rebecca Reider

Role: PYP 7; PYP Curriculum Coordinator

Place of birth: Northampton, England

Most recent school: International School of Como, Italy

Why did you become a teacher: it was my dream as a young girl

Likes: singing; hiking; sudoku; travel

Dislikes: conflict; traffic; post-beach sand;

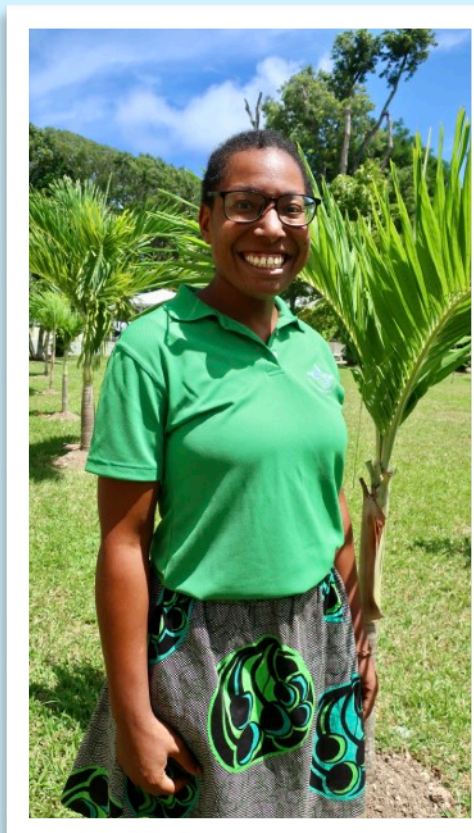
Favourite ice cream flavour: pistachio; rum n' raisin

Favourite vacation spot: Cambodia

What do you like most about Barbados so far: the people; the beaches;

What do you like most about Codrington: the community feel

Teaching philosophy: be creative, make it fun, and provide opportunities for students to use their thinking and problem solving skills.



Name: Mr. Aditya Ghosh

Place of birth: Kolkata, India

Most recent school: Ebenezer International School, Bangalore

Why did you become a teacher: To inspire young minds into becoming curious inquirers and caring, compassionate individuals.

Likes: Football; Music (Tool to be precise); Sauntering through the woods.

Dislikes: Taylor Swift and what music has become; Dishonesty; people who think they know it all!

Favourite ice cream flavour: Chocolate, chocolate and chocolate

Favourite vacation spots: Thailand; Cape Town, South Africa

What do you like most about Barbados so far: pristine beaches, Cuzz's fish cutters.

What do you like most about Codrington: Mr. Rob's start of the day talk in the Outdoor Classroom.

Teaching philosophy: Learning is far more valuable than knowing.



Units of Inquiry

The first round of our Programme of Inquiry commenced this week with teachers launching their initial Unit of Inquiry through a range of provocations, tasks and activities. There are six units throughout the academic year, providing the curriculum framework for our teaching and learning throughout the Primary School.

The units are trans-disciplinary by design, incorporating Mathematics, Language, Science and Technology, Social Studies, Personal Social & Physical Education and the Arts.

Each unit has a Central Idea that is used by teachers and students to guide their learning through various lines of inquiry.



PYP 8: Performing Words

Central Idea: Using written and spoken word, we express thoughts, ideas and feelings to a range of audiences.



PYP 7: Matter

Central Idea: Matter exists in different forms which can be changed and used for a variety of purposes.



PYP 6: Exploration

Central Idea: Exploration leads to discoveries and new understandings.



PYP 5: Cultures around the world

Central Idea: Appreciating other cultures makes us more open-minded.



PYP 4: Healthy Living

Central Idea: Making balanced choices about daily routines enables us to have a healthy lifestyle.



PYP 3: Local Animals

Central Idea: We have a responsibility to the animals in our environment.



PYP 1 & PYP 2

Our PYP 1 & PYP 2 students commence the year focussing on the International Baccalaureate's Learner Profile traits and the IB's Approaches to Teaching & Learning skills. This includes the development of communication, self-management and social skills while also reinforcing independence.

Learner Profile Awards

Our Learner Profile awards are presented each week to recognise and celebrate student effort and behaviour. The awards are aligned with the traits of the International Baccalaureate's Learner Profile and are presented to students that have performed above and beyond our normal expectations. The awards are difficult to win which makes them all the more coveted amongst the students. Congratulations are extended to this week's winners, including two students new to our school:



Jojo (PYP 6) - Risk-taker



Neo (PYP 7) - Thinker



Sofia (PYP 7) - Inquirer



Gaby (PYP 8) - Caring

Yoga Masters

To compliment their current Unit of Inquiry on 'Healthy Living', Ms. Ada's PYP 4 students participated in a yoga session on Thursday with Lebanese Yoga Master Mr. Sam. The students had a heap of fun learning a range of yoga positions designed to improve their strength, balance and flexibility. Huge thank you to Mr. Sam for giving up his time to lead the session.





On the road with PYP 6

Ms. Liz's PYP 6 class traveled to Bathsheba and Welshman Hall Gully on Thursday to make a connection with their Unit of Inquiry on Explorers. Students were challenged to put themselves in the shoes of early explorers arriving in Barbados. How would they land on the island? How would they find food, water and shelter? What challenges might they face? At Bath beach, students had to consider how it would feel to arrive in a new and unexplored place. At Welchman Hall, students looked at native sources of food, and took part in a den-building activity to create a shelter, just like the early explorers!



Kids in the Kitchen

Ms. Barbara's PYP 5 students were fortunate to receive a hands-on cooking lesson in the Codrington Cafe on Wednesday from Ms. Annette and Ms. Cynthia. The students assisted in the preparation and cooking of a famous Bajan staple, macaroni & coleslaw. The activity was part of their Unit of Inquiry on 'Cultures around the globe'. Students were also required to record the ingredients and list the various steps of the recipe. The meal was served to wide acclaim from some brutally honest judges at lunchtime - the PYP students!



Around campus this week



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Celebration of Learning

At the end of each Unit of Inquiry we invite parents into the classrooms to see the work our students have completed throughout their six week unit. It's an 'Open House' format and usually involves students presenting their work to parents as a collaborative class presentation, small group performances or individual presentations from students.

Our first Celebration of Learning is being held on Wednesday 18th October from 1.00-3.00pm. Please see below for the schedule of presentations. Parents are encouraged to visit classrooms other than their own child's throughout the afternoon.

Time	Classes presenting	
1.00 - 1.30pm	PYP 1	PYP 2
1.30 - 2.00pm	PYP 3	PYP 6
2.00 - 2.30pm	PYP 4	PYP 5
2.30 - 3.00pm	PYP 7	PYP 8



At the pool



The Paz Award

Congratulations to PYP 6 for being crowned our first winners of the Paz the Pelican award for the new school year. The award recognises sustained excellence by a PYP class over the course of the week. Ms. Liz's crew had a wonderful week in the classroom, creating an inclusive environment for their new students and responding very well to all the academic, social and physical challenges Ms. Liz threw at them. The student's behaviour on their field trip on Thursday was exemplary, representing the school in an impressive manner in the community. Well done, PYP 6. You've set the bar high from the outset.



PYP House Team Competition

This week we launched our House Team points competition. Students have an opportunity to earn points for their team throughout the week by demonstrating exemplary behaviour, exhibiting the Learner Profile traits, producing outstanding work, showing individual progress, helping others, etc. The points are tallied from each class and revealed at the end of the week. It's an excellent way to build team spirit and a sense of belonging for our students. **Anstey** have shot out of the blocks this week to be our leading team in the progressive scores.



Ms. Judy (Gooding Emtage), Ms. Ada (Anstey) and Ms. Carla (Elliot-Sealy) display the progressive House Team scores at the end of Week 2.