



Cool Cumber News

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Sports Day
- School News
- Behaviour Tips

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SPORTS DAY 2010

Congratulations to this years Champions



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From the desk of the Principal

Early Drop-Off:

Parents of children in the Infant Department especially are reminded that if you are taking your child to school early, please drop off the child in the waiting area near the office rather than take him/her to the empty classroom.

All parents are reminded of the need to check with the Office if you are removing your child before dismissal. Please remind your child to not approach strangers or to take anything from people they do not know.

Dear Parent/Guardian

This is to advise you that the PTA Meeting originally scheduled for next Monday, March 8th, has been postponed till after school reopens in April.

The focus of this meeting will be to look at the work we've done as a school and as a PTA over the last year and consider how we might improve.

Congratulations to two of our Year Six students, Stephen Rivers and Kayla Mitchell, and their teacher Mr. Smith, for having their essays win certificates from the Optimist Club of Grand Cayman. Well Done guys.

Following last months issue, below of the Student Council Representatives; Congratulations once again to them

Names are as follows L-R

Mrs. Elissa Murray - School Councilor

Hugh Thomas - PR

Shakira Ebanks - Secretary

Grace Christian-Welcome - 2nd vice president

Kameisha Mckenzie - 1st vice president

Jake Bennett - president

Mr. Wallace - Principal



ATTITUDE & PROFILES OF THE MONTH

INTEGRITY

Children demonstrate integrity by being truthful, reliable and having a firm sense of fairness and honesty. They also show consistency of actions, values, methods, measures, principles, expectations and outcomes.

PRINCIPLED

Act with integrity and honesty. Take responsibility for their ac-

tions and the consequences that accompany them.

PROFILE OF AN EDUCATED CAYMANIAN

Have a strong work ethic and willingness to become an honest, reliable and responsible member of the work force. (PEC 7)

TIPS FOR ENCOURAGING INTEGRITY

For tips on teaching integrity please see:

http://charactercounts.org/resources/parents/parenting_for_integrity.html

School Calendar 2009—2010

Aim for success, not perfection.
 Never give up your right to be wrong, because then you will lose the ability to learn new things and move forward with your life. Remember that fear always lurks behind perfectionism.
 David M. Burns

- Mar 18-19, 2010 - Inter Primary Sports
- Apr 1, 2010 - Schools close (End of term)
- Apr 2, 2010 - Good Friday
- Apr 5, 2010 - Easter Monday
- Apr 12, 2010 - Schools re-open
- May 17, 2010 - Discovery Day
- Jun 14, 2010 - Queen's Birthday
- Jun 30, 2010 - Schools close 1:00 p.m.

More information and pictures about interprimary Sport Day to come in the April News-letter.



Year 2 on a field trip to the Botanic Park



Tips For Homework and Study Habits

Turn off the TV set. Make a house rule, depending on the location of the set, that when it is study time, it is "no TV" time. A television set that is on will draw youngsters like bees to honey.

Designate specific areas for homework and studying. Possibilities include the child's room or the kitchen or dining room table. Eliminate as much distraction as possible.

Consider you child's developmental level when setting the amount of time for homework. While high school students can focus for over an hour, first-graders are unlikely to last more than 15 minutes on a single task. Allow your child to take breaks, perhaps as a reward for finishing a section of the work.

Should parents help with homework? Yes-if it is clearly productive to do so, such as calling out spelling words or checking a math problem that won't prove. No-if it is something the child can clearly handle himself and learn from the process. And help and support should always be calmly and cheerfully given. Grudging help is worse than no help at all!

Teach your child that studying is more than just doing homework assignments. One of the most misunderstood aspects of schoolwork is the difference between studying and doing homework assignments. Encourage your child to do things like:

- learn to skim material
- learn to study tables and charts
- learn to summarize what he has read in his own words
- learn to make his own flashcards for quick review of dates, formulas, spelling words, et cetera

Note-taking is a critical skill and should be developed. Many students don't know how to take notes in those classes that require them. Some feel they have to write down every word the teacher says. Others have wisely realized the value of an outline form of note-taking. Well prepared teachers present their material in a format that lends itself to outline form note taking..

- take notes as he's reading a chapter



Fundraiser Events

We would like to encourage all parents/guardians to volunteer in some way. Volunteering for fundraisers or school events can be a way to spend more time with your kids' and form a loving, lasting bond. It isn't only your own daughter or son who benefits from your volunteer activities. By taking the time to be there and show interest, you can make a difference to many children.

February fundraisers were:

- 'Educate 2 Create' craft day
- Bake Sale after school
- Snack sale at the Sports Day



Benefits of Being Involved

Here are other ideas:

- Visit your child's classroom; a visit will give you an idea of what your child does at school and how he or she interacts with other children.
- Volunteer to help in the classroom as an assistant (listening to children read, for example, or serving as an aide during computer work).
- Support student events and performances by helping with them (such as sewing costumes or painting scenery for a school play) and by attending them.
- Take advantage of parent-teacher contracts (perhaps agreeing to read with your child for a certain amount of time each night).
- Ask your child's teacher if he or she has materials that you can use to help your child at home and to supplement homework.

“Nobody made a greater mistake in life than he who did nothing because he could only do a little.”

– Edmund Burke



Community Event — CI Student Drug Use Survey

The Cayman Islands Student Drug Use Survey will be conducted APRIL 12th to APRIL 16th 2010.

The National Drug Council is preparing to conduct the Cayman Islands Student Drug Use Survey (CISDUS) 2010, April 12th to April 16th 2010.

We are seeking volunteers to assist in the administration of this survey and any assistance that you could provide would be greatly appreciated.

Please also assist us by circulating this flyer amongst staff, friends and members of the community and by posting on notice boards where possible.

We often rely on businesses and organisations who allow their staff to participate in these initiatives and we continue to seek your support. Initiatives like these serve to better develop programmes and policies for our youth and your assistance in this

very important initiative would be greatly appreciated.

Should you have any question contact by email or phone (949-9000 ext. 21). Please also note that all past surveys can be found at www.ndc.ky



Inter-Primary will be held on March 18 and 19, 2010. As usual, the events will take place at the Truman Bodden Complex.

Football news

Netball news

Congratulations, to Hunter House – winners of this year's **Inter-House Sports Day**. The standings from the field events the day before continued until the final

event of the track meet – Smith 2nd place; Bodden 3rd; followed by Bush.

Champion Boy was Karim Murray – making it six straight years he has won achieved this honour. Mikayla McLaughlin (Miss Grace's granddaughter) was Champion Girl. She has captured this title for the past three years; she only started at John Cumber in Year 3. These two students were also the *Victor* and *Victix Ludorum* for 2010 meaning that they racked up the most points of all athletes. Impres-

sive!

In the Infant Division, Rashaad Powery (Yr 1) was this year's Champion Boy and Tennaz Robinson (Yr 3) Champion Girl.

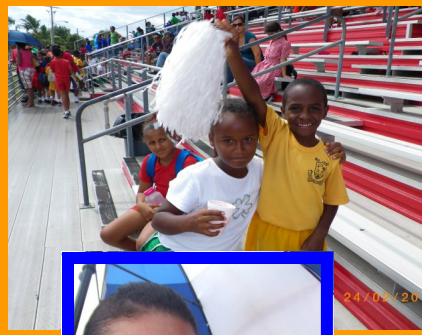
The Dress Parade was won by Smith House. Congratulations!

Mr Wallace won the Teachers' Race "hands down".

Congratulations to all participants!







FYI on the PYP!!!

WHAT IS THE PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME (PYP)?

The PYP is a globally focused, inquiry-based, transdisciplinary curriculum for children aged 3–12. It is a whole school approach, now in 260 schools, with a system of accreditation to maintain its integrity. It was created in 1997 by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) based in Geneva Switzerland and is based on world best practice,

One of its major focuses is making connections across disciplines, focusing on inquiry-based learning and ongoing assessment. It has distinguishing features that set it apart, such as its global focus, the PYP Learner's Profile, the organizing themes and concepts and its strong emphasis on developing a professional learning community.

The PYP requires teachers to plan collaboratively using a prescribed Planner.

Through this they develop:

- a central idea,
- a definition of the scope of the inquiry,
- resources and key questions.

Instructional activities are then designed simultaneously with assessment activities.

The skills valued and promoted by the IBO in the PYP are transdisciplinary skills:

- social,
- research,
- thinking,
- communication and
- self-management skills.

Importantly, these skills are assessed.

The PYP encourages children to develop the attitudes of:

- appreciation,
- commitment,
- confidence,
- cooperation,
- creativity,
- curiosity,
- empathy,
- enthusiasm,
- independence,
- integrity,
- respect and
- tolerance (IBO, 2000, p. 35).

Activities are planned promote these attitudes, which must be considered in assessment.

See pictures on The following page

Six Basic Behavior Tips

Discipline is a very tricky subject as you will agree as what works for one might not work for another. However, here are six basic points.

Behavior Tips

1. Speak to your child daily about the importance of showing respect and practicing cooperation. It helps them to learn and live well among others in the society.

2. Encourage your child to obey all rules. Rules help to protect everyone and ensure fairplay.

3. Consequences for indiscipline must be known before hand. The parent should know what behaviors to expect from the child therefore parent and child should plan ahead.

4. Consistency is the key to improving your child's behavior. Don't allow the child to "get away" sometimes.... that sends

the wrong message.

5. Reward good behavior appropriately. Verbal praise can work as well as positive gestures eg a smile, handshake or a hug. Quality time is also significant.

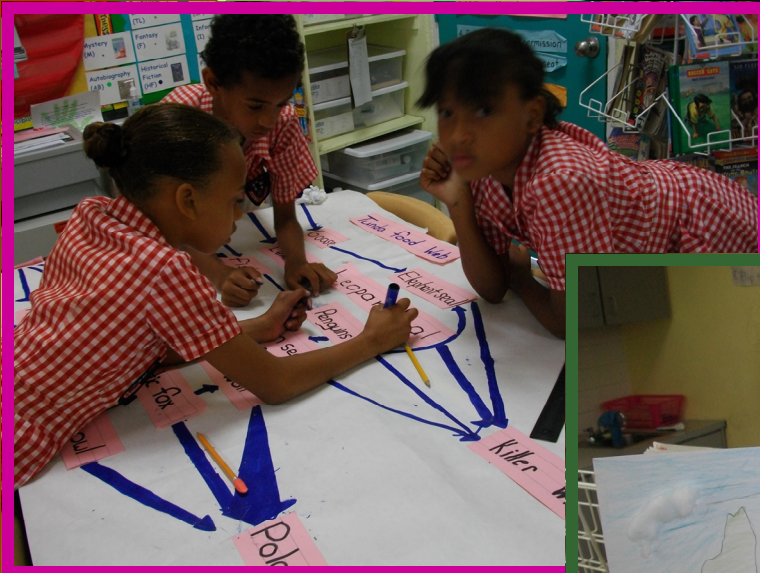
6. Be a role model for your child. He/She will copy whatever you do or say.

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**STUDENTS
AND TEACHERS
INVOLVED IN
INQUIRY BASED
TEACHING AND
LEARNING**



*The Student
Attitude of the
Month is
INTEGRITY*



DOLPHIN COVE



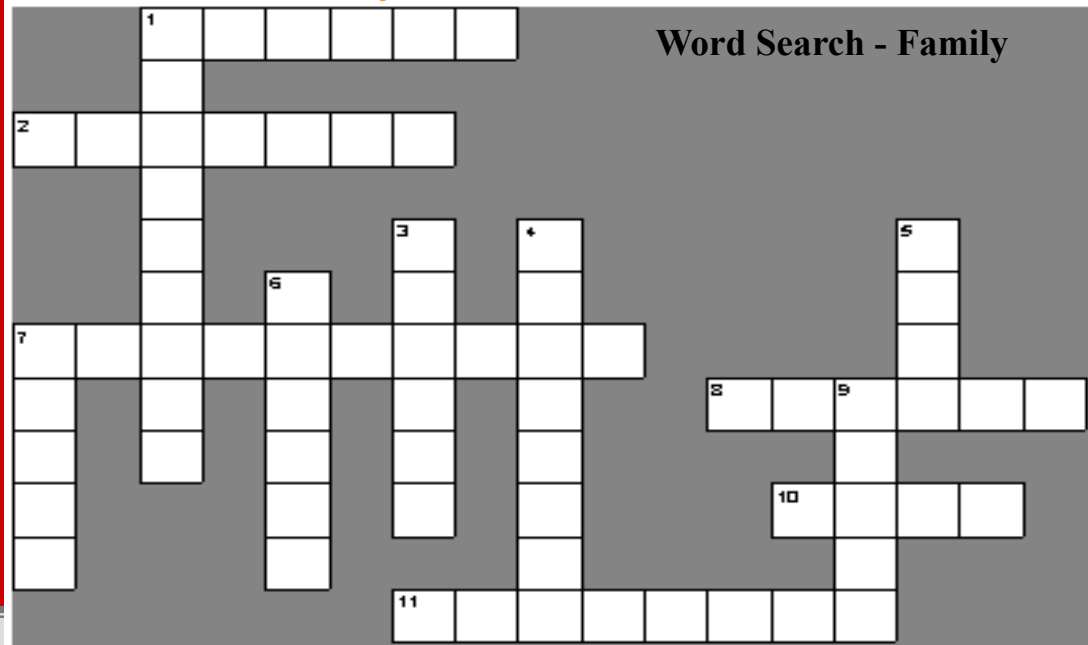
YEAR 3 VISITED THE SUPERMARKET TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HEALTHFUL FOODS. THIS VISIT COINCIDED WITH THEIR INQUIRY UNIT TITLED: 'PEOPLE GROW AND CHANGE'



*Tell me and I'll forget;
Show me and I may remember;
Involve me and I'll understand.*



Kid Activity Corner



ACROSS

- 1. A device used on the Internet that allows you to view another part of the world.
- 2. A special day that people celebrate is called a _____.
- 7. When you try something out. Usually has to do with science.
- 8. A place that you go to and see exhibits of old things and displays of art.
- 10. A collection of words put together in phrases that usually rhyme.
- 11. The anniversary of someone being born.

DOWN

- 1. You put this on the walls of your house or on your desktop.
- 3. Sometimes called the funnies.
- 4. A prehistoric animal, now extinct.
- 5. Something that you play.
- 6. Arts and _____.
- 7. An electronic letter.
- 9. A collection of words put together to tell a tale.

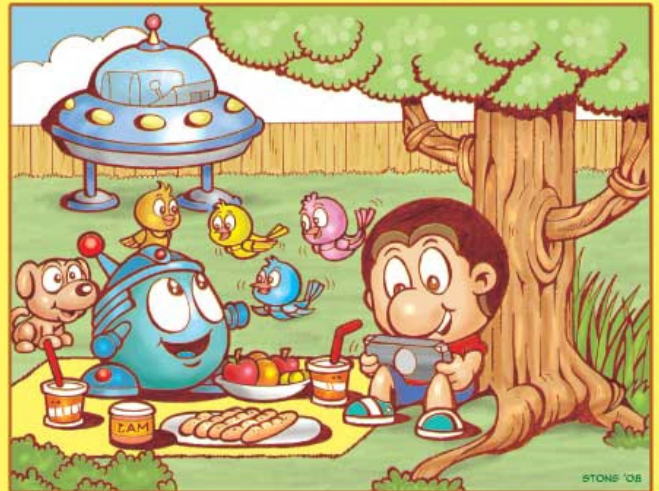
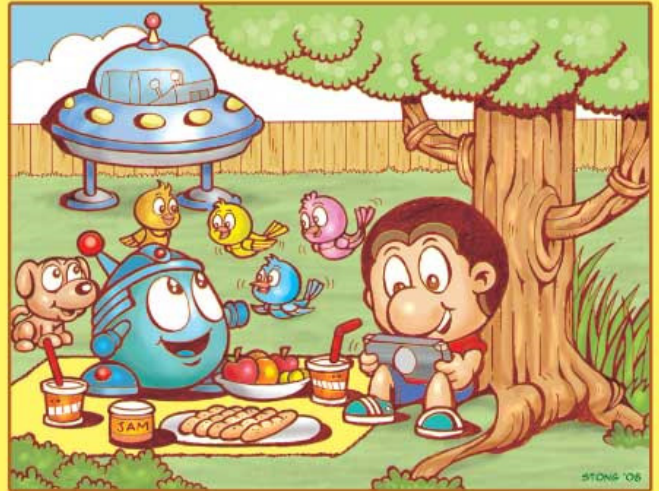
Brain Teaser

If you throw it off the highest building it will not break. If you place it in the ocean it will.

What is it?

Answers to brainteaser and word search on page 8

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



Did You Know...?



JACP School Song

1. John Cumber School set in our sun-kissed island where many learn to labour and to love. Grateful we are for all the treasures of Thy hand And pray for thee God's blessing from above.

2. And as we work and as we play together we learn to be honest, sincere and true And in our

games, we always will remember To be good winners and good losers too.

3. For friendships formed, for days of childhood pleasures For all the gifts, thou gave to us so free For loving parents and devoted teachers To thee dear school we'll ever thankful be.

Chorus: O school of ours, we

pledge thee our devotion O school of ours let this be e'er our rule where'er we walk or sail on land or ocean That we remember thee, our own John Cumber School.

The school blog

Can be found at :

<http://jacps.blogspot.com/>

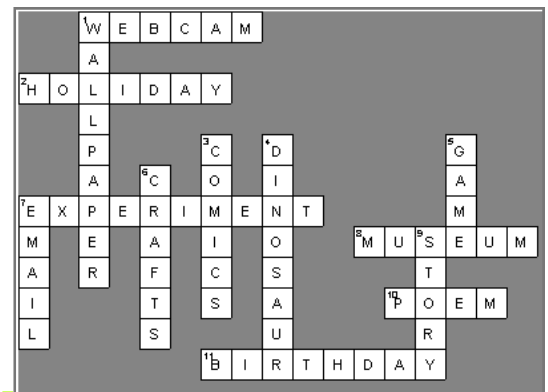
Please visit this site regularly and check the links for various bits of news and information about what's happening at school.

You can also view the school's **Handbook** from this site.

NOTE:

Pictures provided by teachers, parents and students of JACPS

Answer to brainteaser — Tissue
Answers to Word search



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