



BCG Newsletter



13 December 2022



Welcome to our Newsletter

It has been an extremely festive few weeks with the

wonderful Christmas Fair ten days ago and a series of Christmas concerts and performances this week. We are even expecting Santa to appear in his grotto!



The BCG Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair was a wonderful event and I would like to thank you all again for your very generous prizes, food and especially your attendance at this wonderful community occasion. It was by far the largest BCG family event we have had and we look forward to many more over the coming months.

Parent Handbook

The Term 2 dates have been updated in the [parent handbook](#) so please look out for that. If you have any suggestions as to what else we can add to the handbook please do let us know either via your Reps or by emailing us at the school.

Attendance

An important reminder that 100% attendance is expected for all students. Any absence should be through genuine illness or by prearranged and pre-agreed situations. Over the last few weeks there have been far too many children missing from school without a valid excuse.

Mobile Phones

From January we will be changing the mobile phone policy - until now students using their phones in school would have the phone removed and left at reception. They would collect their phone after school. If this happened three times then parents would have to collect the phones. Some students are still using their phones and so we will be making this stricter from January. There are absolutely no reasons why students need to use their phones during the school day.

University Application

A lot of time and effort goes into supporting our older students with their University Applications. They apply to many different countries, each of which has its own processes. Careers lessons are regular and our Year 13 students are all well underway with these applications. This year we had two applicants for the very prestigious Oxford and Cambridge universities, one of whom was invited to interview - a first for BCG! We keep our fingers crossed for them and all the other students who will be waiting nervously for the results of their applications!

Peaceful Holidays

As this is our last Newsletter before the holiday I would like to wish you all a very peaceful time with your families and friends. A very Merry Christmas to you all and we will see you in 2023!

Simon Mower
Principal



And so the countdown begins... I say it every year that Christmas in school is one of my favourite times of year. For me that is the real start of Christmas, so to hold our first Christmas Fair in what feels like an extremely long time, was nothing short of wonderful! I have to begin with thanking all of the parents and families



for their donations, contributions (we even had a BCG pie - it was delicious!) and support of this whole school event. It was great to chat to many of you and see you participating in the many activities on offer. The Fair was a good test for us after so long without whole school events where we could invite you in. We are already thinking about the Summer Fair which promises to be a huge and exciting event for our whole community.





We continue with work on our Positive Playground Project. We are all very excited to look at how we will use the funds raised at the Christmas Fair to purchase things for our outside space. Our team of Playground Leaders from Year 6 have done a wonderful job playing with children in year groups further down the school. They have been excellent role models and I am really proud of their commitment to collectively helping playtimes a much better experience. I would like to thank Miss Carter and Mrs Pilcher for their extra work supporting this initiative.

Across EYFS & Primary, the children have been busy rehearsing for their Christmas Performances. They are very excited to showcase to you their songs. There were some queries with regards to the timing of the Upper Primary concert. Our academic calendar becomes increasingly full with lots of special events, talks, workshops and Open Days, amongst full days of learning. Please understand that we choose dates and times that work well within our school day which often means having to both juggle and balance when we do things. We do our very best to keep parents in mind too and appreciate that what works for some parents, may not work for others. We have an Open Day on the afternoon of the 16th, hence why the performance is in the morning on that day. We look forward to seeing as many of you who can attend for Years 3 to Year 6.

Last week, some pupils were invited from each year group to attend a 'Student Forum' with Mr Mower, Mr Ruddin and Miss Stevens. This was a great opportunity for us to get a little insight into what our children think about their experience of school. Pupil voice is extremely important to us and it was very beneficial to hear the thoughts of the children. We will continue to hold these forums throughout the school year. Well done to all those who attended and communicated in such a mature manner.

We were informed that lots of families would be away on the Friday after the mini-holiday we had last week so we decided we would run a Sports Activity morning which was great fun and earned lots of House Points for each team.



We ran a carousel of basketball, Capture the Flag, benchball and yoga for our Primary pupils. As a game I really enjoyed playing when I was a child, I have really enjoyed bringing Benchball into the school and hope to see many more children attend my lunchtime Benchball Club after Christmas. It has been very popular this term with Years 5 and 6 so I will run it over a couple of days other year groups can attend. There is no need to sign up as children can just turn up on the day.



Reminders as we head towards the last few days of the year: Class Christmas parties will be held on 22nd December. Class Teachers will inform you of what this will involve for your child's class nearer the time. On that day children can also wear Christmas clothes. The school day finishes at 12:30 on the 22nd.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas!

Un gran abrazo,

Miss Wakelin
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EYFS NEWS

What a wonderful time everyone had for the BCG World Nursery Week down in the EYFS and Year 1 building. It was lovely walking around the classrooms and hearing the students singing and chanting a whole host of nursery rhymes. Nursery rhymes are an excellent way of helping children learn various literacy skills, including recognising rhythm and pattern, rhyming words, and phonics.

There was a lot of dressing up during this week in the EYFS and Year 1 building with the Nursery character dress-up day and Odd Sock day for Anti-Bullying week. Odd Sock day is an important part of the BCG calendar. It is a fun way to celebrate that we are all unique and that BCG says 'No to bullying and Yes to kindness.'

The week ended with the highlight of seeing the children and teachers dressed in various nursery day costumes. They were fun and creative, from Baa Baa Black Sheep to Incy Wincy Spider. Thank you so much for your support with this. The children loved it, along with the visitors we had as it was the BCG Open Day.

It was a pleasure to take families around this part of our school and showcase some of the amazing and fun learning that happens in EYFS and Year 1, even when dressed as frogs. Our visitors were also warmly welcomed by our friendly Year 2's who visit this building each week for their Celebration assembly.

In the outside areas, the students in Nursery and Reception have been enjoying the newly painted picnic tables and the opening of the large wendy house. It has been lovely to see their imaginative play and ideas. As the weather gets colder, the students in EYFS and Year 1 will still be using the outside area as it forms part of their curriculum. We ask them to come to school in appropriate warm clothing.





It has been a focus across all of Primary to improve playtimes and with all the new areas. This is something that has been improving daily. Miss Carter, who is our PSHCE Coordinator, recently ran a competition for Year 2 to Year 6 to design a poster with instructions for a game that everyone can play. Well done to everyone that entered. We are pleased to announce the winner in Year 2 was Edo with Adam and Julen close runner-ups. Now, all the focus has been on preparing for our Christmas performances.

All the students have been learning their songs and are excited to perform for you. We have our three-day holiday next week, and we then look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Christmas performances.

Have a lovely break and warm regards,

Miss Stevens
EYFS and Lower Primary Coordinator

Year 4A Narwhals

We have had such an exciting term in our learning so far, with interesting activities bringing the subjects to life. In English, we are learning how to write instructions. We used our knowledge to follow a recipe and make some delicious star cookies. We then improved on the original recipe. We had lots of fun and they were delicious! In topic, our geography focus is all about rivers. We went outside to make our own mini river to observe how water falls naturally and how rivers carve their journey through the land. We are also linking art to this, creating a large scale image of a landscape with a river running through it. In maths, we are learning all about area and perimeter. Here we are measuring the perimeter of our outdoor spaces. We displayed precise measuring skills and excellent teamwork. In science we are learning all about materials and changing states. Here are some pictures of our lesson on gases where we explored whether gases take up space and weigh anything.

Ms Carter





Primary Library

We have now opened the Library to students to use every day during morning break. This is to complete any homework, read books or just draw with their friends. Computers are available for any online work that may need completing from Google Classroom and Mrs Scott will always be in the library to help if needed. As you can see it is already very popular, especially in the colder weather. If your child has any unfinished work please let them know they are welcome to pop in any morning.

Thank you,

Mrs Scott



Dear parents,

So, the festive season is upon us. We have had Christmas shows, concerts, and fairs galore as well as a very well-received International University Fair which prompted visits from other schools.

Attendance

I spoke about the importance of attendance in last month's newsletter but I do want to mention it again. At the moment, there are too many students going home for fairly minor illnesses. Older students should only go home if they are running a temperature, or if it is suspected COVID, or diarrhea or vomiting. Missing sessions has a very real and detrimental effect on learning within the classroom. Additionally, punctuality and attendance instil good self-discipline for the workplace later on in life. Sixth Form students should be staying until the end of the day every day.

World Cup

The excitement surrounding the world cup has been palpable with a Fantasy Football League, a Playstation Tournament as well as a parents/staff-student football match all on the horizon. The GCSE Global Citizenship group gave an excellent assembly to Y7-13 on Human Rights issues associated with this world cup which was very thoughtful.

Mr. Ruddin

New member of the science team!

This week we have welcomed a new member to our BCG community. She has taken up home in the science department in the secondary school, and has settled in impressively well. Everyone, I would like to introduce you to little Lua!

Lua is a Russian Dwarf Hamster (*Phodopus sungorus*). She was abandoned by her previous owner due to a lack of time, and rescued by an amazing local organisation. Now she is an ambassador for rescue animals who will work alongside our science department to educate all members of our community about the biology, care, diet, anatomy and behaviour of small mammals just like her. Here at BCG we are dedicated to animal welfare and we are determined to give our students the opportunity to learn the methods of animal care that are best for the animals involved.



Lua has a dedicated carer and a team behind her who makes sure that she is well looked after, settled and happy at BCG. She is currently coming to the end of her first week in school which she has spent settling in and slowly being introduced to members of the staff. Next she will start to be introduced to all students in upper secondary as she moves into the Biology laboratory, and from there the rest of the school.



She is an energetic little girl, who adores her food (especially mealworms!) and loves to make burrows in her enclosure for peaceful naps at different points in the day - just long enough to conserve the energy for her next climb around her enclosure or lap in her running wheel!

Ms Lane

UKMT Senior Maths Challenge

Back in October, our Year 12 and Year 13 IB Mathematics Analysis & Approaches students took part in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge, which is a very prestigious competition set by the UK Mathematics Trust. Students faced 25 extremely challenging, problem-solving questions and they achieved some remarkable results. Traditionally, it is only students who are gifted in mathematics who attempt the Senior Challenge and so the competition from students in the UK and around the world is tough, and to receive one of the medals is a huge achievement. I am delighted to report that out of the small cohort that entered the competition, our students here at BCG achieved 7 medals in total. These were:

- Bronze Award - Max Benito Bosch, Fahad Muhammad, Luka Gikic & Ivan Nazimov Rusinov
- Silver Award - Elin Hoenselaars
- Gold Award - Oriol Martínez Sunyer & Ekaterina Leksina

Our two golden students would actually have qualified for the further stages of the competition, but unfortunately the latter stages are only open to students based in the UK.

I am incredibly proud of all of the students who took part in the competition and it is a real pleasure to get to work with such gifted and passionate mathematicians on a daily basis.

Paul Lester
Head of Mathematics



RAFFLE DONORS



Thank you!

On behalf of BCG, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for all the donations to our Christmas Fair very special raffle. Everyone had the best time and we still have some prizes to be claimed. We sent the full list in an email a few days ago. Check your ticket number as you might be in luck!

Find below some of the companies that supported the raffle. If your company's logo is not below but you donated an item or service, please send your logo and we will publish it in our next newsletter.

Thank you very much!





ENRICHMENT ECAP

Enrichment ECAP and Day Trips Term 2

Our term 2 clubs are almost finalised as are educational day trips and visits. Most of the clubs will carry over from the last cycle and on the same days to minimise disruption. Parents are reminded that you must sign up again for term 2 clubs, even if you are continuing with the same option. The school booking system will be open in the coming weeks for you to authorise your child's attendance.

Friday Night Football

As announced in the last newsletter, we were able to open a football team to play in the football league organized by CEBLLOB (Consell Esportiu del Baix Llobregat).

Due to large numbers signing up, we can now enter **2 teams** in this league! How exciting!!

Students born between 2014 and 2011 are able to join. Matches will resume on January 13 and will end in May 2023. If you are interested in joining, please sign up your child in the School Booking System before Thursday, December 15 at 16:00h. If you have any difficulties or questions, please contact ecap@bcgava.com.

Please note, it is a mixed league, with boys and girls on the same team and an emphasis on teamwork and enjoyment. This is not intended to be club level football. This league is to encourage collaboration, risk taking and respect for others while developing and improving football and life skills.

The matches take place between 18:00 and 20:00 (exact time to be confirmed in advance) at the Marcel·lí Moragas courts (covered or outdoor court). Matches are approximately every two weeks. The team manager is Rubén Fernández, whom the children already know from school and who managed the team last year too.

The cost for those starting in January will be 120€ for the rest of the season (January to May). This includes mandatory insurance, player card (ficha) and coach's fee.



P.E. Stars of the Week

This week the P.E. Department celebrates its primary school dancers!!

- From year 2 - Sarah C and Melissa R
- From year 3 - Daniela G and Karys D
- From year 4 - Elena A and Ava S
- From year 6 - Pol C and Pablo M

Our year 5's are switching to dance now and we will reveal these superstar movers at the end of term. The secondary students will be recording their dances next week. Students will be using the videos to do some personal analysis of performance and practise their critical evaluation and constructive feedback skills when communicating with others.

Ms Bell

FUNDAMENTALES MULTISPORT

¡DISCOUNT!

NURSERY TO YEAR 2

1 day per week: 60€ /term

2 days per week: 10%discount: 108€ /term

3 days per week: 15% discount: 153€ / term

4 days per week: 20% discount: 192€ / term



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MONDAY

4:30-5:30pm

MULTISPORT
Nur to Y2
60€/term

**SECONDARY
STUDIES**
Y7 to Y13
Free

COOKING
Y3 to Y7
165€/term

ROWING
Y6 to Y13
90€/term

ECAP
2nd term

HOCKEY
Y3 to Y8
100€/term

**RYTHMIC
GYMNASTICS**
Y3 to Y6
95€/term

**PRIMARY
HOMEWORK**
Y1 to Y6
Free



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TUESDAY

4:30-5:30pm

MULTISPORT
Nur to Y2
60€/term

BASKETBALL
Y7 to Y13
80€/term

SECONDARY STUDIES
Y7 to Y13
Free

LEGOMAKER
Nur to Y1
175€/term

ECAP
2nd term

CLIMBING
Y2 to Y5
110€/term

TENNIS
Y3 to Y6
80€/term

PRIMARY HOMEWORK
Y1 to Y6
Free



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WEDNESDAY

4:30-5:30pm

MULTISPORT
Nur to Y2
60€/term

FOOTBALL
Y7 to Y9
80€/term

SECONDARY STUDIES
Y7 to Y13
Free

CHESS
Y3 to Y13
60€/term

ECAP
2nd term

BOXING
Y10 to Y12
60€/term

BASKETBALL
Y3 to Y6
80€/term

MARTIAL ARTS MUGUENDO
Y3 TO Y9
120€/term

PRIMARY HOMEWORK
Y1 to Y6
Free

CLIMBING
Y6 & Y7
110€/term



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THURSDAY

4:30-5:30pm

MULTISPORT
Nur to Y2
60€/term

ROWING
Y6 to Y13
90€/term

SECONDARY STUDIES
Y7 to Y13
Free

FOOTBALL
Y3 to Y6
80€/term

ECAP
2nd term

VOLLEYBALL
Y7 to Y13
80€/term

**MINECRAFT
CODE CLUB**
Y2 to Y6
175€/term

CLIMBING
Y8 to Y10
110€/term

**PRIMARY
HOMEWORK**
Y1 to Y6
Free

BALLET
Nur to Y3
120€/term



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We congratulate the students who have excelled in any of the 3 languages (Spanish, French and Catalan) as the best linguists of the week.



LINGUISTS OF THE WEEK

EYFS and Primary

Reception

Manuel S (SPANISH)

Y1

Naomi H (SPANISH)

Y2

Milo L y Eugenio J (SPANISH)

Y3

Karys D y Sofía Maria T (FRENCH)

Y4

Aida C y Clara P (FRENCH)

Y5

Isabel S y Noah B (SPANISH)

Y6

Pol C. (CATALAN)



Secondary and Sixth Form

KS3

Kalina L (Y7) Grammar (FRENCH)

Biel V (Y8) Speaking (FRENCH)

Martina C (Y9) Grammar (FRENCH)

KS4

Alina de S (Y10) Speaking (CATALAN)

KS5

Sergi P (Y13) Speaking (SPANISH)

Arianne Y (Y13) Writing (SPANISH)





UPCOMING EVENTS AND OTHER NEWS

Celebration of the Christmas tradition of Caga Tió

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and Upper primary- Weeks 2 to 22nd December.



Children's Council of Gavà

The Plenary Hall of the City Council of Gavà was filled last Monday, November 21st, to attend the constitution of the first plenary session of the Children's Council, a participatory and educational body approved by the City Council of Gavà. The initiative is supported by the Diputació de Barcelona and the European Union. The four councilors, representatives of the BCG, were also present.



Visit of the writer Jorgi Gamero at the school-

Monday, December 19th.

The writer will present and talk with Y10 students about his novel *Tòquio al cor*, which they have read in the Catalan subject.

Y13 students in Spanish

A have practiced the journalistic chronicle and have written one about the participation of 'La Roja' in the World Cup in Qatar.

*Below you can read Arianne Yago's report (only in Spanish)



EL EQUIPO DE LUIS ENRIQUE DESPIERTA ESPERANZAS EN EL MUNDIAL Arianne Yago (Y13)

Un debut espectacular para la selección española que marca un antes y un después en el Mundial de Qatar. No sólo batiendo el récord de goleadas sino mostrando una energía y una determinación admirable en el terreno de juego. Luis Enrique ha demostrado una vez más que no hay que satisfacer a la opinión popular para obtener resultados sensacionales. Su selección de "jovencitos" ha evidenciado ser competitiva y una posible amenaza para los equipos favoritos de este Mundial.

Singularmente, Pedri ha jugado de maravilla con un total de 90 pases recordando a Iniesta y Xavi en sus mejores momentos. Su presencia casi omnipresente ha sido crucial para el desarrollo del partido. La gran promesa del Barça ha confirmado ser un jugador esencial para la roja. Sin embargo, este partido se ha jugado en equipo, no ha habido un máximo goleador, una característica de la selección, que ha dado pie a que seis jugadores diferentes marcaran a puerta contraria.

Empezamos con un gol de Dani Olmo en el minuto once del partido, la grada aplaude sin cesar. Lo que el público aún no sabe es que el emocionante comienzo no se puede comparar con el final inaudito. Segundo gol en el minuto veintiuno, una asistencia de Jordi Alba para Marco Asensio que celebra el gol con el símbolo del infinito, un gesto especial para él y su prometida. El partido continúa, minuto veintinueve y Ferrán Torres se enfrenta a un penalti que puede frenar su fama de 'enchufado'. El árbitro pita y un gol más que se suma al marcador. La primera mitad del partido acabó con un 3-0 a favor de España. No obstante, si pensábamos que los goles iban a cesar estábamos muy equivocados, los jugadores volvieron en la segunda parte con más ganas, esfuerzo y determinación que nunca para dar lo máximo de sí mismos.

Asimismo, Ferran Torres marca el cuarto gol, desatando un entusiasmo increíble en la grada y en el entrenador de la selección. España ya tiene el partido ganado, quizá Luis Enrique busca perder tiempo en los últimos minutos del partido pero los jugadores están demasiado emocionados y centrados cómo para no seguir con el ataque. En consecuencia, Gavi, el jugador más joven de la selección, marca un gol rematando de primeras, sumándole un punto más al marcador. La habilidad del chico asombra a toda España, su debut en el Mundial no puede empezar mejor, sin duda se ha ganado el corazón de muchos aficionados. Minuto ochenta y nueve y Carlos Soler mete el sexto gol nada más entrar al campo, la roja está que se sale. El partido termina con otro gol de Álvaro Morata, que exhibe su destreza como delantero de la selección española.

Sin lugar a duda el España-Costa Rica ha sido un partido inolvidable que va a permanecer en los récords para siempre. Luis Enrique ha conseguido sembrar la esperanza de ganar el Mundial de Qatar, la roja ha jugado como nunca y se ha ganado el apoyo de muchos españoles que no confiaban en la selección. Si el equipo continúa con este nivel de juego España podría llevarse una gratificante sorpresa el 18 de diciembre de 2022.



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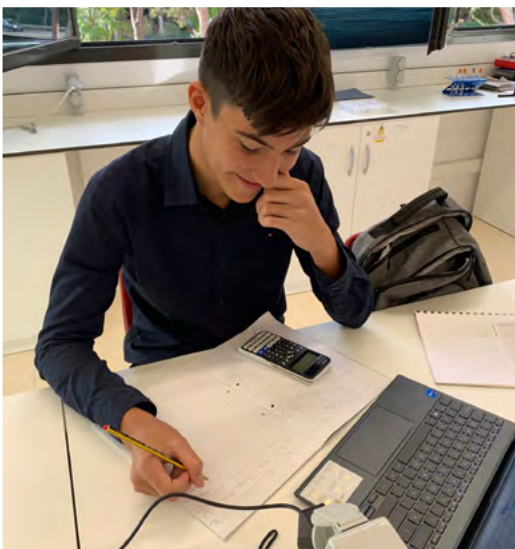




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