



Weekly Bulletin

April 30th 2021



Welcome to our bulletin

As all of our Year 11 and Year 12 students prepare themselves for the final assessments which will determine their final grades this summer, the GCSE PE students had their practical moderation.

This is when we partner with another school and compete against each other in a variety of sports. The teachers from BCG and the other school jointly watch all the students and agree on the marks that have been awarded. This makes it fair and ensures every school is assessing their students in the same way. So, this year we welcomed students from Oak House and what a fantastic day it was! The students from both schools were so happy to be competing against each other, the Year 4s and Year 6s were all out supporting and cheering our team on in football. It was a joy to see the school come alive again after a year without visitors. Everyone is already looking forward to the return match! Huge thanks go to Mr Steadman and the team for organising such a fantastic day.

Simon Mower

Follow us

We are so excited at the way in which the school is moving forward that we would like your help to promote all the good work. Can we ask that you follow us on as many of these social media platforms that you use, share them with your friends and help us increase followers on all of these platforms so that more people see what great things are happening at BCG!



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Open day events

An Open Day is an important opportunity for prospective parents to experience the BCG community first hand. This will be a great option to learn about our varied curriculum, meet the team, tour the school and discover our learning atmosphere.

Invite your family and friends.

OPEN DAYS



A leading international school in Barcelona providing first class education in a green and friendly environment, an IB World School where your children are encouraged to become empathetic, confident global citizens.



JOIN US & VISIT OUR CAMPUS

Open day	May 7th	9:00
Assessment day	May 14th	9:00 to 11:00
Open day	May 21st	14:30
Assessment day	May 28th	9:00 to 11:00
Open day	June 11th	9:00 and 14:30
Assessment day	June 18th	9:00 to 11:00

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SECONDARY

Dear parents,

It has been a busy week in the Secondary School. We had an exciting trip to the zoo with a biology theme in the science department for Year 7, we hosted Oakhouse School for a GCSE PE moderation and played fixtures in table tennis, basketball, football and hockey (details below in the PE News) and our teachers talked to the Year 11 parents about their children's progress and performance. It was great to see so many parents (virtually) and discuss your amazing children.

With regard to residential trips the Year 9 DofE letter has been sent out as the trip is fast approaching. If you would not like your child to attend please email me or the trips department. I hope your children are extremely excited for the Yer 7 - 10 residential, it promises to be an incredible experience. The letter for this trip will be published on Wednesday the 5th May.

I would like to remind parents to keep up the high standards we have for uniform. Your children should come to school in full BCG uniform, this includes for PE. The school uniform requirements can be found on our website. If your children are cold in the mornings they can wear their own coats and hoodies but we please ask them to remove these before going into the school building.

Mr Steadman



Important dates:

Year 9 DofE practice expedition - 14th/15th May

Year 10 DofE practice expedition - 18th June

Year 11 DofE practice expedition - 4th June

Year 7 - 10 residential trip - 7th - 10th June

Year 11 final exams - May 17th - 28th

Year 7 - 10 assessment week - May 31st - 4th June

Year 11 final exams - May 17th - June 1st

Year 11 pre IBDP course - June 2nd - June 18th



Welcome Carolynne Bell

Hello everyone! My name is Carolynne Bell and I am delighted to be the newest member of your fantastic, vibrant and friendly community. I am originally from Scotland but come to you via the Philippines, Turkey, France, Georgia and Cyprus having worked in international schools since 2006.

I joined BCG on Monday as a teacher of Physical Education and Science with an additional responsibility as Head of Enrichment.

This is an exciting new role which seeks to embrace and extend holistic learning opportunities for our students. We aim to ensure a diverse and interesting range of curricular and extracurricular activities are on offer in BCG with the purpose of helping students to develop, practice and apply the necessary academic, social, physical, emotional and cultural skills required to be effective global citizens. What exactly is an effective global citizen? I have been asked this question many times. Now, more than ever - in our dynamic and ever changing world - our students are facing a range of challenges that require them to be adaptable, flexible and resilient while at the same time managing their emotions and setting personal goals and targets that contribute to their overall health and well-being. The school's enrichment programme will support students in their journey towards being the best they can be and fulfilling their potential; not only academically, but in ways that will allow them to successfully navigate life outside school. It's an exciting time to be here and I thank you all for your warm welcome.

Summer Academic English language course

Do you want your children to improve their academic English in intensive, engaging and focussed lessons?

This summer we will be offering a summer Academic English language course alongside and integrated with our BCG Summer Camp: Building a New World. Students will receive 3 hours a day of English lessons taught by our BCG EAL specialist. Lesson will focus on key skills and content needed to progress academically in English, incorporating key grammar and vocabulary and practicing the four skills: listening, speaking, writing and reading.

Mr Fassan

BCG **SUMMER CAMP**
Academic English

Improve your Academic English
Eliminate Errors
Project based: Work with other students on exciting projects to develop creativity, leadership and time management skills.

28th June - 30th July
Monday to Friday
9:00 to 13:00
Lunch Included

Age 13-17 years
200€
10% Discount for BCG Students

Syllabus integrates the Global Goals and targets **B1 / B2 levels**
Includes **Cambridge Preliminary and First style preparation materials.**
3 hours of lessons a day taught by a native teacher, improving grammar and vocabulary and practising the four skills, speaking, listening, reading and writing.

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To find out more about the school visit www.britishcollegegava.com

UPPER PRIMARY

Dear Parents and Families,

The Upper Primary school has been alive with all things 'sustainability' these past few weeks. The effort, ideas and creativity I am witnessing on a daily basis is truly lovely. Our pupils have been heavily engaged in their class' projects, whether it is writing letters to Mr Mower requesting a Peace Path, sorting toys and thinking about consumption, carrying out surveys and drawing graphs, collecting litter or growing vegetables and herbs. The thing most evident in all classes is the children's commitment to their projects. Each fortnight, each class shares with the other classes a presentation all about the work they have done on their Global Goal. Whilst we still can't hold whole school assemblies, we have found ways to share learning across the school. A big heartfelt thank you to all the teachers and children involved in this project. We look forward to sharing their completed projects with you.

Housepoints

I am not sure if this particular House has had a secret 'team-talk' but they are racing ahead with the points. They have clearly been motivated learners and no doubt impressing their teachers in all lessons because the roaring REDSSSSSS are this week's winners! Very well done to every single Red Team member.

Diary dates:

Public Holiday (no school): 3rd May

School INSET Day (no school): 4th May

Year 4 Zoo Trip: 5th May

Year 5 and 6 Residential: 10 - 14th May

Year 6 Secondary Transition 'Taster' Week: 7 and 8th June

Year 3 and 4 Residential: 9 - 11th June

End of Year Upper Primary Assessment Week: 31st May – 4th June

I am very excited to announce that all residential trips for the Upper Primary pupils have been booked and confirmed. It has taken longer than usual as we have had to duplicate the reservations of the buses, rooms and activities. Ensuring stringent Covid protocols will be in place once there has been our top priority in planning these trips. Today I met with Years 5 and 6 to tell them all about the activities and shown them where we are staying. They were thrilled. In a couple of week's time, I will meet with the Year 3 and 4 pupils who will also be attending their residential in June. I am overjoyed that restrictions have eased enough enabling us to provide our pupils with this great opportunity to create memories that will last a lifetime.

I look forward to seeing our pupils return on Wednesday 5th May.

I hope you enjoy the long weekend

Un abrazo

Miss Wakelin

EYFS & LOWER PRIMARY

House Team Activities Week - Wednesday 5th to Friday 7th May

Next week we have a very exciting week of activities for the children across Nursery to Year 2 as we are taking part in our very first BCGHouse Team Activities week!

From Wednesday 5th to Friday 7th May children will be taking part in a wide variety of STEM and creative arts activities and will be working together with friends in their house (colour) teams.

A glimpse of the themes per day are as follows:

Wednesday 5th- **Sports day and World Maths Day**

Thursday 6th- **Science (Year 2 theatre trip am)**

Friday 7th - **Forest, Cooking and Arts**

From chemical reactions, to paint splatting canvases, to flapjack making, wigwam forest sessions, visiting secondary science labs to making slime and ice, the week is set to be a truly enjoyable time for all. The aim of this off time-table week is to excite and inspire the children in science, maths and the arts and for them to start to appreciate the idea of belonging to a team outside of their class.

I very much look forward to seeing all the boys and girls in their colours on the morning gate on Wednesday.

Enjoy the long weekend!

Mrs Pilcher



Photos of Sports Day 2018

Year 5

Life cycles

Last week, in Year 5, we were learning all about the life cycles of different mammals. Miss Cassar came into the classroom to teach us all about the life cycle of the dog and cat. Miss Cassar is a veterinary nurse, and so she is an expert! The class came up with excellent enquiry questions for Miss Cassar - well done Year 5. A huge thank you to Miss Cassar for helping us learn all about these animals and teaching us about their life cycle!



Trip to Montjuic

On Tuesday, Year 5 took a trip to Montjuic. We explored around the Olympic stadium and learnt all about its history and involvement in different sports events, such as the 1992 Olympic Games. We had a tour of the Olympic museum and learnt all about the history of the Olympics, particularly who invented them - The Ancient Greeks! We then took a short walk to the Ancient Greek theatre, where we did some drama activities and reenacted Pandora's Box, finished off by a game of 'Follow the leader' in the maze. We had so much fun that lots of us fell asleep on the way back to school!

Ms Muirhead





Reception Assembly

Today, the Reception Class of Penguins performed their Celebration of Learning Assembly! The children have been practising all last week and this week, and today shone in front of their Nursery audience! They performed a short story of the learning journey they have been on during their year in reception, put together with actions and a song in Spanish. The children should be very proud of what they have achieved today - they were a little nervous, but did a fantastic job! And even more so, they should be immensely proud of all the things they have achieved over the year that they spoke about during their assembly! Congratulations Penguin Class on your first performance!



Zoo Visit

On Tuesday 27th April the entire year 7 class went on an exciting adventure to Barcelona Zoo as an introduction to their final Biology topic of the year. There, we saw a multitude of different animals - from the laughing hyenas to the sleeping lions, from the playful monkeys to the lazy hippos, and of course a wonderful trip into the world of reptiles and dragons with a visit to baby green tree pythons (who were yellow!) and the largest of all lizards - the komodo dragons.

Students were fantastically engaged with the trip, and were taken on a tour by an expert keeper at the zoo, where we learnt all about the different adaptations that animals have to help them survive. Intelligent questions were asked and excellent notes were taken. We learnt about how sea lions are different from seals, about how penguins can make their own water repellent for their feathers, and how antelope are fantastically adept at avoiding predators.

Whilst journeying around the zoo we also encountered confident peacocks, who joined us for part of the journey, and marvelled at giant pelicans and bright pink flamingos! The students were all exemplary in their behaviour and demonstrated that they are all fantastic ambassadors to the school. Enjoy the fantastic photos and videos that were taken by the students on their way around!

Ms Lane



LINGUISTS OF THE WEEK IN THE LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

EYFS and Primary:

The linguists of the week in EYFS and primary for being excellent communicators in one of the 3 languages are:

Reception: Spanish

Juan Jaquotot

Year 1: Spanish

Max Rodríguez

Year 2: Catalan

Maia Carro

Thomas Alexander Amilibia

Y3: Spanish

Isabel Salvatore

Y4: French

Emma Jennemyr

Y5: Spanish

Benicio Gimenez

Y6: Spanish

Anton Kaeskho

Candela Encinas

Secondary:

The linguists of the week for our first value, KNOWLEDGEABLE, are

French: Alina de Somere, Year 8

Spanish: Yuvgen Zinchenko Year 8

Catalan: Pau Rey Year 11

Congratulations to all of them!

Language Department



Visit of the writer Oriol Canosa to the BCG

On Tuesday we were visited by Oriol Canosa, the author of one of the most enjoyed books in Catalan in the Year 6 Book Club activity: *L'Illa de Paidonèsia* (The Island of Paidonèsia). Oriol Canosa is a Catalan writer and bookseller. He has published stories such as *La casa del professor Kürbis* and *Apa!* and *¿Te piensas que nos lo creemos?* He has also contributed to the magazines *Pequeño Sapiens*, *Cavall Fort* and *BarçaKids*.

Both Year 6 and Year 9 pupils had the opportunity to ask him a lot of really interesting questions, discuss with him about the content of the book, his inspiration to create the story, the character of Nicolau, the title of the novel, etc. They also asked him about the writer's profession and its challenges, the translations of his books into other languages, the importance or not of literary prizes or the method used to create and write a story. Mr Canosa signed the copies of the novel that the Year 6 students had and we took a photo as a remembrance of the writer's visit to our school.

Spanish and Catalan department



Sports Performer of the Week

For sports performer of the week in Lower Primary we have Alexandra Martin Urrea Year 2B for always trying her best and playing with awareness by passing accurately to her teammates. In Upper Primary we have Biel Valle Teruel Year 6, he was super helpful, teaching me names and assisting with refereeing, still participating to the best of his ability while injured by taking on a different role / responsibility other than 'performer'. From Secondary we have Natasha Worthington Zapata Year 10 for volunteering to do all the fitness test times to ensure a bit of reliability and consistency in these and Valeria Diaz Teira Year 10 just for wanting to give everything a second go to improve her scores and making an effort to grow in and practice confidence building skills.

Mr Steadman



PE News

Hello sports fans,

It has been an incredible week of sport here at BCG. We finally hosted another school for some fixtures after 13th months of no games. On Tuesday Oakhouse school came to us for a GCSE PE moderation, we were able to film evidence and clarify grades for our students. But this also gave us an amazing opportunity to not have 1 but 4 fixtures.

The first match was basketball and our Year 11 team have been training every week since September. The boys were incredible winning 24 - 8 with some outstanding performances from Augusto, Hector and Vitali. The second match was a tournament of table tennis, our players Josei, Mariona and Pau beat Oakhouse 14 - 3 in matches. The next fixture on the programme was hockey. Again our students excelled with amazing performances from Pau, Judith, Marsal and Mariona. We won this match 3 - 0. Our students were on a roll, with 3 fixtures won and only football to play (the game the whole school had been waiting for). Oakhouse brought a very strong football team, unfortunately we only had one true footballer in the GCSE group. We played very well, with lot's of heart but lost 6 - 8.

It was a shame we could not invite parents to watch but I would like to thank the support the entire school showed the sports teams. We had Year 4 chanting on the sidelines and each and every student asked me about the scores and were truly ecstatic about the wins or devastated about the losses. This is what makes BCG a special school, we all feel the defeats and victories of every pupil as a community.

Mr Steadman



EYFS & Lower Primary A GLIMPSE OF THE WEEK



Upper Primary A GLIMPSE OF THE WEEK



Secondary

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