



**The British College
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WEEKLY BULLETIN

JANUARY 31

Dear parents,

I will start the newsletter with the wonderful news that we have won our first competitive sports fixture. The Year 9 & 10 girls volleyball team travelled to ASB and won the match with a score of 2 to 1. Congratulations to the girls and thank you to the parents who went in support. We also have more volleyball, football and rugby fixtures to come and on Monday 17th February we have organised our first home fixture when we host BSB. We will send timings when they are confirmed but please try to come along to support and help create a festive atmosphere.

This week we are showcasing Secondary Science and Literature and Primary History. Year 3 will be studying the Ancient Egyptians and getting very 'hands on' by learning to make mummies.



I will certainly be dropping by to see those classes and if you are parent in Year 3 you can expect a surprise package to be coming home in the near future. Yesterday and today we are very proud to see seven pupils from Year 9 & 10 attend a Model United Nations conference in a nearby school. Weeks of preparation went into this and they performed superbly, displaying remarkable maturity. We are keen to support the development of confidence in public speaking and debate and see our pupils engage in the geopolitical issues of our time. Before the end of the year we plan to extend the program and engage with a wider audience, with a project to participate in a much larger gathering in Madrid.

As always, my door is open to have any issues you wish to discuss.

With kind regards,
John Prince

SPORTS

It has been an exciting week for sport here at BCG. We have travelled to the American School of Barcelona and the British School of Barcelona for football and volleyball fixtures.

On Monday our Year 5 and 6 football teams played against ASB and did themselves proud, the year 5 team narrowly lost 4-2 and the year 6s played with all their heart but also did not get the result they wanted. The year 9&10 volleyball team also travelled to ASB and played with incredible style and determination winning the match 2-1 in sets. Well done girls!

On Wednesday our upper secondary team travelled to BSB for a football match, the boys played some beautiful football and we won 4-1, a result the boys are very proud of.

Looking to the future we have a year 7&8 rugby match next week against BSB and a U18 BISA volleyball tournament. All the students are excited and we hope to see many parents at both of these sporting occasions.

Mr Steadman



DRAMA

Y7 worked on devising a short scene based on passages from our excellent set text "War Horse" by Michael Morpurgo. In addition to being a fun, creative exercise that involves teamwork and planning, drama activities also build confidence, enable speaking skills to be developed in a meaningful context, and make content accessible and memorable through an active, hands on, collaborative exploration of ideas.

Mr Foreman

M.U.N. CONFERENCE

A group of year 9 & 10s are attending the Model United Nations conference at Oak House this week. They presented their opening speeches yesterday morning, and then spent the rest of the day debating the issues they have researched over the past few weeks, and writing draft resolutions.

Today they will continue debating and passing their resolutions. The other delegates are much older, all from sixth form years, and yet our brave students are holding their own and contributing to the debates confidently and knowledgeably. We are very proud!

A huge congratulations to this dedicated bunch of budding politicians. You really are to be commended on the huge effort you have put into this project. Well done.

Mrs Foreman



SECONDARY ASSEMBLY

This week seven pupils from years 9 & 10 attended a two day Model United Nations conference in Barcelona. They have spent the last few weeks researching the issue of protecting cultural heritage sites during times of conflict, having each been assigned a different BCG country to represent. During BCG assembly this week they presented their opening speeches to the Secondary school and impressed us all with their knowledge and maturity. We wish our young politicians all the best in this exciting experience!

Mrs Foreman

READING EXPERIENCE BETWEEN Y8 & Y4

For Catalan lessons, the students of Y8 have read Oriol Canosa's novel, *L'illa de Paidonèsia*. They visited Y4 class to introduce them this beautiful book.

During a previous session, in the Spanish lesson of Y4, they read one of the letters of the main character of *L'illa de Paidonèsia*. In the letter, Nicolas called all the children in the world to go to live in this wonderful island of the Caribbean, where there were no rules or school and in which adults were not admitted. The students wrote their letter in response to Nicolas to tell him if they wanted to move to Paidonèsia or not.

This week, Y8 students prepared an interesting and fun presentation about the plot and characteristics of the novel's characters and presented it to our young Y4 readers. They did not reveal the end of the story, although there were many questions from the children of Y4, who wanted to know how it ends. We hope they want to read the entire book now!

Ms Sadurní (Y4 Spanish teacher)
Ms Pou (Y8 Catalan teacher)

Oriol Canosa

L'illa de Paidonèsia

TOLCH I TORRES 2016



SCIENCE

In Science, Year 9A are learning about magnetism and its relationship with electricity. We explored electromagnetism and investigated the uses of electromagnets in everyday life. We then looked at the motor effect in detail and built a working model, to investigate the parts of a motor.

Dr Jim

TRADITIONAL TALES

Carrying on with our theme of Traditional Tales, Reception and Nursery decided to do some cooking again to fit with our current story 'Jack and The Beanstalk.'

Using the eggs that Jack had 'stolen' from the giant, we made some frittata cups with pepper and spinach. We tied this into healthy eating, and a discussion of the importance of vegetables and fruit and how we should have a good balance of healthy and unhealthy foods. We took responsibility for our own frittatas and developed our fine motor skills, chopping and tearing the ingredients we needed and cracking the eggs. We had a great time and everybody gave it a good try when it was cooked!

Ms Plummer



YEAR 6 PROJECT

In our Primary school we believe wholeheartedly in setting project-based homework activities that are fun, support learning and foster independence. Over the last few weeks our Year 6 students have been learning about the Earth's structure and how volcanoes are formed. We asked them to create their own volcano at home and gave them free rein as to how they wished to complete the task. We asked them to be creative and to involve their family in the project as it's a great way to interact, engage and connect with those close to us. Mr. Timothy and I have been astounded at the level of inventiveness shown by our students! We have been presented with volcanoes of all shapes and sizes, made from clay to lego, to flower pots! Some are surrounded by plants and animals - even dinosaurs and rivers - and some are working models which the children have had great fun experimenting with and observing. We would like to say a huge congratulations to all our students for their dedication and ingenuity - and a big thank you to our families for your continuing support!

Year 6 Team



YEAR 3 HISTORY

"In History we have been learning about how the Ancient Egyptians preserved the bodies of the rich and powerful, for thousands of years! What better way to discover this fascinating tradition, than to make our own mummies? But we certainly didn't pull out the organs and store in canopic jars!"

Ms Osivwemu



UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 6 transition to Secondary-Meeting

February 11 at 18:00

Open Days

February 14 from 9:00 to 11:30

March 24 from 14:30 to 16:30

Primary assesment and reporting meeting for parents

February 4 at 17:00

EYFS & Year 1 Individual and Class Photos

February 10

Primary Individual and Class Photos

February 11

Secondary Individual and Class Photos

February 12