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The Pelican Brief

The Codrington School ~ PYP Newsletter



Dear PYP Parents and the Codrington Community,

There was never a dull moment in the Primary School this week. Field trips to Harrison's Cave and Andromeda Gardens, guest speakers on Sustainable Development Goals, after-school enrichments in full swing, collaborative reading activities and our PYP 8 students moving into top gear with their preparation for their upcoming Exhibition.

Unfortunately, after avoiding the dreaded COVID bug for 10 weeks, we finally got stung by it this week. Our PYP 5 and PYP 7 classes had to isolate at home and return to online learning under our school's 'close contact' protocols. Fortunately the students from both classes tested negative after their mandatory isolation and resumed in the classroom today.

While regrettable, in one sense it was a timely reminder that we're all still living in a very delicate health situation. Most importantly, our thoughts are with the two students directly affected by the virus and hope they are back to 100% health very soon.

Please look out for the Parent/Teacher conference sign-up sheet that will be emailed to parents next week. This will give you an opportunity to schedule a meeting with your child's teacher on May 27.

Happy Mother's Day to all our mums and grandmums. Hope you have a great day on Sunday.

Regards,
Rob Fuller
Head of Primary



The Paz Award

Congratulations to our PYP 3 class for being crowned the class of the week.

Ms. Allie's team of champions happily accepted The Paz Award this morning from Ms. Judy and proudly carried the trophy aloft to their classroom.

They've been very close to winning the award in previous weeks so that made this morning's announcement all the more sweeter for them.



Getting to know our House Team Captains

Name: Mai Madkaud

Position: Team Captain of **Gooding Emtage**

Place of birth: Switzerland

Family Philippe (dad), Jessie (mom) Karl (twin brother - PYP 8)

Favourite school subject: PE & Art

Likes: dance, singing, acting, sleeping, being dramatic, being funny, drawing, listening to music, and reading

Dislikes: math, being bored, people invading personal space, being left out, dresses, the sun, too much noise when daydreaming

Favourite ice cream flavour: vanilla

Favorite vacation spot: Sunset

Intended career: become a famous and successful singer, actor, dancer, and model or be a famous and successful basketball player, tennis player, CEO of a tech company, and a part time model

What do you like most about Barbados: I really like the restaurant Mama Mia, the beaches and the beautiful sunsets

What do you like most about Codrington: There are really cool kids here and the teachers are super kind and can teach you a lot

Leadership philosophy: makes sure nobody is left out and be a role model



Name: Emilien Ferguson

Position: Team Captain of **Anstey**

Place of birth: Barbados

Family: Mark (dad), Nathalie (mum), Eloise (sister - PYP3)

Favourite subject: Physical Education

Likes: sport, gaming, Gummies, and being around my family.

Dislikes: everything that is not a Gummy, horror films, and math

Favourite ice cream flavour: pistachio

Favourite vacation spot: Greece

Intended career: Athlete or a Physiotherapy

What do you like most about Barbados: The people

What do you like most about Codrington: The atmosphere and the people

Leadership philosophy: Being encouraging and persuasive.

PYP 6 at Harrison's Cave

Our PYP 6 students visited Harrison's Cave on Thursday to make a connection with their recent Unit of Inquiry on the formation of earth over time. The visit gave them a first-hand experience of how Barbados was formed through tectonic plate movement. Ms. Barbara also cleverly incorporated their current unit on Advertising as students will be creating promotional material for the cave, one of the island's best attractions. An excellent example of linking two Units of Inquiry in one field trip! Thanks to Ms. Judy for chaperoning the group as well.



Collaborative Reading

The 105 year old wall on the south side of campus provided an excellent backdrop and some very effective shade for a collaborative reading activity early in the week. The PYP 3, 4 & 7 students hooked up for some quality reading time together in the fresh Barbados air. The PYP 7 students read and discussed books with their young partners before moving along the wall to connect with the next student.



PYP Friday Morning Gathering



Iancu and Freddie reflect on their experiences on the PYP 6 field trip to Harrison's Cave



The winners - PYP 3 accept the coveted Paz trophy



The Heiling sisters - Farah (PYP 7) & Ava (MYP 3) sung a beautiful duet

PYP 4 at Andromeda Gardens

Ms. Peggy's PYP 4 class wrapped up the week with a fun field trip to Andromeda Gardens in Bathsheba this morning. The students toured the beautiful gardens identifying plants and trees using their knowledge from their recent Unit of Inquiry on Plants. They also enjoyed some team-bonding activities, connecting with their current unit on Organised Games. Thanks again to Ms. Judy for chaperoning the class with Ms. Peggy.



PYP 8 Exhibition Update

Our PYP 8 students are making great strides with their preparation for the PYP 8 Exhibition on May 20. This week they worked on 'Innovation & Breakthroughs' for their respective Sustainable Development Goals. Some of the highlights:

To compliment their research on tropical reefs and coastal ecosystems, PYP 8 students Ethan, Emilie, Karl and their Exhibition mentor Ms. Suzie gave up their Saturday afternoon to visit Dive Barbados Blue to interview a marine biologist and a PADI dive master about the health of coral reefs in Barbados. They got a first-hand look at the innovative A-frames they are using to regenerate and transplant new reef growth. They then took action with their own beach clean-up around Needham's Point and Carlisle Bay.



The 'Clean Water and Sanitation' group (SDG #6) of Eleanor, May and Zack invited Mr. Ton Vlugman, a civil engineer formerly with PAHO, to talk to the class about their area of study. Mr. Ton shared his vast knowledge and experience to also connect with the other SDGs the class is researching for the Exhibition. The students also built their own water filtration systems.



PYP 8 Exhibition Update

Our Clean & Renewable Energy warriors, Sammy and Leif, took 'fieldwork' to a new level on Thursday when they collected cow manure from a property adjacent to school. They will be using it as an alternative energy source to generate their cow dung battery for the PYP 8 Exhibition.

Special thank you to Betsy the cow for her important contribution to the Exhibition!



Emilien, Maia and Ali spent their lunchtime on Thursday in the Design Technology workshop building a bespoke birdhouse. They re-purposed some pre-loved timber and recycled some abandoned sticks & twigs as an example of 'reduce, re-use and recycle'. They're investigating the development of Sustainable Cities throughout the world.



Learner Profile Awards

Congratulations are extended to Sophie Chapman (PYP 4) for winning a Learner Profile award this week. She won the award for being a Risk-taker.

Sophie is a member of the Soccer enrichment on Wednesdays and is proving to be a very willing and determined participant amongst the PYP 8 boys.

Well done Sophie on immersing yourself in a challenging, robust environment.



House Team Points Totals

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PYP 4 students Amber (Green), Rio (Red) and Sebastian (Blue) revealed the scores to the students and teachers in this morning's PYP gathering. Gooding-Emtage still holds the lead.



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

