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The Pelican Brief

The Codrington School ~ PYP Newsletter



Dear PYP Parents and the Codrington Community,

It was a wet, fragmented week with drizzle and rain threatening campus all through the week. The liquid sunshine didn't dampen our spirit and intent however. The PYP 1&2 class seized the opportunity by using the precipitation and puddles to make connections with their Unit of Inquiry on 'Water' while our PYP 5 students traveled to Bathsheba to confront the wind, rain and tides head-on!

The indelible spirit and energy of our students was on display again this afternoon in our 'House Team Chant Challenge'. Our team captains composed chants for their teams during the week and then marshalled their troops today to launch their collective voices into the stratosphere. The cacophony of noise reverberated around campus (apologies to the DP2 students sitting their final exams!) with Anstey declared the most spirited, ie. the noisiest! It was a fun, team-bonding activity and a great way to wrap up the week.

As you're aware, we rescheduled our second round of Parent/Teacher conferences to Friday 27th May so the teachers can provide a more balanced summary of your child's academic progress for the year. It is a non-teaching day for faculty so students do not attend class on that day. Further details will be issued to parents shortly, including a sign-up sheet to schedule a specific time with your child's teacher. Specialist teaches will also be available to meet with parents.

Time is flying past at breakneck speed. April has slipped off the calendar already. We have another long weekend on our doorstep and then we re-calibrate for the final eight weeks of school before summer break.

Have a great weekend and Labour Day holiday.

Regards,
Rob Fuller
Head of Primary



Getting to know our House Team Captains

Name: Maia de la Mota

Position: Team Captain of **Anstey**

Place of birth: Cairo, Egypt

Family: Felipe (dad), Su (mum), Irene (sister - PYP 7)

Favourite school subject: Language

Likes: chocolate cake; animals; playing with my friends

Dislikes: broccoli; rainy days

Favourite ice cream flavour: chocolate and vanilla

Favourite vacation spot: Disney World

Intended career: undecided

What do you like most about Barbados: Pebbles Beach

What do you like most about Codrington: the people

Leadership philosophy: To be caring & responsible



Name: Ethan Davies

Position: Team Captain of **Elliot Sealy**

Place of birth: Chelmsford, England

Family: Stuart (dad), Jenna (mum), Jessica (sister - MYP1), Amber (sister - PYP4)

Favourite subject: Mathematics

Likes: cats; rocks and minerals;

Dislikes: peanut butter; olives; peanuts

Favourite ice cream flavour: mint choc chip

Favourite vacation spot: Koh Pan Yang, Thailand

Intended career: Exploration Geologist

What do you like most about Barbados: the wildlife and the food (mainly mac pie!)

What do you like most about Codrington: the teachers and the activities

Leadership philosophy: To be a role model to other students and build team spirit in Elliot Sealy.

The Moon and the Tides

Our PYP 5 students braved the wet, wild and windy conditions on their field trip to the east coast on Monday. Ms. Suzie's class traveled to Bathsheba to observe and document the Spring high tide. They have been investigating how tides are affected by the moon's gravitational pull as part of their trans-disciplinary theme of 'Sharing the Planet'. They've also been learning about the upcoming planetary conjunction between Venus & Jupiter.

The class will return to precisely the same site in Bathsheba on the 19th May to observe the low tide and then compare and contrast it with Monday's high tide.



House Team Chant Challenge

Winning Team: **ANSTEY**



Learner Profile Awards

Congratulations are extended to Conor Dow (PYP 5) for winning a Learner Profile award this week. Conor won the award for being a Principled student.

Well done Conor!



The Paz Award

Congratulations to our youngest class of inquirers for winning The Paz Award this week. Ms. Carla's PYP 1&2 team had a super week and were rewarded with the coveted Paz the Pelican trophy in this morning's Outdoor Gathering.

Tristan, the unofficial spokesperson for the class, summed up the group's feelings when he yelled out 'WE DID IT!'. Well done PYP 1&2.



PYP 8 Exhibition Update

Our PYP 8 students are working feverishly in their preparation for their Exhibition on the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. They have divided their SDG investigations into three distinct areas of inquiry: i) Progress & Accomplishments; ii) Innovation & Breakthroughs; and iii) The Next Step.

This week they examined data from the past 30 years to ascertain the global progress made since the goals were first established in 1994. They also finalised their specific Lines of Inquiry this week for their investigations. Field trips and guest speakers are planned for the next two weeks as the students exhaust every source of information they can find. All systems are 'go'!

Lines of Inquiry:

Elli, Mai, Zack C: *Clean water and sanitation is a global responsibility*

Leif, Sammy: *Energy should be clean, sustainable and affordable*

Ali, Maia, Emilien: *Sustainable cities are connected to a better life for people and the environment*

Emilie, Ethan, Karl: *Innovation can protect and restore life below water*

Zachary, Mathias, Alex: *Humans impact biodiversity and the connection between natural species*



Zumba under the Mahoganies

Eager to maintain our post-COVID health and fitness, the Primary School took over the basketball court area this morning for another fun Zumba session with Ms. Allie. It was also an active connection to International Dance Day which is being held around the globe today.



House Team Points Totals

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This is getting serious! Gooding-Emtage clearly don't enjoy being in 2nd place in our House team competition. They have bounced back this week and wrestled the lead from Anstey. Only one point separates Elliot Sealy and Anstey in the minor placings.

Team captains Ethan, Emilen and Leif show the world their team scores in this morning's Outdoor Gathering.



Important Dates

- 2nd May:** Labour Day National Holiday
- 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

