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The Pelican Brief

The Codrington School ~ PYP Newsletter



Dear PYP Parents and the Codrington Community,

Experiential learning was front & centre again this week in the Primary School with our PYP 1&2 and PYP 7 classes traveling off-campus on field trips to Bath Beach and the Barbados Museum respectively. Hands-on learning experiences like these are invaluable in adding another dimension to student learning and gives our students an opportunity to enjoy the wonderful resources on offer in Barbados.

As the days rapidly tick away for Term 3, our attention is drawn to the next major event on the PYP calendar - the PYP 8 Exhibition on Friday 20th May. Ms. Heather's PYP 8 students have been working tirelessly on their investigations into the U.N's Sustainable Development Goals and they're now getting set to present their work to the Codrington community next week.

Thank you to everyone for signing up for our Parent/Teacher conferences on May 27. We've received a wonderful response. There are still some time-slots available for parents to schedule a meeting if you haven't already done so.

Hope you have a relaxing weekend.

Regards,
Rob Fuller
Head of Primary



The Paz Award

Our PYP 4 class was crowned the class of the week for this week. The coveted Paz Award was presented to them this morning by Ms. Judy.

The PYP 4s now go into the Codrington history books for being the first class to win the award twice.

Congratulations to Ms. Peggy's class for a stellar week in and out of the classroom.

PYP 4's Megalodon Challenge

Ms. Peggy's PYP 4 class designed and built an exciting obstacle course for the Action component of their Unit on Organised Games on Wednesday. They dubbed it the Megalodon Challenge and invited the PYP 1-3 students to try it out. Choosing the equipment and setting up the course was a big part of the task. The PYP 4s were impressive when working together as a cohesive team to put together such a challenging and fun course for the younger students.



Heartbreak Hill

Our PYP 8 students were presented with the ultimate physical challenge by Mr. Rob on Tuesday - running up 'Heartbreak Hill'. Also known as Highway J, it's a very, very steep hill adjacent to the school that originates near Codrington College. The PYP 8 students smashed it to pieces and then walked back to the bottom of the hill and did it again! It was an impressive performance from our senior Primary School students and a welcome break from their Exhibition preparation.



PYP 7 at the Barbados Museum - by David Mussomeli

On Wednesday, May 11, PYP7 students went to the Barbados Museum, on a bus, to research conflicts.

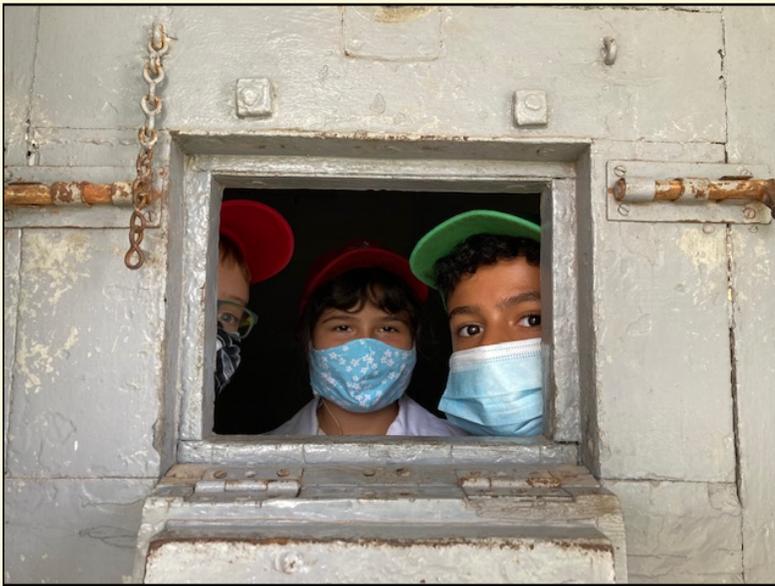
First we saw the children's gallery (my personal favorite) which had many interactive things in it such as a periscope, a medium-sized earthquake simulator, and a motion picture wheel. We also looked at the military gallery and how the Barbadian army affected WWI and WWII. Many Barbadians died in Surrey, England. We concluded that they died there because of wounds and were sent to a hospital there.

A concern that I saw there was the destruction of coral! This is caused by many things such as pollution, global warming, plastic in the sea, and divers! I believe that if we don't start taking steps toward stopping this, there will be no more beautiful patterned rocks showing up on our beaches! We also saw native Barbadian man-made objects. We also learned about one man named Hamilton, in the music section, who was a Barbadian. He moved to the United States dreaming of making music. Although he suffered racism on a regular basis, he still managed to create music and made the musical "Godsong". Another place that we went into was an old time prison cell where we found an old time list of foods for each day of the week! It sounded horrible!

To give you an insight into the class's thoughts about the museum, these are some quotes from other PYP7s. "I think that the children's gallery was the most fun because there was a lot to do," said Keaton, a Green House boy, when asked which was his favorite section. "I thought it was very interesting, and people could learn a lot from it," said Irene, a Red House girl, when asked what she thought of the museum overall. I hope this gave you some extra insight!

I really enjoyed the museum myself and would highly recommend it. In the future, I hope I will be able to go to the Barbados Museum again (with my family). With that I give you PYP7!





PYP 1 & 2 at Bath Beach

Ms. Carla and Ms. Claire chaperoned the PYP 1 & 2 students to Bath Beach this morning to make some hands-on connections with their Unit of Inquiry on Water. The field trip gave them the opportunity to compare and contrast two different bodies of water, the ocean and a waterfall/pond. They found many differences including colour, temperature, vegetation and smell (sargassum!!). Fortunately everyone managed to stay dry - another Codrington miracle!



PYP 8 Exhibition Update

It's the penultimate week for our PYP 8 students in their preparation for their Exhibition on the U.N's Sustainable Development Goals. It was a week full of research, experiments, guest speakers, building models, artwork, and rehearsals for their presentations. They also took the time to share their knowledge with other classes in the Primary School. The big day is Friday 20th May and we wish Ms. Heather and her students all the best for a successful Exhibition.



Zack, Mai and Ellie presented their clean water filtration models to the PYP 1&2 class.



Emilie, Karl & Ethan interviewed Codrington parent and renowned sustainability consultant Nick St-Georges via Zoom.



Emilien, Maia & Ali put the final touches on their bespoke birdhouse made from repurposed wood.



Ellie, Mai & Zack rehearse their monologue



Zachary and Mathias collaborating on their Stop Motion Animation

Learner Profile Awards

Congratulations to Farah, Kaija and David for being awarded Learner Profile awards this week.



Farah Heilling (PYP 7) - Risk-taker



Kaija Eastmond (PYP 7) - Thinker



David Mussomeli (PYP 7) - Inquirer & Reflective

Zumba under the Mahoganies

Our resident Zumba Master, Ms. Allie, got us all going this morning with another exciting and energetic Zumba session. It's a great way to jump-start our Fridays and put a spring in our step for the rest of the day. Ms. Barbara made sure her PYP 6 class, who are at home in isolation, didn't miss the session either by connecting them via Zoom.



House Team Points Totals - 13th May 2022

A humungous week from Anstey has seen them leapfrog back into the lead of our House Team Competition. Conversely, Gooding-Emtage went south from first place to third in just the span of five days, underlining how red-hot the competition has become as we enter the 'business' end of the school year.



Eloise, Leif & Mia proudly display the current scores for their respective teams

Important Dates

- 20th May:** PYP 8 Exhibition
- 27th May:** Parent Teacher Conferences
- 6th June:** Whit Monday National Holiday
- 24th June:** End of Term 3. Final day of school

