

# The Pelican Brief

The International School of Barbados ~ PYP Newsletter



Dear PYP Parents,

It's been another super week in the Primary School as we barnstorm our way toward mid-term at breakneck speed! Despite the crazy pace, there's still plenty to accomplish before the break.

Next week marks the final week of our initial Unit of Inquiry. During this time, students will focus on completing their summative assessments. These assessments play a vital role in evaluating each student's academic progress, development of key skills, and retention of knowledge gained throughout the unit.

In addition, next week both students and teachers will be actively preparing for our upcoming Celebration of Learning on October 17. This event promises to be an exciting culmination ahead of the mid-term break, as we come together to recognize and celebrate our students' accomplishments throughout the Primary School.

A friendly reminder to book a time for our P/T conferences on **Monday 27th October**, if you haven't already done so:

[Parent/Teacher Conf. sign-up](#)

And please don't forget to take a glance at the Class Blogs at the top of this page.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday night at the PTA's first social soirée for the year, *Lime at Lancaster*. It promises to be a great night.

All the best.

Regards,  
Rob Fuller  
Head of Primary

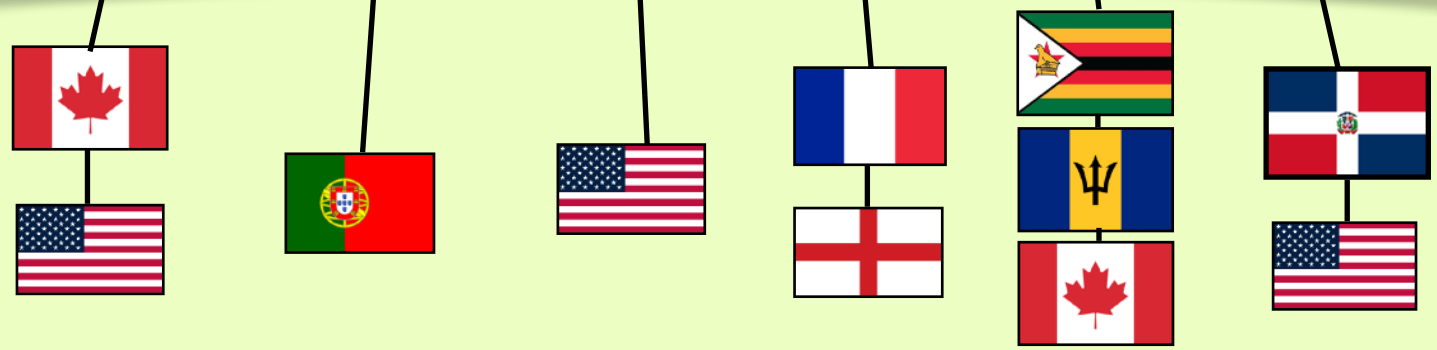
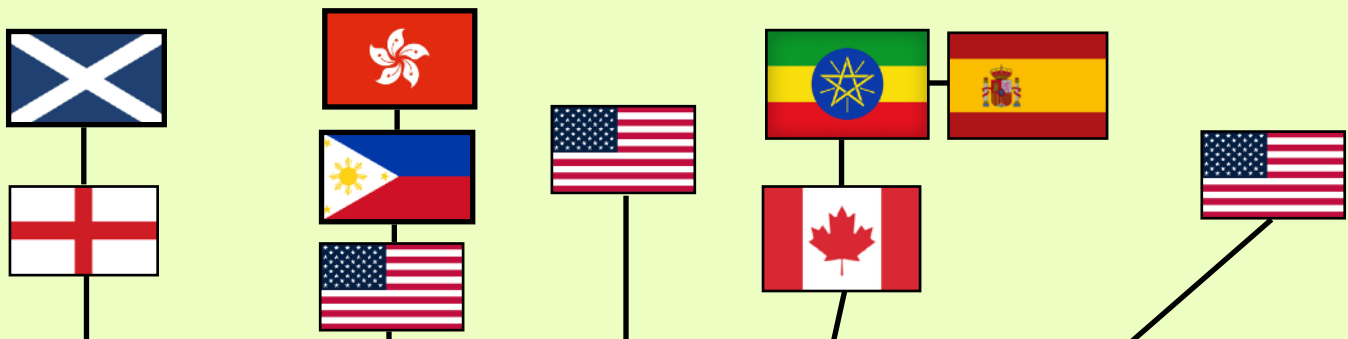
### Important Dates

- October 11:** PTA Social event - '*Lime at Lancaster*'
- October 17:** Celebration of Learning
- October 18-26:** School closed for mid-term break
- October 27:** Parent/Teacher Conferences 7.30am-3.30pm; no classes
- October 28:** Classes resume
- October 31:** Halloween Dress-up Day
- November 20:** PTA Pizza Day
- December 1:** Independence Day National Holiday (school closed)
- December 5:** Christmas concert
- December 12:** Final day of school
- Dec 13-Jan 5:** School closed for Christmas Holidays
- January 5:** Teacher Work Day (no classes)
- January 6:** Classes resume for students



# A Global Community (Part 3)

This week we turn the global spotlight on the family heritage of Ms. Peggy's PYP 7 students. The class provides another wonderful example of the rich cultural diversity within our school community. Portugal, Barbados, France, Ethiopia, Hong Kong? With such a wide array of countries represented, you never quite know which nationality you'll be sitting next to on any given day!



# Pelicans on Pelican Island

Ms. Judy's PYP 5 students traveled to Pelican Village Craft Centre in Bridgetown on Monday to see local Bajan artisans at work. Known as the handicraft hub of Barbados, the artisans create authentic, bespoke handicrafts and artwork for the local tourist market. One of the highlights of the visit was watching a skilled glass blower in action. The students were captivated as he shaped molten glass into delicate glass turtles, designed to be sold as souvenirs to tourists arriving from the nearby cruise port. The live demonstration offered a fascinating glimpse into the skill and artistry behind glassblowing.

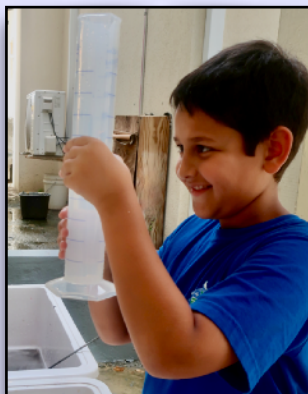


# Bush Hut

On Monday Ms. Carla's PYP 1&2 class took their Unit of Inquiry on Homes around the globe to the next level by building a real bush hut right in their play area! The students scoured the school grounds for old palm fronds, collecting materials & working together to transport them back to their base camp. With determination & teamwork, they transformed their climbing frame into a really cool shelter. It was a super display of collaboration, problem-solving and imagination from our youngest bunch of inquirers.

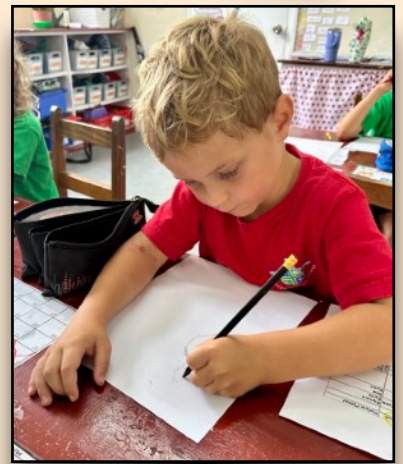
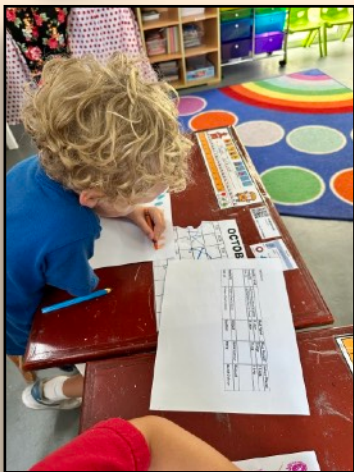


# Around campus this week



# Genetic Inheritance

Ms. Renee's PYP 3 students were excited to welcome Dr. Jacqueline Hall into their classroom this morning for a hands-on exploration of family genetics. Dr. Hall brought the concept of inherited traits to life by delving into DNA and how it influences the characteristics we inherit. Using a framework of six gene events, students explored how traits are passed down by building their very own 'Monsters'. Each monster's features, such as square, star, or triangle eyes, were determined through a coin flip, mimicking the randomness of genetic inheritance. This interactive approach to genetic inheritance gave students a fresh perspective on DNA and made a complex science concept both fun and engaging. We're very grateful to be able to draw on the diverse expertise of our parent community to enrich student learning in our classrooms!



# Cultural Diversity

Over the past three weeks Ms. Judy's PYP 5 students have had the privilege of hosting a series of guest speakers sharing insights into the traditional cultures of their homelands. Parents, teachers, and students alike have been making meaningful connections to their Unit of Inquiry on 'Cultures around the globe', diving into the rich and diverse traditions of countries such as Mexico, Ukraine, India, Australia & Wales. This week DP1 student Anne Bosso gave a wonderful presentation on her beloved Ivory Coast, offering a wonderful window into the country's unique customs & heritage. The PYP 5 students have been the beneficiaries of the incredible cultural diversity within our school community.

**Dr. Ramesh**



**Ms. Ericka**



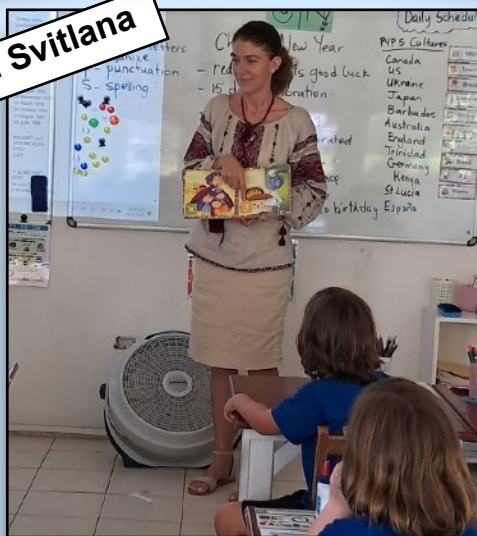
**Mr. Darryl**



**Anne Bosso**



**Ms. Svitlana**



**Mr. Rob**



## Paz the Pelican



We had a unique moment this week when for the first time ever the Paz the Pelican Award was presented to a Secondary School student! Congratulations to Anne Bosso, a DP1 student, who was recognized for her contribution to the Units of Inquiry in two of our PYP classes. Anne went above and beyond when giving a presentation on Genetics to our PYP 3 class and another on her beloved homeland, the Ivory Coast, to our PYP 5 students (and during her lunch break!). Anne is also being celebrated for the remarkable role model she is within our school. She epitomizes the IB Learner Profile and is humble, respectful and always willing to help others. And of course, she's also a wonderful big sister to Carolle & Elie! Thank you and congratulations, Anne.



# Celebration of Learning

An opportunity for parents, family & friends to visit our classrooms to see the knowledge and skills students have attained during their first Unit of Inquiry for 2025/26

## Friday 17th October



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

## Flying Fish

Our congratulations are extended to the Codrington students who have been selected by Coach Sonia & Mr. David to compete in the Barbados Primary Schools Swimming Championships.

On behalf of our school community we wish our students all the best for their heats on November 4.

**PYP 6:** Rosemary Jackson, Tristan Noble, Kiran Vasani

**PYP 7:** Joshua Beckles, Henry Blgrave, Eloise Ferguson, Valentina Manger, Mason Mulligan

**PYP 8:** Alexa King, Lucia Trinchieri, Rio Watanabe,



Absent: Eloise & Rose

## Animal Welfare

On Tuesday morning Ms. Petra & Ms. Wendy representing the Barbados Animal Education Programme visited our PYP 7 and PYP 8 classrooms to raise awareness about positive human/animal relationships and the importance of treating animals with respect & compassion. With a focus on the stray and abandoned cat & dog situation on the island, the guest speakers outlined the rescue, adoption and neutering programmes they oversee across Barbados. Our students were highly engaged and responded enthusiastically to the sessions. We extend a big thank you to Ms. Petra & Ms. Wendy for taking the time to visit Codrington and delivering such meaningful messages to our students.



# PYP Assembly

## PYP 1&2



## PYP 6



# Learner Profile Awards



**Juan (PYP 6) - Principled & Communicator**



**Raegan (PYP 7) - Balanced & Reflective**

# PYP House Team Competition

Term 1

2025/2026

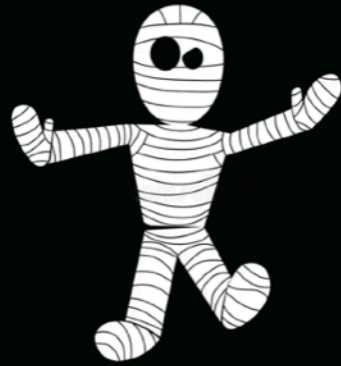


New PYP 4 students Evan, Gwen & William (Anstey), Kitty (Elliot-Sealy) and boomerang student Gwen (Gooding Emtage) display the progressive House Team scores at the end of Week 5.

## Another lap around the sun

This week we celebrated the 7th birthday of PYP 4 student Evan Signor and the 8th birthday of Azai Holder (PYP 5). Both milestones were warmly acknowledged with spirited renditions of the Happy Birthday song, followed by a rousing round of 'three cheers' and the ever-entertaining 'Are you one? Are you two...?' birthday chant. Congratulations Evan & Azai. Many happy returns of the day.





# Halloween Dress-up



October 31



# *"Lime at Lancaster"*

A CODRINGTON SCHOOL PTA SOCIAL EVENT

***Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October***

LANCASTER GREAT HOUSE, ST. JAMES

6:30PM

**\$70 BBD per person**

INCLUSIVE OF

\*APPETIZER BUFFET

\*LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

\*WELCOME DRINK (SET SELECTION) CASH BAR TO FOLLOW

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**RSVP Google form by 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

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# The Codrington School, The International School of Barbados

## 2025-2026 School Calendar

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- School Closed
- Early Release Day (noon)
- First Day of School for DP students
- PD Professional Development Day (no school for students)
- End of Term
- First Day of School for MYP & PYP students
- Graduation

Aug 26- Sep 2	Planning/Development Days
Sept 2	First Day of School for DP students
Sept 4	First Day of School MYP & PYP for students
Sept 7	Back to School BBQ
Oct 20-24	Half term - no school
Oct 27	Parent/teacher Conferences (no school)
Dec 1	Independence Day (national holiday)
Dec 13 - Jan 5	Winter Break - no school
Jan 5	Teacher Work Day (no school)

Jan 21	Errol Barrow Day (national holiday)
Feb 16-20	half term - no school
Apr 2	End of Term 2 (half day)
Apr 3- Apr 19	Easter Break - no school
Apr 20	Start of Term 3
Apr 28	Heroes day (national holiday)
May 1	May Day (national holiday)
May 25	Whit Monday (national holiday)
May 30	Graduation
Jun 24	Last Day of School (half day)