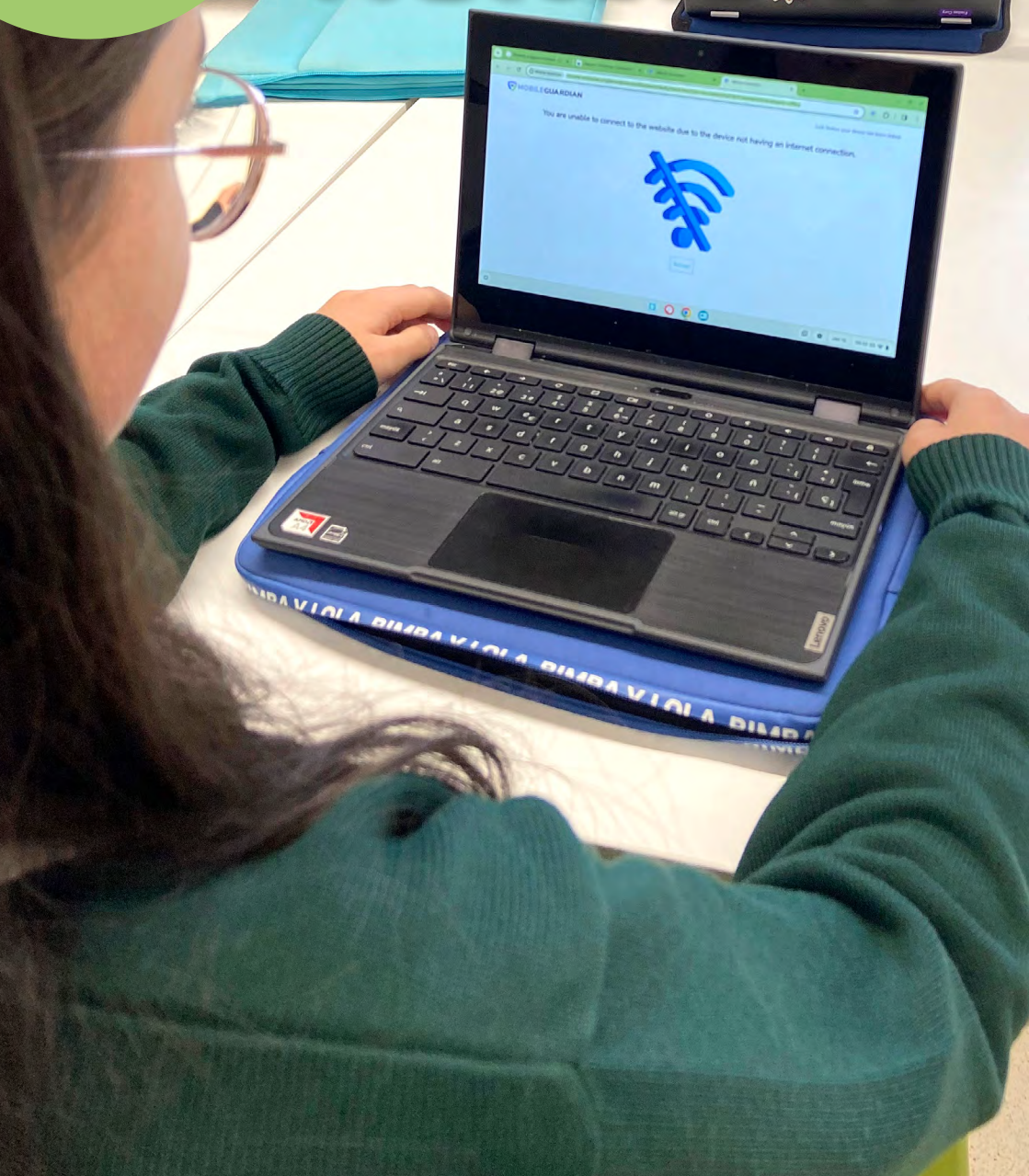


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BCG Newsletter





A very (late) but sincere Happy New Year to you all!

We started the year with a very busy staff training day where we did a lot of work on the new School Development Plan which outlines all of the priorities for the next 3 years. I will share a public version of that either at the end of this term or the start of next term.

Students have been busy either side of the School holidays with the Year 11s and 13s doing mock examinations in December and many other year groups having assessments at the start of term. Sometimes results do not go as planned and students can learn good lessons at these times i.e. learning from mistakes, ensuring things are better next time etc. When results are disappointing it is essential that students show resilience and bounce back. On the whole most students have worked hard and their results indicate great progress. My thanks to the teachers who have worked so hard preparing and marking these exams and assessments so carefully.

Chromebooks - Mobile Guardian

Year 7 to Year 11 students have been using Chromebooks for the last year and we are now making a very important change to their use. Starting now there will be the following changes:

1. The Chromebooks will all be automatically adjusted so they only work from 7am to 10pm.
2. The internet access will be to authorised sites ONLY.
3. In class, teachers will be able to track what students are doing on their devices as well as automatically turn them off or limit what they do.

These important security changes will provide even better security for the students without impacting on their learning.

Psychology Lessons

We are disappointed to announce that Miss Tonner, the Psychology Teacher will be leaving next week as she wishes to prioritise her Master's Degree studies. I would like to thank her for the work she has done with the Year 10 to year 13 students over the last term and we wish her well for the future.

I am, however, delighted to say we have been able to find an excellent replacement! I will be able to make a formal announcement soon but the new teacher will be able to start online lessons immediately and will arrive in school as soon as the visa paperwork is complete. We are delighted with this appointment and I look forward to sharing more information with you soon.

Lastly, but by no means least, a huge congratulations to Ekaterina Leksina in Year 13 who has won the Catalan phase of the Olimpíada Matemàtica and will now go on to represent the region in the national phase. Well done Ekaterina!

Simon Mower
School Principal

MATHS OLYMPIAD WINNER!



60ª EDICIÓ
OLIMPIADA
MATEMÀTICA
CATALANA

On December 15th and 16th of 2023, the Catalan phase of the 60th Olympiad was held in Barcelona, Lleida and Tarragona.

Year 13 student Ekaterina Leksina entered the Olimpíada Matemàtica Catalana, which brought together the most gifted mathematicians in all of Catalunya. The competition consisted of extremely challenging, long-form mathematics questions and took place over two days.

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that Ekaterina beat a large number of competitors from all across the region to take the first prize in the competition. She will now go on to represent Catalunya in the national competition next year!

Ekaterina is a truly exceptional mathematician and we are all incredibly proud of her incredible achievement. And, of course, we wish her the best of luck in the next stage of the competition.

Please check the news [here](#).

Paul Lester
Head of Maths



KS3 NEWS

It's a busy term! We have trips, visitors and sporting fixtures every week, so please keep an eye on the Parents' calendar for those.

The half-year assessments for KS3 (Y7, 8 and 9) start next Monday 22nd, and run for two weeks. They all take place in class, so there won't be any disruption to the school day. All your children's teachers will have given guidance on what will be included in the tests, and it will also have been posted on their Google classrooms. The timetables of assessments were also circulated to all students. So hopefully there will be no surprises!

We are going to be introducing a "study skills" module to KS3 PSHE lessons to help our students with revision methods and other skills such as note taking and referencing. The BCG students have a very positive approach to study in general, but they sometimes struggle to know how to revise effectively, and we plan on making that support integral to their learning from Y7 onwards.

Following the assessments, the key dates for KS3 are:

- **6th February Year 9 Options Evening 16:45 - 18:45**
This is an opportunity for you and your Year 9 child to find out more about IGCSE choices, and to speak to the subject teachers responsible. Please join us.
- **12th-16th February Half Term holiday**
- **28th February KS3 Reports to Parents**
- **12th March Year 8 Parents' Evening 16:45 - 18:45**
- **19th March Year 9 Parents' Evening 16:45 - 18:45**

Full reports, including assessment grades, will be available on 28th february.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Clare Edwards
Head of KS3

KS4 NEWS

New Beginnings in the New Year

As we step into the New Year, our school is buzzing with activity, setting the pace for a dynamic and exciting term.

Mid-Year Exams

The Year 10 exams are in progress this week, setting the stage for a thorough evaluation of our students' progress. Looking ahead, the Key Stage 3 Exams are scheduled to commence next week (w/c 22/1), with comprehensive reports to follow for both sets of exams.

Year 11 IB Options Presentations

Last week marked the start of Year 11 Options Presentations, kicking off with an IB overview presented by Ms. Fenton. Over the coming weeks leading up to half-term, a series of presentations will guide our students, providing valuable insights into potential pathways and a deeper understanding of IB subjects.

BISA Basketball

BCG will host the BISA Basketball this year again at the courts on Rambla de Pompeu Fabra in Gava. The boys U14, U16 and U18 teams compete on Wednesday 24th January and the girls on Wednesday 7th February. Teams will be selected this week. Mr. Alonso and Mr. Pilcher are hoping to add more trophies to the school cabinet.

Cross Country

Remember that students are doing Cross country in PE and this is the perfect weather for it!

Model United Nations

Our Year 9 to 13 MUN group is gearing up for the Model United Nations competition at Oak House on Thursday 8th February. The students were a real credit to the school last year and we know that this year's event will be similarly successful.

Wishing everyone a successful and fulfilling term ahead.

Mr. Ruddin
Head of Key Stage 4 (GCSE)





EYFS AND PRIMARY

Dear parents and families,

Happy New Year! We hope this newsletter finds you well-rested and ready for an exciting Spring Term at BCG. As we welcome 2024, we are filled with enthusiasm for the learning adventures that await our young learners. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to the many new families who have joined us this term. I have really enjoyed getting to know the wonderful new additions to our BCG family.

New Year, New Opportunities

The start of a new year brings with it a sense of renewed energy and fresh possibilities. At BCG, we are committed to providing your child with a stimulating and supportive environment that encourages curiosity, creativity, and a love for learning. Our dedicated teachers and staff are eager to embark on this journey with your child, fostering their academic and personal growth throughout the upcoming term.

This term I will be observing all teachers in Early Years and Primary. Whilst it can be nerve-racking for our teachers (they don't need to be as they are all fantastic!) It is great for me to get into classes and see all of the wonderful learning that goes on in every class. I really enjoy watching teachers teach and seeing the magic of children learning. This process ensures that we deliver high quality provision that excites and inspires your children.

Teachers are also busy this term with meetings with myself and the Key Stage Coordinators about how every child is progressing. It is very useful for us to discuss the learning journey of every child so we can provide support where it's needed. Teachers will communicate to you any concerns and any new intervention groups for the term. I am very proud of the teaching team in Early Years and Primary. They work extremely hard behind the scenes to ensure your child's experience of their school day is nothing but positive.

Exciting Spring Term Events

We have a host of exciting events planned for the Spring Term that will engage, inspire, and delight our students. From special assemblies and themed curriculum days to trips and classroom projects, there will be plenty of opportunities for your child to explore new interests and develop important skills. I am very excited to announce we will be holding a very special Spring-themed Art Exhibition in the second half of the Spring Term.

Parent-Teacher Collaboration

We believe that a strong partnership between parents and teachers is crucial for a child's success. We encourage open communication and collaboration throughout the term. You may have noticed that at home time teachers are now

logging children on a register as they are collected. It is very important that you let us know who is picking up your child. If another parent regularly picks your child up, you must email us with your authorisation for them to be collected by someone else. If we do not receive this communication with you, we will not let your child leave the school premises until we have contacted you. We also need to know on which days your child may be collected by their older sibling in the Secondary school. The safety of your children is our top priority, so please support us by keeping us well informed with regards to end of day collection.



A few reminders for the term ahead



- Smart watches and mobile phones are not permitted.
- Ensure your child arrives on time for school.
- Home time collection is at the following times: **EYFS 4:05 / Yr 1 4:10 / Yr 2 4:15 / Yr 3 to 6 4:20.**
- School uniform should be smart and black shoes only.
- Swimming is part of the PE curriculum and all students must participate. If your child is too ill to go swimming, they should stay at home and you should inform us via email.



Stay Connected

Stay informed about school news, events, and important announcements by regularly checking our school website, the iParent app and following us on social media. Wishing you a joyful and successful Spring Term!

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Wakelin
Head of EYFS & Primary School



MOVIE NIGHT - JANUARY 19TH

MOVIE NIGHT

19 January | 16:30 PM | Auditorium



YEAR 3-6

3€ entry fee includes the movie, popcorn, and drinks.

PICK UP AT 18:30

Movie: THE SMURFS (2011)

Sign-up **REQUIRED** on the form attached.

Strict deadline: Wednesday 17th January, 16:30.
No students will be added after this time.

THIS FRIDAY!!!

19TH JANUARY

Following the success of their previous event, the CAS group is hosting another Movie Night this Friday. 'The Smurfs' will be screened for **Year 3 to 6** students in the Auditorium from 4:30 pm. The €3 fee includes the movie, drinks, and popcorn.

PLEASE REGISTER [HERE](#).

MOVIE NIGHT - JANUARY 26TH

Dear KS3 parents,

We would like to invite **Year 7-9** students to a movie night, in school, on Friday 26th January. We will be screening Jumanji, Welcome to the Jungle! The movie will start at 16.30 and students can be collected from reception at 18.40. There is a 3€ charge for this event. Please send your child with the correct money and they will pay as they enter the auditorium. We will provide a soft drink (not carbonated) and some popcorn. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY FOOD FROM HOME. IT CAN BE DANGEROUS TO ANY STUDENTS WITH ALLERGIES.** All proceeds are going towards funding our Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award which we hope to complete in Wales (UK) in May. Please support us in reaching our goal!

There is a strict deadline of Wednesday 24th January, 16.30 for this event. No student will be added after this time.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Sincerely,

Year 12 CAS
Lena, Zoe, Caya & Angelina P



ECAP NEWS

Exciting news!

Our Extracurricular Activity Programs (ECAPs) are now in full swing and extended for even more fun! Throughout Term 2, we're bringing you a fantastic lineup of extracurricular activities every afternoon, Monday through Thursday, from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. Our aim is to cater to the interests of both students and their families, ensuring everyone finds something to enjoy. Due to popular demand, our spaces are filling up fast, and some clubs are already at full capacity. For additional details on these great activities, feel free to reach out to us at ecap@bcgava.com. We're here to make your experience even more enjoyable. Check out the attached posters for specific details on each day's exciting activities!

Lunch Clubs are also up and running. Check the documents attached.

*Please be reminded that due to allergies, we follow a "nut-free" policy in school and any snacks that the children bring to eat before their ECAP session cannot have nuts in them.

LUNCH TIME CLUBS PRIMARY

MONDAYS: Y5 & Y6 Irish dance with Miss O'Connor in the Drama room (mirrored) (12:15-12:45)

MONDAYS: Y3 to Y6 Badminton with Miss Campbell at the Sports Hall (12:15-13:15h)

TUESDAYS: Y1 & Y2 Dance & Music Club with Miss Kempnar in Y1B (12:15-12:45)

TUESDAYS: Y1 & Y2 Lego Club with Miss Baker Y2 class (13-13:30h)

WEDNESDAYS: Y1 to Y6 Art Club with Miss Taylor in Y2 class (13-13:30h).

WEDNESDAYS: Y2 to Y6 Beginner "Andate" Orchestra with Ms. Montse in the Performance Room 2 (12:15)

WEDNESDAYS: Y2 to 6 Advanced Allera Orchestra with Miss Montse in Performance Room 2 (12:45)

LUNCH TIME CLUBS Y7 TO Y9

MONDAYS: Pop Band with Miss McDonald Auditorium (13:30)

MONDAYS: Y8 Paper Jewellery Miss Olwick (13:45-14:15)

TUESDAY: Y9 Paper Jewellery Miss Olwick (13:45-14:15)

TUESDAY: Basketball with Mr Alonso (13:45 to 14:15)

WEDNESDAYS: Valleyball with Miss Bell

THURSDAYS: Chamber Group (Orchestral players, invited by level) Performance room 1 (13:30pm)

THURSDAYS: Badminton with Miss Campbell. Sports Hall

FRIDAYS: Choir with Miss McDonald in Performance Room 1 (13:30)

FRIDAYS: Chess with Mr Flynn in the Secondary Library (13:45 to 14:10)

Fridays: Valleyball with Miss Bell

LUNCH TIME CLUBS Y10 TO Y13

MONDAYS: Y12 and Y13 Multi Students with Mr Woodcock and Miss Pavisch (13:45-14:15)

MONDAYS: IGCSE-IB French with with Miss Delmet in room 2.17 (13:40-14:10)

TUESDAYS: Maths Support With Mr Lester Room 3.23 (13:15 - 13:45)

WEDNESDAY: Senior Pop Band in the Auditorium (13:30-14:00)

WEDNESDAY: Y10 and Y11 Multi students with Mr Woodcock and Miss Pavisch (13:30-14:15)

WEDNESDAYS: Valleyball with Miss Bell

THURSDAYS: Chamber Group (Orchestral players, invited by level) Performance room 1, (13:30)

THURSDAYS: Badminton with Miss Campbell. Sports Hall.

FRIDAYS: Economics Support Club with Mr Hadjipavlov (13:40-14:10) Week 1 Y10 and Y12 Week 2 Y11 and Y13.

FRIDAYS: Chess with Mr Flynn in the Secondary Library (13:45 to 14:10)

Fridays: Valleyball with Miss Bell

MONDAY

4:30-5:30pm

MULTISPORT
Nur to Y2
80€/term

SECONDARY STUDIES
Y7 to Y13
Free

COOKING
Y3 to Y9
190€/term

CHESS
Y2 to Y13
130€/term

FOOTBALL
Y7 to Y9
100€/term

PRIMARY HOMEWORK
Y1 to Y6
Free

ART ATTACK
Y1 to Y6
100€/term

RYTHMIC GYMNASTICS
Y1 to Y6
130€/term

ECAP
2024

TUESDAY

4:30-5:30pm

MULTISPORT
Nur to Y6
80€/term

SEC. STUDIES
Y7 to Y13
Free

LEGOMAKER
Nur to Y2
190€/term

TENNIS
Y3 to Y6
80€/term

BASKETBALL
Y7 to Y13
100€/term

ECAP
2024

DANCE FUSION
Y4 to Y9
130€/term

**CLIMBING
BEGINNERS**
Y2 to Y6
130€/term

**PRIMARY
HOMEWORK**
Y1 to Y6
Free

WEDNESDAY

4:30-5:30pm

MULTISPORT
Nur to Y2
80€/term

SECONDARY STUDIES
Y7 to Y13
Free

BASKETBALL
Y3 to Y6
100€/term

FOOTBALL
Y10 to Y13
100€/term

PRIMARY HOMEWORK
Y1 to Y6
Free

ECAP
2024

VOLLEYBALL
Y5 to Y9
80€/term

MARTIAL ARTS MUGUENDO
Y3 TO Y9
130€/term

CLIMBING INTERMEDIATE
Y5 to Y9
130€/term

THURSDAY

4:30-5:30pm

MULTISPORT
Nur to Y2
80€/term

SECONDARY STUDIES
Y7 to Y13
Free

FOOTBALL
Y3 to Y6
100€/term

CLIMBING ADVANCED
Y5 to Y13
130€/term

MINECRAFT CODE CLUB
Y2 to Y6
190€/term

ECAP
2024

PUBLIC SPEAKING
Y6 to Y9
80€/term

PRIMARY HOMEWORK
Y1 to Y6
Free

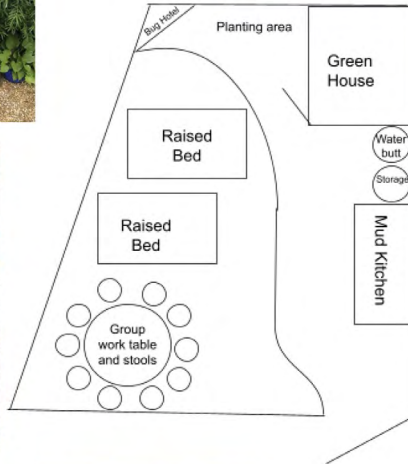
BALLET
Nur to Y4
130€/term

KS1 GARDEN PLAN

YOUR COOPERATION IS NEEDED FOR OUR KS1 GARDEN SPACE!

Dear Parents,

Exciting times are ahead in KS1 as we learn about the wonders of growing and taking care of plants! This essential skill is particularly crucial for our younger pupils, and we are delighted to announce that the BCG maintenance team has made us our very own dedicated garden space.



As we embark on this green adventure, we envision transforming this space into a magical secret garden for our children. To make this dream a reality, **we kindly seek your support and are requesting donations of the following:**

- 1.5-litre clear plastic bottles
- Old Wellington or rain boots (for flowers),
- Plastic plant pots.
- Additionally, if any of you have connections to a source of wooden pallets or logs, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

All donations are to be brought to Miss Ford in Year 1a.

For any questions or contributions, please reach out to me via email at kerry.ford@bcgava.com.

Your involvement is instrumental in making this garden project a success.

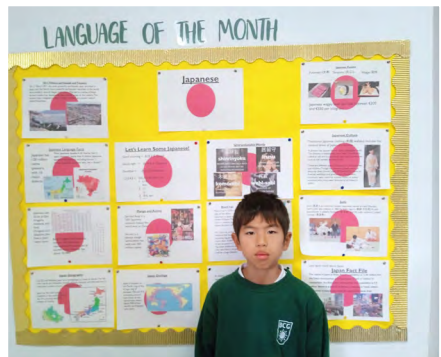
Warm regards,

Miss Ford
KS1 Coordinator

LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

Language of the month

At the end of last term we celebrated Japanese as our language of the month. We began with assemblies, learning about the Japanese language and the culture of Japanese speakers. We learnt, for example, that 128 million people speak Japanese as a first language and that Japanese uses three scripts: hiragana, katakana, and kanji. We also discovered that Japan is an archipelago, has five main islands (Hokkaido, Honshu, Kyushu, Shikoku and Okinawa) and that Japan has the sixth longest coastline in the world at 29,751 km. We also talked about Mt Fuji, the Pacific ring of fire, wagyu, tempura, sumo and manga! Finally we learnt how to say some things in Japanese. (For example おはよう Ohayō and さようなら Sayōnara!) A really big thank you to Kenji, who gave some fantastic assemblies explaining his experience of speaking Japanese, well done! In January we are celebrating Turkish!



Mr Fassam



GLIMPSE OF THE WEEKS



GLIMPSE OF THE WEEKS

