

# BCG Newsletter





#### BISA

It is wonderful to see our PE department leading the way with collaboration across the Barcelona International Schools Association members. Last week we hosted the first BISA cross country event and this Friday we are hosting the first BISA Primary event. These events provide our students a wonderful opportunity to meet students from other schools as well as adding some competitive spirit into the mix too!

#### NABSS

So from the International schools in Barcelona to the British Schools in Spain. NABSS is an association which brings together 87 British schools from around the country. Last weekend I was joined by four colleagues and we went to Valencia for the annual NABSS conference, a series of workshops, keynotes speakers and plenty of time to network with our colleagues from other schools. It is always an extremely well run event and we all found it very rewarding.

#### Inspired information

This a reminder of important information already shared, so you can have a look at this invaluable opportunities:

#### **Global camps and exchanges**

Please have a look at the link for the meeting video below:

Inspired Global Exchanges Camps parent webinar-20240223\_150826-Meeting Recording.mp4

You can also see the brochures by clicking here:

Global Summer Camps 2024

#### Global Exchange Programme

which have prices, dates and offers for each camp and exchange program.

#### Scholarships

Mr Nsouli is the founder of Inspired and has recently set up a scholarship programme for extremely talented <u>secondary school children</u>. The 3 pillars (Academic, Sport and Arts) are fundamental in the philosophy at Inspired and the scholarship programme seeks to support students who excel in at least two of these pillars.

One area of excellence must be Academic which will be evidenced by consistently outstanding school reports. The other pillars are evidenced by high levels of skill in any of the creative or performing arts or sports. The scholarship is also designed to support families who have limited financial means.

Here is the link <u>https://www.inspirededu.com/nsouli-scholars</u> if you are interested in applying. If you would like our advice regarding your child's suitability please do get in touch!



# ARTS EVENING



















# Creative Arts Showcase

IB Visual Arts and IGCSE Art&Design Final Exhibtion. With Music and Drama

#### Artists

Valeria Diaz Teira Valeriia Tarasenko Alina De Somere Amelia Dodds Isabella Bifani Julia Rashed Leah Foreman Fenton Milana Pieshkova Paula Francés Sánchez Sara Lozano Novoa



#### **Opening night:** Thursday 14th March 5-7pm

Exhibition continues: Friday 15th - Thursday 21st March 8.30 - 4.30pm



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# MOVIE NIGHT

Hello everyone! Years 7 to 13 are invited to a movie night on Friday the 15th of March. Popcorn and juices are included in the price of the entrance ticket of  $3 \in$ . You will also be able to buy a brownie separately on the occasion of upcoming Easter! Sign up here. We're hoping to see you there.

Year 12 CAS students





## **GEOGRAPHY FIELDTRIP**



On the 27th February the year 11 Geography students went to investigate Gavá Mar beach and its surroundings. Students were instructed on how to undertake geography research and further their understanding of core geographical ideas, delving into various aspects of coastal geography. They conducted beach profiling, environmental quality surveys and measured longshore drift to understand the dynamics of coastal erosion and deposition as well as different land use at the coast. Through teamwork, they measured and collected data on the predominant processes shaping the beach landscape. Additionally, students explored the sand dune ecosystem through quadrat sampling techniques, thereby using their cross curricular skills as they need to be able to do this in both Biology and Geography. During their trip they also had time to appreciate the coast and got to take part in a game of revision pass with an inflatable globe (never miss a chance to revise for those upcoming exams).

We were very lucky as the day started chilly however it quickly warmed and the weather was perfect for a day investigating the coastline. Despite minor challenges, such as nearly losing a measuring pole to the waves, the challenge of pushing a wheelchair (an unexpected skill students now have), and finding a lot



of the shops closed, the students exhibited exemplary behaviour and enthusiasm throughout. The students made the trip enjoyable through their hard work and humour and I love getting to see the geographers develop their skills. The year 11s now need to write up their findings and these results will be essential for their upcoming geography exams. It was a truly enjoyable and enriching day that deepened the students' understanding and appreciation of coastal geography.

Thank you year 11!

Sarah Darby and Jackie Mason







# ARNAU MASCLANS

#### Exciting Achievements in Hockey Arnau's Triumphs!

It is our pleasure to share some thrilling news about one of our own. Arnau Masclans has showcased excellence on the hockey field, and we are delighted to highlight his recent achievements in two significant championships.

In the recent Spanish Autonomous Regions Field Hockey Championship, Arnau stood out as a champion alongside the Catalan team. His dedication and exceptional skills contributed to the team's success, reaffirming his talent on the field. But that's not all - over the weekend of February 17th, during the Spanish Indoor



Hockey Championship, Arnau shone with his team, Junior FC. They clinched the championship, and Arnau scored two impressive goals in the final! His outstanding performance continues to be a source of inspiration for us all.



We want to congratulate Arnau on his remarkable achievements and extend our gratitude to everyone who supported him on this exciting journey. We are proud to have such talented athletes in our community. Congratulations, Arnau, and may the succe-sses continue!

# **Y11 TITRATION EXPERIMENT IN CHEMISTRY**

# Year 11 chemistry students have made a video to demonstrate how to complete a titration

A chemical titration is a process which is used to quantify the concentration of either an acid or base. This practical procedure is part of the IGCSE practical scheme of work and is a method which is habitually examined in the final assessment of this course. Three students from year 11 have produced a short video to explain the key steps involved in this procedure and have generated the



QR code below to share their work. This video can be shared with future IGCSE chemistry students at the school to demonstrate the procedure.

The students involved are Niels Torrellas, Maria Pishynak and Taisiia Leshchenko.

Lewis Broomfield



# LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

#### Reception to the theatre to see the Coloured Monster

What a great time we had last Tuesday! The story of the Coloured Monster took us into the world of emotions and we were able to experience them one by one. Emotions such as joy, sadness, anger, fear, calm and love appeared. Each one of them has a colour that defines them, making it easier for us to identify them. Thanks to this theatrical performance, we now understand better what each one of them consists of, and we begin to know ourselves a little better.

> **Ms Pareja** EYFS & Primary Spanish and Catalan Teacher









#### Year 2 The trades live

This term, in Catalan, the Year 2 students are working on the vocabulary of the trades. On Friday 26th January, some of our school workers joined the class to talk about their jobs, and the pupils asked them different questions. For example, Mariví Huertas, our kitchen supervisor, explained how all the school's food was prepared. The school computer scientist, Rúbén Fernández, showed us the parts of a computer.

We were also visited by the school psychologist, Alba Rosas, the teacher Mr Sales, the volleyball coach, Marta Sierra, and Bethany Montserrat, who talked to us about different jobs she has done during her life. It was a very enriching experience to connect what we are learning with reality.



Ms Pareja and Ms Moncayo EYFS & Primary Spanish and Catalan Teachers



#### Year 6 Language exchange: Spanish connects us to the world

From April, Year 6 Spanish as a foreign language students will start a language exchange project with a school in Finland. The aim of this project will be to communicate in Spanish with students from another school to learn about their daily life, culture and school activities. The school we are going to collaborate



with is called Jyväskylän normaalikoulu. which is located in the Finnish city of Deyväskylä. The school works with the University of Jyväskylä to offer continuous innovation in education. The primary school students can choose to learn Spanish and are very excited to collaborate with us to practice the language with the BCG students.

Throughout the project, students will be paired with a student from Finland and letters of introduction will be sent to explain who they are. the activities they like, where they live, etc. Later on, we will exchange some videos talking about the spaces in our school and about the subjects and activities the students do. Finally, we will try to make a video call with the students and their teacher to exchange auestions and comments about our lives and cultures.

This is a very enriching opportunity for the students as they will be able to practice the language in a real context and, at the same time, it will allow them to exchange experiences and establish new friendships.



## 8 MARCH: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

#### Primary

March 8th is International Women's Day, a day to fight for equality, participation and empowerment of women in all areas of society, including education. Therefore, in the language department of BCG we did not want to miss the opportunity to celebrate it with our students, and we have carried out some activities and discussion spaces around this date and all that it represents.

Students from Year 1 to Year 3 thought of a woman they love and admire, drew a picture of her and wrote down the reasons why they value her. Finally, they have given oral presentations in class.

Students from Year 3 to Year 5 have carried out a research project on outstanding women of different nationalities, proposed by the department: Wu Zeitan, Valentina Tereixkova, Rosalind Franklin and Alfonsina Strada. With the information obtained, they have completed a poster in a cooperative way and have exhibited it to the rest of their classmates.

Year 6 students have made a description in French of a woman they admire or who is important in their lives.

#### Primary Spanish, French and Catalan Teachers

#### Secondary

Year 12 students have been exploring the concept of 'feminism' in Spanish B this week, relating it to the IB content topic 'social change'. Using an advertising video showing gender roles, we have reflected and debated on issues such as: the (de)construction of gender roles, how these gender roles are changing and the main factors of this change, as well as the main problems we still find in society today. Thus, after this debate, we stopped to analyse the linguistic meaning of terms such as "feminism", "hembrismo" and "machismo", as well as the use and meaning given to them





socially (even changing their meaning, depending on contexts), thanks to the influence that social networks have nowadays. To culminate the week, the students researched, prepared and gave a presentation on a woman relevant to history, relating it to the theme of "social change".

> *Ms Company* Spanish iGCSE & IB Teacher









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# Y11/ 4th of ESO

#### Gavà's Educational Audience

The Gavà Educational Audience is a space for youth participation linked to the secondary schools of Gavà. Based on the theme, Personal tools for anxiety management, young people from Year 11/4th ESO will be able to express their needs on this issue and propose improvements that will be transferred to the mayoress and other municipal representatives.

The BCG Y11 representatives will be Martina Vilert and Alina De Somere.

Ms Pou Head of Languages



# MATHS CERTIFICATES

#### **UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge**

This month it was the turn of our Y9, Y10 and Y11 students to show off their mathematical skills in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge and they returned some fantastic results. The mathematics department is incredibly proud of the students who took part and we are delighted to see such enthusiasm for the subject. We would like to congratulate our medalists for their outstanding achievements in such a prestigious and challenging competition.

- Bronze Lev Ianygin, Victoria Stolbova, Alina De Somere, Sophia Gikic, Linus Lehtonen, Taisiia Leshchenko, Sara Lozano Novoa and Milana Pieshkova
- Silver Hammad Jalal, Anna Luneva, Cindy Zhang, Mikhail Roshchin, Daniel Mendoza Grima, Ivan Saprykin and Niels Torrellas Storm van Leeuwen
- Gold Emilio Magoga and Maria Pishnyak

Paul Lester





# TURKISH LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH

At the beginning of this term we celebrated Turkish as our language of the month. We began with assemblies, learning about the Turkish language and the culture of Turkish speakers. We learnt, for example, that 200 million people around the world speak Turkic languages in many different countries, that 97% of Turkey is geographically in Asia and that Göbekli Tepe, currently the world's oldest



known temple, is 7500 years older the Pyramids of Giza! We also found out about delicious foods like Baklava and Turkish delight, the sport Yağlı güreş (Turkish oil wrestling) and that if someone cooks you a fantastic meal you can compliment them by saying "Elinize Sağlık," which translates roughly as "health to your hands!" A really big thank you to Baran, Albina and Ameliia for all the help they provided and the fantastic assemblies they gave, next month Platon from year 12 will be telling us all about Latvia and Latvian culture!

Stuart Fassam EAL Coordinator



# MUSIC SUCCESS

#### Music achievements

We're thrilled to spotlight two incredibly talented musicians in BCG who have recently achieved outstanding success in their piano exams.

First up, a round of applause for Jan Bartra, who has reached an impressive Grade 2 distinction in their piano exam! Jan's dedication and passion for music have truly paid off, and we couldn't be prouder of this remarkable achievement. But that's not all – let's also extend our heartfelt congratulations to Veronika Kareeva, who has secured a Grade 1 distinction

in her piano exam! Veronika's commitment to excellence shines through in her musical endeavors, and we're delighted to see her hard work recognised in such

a meaningful way. Join us in celebrating Jan and Veronika's musical accomplishments! Their talent and determination are an inspiration to us all, and we can't wait to see where their musical journeys take them next.

Keep making beautiful music! Thanks,



Claire Mcdonald



# SEMI FINALS TALENT SHOW

The BCG Talent Show Semi-Finals on March 4th showcased an array of incredible performances, ranging from singers to dancers and groups. The stage was lit up with talent, making it an afternoon to remember.

In the primary category, standout performer Polina Rebrova from Year 4 wowed the audience with her mesmerising dance moves, earning her the title of the winning performance. In the secondary category, Kasra Shuttleworth, a skilled guitarist and singer, left a lasting impression with his captivating performance. Joining him in the finals is the talented Julia Rashed, whose soulful vocals resonated with the audience.

With such high standards of performances, the anticipation for the BISA finals on March 18th is palpable. Congratulations to Polina, Kasra, Julia, and all the other participants for their outstanding performances, and best wishes to Kasra and Julia as they prepare for the finals! If you wish to support them, please contact claire.mcdonald@bcgava.com for tickets.

Claire McDonald Head of Arts













# **CROSS COUNTRY**

#### Cross Country 2024

Since the beginning of January, the BCG students have been working on their fitness, determination and mental strength in their cross-country unit in PE. They have learned about improving endurance, pacing, and running on cross-country terrain. Although these lessons have been tough, it has been amazing to see how far the pupils have come throughout the unit, not only with their running, but with their positive attitudes.

The unit finished with some lessons in the local forest where we discussed sharing our environment with the public, staying safe outdoors and using landmarks to help with staying on the correct course. It was also an opportunity for some parents to join us, allowing them to see the progress of their children, and test their own fitness. Thank you to everyone who managed to make it along.

During the final lesson, the pupils had an opportunity to experience a crosscountry race in which they recieved a time for their set distance. Some pupils even accepted a challenge of running 1 km further! There were some impressive times and some excellent, competitive races. You can find the results of our top finishers.

- Top Finishers by Year Group
- Top Finishers by time/distance

#### **BISA Cross Country**

The top performers for each distance were invited to the inaugural BISA cross country championships held at BCG. This was a brilliant day full of competitive races with pupils ranging from Year 5 to Year 13 from BSB, BCG and St. Georges. Our CAS students played a vital role in the running of the event, and the day was a huge success. Find the results of this event <u>here</u>.

#### PE Department









# YEAR 4 VICTORIAN DAY

Tardiness will not be tolerated!! Students must not ask questions!! Hands will be inspected for cleanliness!! Fidgeting will be punished with dunce cap!!

Last Friday, year 4 children experienced what life was like in Victorian schools. Strict, strict and stricter! We created a Victorian classroom where the children wrote lines, practiced handwriting (right hand only!) did sums and recited times tables using chalk and a chalkboard. They misbehaved so badly Mr Mower had to come in as a Victorian headmaster to enforce the rules! After the terrifying school experience (that the children loved) we created a series of activities acting out various jobs that children in the 19th Century had to do - scaring birds in fields, making matchsticks, cleaning factory floors and even crawling through tunnels retrieving coal pieces. After watching an informative video showing the life of a Victorian woman from childhood through to adulthood (which included all about the Bryant and May match factory strike we based our English newspaper writing topic on), we went outside and made a cup and ball Victorian game and played various games that children used to play. The costumes were incredible, the day was stimulating, exciting and fun and everyone enjoyed themselves thoroughly. A great way to bring to life all of the learning the children have been doing this term.

Abi Carter Year 4 Class Teacher / PSHE Coordinator









# LOUISE BARON

Dear Year 3 Students and Parents,

As I prepare to embark on a new chapter of my life's journey, I find myself reflecting on the incredible memories we've shared together. It has been an honour and a privilege to be a part of your child's educational journey, watching them grow, learn, and flourish in so many ways.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering support, generosity, and kind words throughout my time here. Your encouragement has meant the world to me, and it has truly made my experience as a teacher all the more fulfilling.

As I step away temporarily to welcome another bundle of joy into the world, please know that I do so with a heavy heart, knowing that I will miss each and every one of you dearly. However, I am filled with excitement and anticipation for the joys that lie ahead.

Warm wishes,

Mrs Baron





# PIZZA WORKSHOP

#### PlayCook pizza trip!

The children of reception class have been on a journey around the world this term! Our trip took us to Italy, and as part of this topic week we had a special outing to the Playcook to cook... Pizza! The children had prepared for this trip by designing a pizza, writing a list of ingredients needed and writing a simple set of instructions on how to make it as well as some fabulous chef hats! This came in really handy as the children arrived at the playcook with lots of knowledge! They enjoyed putting on their white aprons, listening carefully to the 'Chef's' instructions and making their very own pizza's which were cooked in a flash and we all enjoyed a great pizza lunch before returning to school!

Miss Bifani and Miss Carla













# HALF MARATHON RUN

Recently a group of intrepid BCG teachers (Mr Fassam, Mr Lee, Mrs. Campbell and Miss Company) ran the Barcelona Half Marathon to raise money for Cancer Research UK, a very important charity that is close to our hearts and to the heart of our wonderful friend and colleague Sandra. We had a great time, it was a wonderful experience and we all finished! Thank you so much for everyone who has donated already, if you would like to donate please follow the link below.

Any donations through JustGiving are simple, fast and totally safe and secure. Thanks!

https://www.justgiving.com/page/stuart-fassam-1706641821686



**Stuart Fassam** Year 7 Form Tutor / EAL Coordinator

# ECAP

Dear families,

As previously informed, the last day for extracurricular activities (ECAPs) this term is this **Thursday, 21st of March**.

Due to a successful Autumn & Spring term training sessions and due to high demand, we can now offer spaces for Year 2 children on the Thursday football club run by FUNdamentales Multisport (sign-up writing to <u>ecap@bcgava.com</u>).

Sadly, due to low numbers, the following Club has to be canceled in Term 3:

• YOGA Club (Year 3 to Year 6) on Thursdays with Miss Mireia

For now, the rest of the clubs will keep running unless numbers drop below the minimum required.

Please see a summary of the Clubs for Term 3 attached, together with the ECAP Terms & Conditions.



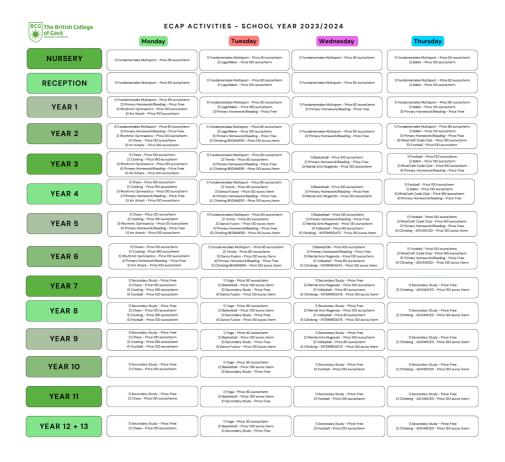
If you want your child to continue next term with the club they have been attending, you <u>do not have to do anything</u>.

If you want to cancel the activity for next term, change to a different one or add to a new one, please send an email to <u>ecap@bcgava.com</u>. You will receive confirmation by email once your child has been added to the club. <u>We kindly ask</u> you to request any changes before this term's last school day, 22nd of March.

3rd Term Clubs start on the first day back after the Easter break, on Tuesday 2nd April.

Please let us know if you have any questions,

ECAP Team



\* There are special discounts for Fundamentales Multisport (Nursery to Y2) if you sign your child up for more than one day a week.

\* Year 6 to Year 13: Rowing: 7 days per week - Location: Canal Olimpic. Price: Special conditions. For more information, please contact ecap@bcgava.com directly



# EMAILS

# IMPORTANT: WHO TO CONTACT

Dear families,

We have created a new email for anything related with the bus routes: <a href="mailto:bus@bcgava.com">bus@bcgava.com</a>

Here is a reminder about important email addresses for you to have handy!

<u>attendance@bcgava.com</u>: contact for absences, illness, appointments, late arrivals or early pick-ups, etc.

trips@bcgava.com: contact for anything related with day trips or residential trips.

<u>ecap@bcgava.com</u>: contact for anything related to extracurricular activities (4:30-5:30pm) and breakfast club (open from 7:30am).

it@bcgava.com: contact when having issues with ISAMS parent app, chromebooks, etc.

invoices@bcgava.com: contact for anything related with invoices/payments.

<u>claire.mcdonald@bcgava.com</u>: contact for instrumental one to one lessons.

Teachers and staff are also available by email if needed.

# EASTER FUNdamentales

#### Easter Camp

FUNdamentales are back this Easter with 3 days of camp filled with sports and many other activities! 08.30-16.30hrs. In the main camp all students in nursery to year 6 are welcome and of course the focus will be on fun.



Due to the success of the last holiday and to complement the other activities there will be football camp running after lunch 12.30-16.30hrs.

We look forward to seeing you there and having fun!

FUNdamentales Instagram@ fundamentales22



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