



BCG Newsletter

June 14th 2022



Welcome to our Newsletter

Music in the air

It was so wonderful to see parents back in school enjoying the wonderful concerts! The Primary Orchestra performed splendid pieces and the choirs sang with gusto

while parents swayed, nodded and tapped their feet. I love moments like this when the BCG community comes together for shared experiences. Thanks to Miss O'Connor and Miss Montse for all their hard work but a special thank you to all the wonderful performers! See you tomorrow at the Secondary concert at 15:00.

Making friends from around the world

One of the beauties about being an international school is that we can create partnerships across

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different countries - this provides our students with wonderful opportunities. The two school visits that I mentioned in a previous newsletter were both extremely successful. Our British friends from Impington Village College in Cambridge had a fantastic time despite some coach troubles on their journey through France and it was so good to see the wonderful staff and students from The British College of Andorra visiting too. A huge thanks to all involved but particularly to Ms Moniek and Ms Bell

Graduations galore!

On Thursday we have the very exciting Year 6 Graduation followed by the even more exciting Sleepover! Moving from the Primary school to the Secondary school is a huge thing for these young people and we are looking forward to celebrating their Primary journey with them and their parents and their teachers.

On Friday it is the turn for the 11s, almost all will be coming back in September to start their IB Journey. However our Year 13s really are graduating from BCG, and many of them have been at the school since it opened! These events are very important stages in the lives of these wonderful young adults and I really hope they have an evening they remember for a

IBCP Celebration

After many months of hard work from staff and with the support of our parents and students we are very pleased to announce that BCG is now authorised to offer the IB Career-related Programme. Our vocational Business pathway will start in September 2022 in collaboration with the EU Business School in Barcelona. Students will join our Diploma Programme students in a range of subjects whilst also completing the EU Business School programme and an exciting CP Core programme to develop lifelong skills for work. We are looking forward to offering a wider range of vocational pathways over the coming years. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Louise and Guy Robinson, Faye Hodgkins, Lewis Bamford and Adán Foreman for their time and support.

Mr Simon Mower
Principal

Primary Summer Concerts

What a week this has been for music in BCG! We began with the Primary Summer Concert on Tuesday which featured 130 children in our primary choir and more than 20 children in our primary orchestra. I cannot commend the children enough for the hardwork and dedication they showed over the year and indeed on the runup to the concert. From following a conductor and understanding their musical cues, to singing in harmony and dancing in unison, the children displayed excellent performance skills while showcasing their learning this week. Each week the children attend a choir lesson (as well as their weekly music lesson) and it has been amazing to watch the choir grow in confidence and capability over the year. I could not be prouder of the children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6!

Our second concert of the week was opened by our Year 2 children playing the violins, claves and eggs. This was followed by the Year 3 students playing the violins and cellos. Both year groups have spent months rehearsing for this concert! Learning to play the violin or cello is about so much more than just playing the instrument. Children need to learn how to hold the instrument, what posture to maintain when playing the instrument, how to read sheet music, how to follow a conductor, how to count the beat to know when to play, how to care for an instrument, how to play as part of an ensemble...and so much more! While playing the instrument is obviously a very important part of our lessons, teaching children how to use an instrument and how to set themselves up for success is at the centre of our approach to musical development and creating lifelong musicians. I was so proud seeing 60 of our youngest school children performing this week in what was the biggest orchestral performance BCG has ever had!

As always, our concerts could not happen without the support of many BCG staff. I would like to thank Cesar and Vicu for setting up the venue for both concerts this week. Both men spent hours moving furniture and supporting us with the setup. Ruben controlled our IT and we would have been lost without his excellent understanding of the sound system! Thank you Cesar, Vicu and Ruben!

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that ALL children from Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 can join our orchestra (for free!) next year. Even if your child is not learning an instrument, he/she can still join the orchestra to learn the basics of playing his/her chosen instrument. If he/she really likes the instrument then we can discuss instrumental lessons. Your child can borrow an instrument from the school until you are confident that your child is going to continue with lessons at which point you can consider buying an instrument.

Sign up for instrumental lessons will also be open soon. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

I would like to thank those of you who attended our concerts this week. After more than two years without a live audience it really added so much excitement and

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energy to our performances to have you in the school to celebrate the children's musical accomplishments.

Finally I would like to thank our excellent string teacher Ms. Montse. She runs instrumental lessons, Year 2 and Year 3 string workshops and the orchestra in BCG. She is an amazing addition to the school and is such a caring and supportive teacher. The children have loved working with her this year and I know that next year more children will fall in love with instruments as a result of her teaching.

We hope you enjoyed the concerts this week and more than that I hope you enjoyed witnessing the debut performances of some of BCG's most talented musicians!

That's all for this year!

Ms. O'Connor



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Year 5 & 6 visits Barcelona: Gaudí Tour + Roman Barcelona: Barcino

As part of the curricular activities for the Social Studies subject, Year 5 and Year 6 students took a tour of Paseo de Gracia to see and appreciate first-hand some of the modernist buildings of this great artist. Afterwards, they made a guided visit to the MUHBA museum where they were able to delve into the Roman culture that created the city of Barcino.

This modernist tour allowed the students to get to know and walk through one of the main streets of Barcelona, observing the studied characteristics of Gaudí in the buildings “La Pedrera” and “La Casa Batlló”.

On the other hand, with the guided tour of the MUHBA museum they were able to see part of the first wall of the city of Barcino, as well as the remains of a house, spa, aqueduct, etc. still preserved inside and outside the museum.

Thanks to both activities, the students were not only able to better understand and approach the Roman era and modernism, but they were also able to appreciate and see first-hand the studied work of Antoni Gaudí.

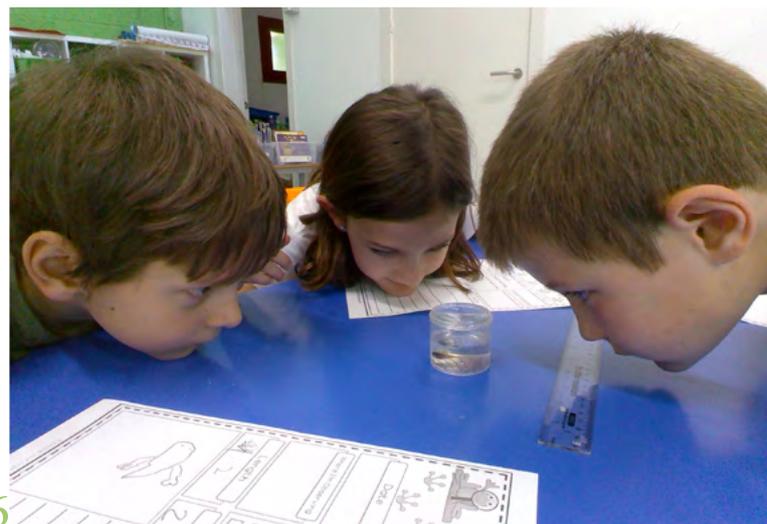


Year 2 Science

This term in Science Year 2 we were studying Life cycles and habitats. As part of this topic we have had some class pets - tadpoles! Over the term we watched them develop through their life cycle into froglets with arms, froglets with arms and legs and finally into little frogs. The children used an observation recording form to monitor the progress of the tadpoles into frogs, measuring them and writing about the changes they could see. They were able to take responsibility for feeding the tadpoles too, did you know they like to eat cucumber?!

Now the end of term is approaching and the tadpoles have become frogs, Miss Baker will be returning them to the pond where she collected them so they can continue their life cycle in the wild.

Miss Baker



Certificate winners for the BCG value Principled

Also the star readers of the week.



Olfa got the Bronze medal - Catalunya Championship of Pony jump 50cm

Great moments in Tarragona (Torredembarra) Catalunya Championship, when Olfa did very well by taking 3rd place and Bronze Medal. Despite being sick 3 days before and she didn't train all last week, she was able to win during this very important championship.



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Year 1 - Four Seasons

This year in science, Year 1 have been learning about the changing seasons. We have learnt to describe and observe the changes that occur in the weather, wildlife, what clothes we wear and even how seasons can affect how we feel!

To complete our learning, we learnt a very catchy song and then split into the four seasons with each child having to choose clothes suitable to wear for that season. We had so much fun rehearsing our song and performed it for Year 2 in our Friday achievement assembly.

Now that we are in the heat of Summer, we are learning about how to stay safe in the sun. The children apply their own sun cream during the day, fill up their water bottles when they need to and wear sun hats when we are learning and playing outside. Well done, Year 1 for being so sensible and knowing how to stay safe during Summer!

Watch Year 1 performance [here](#).

Mrs Pilcher



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Year 8 - Beach Clean Up

Dear parents and guardians,

On the 8th of June it is oceans day and it ties in with what year 8 have been studying in ESD and Geography. Year 8 went to the beach as part of their ESD and Geography curriculum. In ESD they are focused on the problems of plastic in the ocean and in Geography they look at the coastal environment as a whole. Many of the students were ocean enthusiasts before the trip however many have found a renewed interest whilst some were left in shock at the state of the environment. They did not let it upset them though and worked hard during their time collecting rubbish. One group found 64 cigarettes in 40 minutes. Since then they have been brainstorming ideas to help improve the situation. Year 8 were fantastic and dedicated to their clean up quest. After the clean up the students had a refreshment break and played games using recycled and repurposed materials. Just before the walk back to school they completed an activity linking the environment around them to erosion. This then has been continued in their Geography lessons back in class. Many left asking teachers questions about how to continue our efforts and how to prevent the plastic issue at its source. Well done to year 8 on a great afternoon improving the environment and learning about the processes that happen in the coastal zone.

I am sure this is not the last we will see of KS3s efforts to help improve our surrounding environments.

Best wishes,

Sarah Darby and Mark Hooley



WORDS FROM MR STEADMAN

Dear community,

One of the most exciting things for any Head is seeing members of staff gain promotion and move on to continue their careers. Of course it is also extremely sad to see them leaving the school but ultimately, everyone has their journey and one of my roles is to support our staff on theirs.

We want to share these lovely words from Mr Steadman for the children and parents:

“I wanted to write to our parent community and thank you all for the support you have shown the school and me. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at BCG and have made many great relationships with you. I want to thank you for putting your trust in the secondary school and being part of something special we have built and continue to build.

I have a lot of love for every single student in the secondary school and they have made my 3 years at BCG very enjoyable. I have seen some students grow from young children in primary school into young adults in secondary school. All of the students have matured over the last 3 years and I can safely say each student is unique and I have enjoyed every minute of teaching them PE and thereafter being their Head of School. I wish each and every student the best of luck in the future and I hope they keep in touch with me and email me when they achieve their dreams.

I will make sure I enjoy the last weeks I have with your children, enjoying events such as Sports Day, Graduation and the end of year Surf Trip.

Thank you again for being part of this exciting 3 years in my life and I hope we can stay in contact over the coming years.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Steadman”

LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

EYFS and Primary

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

- **Reception - Spanish**
Claudia Algara
- **Year 1 - Spanish**
Alana Sharma
- **Year 2 - Spanish**
Karys Doyle (A)
Kayne Afoa (B)
- **Year 3 - Catalan**
Jan Ramon (Natives)
Lily Mier (FL)
- **Year 4 - French**
Anna Mikulinskaya (A)
Mateo Blomet (B)
- **Year 5 - Catalan**
Mar Ribas (Natives)
Ettore Marigo (FL)
- **Year 6 - French**
Noa Carro (A)
Nikita Bethet (B)

LINGUISTS OF THE WEEK



Secondary

The linguists of the week for our second value, INQUIRER, are:

- **French**
Joris d'Hooge Y8
- **Spanish**
Milana Pieshkova Y8
- **Catalan**
Mathys Derkx Y9



Congratulations to all of them!
Languages Department

BCG Yearbook 2021/2022

Dear community,

We have great news! our traditional yearbook is back!

It will be available for purchase next week at the reception from 9:00 to 10:00 and from 15:30 to 16:30 from Monday to Thursday.

Each Yearbook will cost 20€.

We hope you enjoy it and we keep collecting memories together through this BCG journey!



Reminder - Upfront Annual fee

ANNUAL PAYMENT: If you wish to pay in advance for the 2022/2023 academic year, you will benefit from a 3% discount.

The deadline for this payment option is June 30th. If you are interested, please contact finance@bcgava.com to get more information and request the invoice.

Kind regards,

Financial Department

English Summer Camp

ENGLISH CAMP

Come and join our community in Gava Mar this Summer.

- From 13 to 17 years old.
- 100% in English with UK Trained native teachers.
- Take your English language skills to the next level.
- Work towards a formal English qualification such as the Cambridge Exams, TOEFL or IELTS.

OUR TEACHING METHOD FOR THIS PROGRAM IS LEARNING BY DOING. THEY WILL ACHIEVE THEIR LANGUAGE OBJECTIVES BY WORKING ON A PRESENTATION PROJECT EACH WEEK BASED AROUND A SPECIFIC UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL.

09:00 to 13:00 (Early Drop Off Available | Lunch Included)
Regular Price per week 200 euros
BCG Students Price 180 euros

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