



BCG Newsletter

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Two weeks ago we held a small celebration for the Founding students and members of staff who had been with the school from the start. We showed a presentation of images which covered all stages of the school's (short) history and it was lovely to see the students remembering old faces! We used this occasion as an opportunity to thank Maria Andrea Jacobo and Josep Clave for their particular contributions which started even before the school opened!

Summer Fair

This Saturday we have the Summer fair and I very much hope to see you all there. I am sure it is going to be a splendid occasion. Thanks to all of the organisers, bakers, stand owners, helpers and performers!

Examinations

This, the last week of the IB exams coincides with the first week of the GCSE examinations. I would like to thank the Year 13 students for their very impressive and mature approach to the exams. They have been punctual, listened to instructions and seem to have been extremely well prepared. They have been a credit to the school. I am confident that the Year 11s will be every bit as sensible over the coming weeks.

Summer Camp

The registration for the summer camp is now open, please see the website for details. This camp gets more and more popular each year with our own students and those from outside school, so please ensure you reserve your places soon!

Residentials

The much awaited residential trips have started, with the Year 4s off to Mas Bado this week and the International trips starting with Rome next week. I am sure all students will have a wonderful time and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff involved in making these trips happen.

Sports Day!

On the 17th & 19th we will be having EYFS & Primary sports mornings - they are going to be really fun! Look out for a write up and lots of photos in the next newsletter!

Simon Mower
School Principal

EYFS AND PRIMARY NEWS

Dear parents and families,

The theme for my newsletter this week is something that is really important to me: expression of gratitude. Gratitude can take many forms from a simple thank you, a symbolic gift or gesture to giving someone our most valuable asset: time.

When life throws us curve balls, challenges and surprises, we can forget all that we should be grateful for. Too often we are too busy to say thank you. It is not that we don't think about it, we simply don't have the time. So I wanted to dedicate this newsletter firstly to all of our families that emailed and sent wonderfully kind and supportive messages to myself, Miss Bell and Miss McDonald, who most of you will know were involved in a car incident a couple of weeks ago. It was a terrifying time for us all but we really felt the love and support from our BCG families and I wanted to personally thank you from the bottom of my heart.

This newsletter is also dedicated to the incredible Early Years and Primary team. I am very proud of the teaching and learning that takes place in each and every classroom. Our teachers and teaching assistants work tirelessly to give our children the very best, often going above and beyond to make learning experiences meaningful and ones they will remember forever.

The Summer Term brings a different kind of 'busy' to school and teachers are working exceptionally hard. So before I get TOO busy to say it, thank you so much teachers and all of the wonderful staff that make the Early Years and Primary school the special place it is.

Parent Workshop: PSHE

As part of our series of Parent Workshops, last week we held a meeting about the Relationships & Sex Education (RSE) curriculum we will be delivering this term from Year 1 to Year 6. It was good to see many of you at this meeting and participate in an interesting discussion about this topic. I would like to say a special thank you to Miss Abi Carter, our PSHE Subject Lead, for all of her hard work. I hope you found it valuable. Please do contact Miss Carter or myself if you have any queries or questions. I am currently developing an exciting program of Parent Workshops for the next academic year. Please communicate your ideas and suggestions to our Parent Reps or email me directly. We really look forward to working with you next year and learning together.

I wish you all a wonderful week full of gratitude.

Un abrazo

Miss Kelly Wakelin
Head of EYFS & Primary School

SUMMER FAIR POSTER COMPETITION

Results:

- 1 place Hania year 5
- 2 place Vega year 4B
- 3 place Santi year 4A

Effort:

- Naomi year 1
- Amalia year 4A
- Platón year 1



YEAR 3 TRIP TO THE BEACH

Last Friday, the Year 3`s had the best day at the beach using their design skills to build their very own Sandman. In English, we have been reading a book called, `The Sandman and the turtle´ by a famous English author called Michael Morpurgo. In the story, the main characters build a man made of sand and he comes to life to then have a whole load of adventures. The students in Year 3 have been working hard in English writing about different parts of the story and so they loved having the chance to go to the beach to build their own. They had to think about what they knew from the story and build their Sandman the same. So he had to be tall, strong and have a large tummy!

The students had to work together in a team to gather their materials and then build. They cleverly told us that the dry sand would not work very well and so they had to dig deep to get wet sand. There was some fantastic teamwork and as you can see the results were amazing.

Ms Stevens



SECONDARY NEWS

Dear Parents,

Summer Fair

The summer fair takes place on Saturday; the fun begins at 12 noon and continues until 4 pm. There will be stalls featuring foods from around the world plus a barbecue, live music from the students across three stages, as well as an assortment of activities to entertain the whole family. We anticipate a great event and look forward to seeing you there. Your presence and participation is a wonderful way to show your support for our school and the community.

GCSE exams and IB

The GCSE students have commenced their official study leave period and this is the first of a five week schedule. It comes just ahead of what is, for the majority, the most intense week of their exams timetable. Meanwhile, our IB students in Year 13 are now coming to the end of their schedule and their final exam is on Friday. We have found ourselves impressed by the maturity and the seriousness with which they have approached these exams; they are a credit to themselves.

Year 6 to Year 7 Transition

At the recent transition meeting we welcomed the parents of the current Year 6 into the secondary school. It was great to see such a good turn out and to give parents a little flavour of secondary school life here at BCG. Our next transition opportunity is on 13th-14th June when the students can experience a 'day in the life' of Year 7 for themselves.

Cycling to School

We wholeheartedly endorse this activity. If your child cycles (or scooters) to school we do insist that they wear a suitable helmet. Please remember that any person aged 16 or over must, as a legal requirement, wear a helmet whilst on a cycle or a scooter.

Please be aware that your child's bike is left on the school campus at their own risk.

Attendance

This is an ongoing area of focus for the leadership team and we intend to remain strict on any unauthorised absences. Last week, Mr Mower and I gave an assembly reiterating the importance of daily attendance to the students in Years 9-12. Further assemblies on this and related topics are to follow.

Mr Ruddin

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS - SPORTS DAYS

For all 3 events below, students, teachers and parents should wear their house colours. Parents are invited to support the primary sports days and are reminded to wear a hat and sunscreen and bring a water bottle! For our KS3 games morning, it's students only.

- Wednesday 17th May, 09.30 - 11.45, EYFS & KS1 Sports Morning
- Friday 19th May, 09.30 - 12.30, KS2 Sports Morning
- Tuesday 30th May, 09.00 - 10.30, KS3 Games Morning

Ms Bell



PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS - BISA VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to the team who came third in the rearranged BISA event last week. We convincingly won our last match against the SEK A team, 25 - 13 and 25 - 11. In the games we lost, we took the opposition to third, deciding sets. We lost 15 - 11 and then 15 - 13 in both. Their games were close and we learnt a lot. Special mention to Pia, Santi and Julia who took coaching advice on board and really demonstrated a commitment to improved performance.

Ms Bell



CAS CORNER - WEAR (META) BLUE!

On Wednesday 17th May we invite students to wear [Meta Blue](#). This is to celebrate World Telecommunications Day. As you can see from the images, world telecommunications day, since 1969 has been celebrated by wearing blue. Is it a coincidence that the same shade is also the colour of choice for the metaverse group? All collected donations this month will go towards visiting the elderly citizens of Gava. Due to the rising implementation of technology -mobile phones and social media in particular- there are many groups finding themselves isolated. The elderly are one of these.

Technology is constantly changing and upgrading quickly; at a rate many cannot keep up with or have never had the skills to fully access. We aim to visit some elderly care homes to teach them how to use technology for fun games such as online chess or card games and introduce those who have mobiles to new and current apps that they may find joy in. For others we will simply offer good old fashioned, technology-free conversation. We are assuming that many of the people we will speak to will have lost jobs due to the use of technology in the workplace and so it will be useful for Vlada to gather first hand information to help with her IBCP Technology Essay. For all the year 12 TOK students, our elderly citizens will offer a great perspective on how technology influences what we know.

The BIG question this month is “In what ways does technology affect what we know?”. This is a very open and general question. When you TOK/TALK at home with your children think about social media. Are you grateful that you (parents) didn't grow up in an era where everything can be snapped and shared? What are the advantages and disadvantages of shared knowledge via the internet and what about those with no internet access? With technology and editing, can we ever be sure of what is real?

Ms Bell



TRIP TO COSMO CAIXA

Our trip to the science museum “Cosmo Caixa” was an educational and enjoyable experience for all the students. The museum, located in Barcelona, has a variety of interactive exhibits that cover topics ranging from physics and biology to astronomy and geology.

The students had the opportunity to participate in hands-on activities that allowed them to learn about different scientific concepts in a fun and engaging way. They explored a replica of a rainforest and observed its ecosystem, experimented with gravity and motion, and learned about the solar system through a planetarium show.

In addition to the exhibits, the museum offered workshops and guided tours, where the students were able to ask questions and learn more in-depth information about different scientific fields. The trip was not only educational, but it was also a great opportunity for the students to bond with each other outside of the classroom.

Overall, the school trip to Cosmo Caixa was a great success, with the students returning home with a newfound appreciation for science and its role in our daily lives.

Mr Scheepers



ENRICHMENT NEWS

TRIPS AND VISITS

International and local residential trips are looming! We are super excited.

Lead teachers are meeting with students this week to discuss the arrangements for the trips to Madrid, Rome and London. The Normandy trip group will meet at the start of June.

Parents should have received the summary information and packing guides by now. Key points to remember for ALL trips is that these are an extension of our school ethos, rules and guidelines. Each and every person travelling is a representative of BCG. Good manners, consideration and awareness of others and respect and collaboration are expected at all times.

ECAP

Time flies, and we are nearly reaching the end of the school year! The ECAP team would love to have any feedback from those of you who have been using it, and if you have any suggestions please do not hesitate to contact us too by emailing: ecap@bcgava.com

Ms Bell

LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT EVENTS

LINGUISTS OF THE WEEK

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

EYFS and Primary

- Reception: Carlota G. and Martín R. (SPANISH)
- Y1: Carolina R. (SPANISH)
- Y2: Vega G. and Ramy G. (SPANISH)
- Y3: Sira W. and Arnas U. (CATALAN)
- Y5: SMarco G. and Alessia B. (CATALAN)
- Y6: Marco G. and Alessia B. (CATALAN)

Secondary and Baccalaureate

- KS3: Leu H., Year 9 (FRENCH)
- KS4: Eva P., Year 11 (FRENCH)
- KS5: Constantino G., Year 12 (SPANISH)

Ms Pou



APRIL LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH: ARABIC

During April we celebrated Arabic as our language of the month. We began with assemblies; learning about the Arabic language, the many different countries Arabic is spoken in (as both a first and second language) and then focused on Moroccan culture (as Hadi, who gave our assemblies, is Moroccan) We learnt, for example, that Arabic is written and read from right to left, has many dialects and that there are over 300 million speakers of Arabic as a first language. Hadi also taught us lots of interesting things about Morocco, for example that the Moroccan currency is called the Dirham and about famous foods like tagine and couscous.





We were also shown how to say some things in Arabic. (Shukran Hadi! (شكرا)) A really big thank you to Hadi for all his hard work, well done!

In the final month of school we will be celebrating Danish, If any of our Danish families would like to get involved, or if you have any new ideas, please let us know!

Mr Fassam

YEAR 5 VISIT THE MUHBA MUSEUM IN BARCELONA

Last May 3rd, Year 5 students went on a field trip for their Social Studies subject, with the aim of seeing first hand the evidence of the Roman period that we can find in the city of Barcelona. They had a guided tour inside and outside the MUHBA museum, entitled "Journey to Barcino", and learned about the Roman past of the city.

Ms Pou





SUMMER CAMPS 2023

Come and join our community in Gavà Mar this Summer.

From 3 to 17 years old. 100% in English with UK trained native teachers. Amazing facilities at our campus surrounded by green space and the beach.

Active, inclusive and project-based activities
Sports
Climbing (Sharma)
The great outdoors

Cooking
Improve English
Monitors in English, Spanish and Catalan
Water Games and Inflatables

Make new friends and build life skills
Friendly environment
Technology activities
Cinema Room



Building a New World
3 to 10 years old



Leading the Change
11 to 14 years old



English Camp
13 to 17 years old



Week 1 - **WATER WEEK** - July 3rd to July 7th

Week 2 - **LIFE ON LAND WEEK** - July 10th to July 14th

Week 3 - **ENERGY WEEK** - July 17th to July 21st

Week 4 - **INNOVATION WEEK** - July 24th to July 28th



Sign up!

Regular Price* 235€ (Full Day) | 185€ (Half Day) | From 08:30 to 16:30 (Early Drop Off Available)
English Camp 210€ from 09:00 to 13:00 | All food included | BCG Students get 10% off | *Price per week

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Saturday May 20th, 2023 | From 12 pm to 4 pm

SUMMER FAIR

At The British College of Gavà

GAMES

FOOD

**LIVE
MUSIC**

BBQ

International food fair*

Teachers and students will run stalls with games

Fundamentales bouncy castle and games

ECAP companies will run demos and activities

Music and choir performances

Food sale (from 12:30 to 14:30)

Exhibitors*

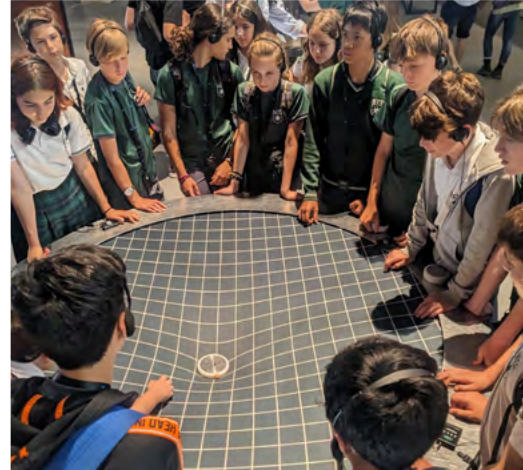
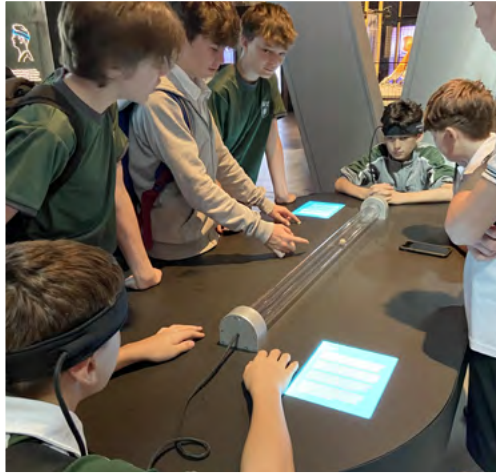
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***Parent Representatives support needed!** - Contact your class rep to inform them about your collaboration and if you can support a food stall for 30 minutes.

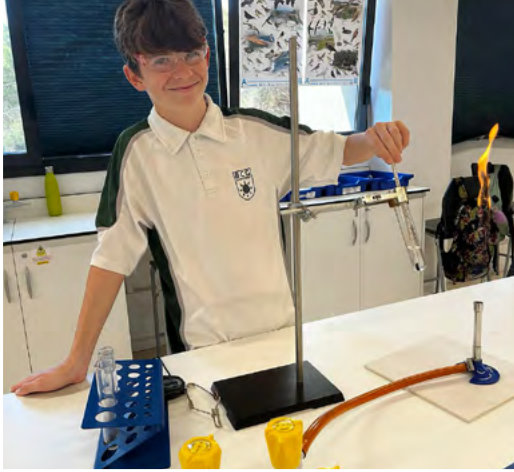
*Companies that wish to cooperate, offer an activity and promote their business can have their stalls at the fair. Please contact paulina.valverde@bcgava.com if you wish to join!



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