



Weekly Bulletin

May 14th 2021



Welcome to our bulletin

This week has felt very much like things have got back to normal. I will start with the wonderful news that the children have raised 2,780.90€ in the Race Against Hunger! A tremendous effort by them all and thank you so much to everybody who has supported this wonderful event.

On Tuesday afternoon a good number of the Year 10 Parents came to see our International

Baccalaureate presentation where we introduced the Diploma Programme. Lots of information was explained and many excellent questions were answered. It is very exciting to be already talking to our second cohort of DP students about their future pathways. The presentation is available to anyone that was unable to attend.

The school is working with a Parent group, led by Heather Tennent on plans to run a trial of a one way system for the morning Drop Off. The parents have been outside school counting cars and making notes this week and have put together an excellent report that will be considered by the Senior Leadership Team in our meeting on Monday. As the plans are very similar to those that we were already considering, it is very likely that we will approve the trial which would start on Tuesday 25th May. It is great to be working with the parents on such an important project and I would like to thank them very much for all that they are doing to keep the children safe.

wonderful to see all their happy faces getting on the buses, some of them seemed to have packed enough for a month! Miss Wakelin report in this newsletter is well worth the read and we look forward to getting more trips out very soon.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is officially underway! The Year 9 students did their first walk today in the Garraf national park. They are still walking, as I write this and the word from Mr Steadman is that the groups are performing very well indeed - lots of accurate navigation, teamwork and not many arguments!

'Paradis' Perform

This Sunday, our student band 'Paradis' will be performing in the finals of 'Sitges has Talent 2021'. Aureli Foreman, Leu Horbach, Leah Foreman Fenton, Francisca Costa, Natasha Worthington, Nuria Foreman were just one of 15 acts chosen out of 200 hundred entries! They perform at Els jardins del Retiro, Sitges, at 11:00. Already a fantastic achievement - we wish them all the very best and look forward to hearing how they get on!

Good luck Paradis!

Simon Mower



Acción contra el Hambre agradece al alumnado, las familias y la comunidad educativa del centro

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su participación en la 24ª Edición de la Carrera contra el Hambre celebrada en 2021 en Gavá, en la que se han obtenido 2780,90 euros.



Olivier Longué
Director General Fundación Acción contra el Hambre



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SECONDARY

Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week at school with our Year 11s and 12s preparing for their final exams next week. The Year 12s have been participating in a week of extra revision classes during their free periods. I have been very impressed with the maturity and discipline of our Year 11 & 12 students. I wish them the best of luck with their exams next week.

Year 9 were out on their Duke of Edinburgh expedition today. They had to read maps, navigate and hike up a mountain with some competitions and games mixed in. The students performed exceptionally well and are now setting up their tents in preparation for sleeping outside under the stars tonight. I look forward to the Year 10s and 11s also experiencing this exciting trip.

A reminder that the letter has been sent out regarding the Year 7 - 10 residential from the 7th - 10th June. If you would like your child to take part in this exciting trip please confirm on the School Cloud (the same system used to book parents evening). If you have any questions please email me on danny.steadman@bcgava.com

Could I remind parents that students need to be in their form rooms at 8.45am, we have had a little slip this week with punctuality. Please remember that when a student is later for registration they have to miss period 1 which has an impact on their learning. We have also clamped down on chewing gum. If a student is seen chewing they are given a negative conduct point and will have to have a litter picking detention at break or lunch time. The cleaners have had to clean chewing gum from the tables and floors which is not a fun job and one I do not expect anyone to have to do in school.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Steadman



UPPER PRIMARY

Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip

The long awaited residential trip for Years 5 and 6 has been nothing short of a roaring success. Educational visits are a crucial part of the curriculum in not only participating in outdoor activities, exploring nature but in developing self-esteem and confidence. This has never been as important as now. With the Covid pandemic and lockdown meaning that families have spent more time together than ever before, the thought of spending time away from loved ones had caused great anxiety. Nonetheless, the Year 5s and 6s never fail to impress with their determination and courage. For some, being away from home has been a real challenge, but they stuck it out and persevered, testament to their growing maturity. Practising social skills, forming and cementing relationships in a new context and working collaboratively has really benefitted our pupils in a variety of ways this week. Whilst a challenge for some, this was far outweighed by the improvement in their emotional health and wellbeing.



On this residential trip, our students have enjoyed a wide range of activities dedicated to working on emotions: gain more self-confidence, manage anger, recognise and value our most positive qualities, know and appreciate happiness through activities such as: “the sensory circuit”, “juggling, balancing and circus skills”, “emotions workshop”, “art and movement”, the “market of emotions”, among others. In addition, the students have been able to make the most of their free time by playing traditional games and exploring in the stunning natural environment and the facilities that were offered to us.

Torre Ametller is set in a fantastic setting in rolling, green mountains with lots of outdoor space for the children to learn and explore in. The bedrooms have been fantastic and the children have had a really relaxing stay at night, allowing them to rejuvenate ready for the next day. We were very thankful to get some good night’s sleep in too - thank you children :) We must mention the meals, which have also been brilliant. The children (and staff) have been incredibly well fed with some delicious dinners providing the right amount of sustenance for the action-packed days ahead.

There are so many highlights to choose from, it is hard to pick which ones to share. I think the Year 6 girls treating Mr Smith to a pamper session, complete with face mask mask was one (see photo). The boys and girls’ not so successful efforts at playing pranks on us teachers provided many many laughs too. For me, these trips are so valuable because it allows us to see children in a completely different setting to the classroom. Children who don’t always like to participate were at the front of the line for every activity, children who prefer their own company mixing with others and joining in and children

who have never ever spent a night away from home, demonstrating resilience and just how much they are growing up. These elements of the trip have been magical for me personally.

Amongst the incredible memories made hiking to Castell de Burriac (one of the most beautiful places I have ever been) was the teachers' and pupils' favourite. It was not an easy trek. Challenging for us adults let alone the children. It was a 6km hike that in parts was exceptionally steep. At one point we had to walk on our tip-toes to reach the top. The vista once there was breathtaking. A 360 degree view of the very best nature has to offer. This was a very special achievement for the children who took part in this, who once we trekked back down to the bottom afterwards, could not believe they had walked that far and that high.

One last highlight for us all I would like to share is how we celebrated the birthday of a pupil in Year 6. Every child and member of staff made sure that for this young lady spending a birthday away from home was a memorable one. We filled her room with balloons and decorated the dinner hall, which was then followed by a birthday cake decorating competition. Boys versus Girls versus Teachers! What a fun time we all had! I can't decide whether Mr Sales attacking me with a handful of cream or the look on the birthday girl's face when he was dancing was the highlight of that evening... Afterwards, we shared the birthday cakes out so there was enough for every child and sang at the top of our voices. A birthday she will never forget I am sure. Happy birthday Arianne!

A huge thank you to Miss Muirhead, Miss Cassar, Mr Smith and Mr sales for supporting the trip. It is always heartwarming when teachers' commitment to ensuring our pupils are well cared for and supported is so evident. We all gave the children the most fantastic time. A final thank you to the children for your outstanding behaviour, impeccable manners and your enormous sense of fun. As ambassadors of BCG, you have made us all very proud.

Miss Wakelin



Year 5 Residential Trip

This week, Year 5 have been on a residential trip to Cabrera de Mar. We have done lots of fun activities and games, such as an outdoor sensory circuit and a "market of emotions", but the highlight has to be our hike to Castle Burriac on Thursday! The class really enjoyed the amazing views and encouraging each other to climb up the hill. All week they have worked so well together as a team, it has been so great to see. They have enjoyed every single minute- especially the food!- and been so brave being away from home for 4 days. All of us teachers are super proud of everyone in the class. Well done Year 5!

Miss Muirhead

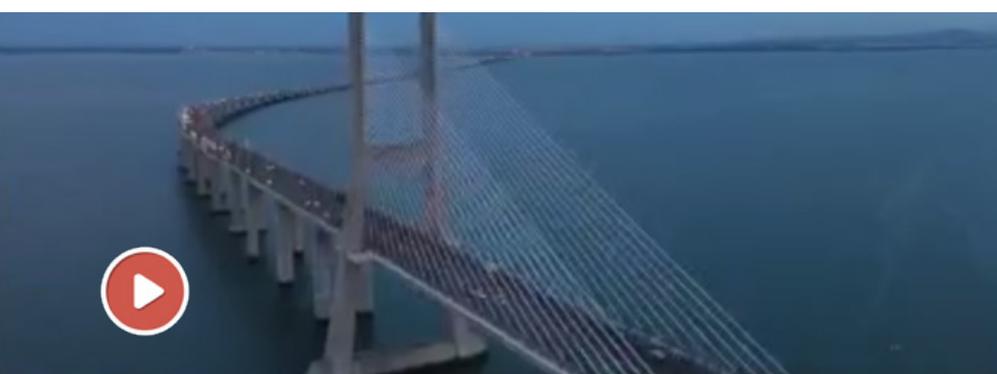
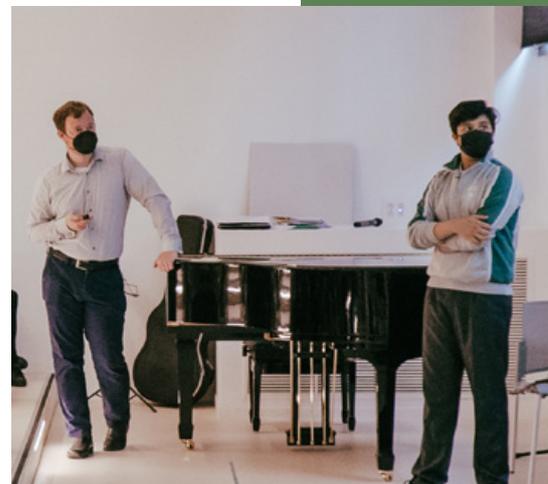


Language of the month

During April we enjoyed celebrating Portuguese as our language of the month. We began with assemblies, learning about the language and cultures of Portuguese speaking countries. During the month we recorded some of our Portuguese speakers introducing themselves and teaching some simple phrases, which we shared and tried to learn and Mr Hooley's Year 8 ICT class made i-movies connected to Portuguese culture. We completed the month by trying some delicious food during a menu day and finally Angelina from Year 9 taught us all how to make Brigadeiros! A really big thank you to Angelina, Ines and Carolina, Kika, Miguel, Thiago, Isabella, Niels, Mr Hooley, Marivi and all the catering team.

During the rest of May and the beginning of June we will be celebrating Urdu. We started with assemblies for years 7 - 10 this week. Fahad from Year 10 extremely confidently and fluently explained a little about Pakistani culture and taught us some Urdu too! We learnt for example that Urdu is a lingua Franca in Pakistan, that this week Pakistani muslims have been celebrating Eid al Fitr and finally that Pakistan's current Prime minister was once a world famous sportsman, who captained Pakistan to victory in the cricket world cup! As usual, this month we will be filming some of our Urdu speakers, eating some Pakistani inspired food and doing some activities in class to learn a little more about Urdu and Pakistan.

Mr Fassam



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

Samuel Gómez

Year 1: Spanish

Hendrix Taylor

Year 2: Spanish

Derek Gorea

Bastian Algara

Y3: Catalan

Andrii Pokrovskiy

Y4: Spanish

Valentina Bousetta

Y4: French

Sasha Gorea

Y5: Catalan

Joel Hartmann

Benicio Giménez

Secondary:

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

French: Pau Inglés, Year 11

Spanish: Ariadna Rey, Year 9

Catalan: Ainara Noguera, Year 11

Congratulations to all of them!

Language Department



Recycle Paper Awareness Day

On May 17th the Year 9 Environmental Studies Group will be staging a paper recycling awareness day At BCG in which there will be many activities to take part in and win many prizes. Events will be staged at break time and lunch time for both Primary and Secondary students in an effort to help our school community realise the many different things that can be done with recycled paper. Activities will vary between 10 and 50cents to participate in. All monies raised will go back into the Environmental studies programme of our school.

Examples of the activities include:

Origami (Axel and Ben/Lisa and Anna):

Our stall will be selling origami. It will take place on the 17th of may 2021 at BCG. We will also be hosting a paper airplane contest at the same time. In which you will be able to compete, if you win, you can get a variety of prizes.

To enter the paper airplane contest, you will need to pay 50 cents. If you manage to win, you will win a free origami. They are great quality and we are giving them out if you win the paper airplane contest as well as another prize. But if you do not want to compete in the contest, you can buy the origami paper for 30 cents each.

The origami is great quality, and it is made with recycled paper!

It is a great offer for such a low price, great for decorating your room or playing with them, we assure they won't break.

BINGO (Samanta, Alejandra, Zoe, Laura):

This event will take place in break time.

There will be lots of games and one of them will be bingo.

It will cost 50c for a bingo card, there will be several prizes. If you get the first line you win 1 bag of sweets

If you get bingo you win 4 bags of sweets, there will be 2 winners per class.

Recycled paper aeroplane contest (Joel and Víctor):

May 17th is the day you can come at lunch and at break times to try our amazing airplane contest.

50 cents for some high quality recycled paper to build your own airplane and to participate in our amazing contest of who gets the furthest, the winner will get rewarded with some sweets or chocolate.

In our stand we also have exclusive origami animals and shapes, you can find or stand in the tables outside the canteen, you will know it's us because the signs and all the queue waiting to play our amazing contest.

Paper Hearts Blog (Seher and Sawera):

Paper Recycling Day is a new project newly founded at BCG to raise awareness towards the environment.

We sell handmade paper hearts of different sizes and colors.

Big Paper Heart: 35 cents

Small Paper Heart: 5 cents

Both: 30 cents

We are staged outside in front of the school gates so make sure to visit us during lunchtime and help us to raise money for the environment.

Paper Arts and Crafts (Angelina, Ariadna and Carolina)

Come try out our stall at break time and lunchtime on May 17th to spend some time to be creative with recycled paper. Kind regards,

Mr Hooley & Year 9

EYFS & Lower Primary A GLIMPSE OF THE WEEK



Upper Primary

A GLIMPSE OF THE WEEK



Secondary

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