

26th September 2025

The Pelican Brief

The International School of Barbados ~ PYP Newsletter



Dear PYP Parents,

With so many new families joining our school community this year, it's an ideal time to outline how we report on student learning and academic attainment throughout the school year.

We're committed to involving parents in their child's learning journey by providing regular insights and meaningful feedback on their progress. Our Parent-Teacher Conferences offer valuable opportunities to discuss your child's academic progress, strengths, and areas for growth in partnership with their teacher. In addition, our Student-Led Conferences provide a unique platform for students to take ownership of their learning by sharing their achievements, reflections, and goals directly with you.

These events complement the formal component of our feedback process, the Student Progress Report. The reports offer detailed insights into your child's academic attainment, as well as feedback on their physical, social, and emotional development.

Our Celebration of Learning presentations are another opportunity to showcase the growth and progress our students have made throughout their learning journey. These events offer you a valuable window into your child's development through an 'open house' style format.

Parent/Teacher Conferences:

- i) Monday 27th October;
- ii) Friday 20th March

Student-Led conferences:

Friday 19th June

Student Progress Reports:

Term 1 report: December 12. Term 2&3 report: June 24

Celebration of Learning:

- i) Friday 17th October
- ii) Thursday 1st April

In addition, teachers are always available to meet with parents to discuss any academic, social, or emotional concerns that may arise throughout the school year. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher directly to schedule a meeting at any time during the term.

Ultimately, our goal is to ensure there are no surprises for parents. We believe that transparency is essential to effective communication, and we're confident that these platforms offer multiple opportunities for you to stay informed about your child's progress.

All the best for the weekend.

Regards,

Rob Fuller

Head of Primary

Meet our PTA Executive



Ashley Ticknor
President



Adrian Manger
Treasurer



Lauren Rutherford
Communications Executive



Rachel Wall-Sundaralingam
Social Events Coordinator



Ericka Jasso
Secretary



Jenn Herbert
Social Events Coordinator

Important Dates

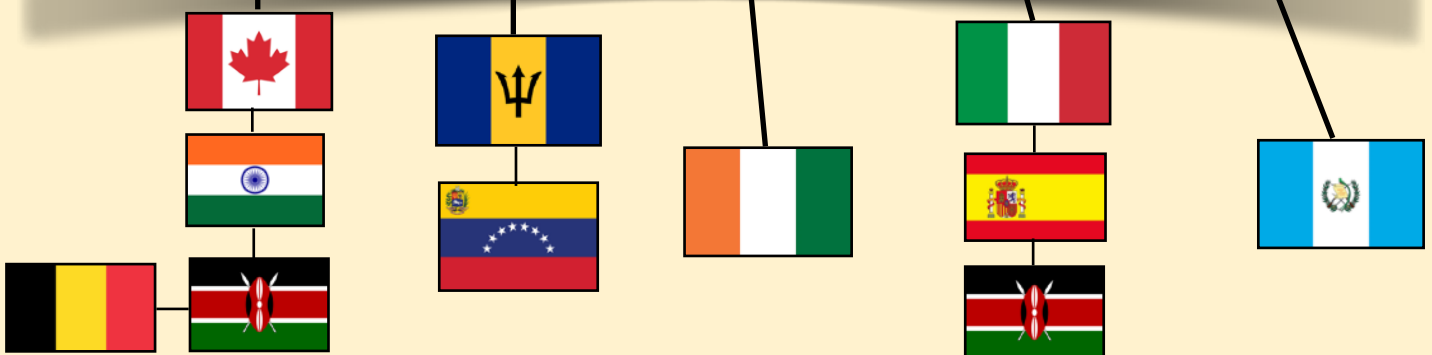
- October 11:** PTA Social event - 'Lime at Lancaster'
- October 17:** Celebration of Learning
- October 18-26:** School closed for mid-term break
- October 27:** Parent/Teacher Conferences 7.30am-3.30pm; no classes
- October 28:** Classes resume
- October 31:** Halloween Dress-up Day
- November 20:** 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

One of the most enriching aspects of IB World Schools like Codrington is the remarkable cultural diversity that our families bring to the community. Students from a wide range of nationalities learn together, creating a unique environment that fosters both academic excellence and intercultural understanding. As they share experiences from their own countries, students develop a deep appreciation for the customs and traditions of others

This week, we're highlighting Ms. Barbara's PYP 8 class to showcase the incredible diversity in any given classroom at Codrington. A true reflection of our global community.



Overreaction?

On Wednesday, our two PYP 7 classes came together for an exciting hands-on learning experience in Ms. Vanessa's Chemistry lab. As part of their ongoing inquiry into the changing states of matter, students explored chemical reactions by investigating the properties of acids, bases, and neutral substances. They were also amazed to see an invisible message, written in silver nitrate solution, magically appear when exposed to heat and light. The most memorable moment, however, was the combustion reaction caused by lighting a strip of magnesium. It produced a bright, flashy white flame and left behind a fine white powder known as magnesium oxide.



Around campus this week





Hand Crafted Homes

The young inquirers in Ms. Carla's PYP 1&2 class are continuing their exploration of homes from around the globe. Building on their research into traditional indigenous dwellings, such as teepees, igloos, and Central African mud huts, students have now turned their attention to the unique Chattel houses of Barbados. Through hands-on model-making and guided inquiry, the students have been introduced to how geography, culture, and climate shape the way people live in different parts of the world.



Emotional Motion

On Thursday morning, Ms. Allie's PYP 4 class embarked on an exciting field trip to the Élevé Performing Arts Centre in Wildey. The visit provided a rich, hands-on experience that complemented their current trans-disciplinary theme on 'How We Express Ourselves'.

The students explored how feelings, ideas & emotions can be expressed through motion and movement, directly tying into the Central Idea of their Unit of Inquiry. The activities deepened their understanding of the expressive power of movement, offering an engaging outlet to demonstrate their feelings and emotions in their own, individual way.



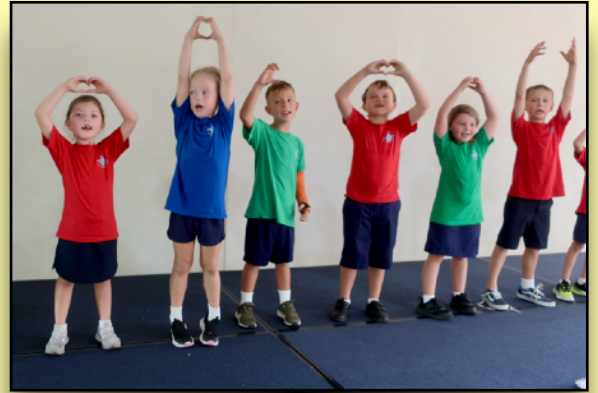
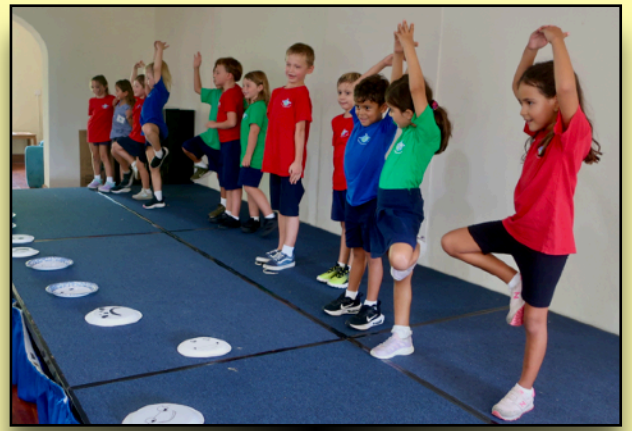
The Comebackastick

As part of their inquiry into cultural diversity around the world, Ms. Judy's PYP 5 students have been exploring the rich traditions of Indigenous Australia. Last week, they learned about the historical and cultural significance of the boomerang, once used for hunting and as part of ceremonial dances. Building on this knowledge, the students engaged in a hands-on art activity this week by decorating their own plywood boomerangs using Aboriginal dot painting techniques, expressing respect and appreciation for this unique artistic tradition.

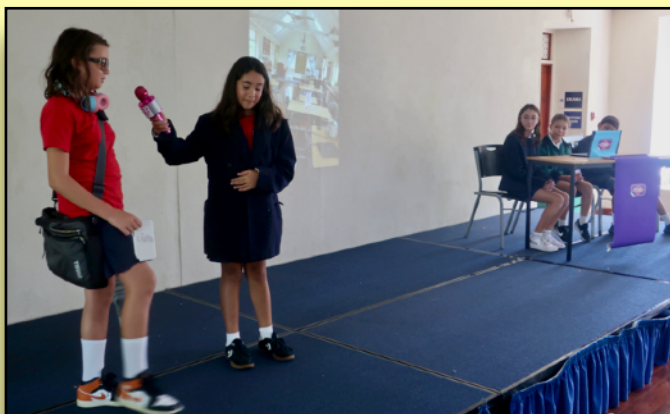


PYP Assembly

PYP 4



PYP 8



PYP House Team Competition
Term 1
2025/2026



PYP 6 students Elliot & Libby (Elliot-Sealy), Octavia (Gooding Emtage) and Juan (Anstey) display the progressive House Team scores at the end of Week 3.

Curious Boy

Congratulations to PYP 7 student Nicholas Borg on creating an outstanding piece of art work for the National Independence Festival of Creative Arts.

Demonstrating incredible diligence and patience, Nicholas estimates the sketch took 25 hours to complete. He named the work 'Curious Boy'.

We wish Nicholas all the best for the judging of the NIFCA Visual Arts competition. We're confident his brilliant work will make it through to the Exhibition phase of the event so everyone will have an opportunity to see it on display. We'll keep you posted!



Another lap around the sun

A unique rendition of Happy Birthday 'echoed' across the campus on Wednesday as we celebrated the 10th birthday of Lucia Trinchieri Martinez. In honour of her homeland, PYP 4 student Mattias 'The Risk-taker' Niklasson stepped forward and led the song in Italian. *Congratulazioni Lucia, and bravo Mattias!*





"Lime at Lancaster"

A CODRINGTON SCHOOL PTA SOCIAL EVENT

Saturday 11th 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

RSVP Google form by 3rd October

ADULTS ONLY

SMART CASUAL DRESS

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

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| 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) |

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| 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) |