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# BCG Newsletter





It was another very busy week in school as the assessment weeks and mock examinations loom on the horizon. This is a very important time for many of the students and I hope that they already have a very regular and sensible study routine at home during the evening and weekends.

### **Into the countryside**

10 days ago the Year 6s were dressed splendidly as evacuees. This was part of their history project looking at how children were moved out of London and the surrounding areas to keep them safe from the bombing during WW2. Tens of thousands of children were sent to live with new families in the countryside, many of whom spent a number of years away from their parents. This has to be one of my favourite dressing up days and I am always amazed at how authentic they look!

### **Dramatic events**

Our newly refurbished performance space was put to great use as the GCSE Drama students performed their Devised piece, an integral part of their course. Sophia, Lucy, Martina and Sade performed the play which was beautifully lit by Vinnie. A full write up can be seen later in this newsletter.

### **US University Applications & Sports Scholarships**

We have always ensured our careers programme is targeted specifically to individual students and so we decided to invite Kyle Overby, Director of AESA Prep (our eAthlete partners) to talk about Sports Scholarships in the US. He came with Sarah Stearns from EducationUSA who gave an overview of the general process for US University applications. It was wonderful to see so many BCG families attend. This will be an annual event.

### **Another Win!**

Our young sportsmen and women continue to impress - this time the U13 girls won the BISA football tournament at BSB! Our older teams fought valiantly but unfortunately it was not to be their day. Well done to the girls!

### **Parent Events**

The Year 11 Parent meeting took place in secondary classrooms for the first time as we continue to find the best way of running these important meetings. One complication is that many parents turn up without having booked appointments so I would urge that you do so in future as it makes the event run smoother.

Our 'Spanish Curriculum' coffee morning was very well attended yet again. These events have become very popular and provide the ideal opportunity for parents to learn about different topics as well as have the opportunity to discuss individual matters with the school leadership.

We had one of our largest Open Days last week with prospective parents looking for a new school for their sons and daughters. The school looked wonderful and

the visitors were very complimentary of all that they saw. Many of them have heard great things from current parents and I would like to thank you for your continued support.

*Simon Mower*  
School Principal



## SIXTH FORM NEWS

### CAREERS

#### US College Applications & Sports Scholarships

As part of our Careers Programme, last week saw a focus on applications to Universities in the United States. We welcomed Kyle Overby, Director of AESA Prep Academy in Barcelona and Sarah Stearns from EducationUSA to talk to students and parents across the school about applying to study at university or college in the US and streamed the presentation online to other members of BISA (Barcelona International Schools Association). Sarah Stearns gave an accessible breakdown of how students should go about applying to US institutions. She spoke passionately about the benefits of studying in the USA and gave lots of advice on how to find the university or college that most suits each particular student. She covered the Common App process and clarified the different components that make up a US college application as well as providing timeframes, deadlines and tips for essays and letters of recommendation. It was also very useful to hear about the financial aid available to international students. You can see the presentation [here](#). EducationUSA is a free service, so if your child is thinking of applying to the US, do not hesitate to contact them for more information. Kyle Overby explained the process of applying for a sports scholarship

in the US and our student athletes were able to meet with him in a small group to gain insight into this process through the NCAA. He talked them through eligibility rules specific to their sports and was able to give them personalised advice on how to proceed with their applications.



## Careers Development Plan

As part of our developing Careers Programme which aims to reach the 8 Gatsby benchmarks, the recognised framework for world class careers provision, over the next year, we will be establishing links in the local community and facilitating opportunities for our students to gain insight into the world of work. **As part of this process, we are asking members of our parent community to come into school and talk to our students about their job!**

If you work in any of the following areas and would like to inspire and motivate our students, please contact us by completing [this form](#) and we will get in touch with you soon.

- Business or Finance
- Technology or Computing
- Culture or Sports
- Science or the Environment
- Mathematics or Engineering
- Communication or Marketing
- Education or Governance



## SIXTH FORM PSHE

Personal, social, health and economic education (PSHE) is an important part of the British curriculum which aims to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to make sound decisions and keep themselves safe. This term in Sixth Form, students have been exploring health and wellbeing. This has included discussing how to balance studies with other important aspects of their lives, how to stay fit and well, both physically and mentally, and how to manage influences on their lifestyle decisions. This culminated in Year 12A leading our Sixth Form assembly in which they shared tips for maintaining a healthy outlook on life and how to reach out for support. Over the term, students have been able to link their learning and enquiry around this topic to other events and projects in our community to raise awareness of mental & physical health. Thank you to all our

Sixth Form students and staff throughout the school who have taken part in drawing attention to these important themes.

*Ms Fenton*  
Head of Sixth Form

## GCSE DRAMA

Last week our Year 11 GCSE Drama students performed their final devised examination piece for students across the secondary school and it was a resounding success!

The GCSE devised piece is a student-led, independent collaborative project. Students choose a stimulus that is meaningful to them and decide on a message for their play. Then they use practical strategies to explore the themes and come up with ideas for characters and situations. As the piece develops and scenes are created, the students are constantly reflecting on the style and structure of the play and whether or not the message is coming through. They must make very careful decisions on characterisation and be able to identify key moments in the decision-making process as they will also have to write a 2000 word portfolio on the development of the piece.

### 'Is this Ok?'

The Year 11 play is called 'Is this OK?' and deals with issues around gender expectations and societal norms, sending a clear message that everyone is equal and that there is always a different perspective to consider. Sofia Gikic, Sade Maccow, Martina Vilert and Lucy Bohm gave skilful performances, whilst Vinny Todorovich supported and enhanced the actors through his lighting design using our new professional lighting rig in our Performance area. The actors spent time talking to the audience at the end of each show and the feedback was invaluable for helping them evaluate the play in their written portfolio. We hope that some of our younger students are inspired to take GCSE Drama in Year 10!



*Ms Fenton*  
Drama Teacher

## KEY STAGE 3

### KS3 IMPORTANT DATES (YEAR 7, 8 AND 9)

Here are some important dates for the first Term after the Christmas break:

KS3 (Year 7, 8 and 9) will have assessments in all their subjects from January 22nd to February 2nd. These take place during normal lessons, and the results will form part of the full reports, which parents will receive on 28th February.

Topic lists for revision will be posted on every subject's Google Classroom before Christmas (although there is no pressure for students to be revising over the holidays!)

Year 9 will be choosing their subjects for GCSE in the Spring Term. To help students-and parents-understand the options process, and to be able to find out if a subject is the right choice for them, we will be holding Options Evening on 6th February. Options subject teachers will be available to advise and inform about their subjects, some of which will be new to the students as they are not studied at KS3. Year 9 parents-please do join us!

### YEAR 7 SPORTS

#### YEAR 7 Football

Last Wednesday the Year 7 football teams of both boys and girls took part in the BISA interschool football tournament. Playing at the Pitort stadium, BSB Castelldefels, both teams represented the school immaculately with both a high level of footballing discipline and fantastic team values.

The boys played brilliantly in a very tough group over 5 matches, some of which being the best performances of the tournament! As their first experience playing together, the team displayed fantastic strategies and tactics to overcome some advanced players. They eventually lost to a strong BFIS team in the semi final who later went on to win the tournament.

In the girls tournament there were lots of great teams and our team started the day nervously but excited. In the first game the girls showed their skills and were on the attack. They scored 7 goals! The excellent determination and teamwork meant not a single goal was scored against



them... this became the theme of the day. A couple of times throughout the matches the other teams came close to scoring a goal however the excellent work of the defenders and both our goalies ensured success. When not playing the girls spent the whole day cheering and ensuring



BCG students (both boys and girls) felt encouragement. Overall the day belonged to the BCG girls who dominated the whole tournament without conceding a single goal! They won all of their matches and eventually beat Oak House in the final 3-0. Their skills, team work and efforts were fantastic and the scenes at the final whistle were enjoyed by all involved. A very exciting day and I cannot wait to see them in their next match.

Well done.

*Mr Pilcher*

## ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Across the school last week, we were raising awareness about anti-bullying and celebrating all our unique and wonderful differences. The theme for this year's anti-bullying week was "Let's Make a Noise About Bullying" and we discussed with the children how we have to take responsibility not only for our own actions and behaviour towards others, but also to stand up for and care for others if we see bullying happening. We had various activities happening across the school for this important event. We had assemblies across the different Key Stages, including a Key Stage 2 assembly in which some Year 8 students - Chiara, Vera, Emma, Sienna and Stefania - came and performed their fantastic rap, all about anti bullying.

During the primary play times, we had some secondary students in the tent, offering support to any younger children who wanted to talk or play. We had Odd Socks Day on Tuesday, where all children were invited to wear brightly coloured odd socks in order to celebrate diversity and difference. And finally, we had some Secondary CAS students make our fantastic Kindness Pledge Tree. All students across the whole school came and wrote a kindness pledge to hang on the branches, promising acts of kindness for each other. A very successful and thoughtful week, with lots of kindness and care shown to each other.

*Ms Carter*



## PRIMARY NEWS

Dear parents and families,

This is my favourite time of year in school but it is also the busiest. Children have been busy learning, growing, developing - it really is so warming to see how much they have learnt in just one (almost) full school term. Busy seems to be the 'buzz' word at the moment, especially in EYFS who last week attended a trip to the Bee Farm. The children learnt about the different flowers that the bees use to make honey and how this changes the taste and colour of the honey. They observed and took part in the process of extracting the honey from the honeycomb safely without disrupting or harming the bees. They then made labels for their very own little jar of honey and even got to taste some, which they all found very delicious.

After a short break the children put on their beekeeper suits and walked down to the farm where they met all the different bees including the queen. The bee farmers used a special smoke to make these bees hungry and keep them calm whilst we observed them working. The children were very lucky during the visit to see a baby bee being born and hatching out of the nest. Everyone was very surprised to see it starting to work only moments after being born. Thank you to all the staff who attended this trip and made sure our little learners had a fantastic learning experience.



As part of our World War 2 Topic Unit, Year 6 recently enjoyed Evacuee Day. They travelled back in time to imagine themselves as children who had been evacuated during the Blitz (accompanied by a Land Girl and Neville Chamberlain, a.k.a. Ms O'Connor and Mr Sumner!)

In the morning, they followed a WW2 rationing recipe to make delicious rock cakes, as well as using recycled materials to craft our own gas masks. In the afternoon, the classes took part in workshops to role play the evacuee experience and to learn WW2-era children's games, such as Hopscotch and Jacks. They finished off their day with a singalong of popular songs from the era, such as "We'll Meet Again" by Vera Lynn. It was a memorable day and the children had a wonderful time learning all about life as a WW2 evacuee. A big thank you to Ms O'Connor and Mr Sumner for organising such a wonderful curriculum focus day.



From Monday 27th November, we are collecting non-perishable food for Gran Recapte for people in need. Gran Recapte is a Catalan company that makes a collection of food for those in need. We collect food until Friday 1st December. The food will be collected in boxes coloured by House colour (Blue-Lita, Yellow- Dali, Red-Miro and Green-Gaudi) in the primary library for primary and Early Years. There will also be a competition where the food will be weighed in kilograms and the House that collects food with the most weight will get 100 points and second place House will get 50 points. Thank you in advance for your support with this wonderful initiative.

You should by now have received communication about our exciting Christmas events: the EYFS, KS1 and KS2 Xmas shows plus our long awaited Christmas Fair. As always, we really do appreciate your support and would love your help in making this year's fair our best yet!

Here's to a wonderful week ahead to all of our families. I really do enjoy receiving your feedback and working with you to further strengthen our home-school partnership. My door is always open if you need me.

Best wishes,

*Miss Wakelin*  
Head of EYFS & Primary

## YEAR 4 GEOGRAPHY TRIP - DELTA DEL LLOBREGAT

As part of our geography topic, learning about about Rivers, Year 4 visited the Delta del Llobregat. The trip was led by an organisation called Fem Natura, who offer a wide range of activities dedicated to promoting respectful attitudes towards nature and the environment through Environmental Education. We had

a wonderful day outside in the fresh air, learning about the various animals and wildlife around the river and the protected area. The children enjoyed using the binoculars to spot different





birds and turtles and we were lucky enough to see two flamingos! We learnt about the journey of the river through Catalonia finding out the source of the river and where it joins the sea. Now, we will continue our learning back in class within our lessons as we are set to make a giant river collage, use computers and google maps to track famous rivers around the world, and learn the key features of rivers. Well done Year 4 for a very successful first trip.

*Year 4 Team*





### YEAR 3 ROMAN DAY

When asking our Year 3's what their most favourite part of their Roman topic was, they nearly all replied with "Our Roman day". It was such a great day and we all had so much fun being Roman citizens or soldiers. We have been learning about Roman myths in English and know that the Gods can sometimes be crossed with us down on earth and so we knew we had to work really hard all day to keep them happy. We had already learned about what the Romans ate, foods such as fish guts and flamingo tongue but decided to not eat these at our Roman banquet celebration. Instead we ate delicious Roman honey biscuits that we had baked ourselves. We also learned about Roman numerals and we can now write them from 1 to 12. This is going to help us when we learn about telling the time and have to use watch faces with Roman numerals instead of numbers. The highlight of the day was marching like Roman soldiers with the incredibly impressive, beautifully





made Roman shields. What fantastic and wonderful efforts were made by everyone. Many thanks to families for your support with these; they were superb. We learned that Roman soldiers could march for many miles and how they used their shields to protect them in battle. We were then able to have a “slow-mo” battle with our friends and see how our shields could protect us when needed. The Year 3’s have thoroughly enjoyed this topic, kept the Roman Gods happy and are now ready for their next learning adventure.

*Ms Stevens*



## CONSELL D'INFANTS DE GAVÀ

The second Children's Council of Gavà is constituted with the participation of the BCG

Last Monday, l'Espai Maragall hosted the plenary session for the constitution of the 2nd Children's Council of Gavà, a space for citizen participation where the protagonists are the youngest people of Gavà. Representatives of Y6 (Diego García and Berta Gaisser from the BCG) and Y7 (Lola Chacón and Pol Chermes from the BCG) from all the schools in Gavà were chosen

during the month of September to be the voice of children and to be responsible for transmitting their ideas and proposals for the city. Also present at the plenary session were the members of last year's Council, some of whom are already in Y8 (1st year ESO) and have handed over their posts to the new members.

After the presentation of all the members of the Council, the Public Space and Environment Department explained the improvements that will be made to

the Millennium Park thanks to the proposals of the previous Children's Council. The mayoress, Gemma Badia, addressed the children and stressed that "we can learn a lot from all this: you learn how all this is done and we learn from your ideas".

Finally, the mayoress announced the new tasks of this second council. On the one hand, to participate in the planning of the two major festivals of the city, Sant Nicasí 2024 and Sant Pere 2025, thinking about what the majority of children in Gavà might like. On the other hand, to think about an action for Mobility Week.

*Languages department*



## ENRICHMENT

### CAS and SL Project Invites and Updates

#### GRAN RECAPTE

Dear parents and guardians,

Starting this week from Monday 27th November to Monday 11th December, the school will hold a food donation event for the Grand Recapte. This will be a competition between houses, and students must place any food items they bring in the box that corresponds to their house (DALI yellow, GAUDI green, MIRO red and LITA blue). The boxes will be located in the primary library (for EYFS and Primary students), and outside the auditorium (for Secondary and 6th form). Students should drop their food donation in the boxes between 8:40 to 11:00 am each day. Please be reminded that food should be non-perishable items only (rice, pasta, canned vegetables, canned fish etc.). Please also check that the food is in date.

Sincerely,

*Pedro, Margaux, Platons and Vlada*

*IB Career Programme Students*



#### MOVEMBER

This is a reminder that all participants should be adding their weekly photo to [this folder](#).

On Thursday 30th November your child is invited to wear **light blue** to celebrate the end of the Movember month. It would be a fun end of month celebration if they also wore a fake moustache or beard.

Thanks!

*Pedro*

## AIDS INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS DAY

On Friday 1st December, we are asking secondary students to wear **RED**! We are not collecting monetary donations for this day of awareness. Many people assume that as medication is available, this is no longer a cause requiring attention. This is wrong. There is a stigma attached that is worth discussing with our older students and as well other prevalent and related issues associated with AIDS. We should know about these and continue action until this is no longer a health threat. We will be holding some info assemblies the following week.

Thank you,

*Platons*

## CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

This is a reminder that we are hosting a movie night for KS2 students on Friday 1st December. We are showing Elf. Please see our poster at the end of this newsletter. To help us get organised, please fill out [this google form](#) to show us your child will attend. Please bring the correct money.

*Samanta, Liam and Ines*  
Year 12 CAS

**Christmas Movie Night**

THIS HOLIDAY, DISCOVER YOUR INNER ELF.

**elf**

WILL FERRELL **elf** JAMES CAAN

On **Friday December 1st** we will be hosting a Christmas Movie Night for **KS2** starting at **16:30** in the **auditorium** and finishing at **18:30**. We will be screening the movie **Elf**. The **price is 3€** per child, which includes **popcorn, drinks and a fun time with friends**. **Sign up on the Google Form** attached (with more info). **Hope you have fun!**

This event is organised by Year 12 students Inés, Liam and Samanta

## FOOTBALL

Last Friday, the children that play in our Football Team on Fridays in the mixed football league (girls and boys) organized by the Consell Esportiu del Baix Llobregat (CEBLOB) were excited to receive their new and personalised football kit courtesy of FUNDamentales Multisport run by Mr Pilcher and Mr Sales.

After a difficult first season last year they always remained positive and determined, showing great resilience. The ever improving team performed brilliantly last Friday night and won convincingly. We are all proud of these young players!





# Christmas

*SAVE THE DATES!*

SECONDARY CONCERT

(selected students)

DECEMBER 14 AT 7 PM

CHRISTMAS FAIR

KS1 concert at 2:15pm

EYFS concert at 3pm

Lighting of the tree and tombola at 5:30pm

DECEMBER 15 3 TO 6PM

KS2 (Y3-Y6) CONCERT

DECEMBER 20 AT 3 PM

BCG Community

JOIN US  
**Christmas Fair**  
**2023**

**Friday 15th December - 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

**2:15 pm** KS1 Christmas concert (only Year 1 and 2 parents) - Auditorium

**3:00 pm** EYFS Christmas concert (only Nursery and Reception parents) - Auditorium

**3:00 pm** Primary Pick up and the fair officially begins

Food stalls and game stalls by BCG houses

**5:30 pm** Tombola and lighting of the Christmas Tree (closing music performance) - Sports hall

**18:00** End

BCG Money will be on sale at the reception and gates at pick up times.

**NON-UNIFORM DAY**

**Everyone is invited to wear Christmas themed clothes!**

