

14th November 2025

The Pelican Brief



Dear PYP Parents,

It's hard to believe there are now only four weeks left in the term. With so much happening, it promises to be a big finish to what has already been a wonderful term of student effort & achievement.

Inter-School Swimming Championships

The finals of the Primary School Swimming Championships were held today and we're very pleased to share that our swimmers performed very well. They swam their hearts for their school against elite swimmers and we're tremendously proud of their efforts. One of the highlights of the day was Rio Watanabe's herculean effort in the breaststroke, where she powered her way to a 6th-place finish, but just a fingernail away from claiming fourth.

Please note our weekly swimming programme goes into hiatus from December 12. Our students return to the pool from March 17. The swim sessions are replaced by a regular PE lesson on campus with Mr. David during the hiatus.

Spirit Week

Our PYP 8 students are fully immersed in preparations for their upcoming Spirit Week initiative, running from November 24-28. The week promises to showcase the creativity and ingenuity of our students and teachers, while bringing an extra boost of positive energy to the entire school community.

Monday: Colours Day

Thursday: Animal/Animal Print Day

Tuesday: Athletic Attire/Sports Jerseys Day.

Friday: Barbados Independence

Wednesday: Wacky Wednesday

A Caribbean Christmas

Class rehearsals for our Holiday Concert are now in full swing, and excitement is building! This year's production will take us on a whirlwind journey across the Caribbean as we celebrate the rich cultures and festive traditions of island nations during the holiday season.

The concert will take place on Friday 5th December from 6:15–7:30pm. Further details will be shared shortly, but please note that school will finish early at 12:30pm that day. Students will be asked to return to campus before 6:00pm for the evening performance.

We look forward to a wonderful celebration of music, culture, and community!

All the best for the weekend.

Regards,

Rob Fuller

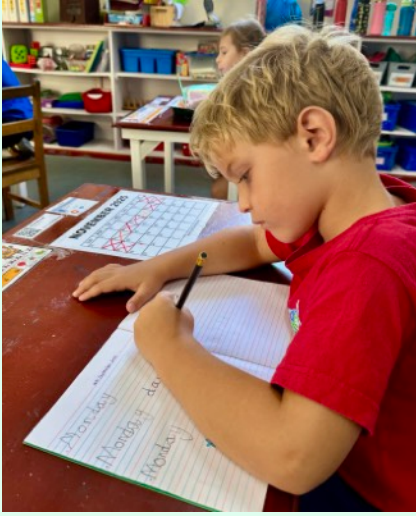
Head of Primary

Important Dates

- November 20:** PTA Pizza Day
- November 23:** Codrington Golf Day
- November 24-28:** Spirit Week
- 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



Around campus this week



A Global Community (Part 7)

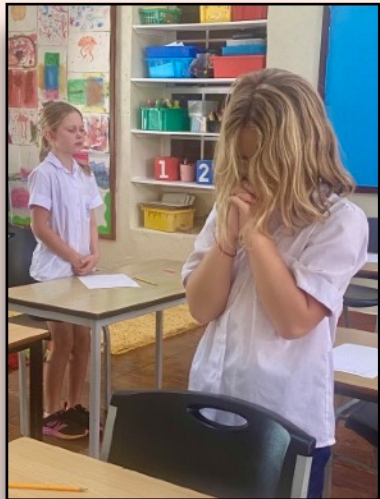
This week Ms. Renee's PYP 3 class is featured in our ongoing series on Cultural Diversity at Codrington. With a wonderful blend of nationalities, and a touch of English flair, PYP 3 is another great example of how diversity enriches our learning environment.



Remembrance Day

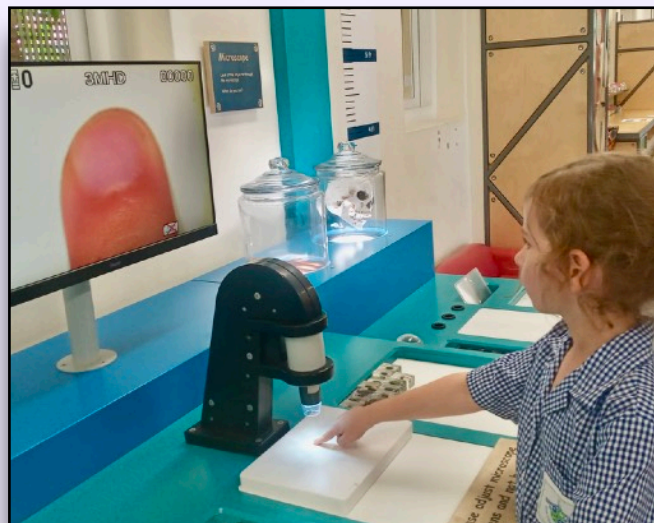
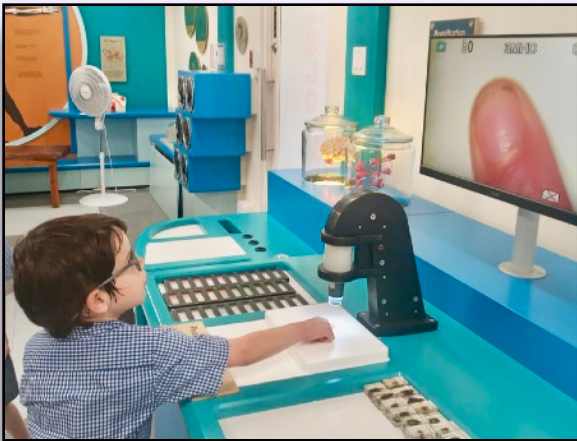


This week we marked Remembrance Day by pausing for a minute of silence in classrooms throughout the Primary School. At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, we stood quietly together to remember those who served and to reflect on the importance of peace and kindness in our world today.



Barbados Museum

On Wednesday Ms. Renee's PYP 3 class took a trip to the Barbados Museum in Bridgetown as part of their Unit of Inquiry on Local History. The visit connected beautifully to their exploration of how learning about local history helps us understand where we live. Accompanied by Ms. Danielle, the students enjoyed touring the museum, discovering fascinating artefacts, and engaging with the interactive displays. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to see history come alive and engage in lively conversations about how the past has shaped the Barbados they know today.



Graeme Hall Nature Sanctuary

Ms. Judy's PYP 5 class enjoyed a wonderful field trip to the Graeme Hall Nature Sanctuary near Oistins on Wednesday, adding another layer to their ongoing investigation into Living Environments. Students had the opportunity to observe and interact with a variety of animals in their natural habitats, including iguanas, snakes, tarantulas, pea hens, parakeets and monkeys. The sanctuary is home to the island's last remaining mangrove wetland. It provided a wonderful hands-on learning experience for the students and highlighted the important role it plays in preserving biodiversity in Barbados.



Inter-school Swimming Finals



Learner Profile Awards



Eva (PYP 3) - Communicator



Avalyn (PYP 6) - Principled

SPIRIT WEEK

NOV 24-28
MONDAY



COLOR DAY



EACH CLASS WILL BE ASIGNED A COLOR AND WILL WEAR IT FROM HEAD TO TOE!



TUESDAY

ATHLETIC GEAR



DRESS AS AN ATHLETE OR WEAR AN ATHLETIC JERSEY



WEDNESDAY

WACKY WEDNESDAY

WEAR SOMTHING CRAZY, WACKY AND CREATIVE



THURSDAY

DRESS AS AN ANIMAL OR SOMTHING THAT HAS ANIMAL PRINT ON IT



FRIDAY

BARBADOS INDEPENDENCE

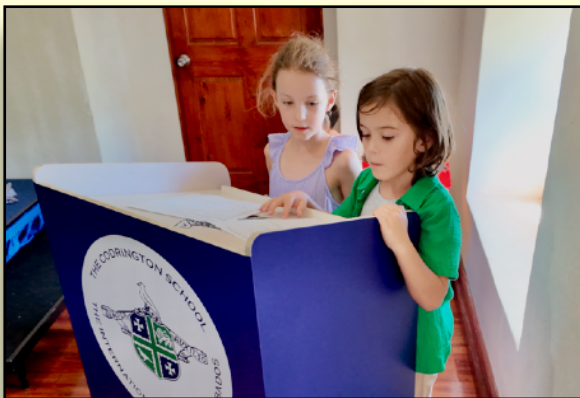
WEAR THE COLORS YELLOW, BLUE AND BLACK

PYP Assembly

PYP 4



PYP 5



PYP House Team Competition - Term 1

Anstey: 506 points
Gooding Emtage: 489 points
Elliot-Sealy: 488 points



PYP 8 students Lauren (Elliot-Sealy), Sebastian (Gooding Emtage) and Catalina (Anstey) display the progressive House Team scores at the end of Week 9.

Another lap around the sun

It's been another big week for birthdays. Congratulations to the three students who celebrated a special milestone this week:



Sidney - 6 years



Saathvik - 6 years



Nicholas - 10 years

The International School of Barbados
presents.....

A Caribbean Christmas



Under the Codrington mahoganies

Friday 5th December

5.00–8.00pm

The Codrington School, The International School of Barbados

2025-2026 School Calendar

August 2025						
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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)



PYP 1&2: Stories

Trans-disciplinary Theme: How We Express Ourselves

Central Idea: Stories help us express ourselves

Lines of Inquiry:

1. Feelings and emotions that stories evoke
2. Features of a story
3. Creating stories

PYP 3: Local History

Trans-disciplinary Theme: Where We Are In Place
And Time

Central Idea: Local history helps us understand
where we live.

Lines of Inquiry:

- i) Children's lives now and then
- ii) Food supplies through history
- iii) Transportation now and then



PYP 4: Personal Health

Trans-disciplinary Theme: Who We Are

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

Lines of inquiry:

1. Daily habits and routines
2. Consequences of making balanced choices
3. Our responsibility to lead a healthy
lifestyle



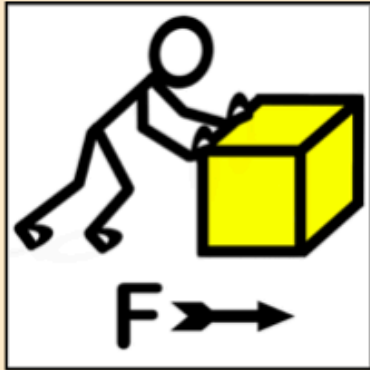
PYP 5: Living Things - Environment

Trans-disciplinary Theme: Sharing the Planet

Central Idea: Living things function, interact and adapt within their environment.

Lines of Inquiry:

- i) Healthy environments and habitats
- ii) Adaptation in living things
- iii) Habitat loss and how to prevent it



PYP 6: Forces

Trans-disciplinary Theme: How the World Works

Central Idea: People apply their understanding of forces and motion to invent, design and create

Lines of Inquiry:

- i) Different types of forces
- ii) How forces are used in mechanical inventions and structures
- iii) Environmental factors that influence the mechanical design of inventions and structures

PYP 7: Human/Wildlife Conflict

Trans-disciplinary Theme: Sharing the Planet

Central Idea: Finding peaceful solutions to conflicts, impacts human existence.

Lines of Inquiry:

- i) Reasons for conflict
- ii) Conflict resolution and management
- iii) Exploring local, regional, and global case studies of Human-Wildlife conflict



PYP 8: Energy

Trans-disciplinary Theme: How the World Works

Central Idea: Energy is produced in different ways

Lines of Inquiry:

- i) Types of energy sources
- ii) How energy is used
- iii) Conserving energy
- iv) Renewable energy