



# THE CODRINGTON SCHOOL

## THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BARBADOS

The mission of The Codrington School is to empower all children and adults within the community to become internationally-minded learners who embrace and respect academic excellence and a love of life-long learning and who exemplify the traits of the IB learner profile.

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### *TCS Focus*



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*To all parents/guardians of students in PYP one through DP two.*

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✚ This is a **busy weekend** for the school. First of all, for those of you who are dog lovers, do not forget the PYP 8 fund-raiser at Fisher Pond Great House on Saturday afternoon. (See page four of this edition of the *TCS Focus*.) I know the youngsters would be glad of your support and, if you have not yet bought a ticket, do not despair: you can purchase at the gate!

Meanwhile, back at the school, our landlords, The Codrington Trust, are finally dealing with the issue of the bowing wall on the southern side of the school. On Saturday, the wall is due to be taken down and a chain link fence placed along the southern perimeter. This should help with both safety and security issues.

Also on Saturday, at the campus, The Brewster Trust has promised that it will deliver the new goalposts that it has kindly donated to the school. So it will be a case of the wall's going down and the posts' going up

- ✚ I am pleased to announce that our **new performing arts teacher** in the primary years is Ms Chrystal Cummins-Beckles. She is due to commence duties next Monday, 6 February, and I am sure the whole community will make her welcome.

Ms Chrystal will also be working with Ms Dionne in MYP one and MYP two.

- ✚ I really am not metamorphosing into a curmudgeon, although it may seem like it at times! Last week, I alerted you to concerns about absenteeism of children and the use of mobile telephones at school. This week, I simply have to talk about **uniform**.

It is a value of a large majority of our school community (97% when last we polled parents) that children wear uniform. It is not an ornate, formal uniform, and it is designed to be cool and comfortable, whilst smart. Alas! Uniform regulations are being observed somewhat in the breach and I simply have to remind parents and guardians of their obligations in the matter.

Most of you know that I will not send a child home for breach of the uniform code. It would go against my deepest professional instincts; but I feel that I, and my colleagues here at the school, are being placed in a difficult situation by parents and guardians allowing their children to wear non-regulation items to school. And, no, I do not accept the argument that it is the school's responsibility to spend professionals' valuable time dealing with school uniform infringements. It is a partnership and we expect parents to send their children to school properly dressed, as per the uniform regulations outlined on page 53 of the handbook. (Available on the website under 'the school'.)

For example, you will notice that, throughout the school, children are to wear white socks. That is the rule. Please ensure your children abide by it. I think even I felt that things are now a little OTT when children come in wearing two pastel-coloured socks - of different colours. I stress, I have nothing personally against this: but it is flouting a community understanding. If you would kindly send your children to school properly dressed, and with a change of clothing on PE days, you really will make it easier all round, for our community believes that school uniform is "a good thing" and I think that even those of us who personally have other views would probably agree that if there is a uniform it must be worn properly. Some of us might think that, as long as the children are neat and tidy, it does not really matter. However, rules are rules and need to be obeyed. Please do not put me in the position of having to have uniform checks every couple of days. It is not a meaningful use of my, and my colleagues', time. If parents simply ensure that their children come to school correctly dressed, everyone will be happy.

I hope that this is, once again, a word to the wise. I shall ask Ms Lisa to stock up on white socks in the uniform store.

Sincerely

*Dennison J MacKinnon*

## CALENDAR NOTES

<b>15 February</b>	<b>Last date for the payment of summer term fees</b>
16 February	School closes at 4.00 pm for the winter break
17 February	Teachers' work day – no school for children
20 - 24 February	Winter mid-term break
1 March	Pizza day
16 – 20 March	Primary school head leading an IB MYP level three workshop in Memphis
21 - 24 March	Principal leading an IB PYP evaluation team in Freeport, Grand Bahama
30 March	School closes at 3.00 pm for the Easter break
8 – 15 April	Primary school head leading an IB MYP level three workshop in Mexico City
16 April	Teachers' work day – no school for children
17 April	Summer term begins
20 – 28 April	Principal chairing CIS accreditation team in Havana, Cuba
28 April	<i>Heroes Day</i>
30 April	School closed
1 May	Labour Day – public holiday – school closed
18 May	Sports Day – at the National Stadium
28 May	Whit Monday – public holiday – school closed
June	Graduation day
15 June	Last date for the payment of the Michaelmas term fees
20 June	Last day of the 2011-2012 school year – school closes at noon
21, 22 June	Teachers' work days – no school for children

## FROM PYP EIGHT

**Doggy Event to be held at Fisher Pond Great House,  
Saturday 4 February, 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm**

There will be ...

- ✚ Lessons on how to approach Dogs. The “do’s” and “don’t’s”
- ✚ Tips on how to build a good relationship with your dog and how to train it
- ✚ Demonstrations on ‘obedience’ by top dogs, trained by Linda Pierson, *Barbados’s Dog Whisperer*
- ✚ A demonstration in ‘protection’ by Linda’s dogs
- ✚ Scent discrimination games
- ✚ A question and answer session: Linda will be available to answer any questions you may have about your dog

Refreshments will be on sale – including tables and service

Admission cost: BBD\$ 10.00

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE RED CROSS**

## Recycling centre news

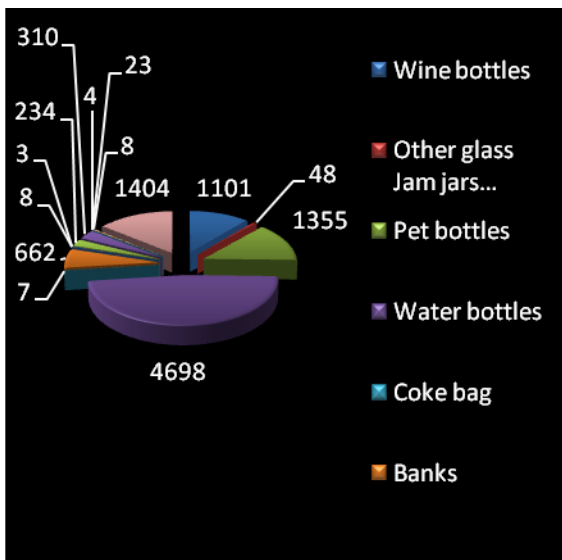
### 1/ Results for TERM 1

The MYP1 class has been fantastic in helping with sorting the recyclables and collecting paper and cardboard around the school on Wednesday mornings during Term 1.

We celebrated their contribution towards our community project through a little party that took place at lunch time on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. They all received electronic certificates as evidence of their action as caring members of our community.

We hope that they carried their experience home and inspired their families to start or keep up recycling in the home and at their working place to help our local environment.

The students helped to recycle **8251** plastic, glass and aluminium items and about **35 x 55 gallon bags** of paper and cardboard which would have otherwise gone to landfill. They helped collecting **BBD 385.48**. Well done!



### 2/ What can you recycle at the Codrington School recycling centre?

**New ! You can now bring :**

- Plastic bags
- Tetra Packs (such as Pinehill milk or juices)
- Newspapers

In addition to:

Glass jars and bottles	Cans	Plastics	Paper – office paper and magazines	Cardboard
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**Please empty any remaining content from the items and rinse thoroughly. Remove caps and covers. Flatten cardboard.**

Styrofoam items and batteries are not recycled in Barbados at the present time.

Thank you very much for your participation in our recycling programme.

**Armelle Tainsh**

Codrington School Recycling Center Rep



***Go green, recycling reduces pollution***

## **PTA CORNER**

### Hot Lunch Programme Survey

I would like your feedback about the hot lunch programme. I am requesting that those participating in the hot lunch programme please provide the following information:

2 favourite meals

2 least enjoyed meals

2 suggestions for meals or side dishes

Your input will be used to revise the meal plan for the last term of school.

Please send your comments to Tracey Rice at [tnr\\_slp@hotmail.com](mailto:tnr_slp@hotmail.com).

Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions.

Lisa

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

We are starting back our **beginners/intermediate** drawing & painting class here at the ArtSplash Centre.

This beginners' class offers a further study of painting and drawing techniques in conjunction with collage work. We will be exploring abstract styles and applying them in a variety of methods to canvas and paper. Come create, experiment and explore materials in this 6 week painting and drawing class!

The course starts Tuesdays 7th February and runs until 13th March. The time is 6-7.30pm here at the ArtSplash Centre. It will run for 6 weeks and cost \$300.

The last two terms were a huge success and we got great feedback from all our students who are eager to start back again this year. ArtSplash is looking forward to another vibrant and creative term with all of you budding artists.

Please email or call soon to book your place. I will email material list on to anyone who is interested in joining.

Kind Regards  
Elayne Hosford

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The ArtSplash Centre  
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