



Weekly Bulletin

June 4th 2021



Welcome to our bulletin

Busy times at BCG

There are so many wonderful events and activities happening at the moment. It is so lovely to see all of the children finally being able to go out on residential trips and I am sure they will all have a fantastic time. So much care and preparation goes into

planning these trips so that the children have the very best experience.

Residential trips are a time for children to develop their independence, often the first time away from home. Without fail, all children have a wonderful time and learn so much from the experience. They will arrive home tired but happy to see their families again and will have lots of stories to tell.

No mobile phones on school trips

It is the school's policy not to allow mobile phones on trips. For 50 years school trips happened very successfully without the need for phones and

there is no reason to change that now. On the contrary it will do the children a lot of good not to be fixed to their devices. Actually, they will be so busy with the wonderful array of activities that they won't think about their mobiles at all anyway! Of course, if a child has a particular desire to talk briefly to their parents we will arrange that. Please make sure the year 7 to 10 Tutors have the contact details for the class whatsapp groups. You will also have been given the school trips mobile number, although this should only be used in case of emergency.

There will be no exceptions to this policy but you will see when the children return that it is the right thing to do and who knows, they may even tell you they don't need a phone at all! Or perhaps not.

Other news

Earlier this week we had the fantastic Primary Summer Concert with some many great performances from our young musicians. A huge thanks to Mrs Foreman and all of the teachers involved but a particular congratulations to the girls and boys for sharing their love of music with us - it was such a lovely event. The Year 2 had a party and then a sleepover last night - they were so excited and had a wonderful time.

The PreDP course for Year 11 students started this week - they have a very busy schedule and we look forward to seeing how it is all going in next week's newsletter - they are currently all out on a DofE walk having been surfing yesterday!

Simon Mower

MUSIC - PRIMARY SUMMER CONCERT

Dear BCG,

Today for me it was a very special event. One that reminds me why I chose teaching in the first place. It filled my heart with joy to see all of those performers play together today.

I have to thank them first for their hard work, commitment and positiveness toward all the months we have been working for this concert.

In October we started with 22 pianists wanting to join a music club and we finished with 23 accomplished string beginners that hopefully will carry on for the years to come, to enjoy and love music!

It inspires me, their willingness to thrive and learn and listen and cooperate with each other. The kindness and respect they showed with their learning process and their classmates.

I only have words of gratitude.

I also want to thank Mrs Foeman for making it happen, the school for the support in music (without that, not much we can do) and all the classroom teachers for their flexibility and patience with all the changes during all year!

Thank you all,

Montserrat Colomé

MUSIC



UPPER PRIMARY

Dear parents and families,

As we edge closer to the finish line, with less than 3 weeks to go until the end of the school year, the school remains to be a hive of activity. From recycling projects to food workshops, we are doing it all. This week, Years 3, 5 and 6 participated in a '5-A-Day' workshop all about responsible food use. This included: balanced eating, healthy life habits and raising awareness against food waste. The workshop ended in the children enjoying delicious fruit smoothies.

Behind the scenes we have been busily preparing for the next academic year. I am very excited about the expansion of the Upper Primary school as we now move to 2-form entry (2 classes per year group). This means not only the arrival of new teachers in September but smaller classes too. The future of the school gets brighter every day. Part of our preparation is arranging transition for the Year 2 pupils to move into Year 3 and the Year 6 pupils to move to Year 7. 'Moving on' as we call it, is a very special and important time of the school year, especially for Year 2 and Year 6 as they progress to the next key stage.

Mrs Pilcher and I, together with Miss Stratton and Miss Osivwemu, will be working collectively on transition ideas and activities for Year 2s moving up. Mr Smith and I, with the support of Mr Steadman and Mr Hooley, have been working hard to put together a fantastic program for Year 6's transition to the Secondary School. On Monday and Tuesday of next week, the Year 6s

will become Year 7s for the day. Here they will follow a Secondary timetable and participate in some wonderful activities to give them a flavour of life in Secondary. We will end the year with a special Graduation Ceremony which will take place on Thursday 17th June (Year 6 parents will receive a letter today with all the details). This will be followed by a sleepover, BBQ and disco.

With regards to the splitting classes, each class teacher has split their class based on: gender, ability and social dynamics. Pupils were asked to write the names of 2 children they would like to have in their class next year and we have said to all children we will only guarantee one. The children have responded very maturely to this and we have explained that they will be in parallel classes so will see their friends at break and lunch times and in some lessons where children are mixed.

As we come to the end of a busy and intense Assessment Week across the whole school, I would like to personally thank all of the children for their hard work and high levels of motivation, especially at this time of year. For many reasons, there have been more challenges than ever before this year. Both pupils and staff must be commended for managing these as brilliantly as they have.

Have a wonderful weekend

Un abrazo

Miss Wakelin

SUSTAINABILITY DAY

On Friday, just before Assessment week, Upper Primary enjoyed yet another Sustainability Day. All the year groups had collected and brought into school plastic bottles, cardboard boxes, bottle lids and other recyclable materials to create a whole class piece of art. The day was very much enjoyed by the children, who came up with their own ideas of what to make and what materials to use. Some pieces of art were linked to the Sustainability Global Goals. Here is a short description of what each year group made.

Year 6 made a car out of cardboard which uses rubbish as fuel and linked this to Global Goal 12- Responsible Consumption. They also made a trophy out of plastic bottles with a taco on top as well as a dragon, which shows their creativity.

Year 5 linked their artwork to Global Goal 14- Life below water. They created different types of fish out of bottle tops to represent the dying sea creatures due to pollution and marine waste.

Year 4 made papier mache masks which linked to their Ancient Benin Topic.

Year 3 made robots out of cardboard and plastic bottles and linked this to Global Goal 5- Gender Equality.

It was a very successful day where the children worked together, thought about the Global Goals and raised awareness about living in a sustainable world.

Alexandra Stratton



EYFS & LOWER PRIMARY

Transitions in EYFS LP

At this time of year we begin thinking about the transition process for each class as we prepare for the next academic year 2021/22.

In our phase, we have two big transitions. The first is from Reception class into Year 1 where the children move from the play - based EYFS curriculum to the Key Stage 1 curriculum.

In order to prepare the children for this, the start of the Autumn term in Year 1 will have a very familiar feel to the current daily routine in Reception. This will include short teacher inputs, group activities and free flow. The EYFS pedagogy will be very much a part of Year 1. It is my belief that Year 1 children should definitely still learn through PLAY and have opportunities to choose their own learning. Of course, in accompaniment with a carefully planned environment and increased time for independent and paired working. The children will gradually take on the Year 1 curriculum without even knowing it. The wonderful year they have had with Mrs Bifani, including all the social and emotional, risk taking and opportunities for independence will ensure they are ready for the challenges of Year 1.

The next important transition and more noticeable one will be Year 2 to Year 3 as the children complete the Key Stage 1 curriculum (Years 1 and 2) and start the next chapter in their Primary schooling as they enter Key Stage 2 (Year 3 to 6). The children will leave the EYFS block and all classes will be in the main and new building.

It will be a bittersweet time for me to say goodbye to this group of children that I started with in Year 1, but I know they are equipped with all the skills they will need to make a running start in Year 3.

Primary Move Up - Morning

Primary Move-up Morning on Friday 18th June will take place from 9.00-11am. During the morning all children in Primary will spend the first 2 hours of the day in their new classrooms meeting their teacher, any new classmates and getting to know their surroundings. This will include a morning snack and play. Activities in class will link to learning that will continue in September. A light Summer `home learning` pack including a mini project, will be sent home with your child as suggested activities to complete over the holidays. For the current Year 2 classes, this will include a taster French lesson as an introduction to this new subject that will be taught in Year 3.

The final part of the transition process is the handover of information from current to new teacher. This is extremely important and we allow plenty of time for meetings between staff members to share assessment information, in addition to full end of year reports that new teachers will read and any additional information which may include meetings with Alba Rosas our SEND coordinator.

Classes 2021-22

I am very happy to announce the class teachers for next year as follows:

Nursery:

- Miss Rebecca Plummer (4 days)
- Mrs Nicola Taylor (1 day)

Reception:

- Mrs Jessica Bifani

Year 1:

- Mrs Nina Pilcher

Year 2:

- Mrs Claire Baker

Year 3 and all other Upper Primary will be announced in next week's newsletter.

You will see that all of the above enables the smoothest possible transitions for the children.

It's an exciting time ahead, but first we want to complete this year with 2 more wonderful weeks to build memories and have fun before we finish for the Summer.

If you have any questions at all about transitions, classes or next year please do not hesitate to contact me.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Pilcher

READING ALOUD IN THE AUDITORIUM

The benefits of reading aloud are well known: it promotes concentration and attention and facilitates social relations. Moreover, by relying on oral expression and intonation, it stimulates the imagination and helps to build self-confidence.

This week, Y4 students were reading aloud from the novel Agatha Mystery.

A Reading Club activity they have been doing in Spanish Lessons with Mr Sales and Ms Sadurní.

Language Department



NURSERY

NURSERY ASSEMBLY

This week the nursery class performed their assembly for the Reception class. They had practiced a lot and were really excited to perform and we could not believe that they were not nervous at all! They sang one of our favorite number songs, 10 little ducks, showed off some of their amazing writing and learning and then ended with another song linked to our topic of Journeys - people and places.

We really enjoyed the experience and hope that next time we can have an even bigger audience to watch us, for now you can enjoy the video!

Miss Baker and Miss Yaiza



YEAR 2

PARTY AND SLEEPOVER!



What a FABULOUS time we have all had taking part in the event of the year- Year 2 Party and Sleepover! From start to finish the children were simply amazing! We had face paints, a visit from Coco the Clown (aka Mr Mower), balloon art from Mr Pilcher, a very impressive wedding style photo-

booth, hide and seek and this was only before 6pm. Next we went upstairs for the disco, complete with bubble machine, disco lights, DIY balloon arch (thank you very much to Dante's mummy), musical chairs and a dance off! Then it was back outside for a BBQ feast. The children ate so well, with

YEAR 2

PARTY AND SLEEPOVER! (II)



all the usual bbq spread plus a healthy dessert of yogurts and fruit. (Our plan to have full tummies to ensure the best possible sleep went well.)

Part 3 was a movie in the auditorium with cinema style popcorn before a final small hot chocolate milk, moonlight forest walk with torches and surprise glow in the dark bands before a bedtime story and snuggle down to sleep!

It was a real pleasure to host this and all year 2 teachers must say well done and thank you to the boys and girls for making it such a fun time. Not a single tear was shed!

I think this is the start of a new Year 2 tradition! This was the start of our transition process to Year 3, with opportunities to become more independent and responsible! The children's suitcases may not be as neatly packed as they were when they arrived on Thursday morning but they took care of themselves, 'rolled' up their sleeping bags, found their socks, shared toothpaste, helped to brush each other's hair and managed to be fairly presentable for a full day at school today. What a success!

Mrs Pilcher

YEAR 5

THIS WEEK IN YEAR 5

I would like to say a huge well done to Year 5 this week. They have been absolute superstars and all done so well in their assessments. They should be very proud of themselves and take the weekend to chill out and relax. A LOT!

We have had such a lovely week, it has been so much fun. We have sung songs together, made coastal features from clay and showed the rest of the school what we have been working on for our Life Below Water project.



YEAR 5

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I would also like to say a special well done to four members of the class: Benicio Gimenez, Chiara Duek, Eve Fassam and Noa Martinez. Last week, Year 5 wrote persuasive letters and those four wrote some really excellent pieces of writing. The class as a whole were so passionate about the topic they were studying (plastic pollution) that they came up with the idea to include their letters in the newsletter addressed to the parents/carers of BCG. There are 23 of us, so it was super hard to pick just one to include! However, Benicio blew us away with his fantastic letter... So here it is.



Dear wonderful and glorious parents of BCG,

I am writing to ask if you can stop using single-use plastic because it is having an awful impact on our beautiful environment.

The most important reason is that people use single-use plastic and then throw it away, but they don't know it takes up to 500 years to decompose. Did you know some materials never decompose? That's horrible for the environment.

In addition to this, we need to stop using single-use plastic because lots of animals are going to be extinct. Did you know that over 8 million tonnes of plastic finds its way into the ocean every year. Do you want Gava Mar beach to be full of plastic? Do you? If we don't stop, the world is going to be plastic!

Some may argue that single-use plastic is better because it is quicker, but it is very bad for the world.

Single-use plastics are bad because fish that we eat, or any animal, can eat the plastic. Maybe we have plastic inside us! Did you know that 20% of fish have plastic in their stomach?

I believe it would be best to decide to not use single-use plastic (which are plastic bags, plastic bottles and straws) in our lives. Which means no more plastic, no more pollution and no more single-use plastic.

Yours sincerely,
Benicio Gimenez

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

- Nathaniel Korpanec

Year 1: Spanish

- Ayden Moussaoui

Year 2: Catalan

- Queralt Romero
- Olfa Hafaiyah

Y3: French

- Grace White

Y4: French

- David Tudor

Y5: Spanish

- Noa Carro

Y6 Spanish

- Bethany Tennent
- Biel Valle



SECONDARY

The linguists of the week for our first value, COMMUNICATOR, are:

Catalan:

- Jan Bartra, Y7

Spanish:

- Alexandr Avdeyenko, Y10

French:

- Pedro Saez, Y7

Congratulations to all of them!
Languages Department



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