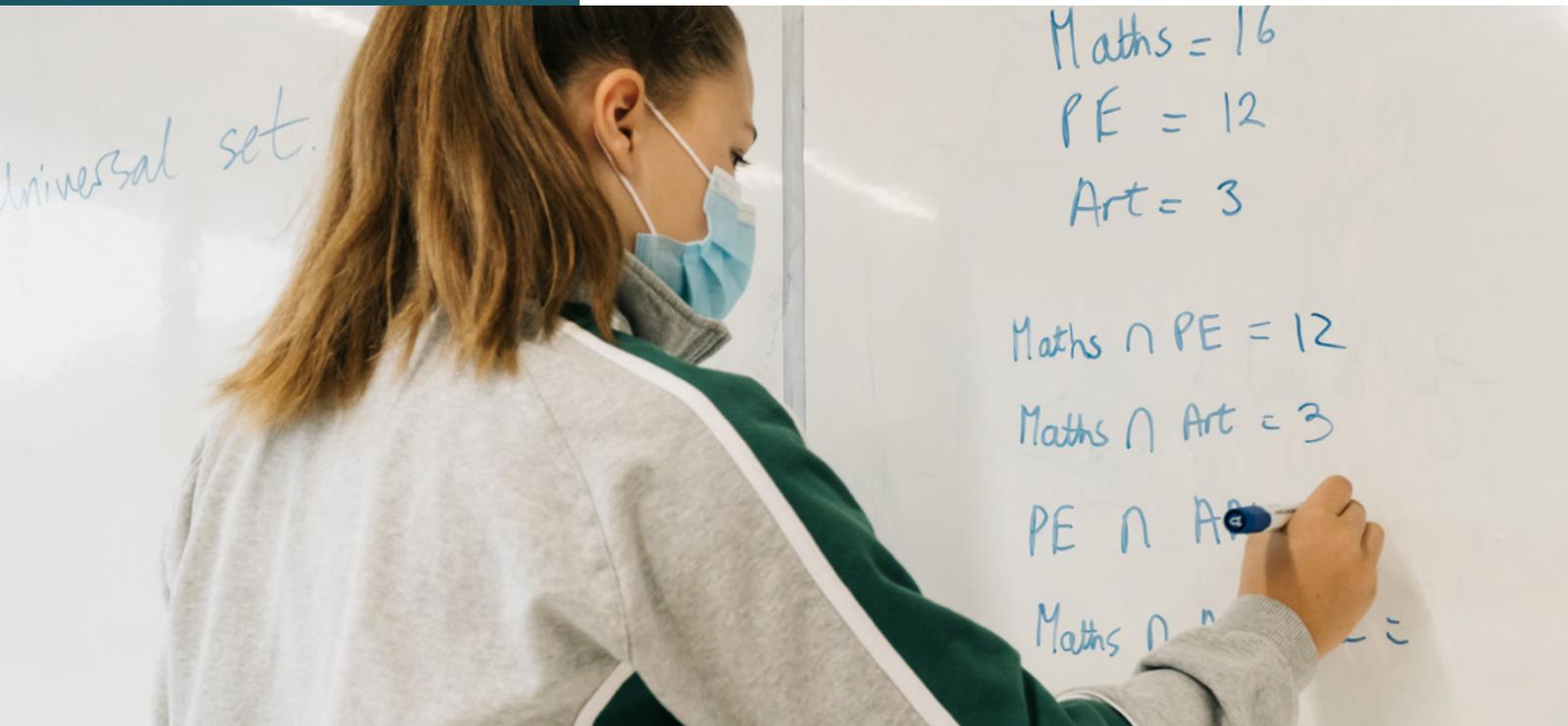




# WEEKLY BULLETIN

November 27th 2020



## Welcome to our bulletin

### John Prince

John Prince came to BCG at Interim Principal last year at a time when his calm and supportive influence was very much needed. John has much experience in international education and has a fundamentally altruistic nature which means he has always put others first and worked hard to make the school better for students and staff alike. I, probably more than anyone, have benefited from this support and was delighted when he agreed to stay on for the rest of the calendar year to help me find my feet. John has decided that the end of this term is the right time for him to move on and he will be sharing his time between Catalonia and London where he has close family.

On behalf of the BCG community I would like to thank John for all that he has done for BCG and wish him the very best for the next chapter in his life. Details of John's replacement will be announced in due course.

### Parent Representatives

This week Nina Pilcher, Maria Andrea and I met with Natalia, Irina and Elena, the representatives of Nursery and Reception families. As with previous meetings, it was extremely helpful for us to hear your views and hope that this excellent collaboration continues. It was so lovely to hear such great support for the school and I would like to thank all parent reps for the important role they play in our community

### End of term

As the end of term approaches and holiday plans are becoming (slightly) clearer for everyone, I would like to remind parents that the term ends on the 22nd December and that I expect all students to attend until that day (at usual pick up time). Equally all students will be expected back in school on Monday the 11th January. It is not acceptable for students to miss school because of extended holidays especially as they have already had a very disrupted education due to the lockdown earlier in the year. I know that I have your support, especially as this year we have raised our levels of academic expectations and support for all students.

**Simon Mower**

# EYFS & Primary

Dear EYFS & Primary Parents and Pupils,

This week's special feature is all about Christmas at BCG. Covid may have cancelled many holidays, family visits and last minute getaways but it has not cancelled Christmas! Here at school, we have been working hard on organising a variety of special Christmas experiences for all of our pupils which we are sure they will thoroughly enjoy.

## EYFS & Lower Primary

Every pupil from Nursery to Year 2 will have a very special visitor arriving on Friday 18th December...you guessed it... Father Christmas is coming to BCG. We will be transforming our old dining area into a Winter Wonderland with a Santa's Grotto. Children will visit Santa in their classes and each receive a small wrapped gift. They will also visit the new dining hall for a special festive drink and snack. On this day, pupils will be allowed to wear Christmas clothes. Teachers and children will be designing and making a Christmas themed garden activity to play such as: 'Santas shootout and 'Pin the nose on Rudolph'.

## Upper Primary

The Christmas Fair is one of the highlights of the year where we can all get together as a community and share joy and excitement for the festive period ahead. Sadly, due to Covid, we cannot permit parents to participate; however, we have decided to adapt the format of the fair so that each class will run their own mini-Christmas Fair within their classrooms. Pupils will organise and run their own stalls where they can do a game, a mystery challenge or sell something they have made. To ensure we are safe in our 'bubbles', only the members of the class can visit each stall. We will decorate our classrooms and rearrange our desks and chairs to ensure safe space for setting up the stalls.

We will operate a token system, as we have done in previous years. Your child will be able to purchase 10 tokens for 5 euro. These tokens can be used to 'buy' things at the stalls, have a go at a game or fun challenge and to purchase festive snacks and drinks. The snacks and drinks stalls will be set up in our dining hall which will be decorated and full of festive cheer. We are really pleased that we are able to provide our pupils with an alternative Christmas Fair experience. On this day, pupils will be allowed to wear Christmas clothes. This event takes place on Friday 18th December during the school day. Please collect your child at the normal pick up time.

## Traditional Christmas Dinner

On the final day of school, Tuesday 22nd December, all pupils across the school will be served a traditional English Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, including roast potatoes, delicious meats and a selection of tasty vegetables. As well as the pupils, I know the staff team are VERY much looking forward to this special treat.

## Christmas Activities

In the lead up to the final week of Christmas, each class participates in a range of Christmas-themed activities. This year we will be decorating our huge Christmas tree in the reception area of the main building. Each class will be making a set of decorations for the tree and to hang around the school. Any children who enjoy crafts on the weekend are very welcome to make a decoration at home and add it to the tree. The children will also be participating in a 'design a Christmas card' competition. The winning card chosen from each class will win a book! Please encourage your child to enter. Santa's elves will be delivering a box of Christmas craft materials for each class to complete their activities.

## Christmas Performances

One of the many highlights of Christmas at BCG is sharing the festive songs children have learned in their Music lessons around our Christmas tree. Traditionally at BCG, we have had all of our EYFS and Primary children sitting around the enormous, beautifully decorated tree ready to sing their hearts out. Our Secondary pupils would fill the stairs, as the 6th form students

would peer over the balcony, dropping snow on the pupils below as they sang. Under normal circumstances, we would be inviting you in to share this joyous occasion. Instead, this year, we will continue with this tradition but with a few adaptations. We will be making a video of each class as they perform their songs around the Christmas tree. Each class will perform separately so as to adhere to Covid protocols but will all enjoy the sprinkled snow which is a highlight for most children. Our special Christmas video will be shared with you so you can view the fantastic performances from each class and feel at least a part of Christmas with us. We will invite siblings to watch the performances of their brothers and sisters.

### **Values Certificate Winners**

This week's 'Values' certificate was awarded to pupils who demonstrated the extremely important value of being 'Open-minded'. In our class assemblies this week, we talked about what it means to be open-minded. The children were very good at recognising the importance of listening to others' ideas and opinions, looking at things from a perspective other than their own and learning how to challenge others' ideas in a positive way. Congratulations go to:

**Nursery Duckings:** Hunter Hall and Hector Aguilera Ibanez

**Reception Penguins:** Lola Roca and James Fassam

**Year 1 Parrots:** Levi Hartmann and Bruno Valera

**Year 2 Owls:** Elena Afoa and Olfa Hafaiedh

**Year 2 Robins:** Maia Carro Coca and Hugo Martin Perez

**Year 3 Magpies:** Emma Flores and Miguel Freitas.

**Year 4 Ravens:** Harrison Hall and Adriana Martinez

**Year 4 Swans:** Lara Mohamed and Lola Chacon

**Year 5 Parakeets:** Paula Yustes and Maite Piquet.

**Year 6 Kingfishers:** Zakaria Faouzi Dali and Dixie Marchant

**Mr Sales:** Laia Gaisser (Year 6 Kingfishers)

**Miss Sadurni:** Kaia Cozzi (Year 4 Swans)

**Miss De Company:** Coco Sykes (Year 3 Magpies)

**Mrs Mower:** Lara Marceta (Year 6 Kingfishers)

### **House Teams**

This week we have introduced a cross phase house points allocation and have tallied up the total number of house points from Nursery to Year 6! This is a way for siblings in the same house to come together and for students in the whole of Primary school to feel a part of something bigger. Pupils in all Houses went all out to compete for the 'House Winners Trophy' but there was one clear winner after teachers added extra points they had allocated for homework efforts and manners. Relentless in their bid to get their first time win, the remarkable Reds have done it! Congratulations to all of the pupils in the RED team. Go Reds!

### **Reminders**

- Due to the changes in weather, please send your child to school with a coat and suitable uniform.

- We have been made aware by some pupils that they will be going away over Christmas and finishing school early. Please ensure that you inform your child's teacher and send an email to [attendance@bcgava.com](mailto:attendance@bcgava.com) if you will be withdrawing your child earlier than the last day of term which is Tuesday 22nd December.

. Please ensure children do not bring toys to school.

We wish you all a wonderful weekend

Un abrazo

**Miss Wakelin**

**Mrs Pilcher**

# Education for Sustainable Development



## Sustainability Pills Sustainable Consumption

The holiday season approaches! With it, a great opportunity to rethink some old habits and try something different and more sustainable this year.

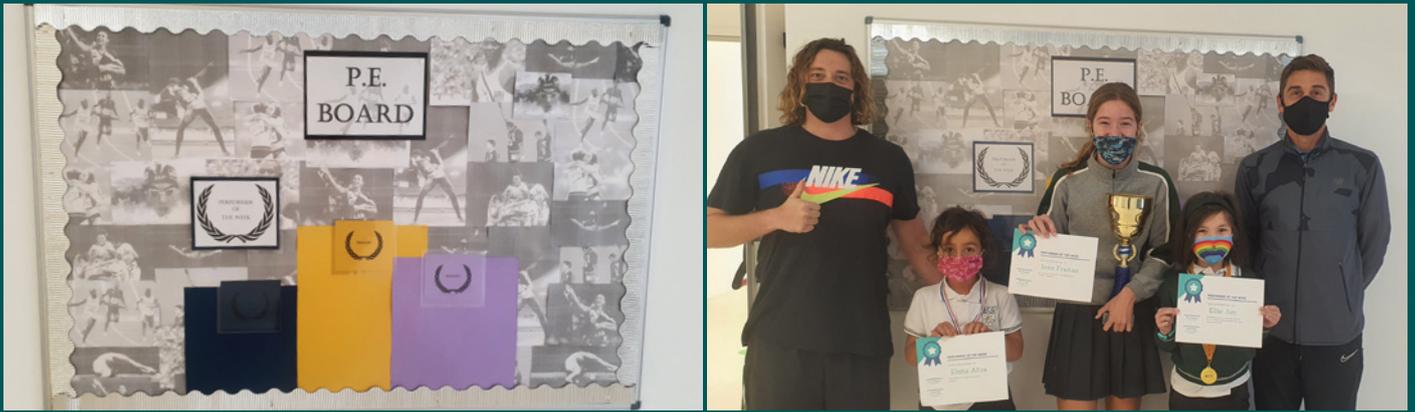
During this time of the year extraction of natural resources, consumption and the production of waste increases considerably. Therefore, it is even more important now to be mindful of the impact of our purchases. Here are 5 ideas to get you started rethinking holiday gifts



- **Does it have to be something material?** There are many great alternatives: tickets for an event or skill-learning online class, a donation to a nonprofit on someone's behalf, membership to a museum or park, a gift card to a nice restaurant, etc.
- **Does it have to be something new?** Look around your house: you can pass on books, accessories, antiques, plant starts, among other things that are in good shape.
- **Does it have to be something bought?** Handmade food and gifts demonstrate your dedication in a very special way. Pinterest is full of simple DIY ideas and recipes that children will love to help with.
- **Does it have to come in wrapping paper (usually not recyclable)?** We can get creative and instead use old magazines, newspapers, boxes, fabric, tote bags, kid's drawings, dried flowers and branches, etc.
- **When buying new:** look to purchase from companies that protect the planet and promote fair trade. And especially this year: shop local. Small, local businesses have struggled to make it through the pandemic. Now is a great opportunity to support them!

**Alex & Marina**

# Sports Department



Dear parents,

We have an exciting new theme within the PE department. Mr Pilcher and I will be selecting a Sports Performer of the Week across EYFS/Lower Primary, Upper Primary and the Secondary Schools. These students will receive a certificate and get to hold the medal/trophy for a week until the next pupil is selected. Students will also have their name and photo put on the PE board for the whole school to see and celebrate their success.

Pupils are selected based on effort levels and improvement of skills over the week. It has been very difficult to choose only 3 students across the entire school and the pupils selected should be very proud of their achievements. I would like to congratulate Elena Afoa (Year 2), Ellie Jim (Year 5) and Ines Freitas (Year 9) for being the first ever BCG Sports Performers of the Week. A huge congratulations from Mr Pilcher and I.

Stay tuned for next week's Star Athletes!

Thank you,

**Mr Steadman**



It was our last week of Gymnastics at school and Mr Pilcher and I have been so impressed with Primary and EYFS' performance over the 6 week topic. The students had great fun today conquering the BCG Gymnastic Obstacle Course. Please check the videos by clicking the links below and watching some of our students tackling the obstacles.

We start our football topic next week throughout the school, I cannot wait to see our very own Lionel Messi's impress me with their skills.

Thank you,

**Mr Steadman**

# GLIMPSE OF THE WEEK

