

21st November 2025

The Pelican Brief



Dear PYP Parents,

It was another busy November week of inquiry and action for our PYP students. Units of Inquiry, field trips, guest speakers, Pizza Day, class performances in assembly and concert rehearsals all came together to create a full and vibrant week in the Primary School.

Spirit Week

We're all set for a fun, energetic and creative week ahead as we get ready for Spirit Week. The students are really looking forward to it and we can't wait to see all the enthusiasm and school spirit on display throughout the week!

<u>Monday:</u>	Colours Day
<u>Tuesday:</u>	Athletic Attire/Sports Jerseys Day.
<u>Wednesday:</u>	Wacky Wednesday
<u>Thursday:</u>	Animal/Animal Print Day
<u>Friday:</u>	Barbados Independence

The highlight of Spirit Week will be Barbados Independence Day on Friday. To celebrate this important moment in the island's history, we're inviting all students and teachers to dress in the national colours of black, gold and ultramarine, or come dressed as a well-known Barbadian hero, character, or local theme.

We're also hoping a legendary Bajan character may drop-in to the school on Friday morning, adding even more joy and island pride to the day. It's going to be a fun, lively way to wrap up the week!

Codrington Golf Day

Good luck to students, teachers and parents participating in the Codrington Golf Day on Sunday. We have a record number of PYP students participating this year and I know Mr. David & Ms. Barbara are primed and ready to go.

PTA Thanks

Finally, a big thank you to Ashley Ticknor and her PTA helpers Holly, Jenn & Rachel for supplying and serving delicious pizza to our Primary and Secondary students on Thursday. The students (and teachers!) absolutely loved it.

All the best for the weekend.

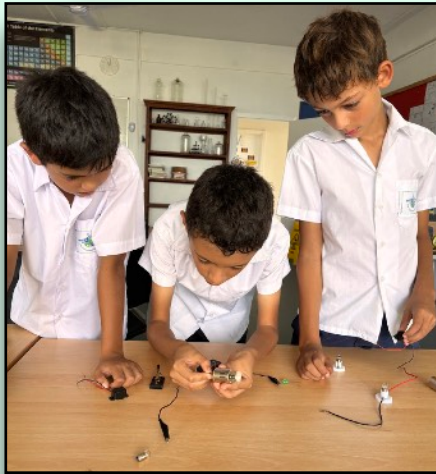
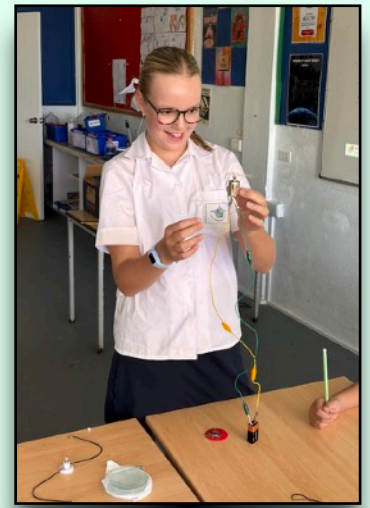
Regards,
Rob Fuller
Head of Primary

Important Dates

- 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

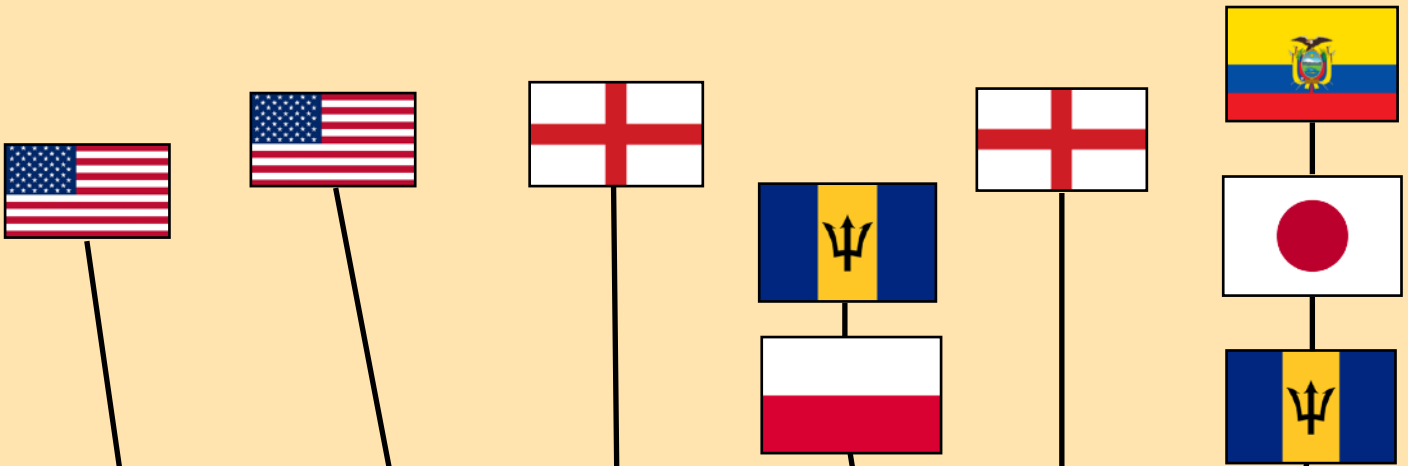


Around campus this week



A Global Community (Part 8)

In the final instalment from our series on 'Cultural Diversity at Codrington', we're showcasing the heritage of our youngest bunch of inquirers, Ms. Carla's PYP 1&2 students.



Personal Health

Local fitness and nutrition guru, Mr. Jeffrey Gay Jr., visited our PYP 4 class on Tuesday to help out with their Unit of Inquiry on Personal Health. He chatted with Ms. Allie's students about the three big nutrition essentials, protein, carbohydrates and fats, and the impact they have on our bodies. He also focused on how many servings of fruits and veggies they should try to eat each day. Mr. Jeffrey also had the class share what they'd learned about the benefits of exercise last week before putting them through a quick, fun workout of their own.



Solar Energy

Ms. Barbara's PYP 8 class visited the Castle Grant solar farm in St. Joseph on Thursday to deepen their understanding of solar power as an energy source and sustainable resource. Students learned how photovoltaic cells and semi-conductors convert sunlight into electricity and were able to see first-hand how this energy is fed into the national grid to help power homes across Barbados.



Guest Speakers

Ms. Renee's PYP 3 students welcomed some very special guests into their classroom this week as part of their investigation into Local History. On Wednesday, Ms. Mimi, Ms. Pat & Ms. Kathryn shared their experiences of growing up in Barbados and helped the students explore how childhood has changed over the years. The most intriguing item they showed the students was an old vinyl LP. They weren't sure what it was! On Thursday, Ms. Rain stopped by to talk about the history of the school and her own memories as a Codrington student. A huge thank you to all of our guest speakers for giving the students such a wonderful insight into a time gone by.





WEEK

Monday

Colours Day : Your class will wear all the same colour.



Tuesday

Athlete Day: you can wear a sports jersey or dress as an athlete.



Wednesday

Wacky Wednesday: wear something wacky.



Thursday

Animal Day: wear an animal print or dress up as an animal.



Friday

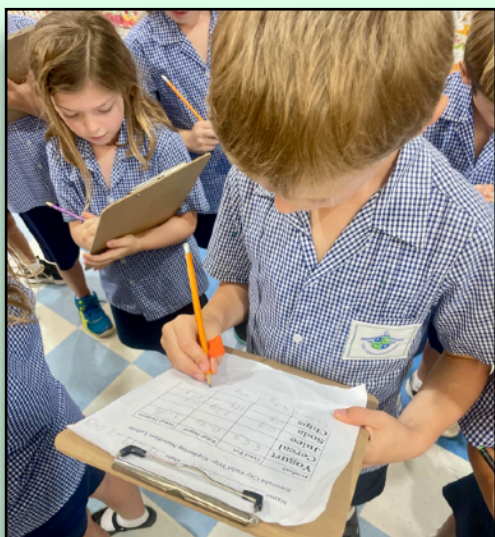
Barbados Independence Day: wear the Barbados colours.



November 24-28

Healthy Eating

Ms. Allie's PYP 4 students took their healthy-eating investigation to the next level on Wednesday with a fun, hands-on visit to the A1 Supermarket at Emerald City. The students explored the aisles checking food labels and comparing sugar content to figure out which products were genuinely healthy and which ones weren't as beneficial as they seemed. They finished up in the fruit and veggie section, where they picked out and purchased a mix of fresh, nutritious fruits. Back at school they created a very appealing smorgasbord of healthy snacks and then gave each item the PYP 4 taste test!



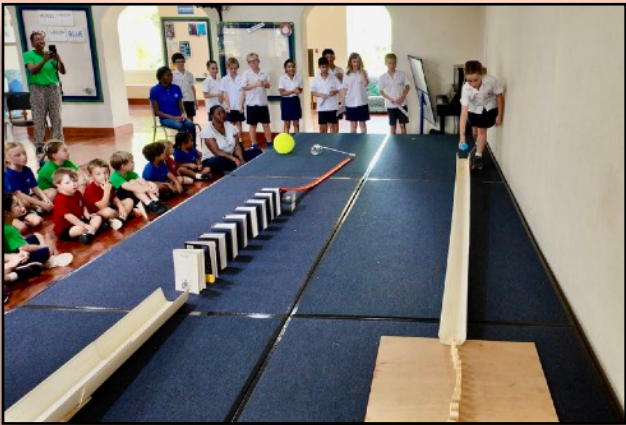
Mystery Readers

Ms. Carla's PYP 1&2 class had a delightful surprise this week with visits from a series of Mystery Readers for their Unit of Inquiry on 'Stories'. Excitement filled the room each time a guest knocked on the classroom door, entered the room and shared a favourite tale. It was a fun, engaging way to celebrate the joy of storytelling and to welcome other PYP teachers into the learning experience.



PYP Assembly

PYP 6



PYP 7Peggy



Pizza Day



PYP House Team Competition - Term 1

Anstey: 540 points

Gooding Emtage: 515 points

Elliot-Sealy: 511 points



PYP 7Adi students Holden (**Gooding Emtage**), Luna (**Anstey**) and Mason (**Elliot-Sealy**) display the progressive House Team scores at the end of Week 10.

Another lap around the sun

We had a double-header this week with milestone celebrations for Tristan (PYP 6) and Maddi (PYP 7). Happy Birthday to both students!



Tristan - 9 years



Maddi - 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						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

September 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

October 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

November 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

December 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

January 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

February 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

March 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

April 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

May 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

June 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

July 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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



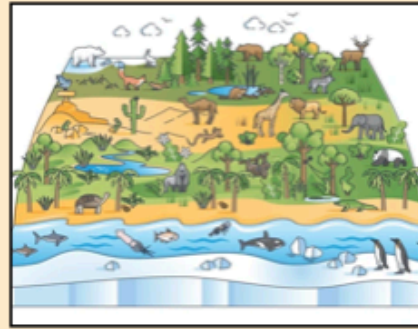
PYP 5: Living Things - Environment

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