



BCG Newsletter

17 January 2023





Welcome back

The first thing I would like to do is to wish you all a very Happy New Year! The very busy winter term ended with a flurry of wonderful Christmas Concerts from the children right across the school. Our end of term assembly, on the last morning of term, showcased highlights from these concerts and was a beautiful and joyous way to start the Christmas festivities.

And welcome!

This term we have been joined by Laura Franckeiss, the class teacher of our newly opened Reception class. Eva Beauné is our new Primary Music Teacher and Jordi Masip joins our PE and eAthletes department.

New pathways

We have just launched a very exciting addition to our International Baccalaureate offering. Last September we introduced our first Career-related pathway partnership with the EU Business School. Our CP offering is very exciting and aimed at those students who would like a more practical, real world education.

This week we are launching our Sustainability Pathway which offers:

- Sustainable Fashion,
- Sustainable Hospitality,
- Sustainable Tourism,
- Sustainable Finance & Digitalization,
- Nature Conservation.

Students would study:

- Up to 3 DP subjects, linked to the chosen pathway, studied with DP students
- The CP core elements with other CP Pathway students.
- Sustainable Management element taught by our partner [SUMAS](#).
- 2nd year project with leading company in Barcelona area linked to area of specialism.

Please contact Ms Fenton for more information.

Mock examinations

Year 11 and 13 students have been sitting their mock examinations this week. This opportunity provides them with a real opportunity to understand the exam process in preparation for the summer. I have to say that I have been very impressed by the seriousness of students and hope they achieve the results they deserve.

Scooters

This week we learned that scooters will be banned from public transport from 1 February. This is very disappointing and we understand that it will create difficulties for students (and staff), however please ensure that alternative arrangements are planned to ensure your sons and daughters arrive at school on time every day.

Dentist's Visit

On Jan 20th, Year 4 to Year 8 will have a dentist's talk to talk about dental/oral hygiene and good practices.

How are we doing?

Towards the end of this term we will be sending out surveys to parents, students and staff to hear your views and listen to your suggestions. More news to come.

Simon Mower
Principal

EYFS & PRIMARY NEWS

Dear Parents,

Before I celebrate with you the wonderful start to a new year and the Spring term, it is only right that I give praise and applause to our fantastic new Music Teacher, Miss Claire McDonald, for her hard work and effort to produce brilliant Christmas performances across the school last term.

I would like to say a very special thank you to the Early Years, Year 1 and 2 teachers for an outstanding Christmas show. They had clearly practised a lot and all worked so hard to learn lines of a story, lyrics to many songs, as well as learning actions. A polished performance every pupil should be really proud of.

I really enjoy the start of the spring Term for many reasons, one of which is hearing the excited tales from all of the children about their Christmas holidays. Fun with families and time well spent travelling were the main themes. Our children have returned happy and seemingly a little more mature this term. Behaviour has been excellent this week and the class topics have kicked off to a flying start. We will be focusing on improving our displays around the school this term and I look forward to seeing the children's class work adorning our walls.

We have updated the Spring Term calendar dates which should now be available to you. We have the first of our Parent Workshops for EYFS & Yr 1 and Yr 2 parents on 1st February at 9am. This will give you an introduction to 'Maths at BCG' and demonstrate the curriculum we follow, some fun activities for you to try and how to support your child's development in Numeracy at home. The Upper Primary workshop will follow later this term.

Congratulations to Olya in Year 6 who is our new Blue Team House Captain. She wrote a wonderful letter of application and is very excited about her role.

Next week, look out for posts on Google Classroom about our free lunchtime club program. The program forms part of our Positive Playground Project. Today our Primary pupils were treated to an assembly launching Miss O'Connor's Irish Dancing club which will run at lunchtime on Fridays. We got a sneak preview of a spectacular performance of Miss O'Connor dancing in a show on YouTube. The children were completely mesmerised! I have a feeling this will be a very popular club indeed. I am tempted to join it myself!

Finally, I'd like to wish all of our families, our many new families especially, a great weekend! As always I have an Open Door policy so please feel free to arrange a meeting with me should you need to.

Un abrazo,

Miss Kelly Wakelin
Head of EYFS & Primary School

Reception

The children in Starfish class have adapted wonderfully to their new class groups. They have enjoyed having more space, resources and all the opportunities that having a smaller class size offers. Having said that they have also enjoyed spending time together during certain lessons and break times throughout the day. This week the children have been introduced to their new topic Around The World, we have talked about the different countries they will explore and what they would like to learn about. The children have also produced some lovely art to add to our topic theme board for this term.

Ms Franckeiss

Year 5B

Hi everybody!

I hope you had a brilliant Christmas and wishing you a Happy New Year! It was a fantastic end to the term with the Christmas performances and I hope you enjoyed the children's talents if you were able to attend. It was a lovely end to the term!

As you may know, I am currently not able to return to school just yet as I recover from surgery and follow the doctor's advice. I'm organising a video call with the class to say hello, as I miss them all lots! I'm still working remotely when I can, so if you have any issues or things you need help with, please do still email me and I'll do everything I can to support you. I hope to return to school in the next week or so, as soon as I am given the 'go ahead' from my doctor.

I look forward to seeing you all soon too.

Mr Ball

SECONDARY NEWS

Dear parents,

Happy New Year from everyone in Secondary. The year has gotten off to an excellent start with the students hitting the ground running. As this goes to press we will be well into our second week of mock IGCSE and IB exams. It impressed me how quickly the students switched out of holiday mode now that they are nearing the business end of the two-year courses. Towards the end of the half term, we will have two parents' evenings and the GCSE options evening which kicks off the Year 9 parents' evening. This will be where the subject option teachers will be able to promote their subject, after which Year 9 parents and their children will have the opportunity to speak to them about it while it is fresh in their minds. There will be further details about the format of the evening in a separate communication. Coming up in the calendar we have a couple of volleyball fixtures. MUN has made a return to the calendar too, and we look forward to the children participating in these worthwhile activities where opportunities abound to develop a plethora of life skills.

January

- January 9th - 20th - Year 11 & 13 Mock Examinations
- January 17th - School Newsletter
- January 25th - Girls Volleyball at BFIS (3 teams)
- January 31st - School Newsletter
- January 30th - February 3rd- Y7-Y10 Informal Assessment Week

February

- February 1st - International Mother Language Day
- February 6th - Y11 & Y13 Full Reports to Parents
- February 7th - 4.45 pm – 7.45 pm - GCSE Options Evening and Year 9 Parents' Evening
- February 8th (Evening) - Boys Volleyball at SEK (3 teams)
- February 8th & 9th - Senior MUN (students from Yrs 10 - 13)
- February 9th - 4.40 pm – 6.40 pm - Year 8 Parents' Evening
- February 10th - Half-term break starts

Mr. Ruddin

PE NEWS

Term 2 PE Objectives

This term, the department integrates social, self-management and communication ATL skills and we continue to promote the BCG core values of COLLABORATION and CREATIVITY. Our theory elements focus on open and closed skills, the types of practice best suited to their development, breaking down skills to their individual parts through analysis and evaluation and teaching / coaching others. Where the timetables allow, our secondary students may have the opportunity to demonstrate learning through coaching our primary pupils. We will use Volleyball, Football, Basketball and Touch Rugby over the course of this term as our tools for learning. Most lessons will take place outdoors. Remember, there is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing! Ensure that BCG hoodies and bodywarmers (and perhaps some gloves!) are packed for PE days as the colder weather approaches. Finally, we kindly remind parents that if students are in school, they are deemed fit to participate in all lessons, PE included. We have many roles and responsibilities that students who are injured can adopt to avoid disrupting learning.

Year 11 and 13 climbing

Don't forget, for those who requested to climb during PE time, your parents must authorise and pay for this on the school booking system. Each family has been emailed and we will send a reminder this week. Deadline is Friday 20th January.


Water Activity and Water Safety Unit

We are in the process of booking another surfing block for students in years 7 to 10. This will take place for the first 6 weeks at the start of term 3 (April / May). For year 10 students, this will be every week 1 for the whole of term 3 as they only have a double lesson once a fortnight. The plan is the same as previous years. Students leave BCG at 15,00 and travel with a member of staff to Port Ginesta. Lessons are 2 hours long. Parents organise transport home from Port Ginesta when lessons end at approx. 17.45 - 18.00hrs. For those who do not wish to attend surfing, an alternative water safety unit is planned to take place at Gava Mar Beach to ensure consistency in learning objectives. Details on the water safety unit will follow shortly.

Basketball League

Mr. Alonso's basketball league is ready to start immediately after the mock exams. We have a mix of students and staff, 3-a-side teams prepared and eager to compete! All players are encouraged to join Mr. Alonso's google classroom to avoid missing matches or any other important information.

Ms Bell



BCG just launched new International Baccalaureate Career Related Programmes!

The International Baccalaureate Career-Related Programme (IBCP) with Sustainability Pathways prepares students for the future of work, while they continue to deepen their academic knowledge, develop personal skills and core values.

Global sustainability is a truly universal endeavour.
Hence, we offer the following options:

Fashion

Hospitality

Tourism

Finance & Digitalization

Nature Conservation

More details about student profile, educational framework and career options will be available very soon.

In collaboration with
Sustainability Management School (SUMAS)



NEW STAFF

Laura Franckeiss - Reception Teacher

My name is Laura and I am very excited to be the new teacher of Starfish Class in Reception. After completing my masters degree in education I have been lucky enough to teach at many outstanding schools throughout the UK and most recently as a Teacher and Education Coordinator at a small international school in Bali. I am very much a people person and in my own time enjoy anything creative including drawing, painting, dance and crafts.



I have always been passionate about working in Reception as I feel it is one of the most privileged positions a teacher can hold. You are able to support and observe as each child begins to develop their own interests, passions, personality traits, relationships and life skills. As a practitioner I value child led learning that celebrates the individual child, promotes confidence, independence and of course, is fun!



Eva Beaune - Primary Music Teacher

I was Born in Le Mans and began studying Viola at the conservatoire at the age of 6 transferring to higher studies on Viola at the conservatoire de Nantes where I played in international children's orchestras. I obtained a Bachelor in Musicology in the University of Poitiers along with a Music Performance Degree in the Centre d'Etudes Supérieures de Musique et de Danse of Poitiers and in the Royal Academy of Music in Dublin.

I passed a teaching degree and found my vocation in sharing my passion for music through teaching (singing, violin, viola and cello) as well as playing viola in a number of professional orchestras. I also performed at the international baroque music festival in Martel France.

Jordi Masip - PE and e-Athletes assistant

I am a Sociologist specialized in Social Science who loves sports and in particular Hockey.

I always played hockey and since I was nineteen, I have been coaching. I trained all types of hockey teams, from Hockey+ teams, hockey with people with special needs to Top Spanish hockey teams, being part of the staff who promoted for the first time in the history the first female team to the top division of Spain.



ECAP NEWS

Enrichment News

The Senior MUN Conference is taking place on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th February at Oakhouse School. Exact times to follow when these have been arranged by the organisers. We have 13 students registered for this event. For those who do not know, MUN is a student-driven conference where each delegate chooses an area of interest in which they wish to debate. Students are then allocated a country whose belief system they must adopt while presenting arguments, even if these are in conflict with their own beliefs and principles. This event enables students to be open minded, tolerant and willing to independently research and adopt different perspectives that, in reality, may be outside their comfort zone. Most BCG core values and all aspects of the IBDP learner profile can be accessed through participation in MUN. Students are expected to prepare independently and in their own time. Miss Bell or Mr. Woodcock can be available to students who request an appointment should they require any help, support or assistance.

BISA Volleyball

This half-term, the BISA focus sport is Volleyball. Boys and girls compete over 3 age categories - U12, U14 and U18 - with the tournaments split over 2 days. The girls compete on Wednesday 25th January at Benjamin Franklin school and the boys on Wednesday 8th February at SEK. On both days we leave school sharp at 08.45 and will be back at 16.30hrs. Students have been asked to sign up at reception if they wish to be considered for the squads. Trials will take place depending on levels of interest. When the squads are chosen, parents will be notified to authorise attendance on the school booking system.

ECAP

Term 2's ECAP activities have started. Clubs with low numbers will be cancelled. Parents will be notified by email if this applies to them and asked to select an alternative activity. Please be reminded that each term, parents must sign up for ECAP. Activities from the previous term do not automatically roll-over. Any parent wishing to join ECAP should email ecap@bcgava.com as the booking system has now closed. Ecap posters with the current Clubs are attached.

There are a series of lunch clubs on offer in term 2 that DO NOT require sign up. Nonetheless, if students attend these clubs they are expected to do so with commitment. They are encouraged to inform their club leader if for some reason they are unable to make a session.

International Trips

Passport copies were required by the agency on Monday 16th January. The trips team have requested these. Our next set of documents are due by **Friday 27th January** and these are:

1. Loco parentis permission forms for students travelling to Normandy and Rome.
2. Details of Travel and Health insurance policies.

Ensure copies of documents emailed to trips or handed to reception are clear with all information captured and the child's name and the trip destination written in the subject box or envelope.

For those travelling to London, passport copies, loco parentis and T&H policy documents are to be submitted before the February holiday. Parents will receive a detailed letter with requirements shortly.

Year 5 & 6 Ski Trip

The year 5 & 6 ski trip has been finalised with 39 students attending. Should you wish your child to be added to this trip, please email requests to trips@bcgava.com. Bear in mind that this is subject to places being available at the resort and not a certainty that they can attend.

Trips Waiting List

Any students wishing to join the residential or international trips should email trips@bcgava.com. We have many new students joining and others who have now decided that they wish to participate.

Authorisation Day Trips Term 2

The school booking system has now closed. Please email trips@bcgava.com directly if you did not sign up and we will register your child manually. Please be reminded that educational day trips authorised by the Principal are deemed mandatory.

Football matches on Friday afternoons

The local football league has started and resumed last Friday. We have now got two teams playing (with students from year 4 to Year 7), learning new skills and having fun!

Table tennis competitions

If any student above 7 years old is interested in playing table tennis with the Castelldefels table tennis Club, please email ecap@bcgava.com for more information. They have matches on Fridays and Saturdays where children compete in a friendly atmosphere!

Girl´s football team

The “Escola de fútbol Gavà” (Can Torelló) wants to open 4 girl’s football teams for girls born between 2008 and 2015, starting in September 2023. Queralt and Lucía from Year 4 have already joined (poster attached) and we would love to see more BCG girls with them! For more information, please email ecap@bcgava.com or call 667640570 (Can Torelló’s office) in the afternoons.

Ms Bell

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Temporada 2023/24



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Club de Futbol

Plazas limitadas

Edades:
del 2008 al 2015

Reservas:
a partir del 9 de Enero
de 2023

Información:
Oficina Can Torelló
Tardes: de 17 a 20 h
T. 667 640 570
Ramón López Adán
Director Técnico

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MONDAY

4:30-5:30pm

ECAP
2nd term

- MULTISPORT Nur to Y2 60€/term
- SECONDARY STUDIES Y7 to Y13 Free
- COOKING Y3 to Y13 165€/term
- ROWING Y6 to Y13 90€/term
- PRIMARY HOMEWORK Y1 to Y6 Free
- RYTHMIC GYMNASTICS Y3 to Y6 95€/term

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TUESDAY

4:30-5:30pm

ECAP
2nd term

- MULTISPORT Nur to Y2 60€/term
- SECONDARY STUDIES Y7 to Y13 Free
- LEGOMAKER Nur to Y1 175€/term
- TENNIS Y3 to Y6 80€/term
- CLIMBING Y2 to Y5 110€/term
- PRIMARY HOMEWORK Y1 to Y6 Free

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THURSDAY

4:30-5:30pm

ECAP
2nd term

- MULTISPORT Nur to Y2 60€/term
- ROWING Y6 to Y13 90€/term
- SECONDARY STUDIES Y7 to Y13 Free
- FOOTBALL Y3 to Y6 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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WEDNESDAY

4:30-5:30pm

ECAP
2nd term

- MULTISPORT Nur to Y2 60€/term
- SECONDARY STUDIES Y7 to Y13 Free
- CHESS Y3 to Y13 60€/term
- BASKETBALL Y3 to Y6 80€/term
- CLIMBING Y6 & Y7 110€/term
- PRIMARY HOMEWORK Y1 to Y6 Free
- MARTIAL ARTS MUGUENDO Y3 TO Y9 120€/term

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LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT NEWS

From the Department of Languages we once again 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: Anna P. (SPANISH)

Y1: Daniel S. (SPANISH)

Y2: Mar M. and Ailin T. (ENGLISH)

Y3: Helena W. and Hendrix T. (CATALAN)

Y4: Lucia M. (FRENCH)

Y5: Anna M. and Gala M. (CATALAN)

Y6: Alejandro F. and Muen Z. (SPANISH)

SECONDARY AND SIXTH FORM

KS3: Valentina R. (Y8 CATALAN)

KS5: Ekaterina L. (Y12 SPANISH book club)

VISIT OF THE AUTHOR OF *TÒQUIO AL COR*, JORDI GAMERO

Last December 19, the writer Jordi Jiménez Gamero visited the BCG, made a presentation and talked with the students of Y10 Catalan, about the novel they had read and worked on in class, *Tòquio al Cor*.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- **February 3:** KS3 Assembly: *Consell dels Infants de Gavà*
- **February 21:** Celebration of *International Mother Language Day*

Trips to the theater

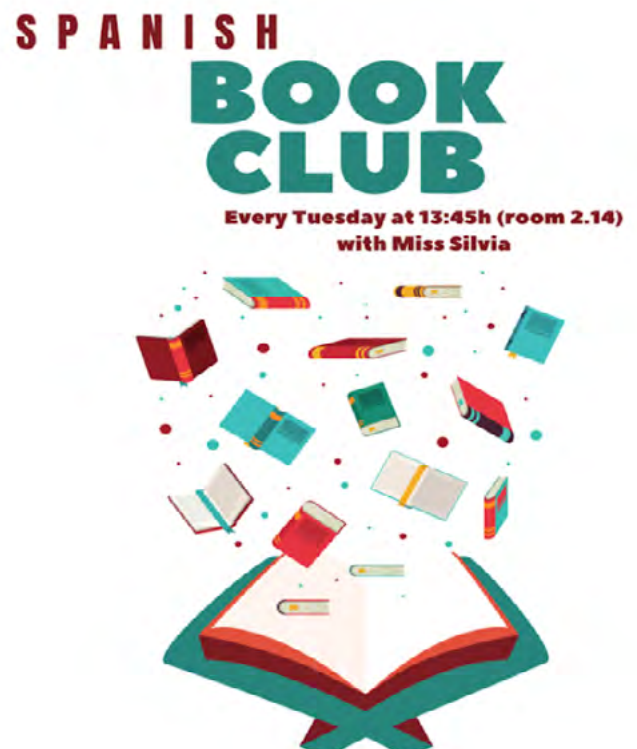
- **February 23:** *El monstruo de colores*. Centre Catòlic de Sants, Reception, Y1 y Y2
- **February 27:** *Le petit prince de Saint - Exupéry* - Teatre del Casinet d'Hostafrancs, French students- KS4 and KS5

Lunch Clubs

- **Y2 + Y3:** *Spanish Reading Club with Miss Navarro* - Tuesdays (Sem 1) and Thursdays (Sem2).
- **KS4:** *Reading Club in Spanish with Ms Company* - Every Tuesday



Ester Pou
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Head of Languages



STUDENT MENTION & OTHER EVENTS

Catalan Swimming Championship

M.K. from Year 6 has been selected to take part in the Catalan Swimming Championships on January 28th.

Congratulations!



SEND Department News

After the Christmas holidays SEND department will resume with the parent workshops program we started last term. Our next talk is going to be on Monday 23th January at 4,30 pm. Emotional Intelligence will be our focus (find the description below). This is going to be an opportunity to learn, understand and discuss ways to help your children at home.

Emotional intelligence

Emotional intelligence is a flexible set of skills that can be acquired and improved with practice. We will be exploring the core components of emotional intelligence zooming into emotional awareness and regulation. By teaching children appropriate ways of dealing with their emotions and the emotions of others, we will be helping them establish healthy relationships with the people around them and improving their quality of life as a whole.

Dates for the upcoming workshops will be confirmed soon.

- ADHD - February 2023
- Growth Mindset - March 2023

If you are interested in participating, please email alba.rosas@bcgava.com or laia.boix@bcgava.com

MumAbroad's upcoming webinar

It's never too early to start thinking about University but if you're not sure where to begin then this webinar is perfect for you!*

This is a free event but you'll need to register [here](#).

*Not a BCG Webinar.





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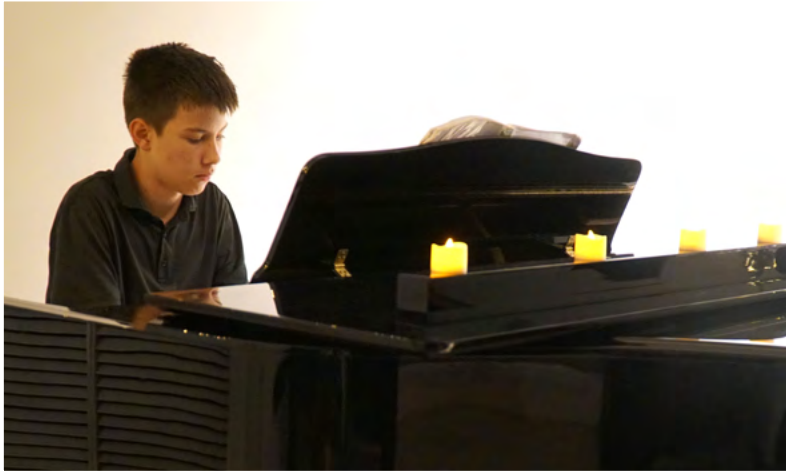
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