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BCG Newsletter





It seems to have been a very busy few weeks since the announcement that we have joined the Inspired Education Group. We have been busy meeting the various different teams that we will be working with and it is clear already that we will benefit hugely from this partnership. I am writing this from the airport on my way to visit King's College, Murcia, another Inspired school. I am looking forward to learning how they managed the transition into the group so that I can ensure it goes as smoothly and positively for us.

Carnival

The week before last we enjoyed the festivities of Carnival Week and this year the children really seemed to enjoy the experience. The costumes were amazing and the various activities they did were so much fun. Clearly there is a lot of preparation that goes into such events and I would like to thank the parents and staff for making it such a great week. Have a look at the great photos too!

Inspired Camps and Exchanges Programme

A reminder that this Friday 23rd from 3-4pm, we have the webinar for the Camps and Exchanges programme. A few of us had a preview of the information and it really is very exciting. One thing to bear in mind is that all exchanges are arranged one year ahead of time so currently they are planning student exchanges for next year. You can sign up to the webinar [here](#).

Reports

From September we will be changing the school reports. They will provide much more information than the current ones and will be standardised across all Inspired Schools. I apologise that the Year 10 reports went out a little late this term, but they are now online.

Calendar 24-25

Please see the Academic calendar [here](#).

Simon Mower
School Principal

OPEN DAY



On February 1st, our school hosted an open day that resulted in a truly exceptional experience. We extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who attended, with a special thanks to our community for their generous recommendations. It's heartening to discover that many of you provide positive referrals to other families and friends.

Looking ahead, be sure to mark your calendars for our next event scheduled for May 16th. We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to welcome new members into the BCG Family. Once again, we express our heartfelt appreciation for your continued support, which significantly contributed to the resounding success of our open day. Thank you, and we eagerly look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!



MOVIE NIGHT



The CAS students are hosting another Movie Night next Friday, March 1st.

'Spy Kids 1' will be screened for students from Year 3 to Year 6 in the Auditorium at 16:30, to be picked up at 18:30.

The €3 fee includes the movie, drinks, and popcorn, please [sign up on the attached form](#) before Thursday 29th.

Thank you for your contribution.

TALENT SHINES BRIGHT AT BCG

Auditions Unveil Diverse Array of Acts

In a whirlwind week of impressive performances, the talent show auditions at BCG brought forth a medley of skills and artistry. From the intricate maneuvers of Rubik's cube solvers to the beautiful melodies of singers, the auditions showcased the vibrant talents within our school community.

Amidst the auditions, the stage came alive with the tunes of bands, the graceful movements of dancers, and the captivating strokes of artists. Each act brought its own unique flair, leaving judges and spectators alike in awe of the raw talent on display. Well Done to each and every entry, you brought a lot of joy to many people.

After meticulous deliberation, the judges have selected the standout acts that will progress to the semi-final round on March 4th. I am delighted to announce our semi finalists as Kasra Shuttleworth, Lara



Dodds, Pablo Martinez, Julia Rashed, Mia and Xavie Villacres, Polina Rebrova, Alana Sharma, Gala Martinez and The Sleepy Heads consisting of Mila and Dalio Gilmore Beaune, Coco Skyes and Ruth Fuctuoso.

As anticipation builds for the semi-finals, participants and audience members alike eagerly await the next chapter in this journey. With only two winning performances set to advance to the grand finale at the BISA talent show on March 18th, the excitement is higher than ever.

Stay tuned as these gifted individuals continue to dazzle and inspire, proving that within the community of BCG, talent knows no bounds.

Claire McDonald
Head of Arts



VOLCANO TRIP YEAR 6





COMPUTER GAMES EXPO YEAR 8 & YEAR 3

We are thrilled to share an extraordinary experience that our Year 3 students recently had the privilege to attend - the first-ever Year 8 Video Gaming Expo! This incredible event provided our budding programmers with a unique opportunity to delve into the world of game development, courtesy of the Year 8 students.

Our Year 3 students, who have recently embarked on their Scratch programming journeys, were given the chance to play and critique the impressive Scratch games created by the talented Year 8 students. The expo was not only a showcase of creativity but also an eye-opener for our younger learners to witness the endless possibilities within the Scratch program.

After spending valuable time considering their favourite games and features, our Year 3 students engaged in thoughtful discussions and finally awarded a deserving winner. It is with great pleasure that we congratulate Developers Luca and Bauti and their game "Recycling with CagoRex" for being voted as the winner! Your dedication, skill, and imagination truly stood out, capturing the admiration of our Year 3 judges.

We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the Year 8 students who showcased their hard work and dedication in crafting these innovative games. It is evident that a tremendous amount of effort and creativity went into each project, and you all should be incredibly proud of the fantastic work you produced.

Once again, congratulations to all involved in making the Year 8 Video Gaming Expo a resounding success. It was a day filled with inspiration and collaboration, highlighting the exceptional talent within our school community.



Let's continue to foster creativity and innovation in our students as they explore the exciting world of programming!

Mrs Baron, Mr Flynn and Mr West





CARNIVAL WEEK

First and foremost, I want to extend a warm welcome back to everyone as we embark on the new half-term. I trust you've had a rejuvenating break and enjoyed the half-term holiday to the fullest. This new half-term is filled with an array of exciting trips and activities lined up for the weeks ahead. From Greek Day to the Nursery chocolate trip and Egyptian Day, our calendar is brimming with enriching experiences.

Allow me to take a moment to think back to the vibrant, colorful, and crazy week we shared before the half-term break – Carnival! What an extraordinary week it was, filled with joy and friendship. I express my heartfelt gratitude to all families without whose support the carnival fun wouldn't be possible. From our youngest nursery learners to our seasoned Year 6 students, everyone enjoyed the festivities.



The exuberance displayed through colorful socks, inventive hairstyles, and dazzling accessories was truly remarkable. Moreover, the children's imaginative creature costumes were simply amazing. It was great to witness many of the children proudly sporting attire fashioned from recycled materials, showcasing their commitment to sustainability. The highlight of the week undoubtedly was the lively parade, where our students showcased their costumes with pride and enthusiasm. Additionally, they immersed themselves in the rhythm of samba, playing instruments they had made themselves.

As the week drew to a close, as students donned their respective house colors, brimming with excitement to represent their teams. The anticipation builds as we eagerly await to see which house will emerge this year's winner. Thank you once again for making this past week an unforgettable celebration of creativity, unity, and fun.

Let us carry the spirit of Carnival forward as we embark on new adventures and learning experiences in the weeks to come.

Kerry Ford
KSI Coordinator









CARNIVAL WEEK / COLOUR DAY



EXPLORERS DAY YEAR 2

Year 2 had an adventurous end to their Explorer topic at the end of term with their Explorer Day. The children dressed up as all kinds of different explorers, from under the sea explorers, jungle explorers, mountain climbers and even astronauts. On the day we focused on Polar Explorers and Mount Everest climbers and the children carried out a number of activities including making Tibetan prayer flags and setting up a base camp where we tried tinned sardines and dried fruit along with warm lemon water which would give the climbers energy. We also freed some arctic animals from real ice and had a scavenger hunt to find explorer related clues. The children had a lot of fun and learnt a lot of new facts.

Year 2 Team







RECEPTION INTERNATIONAL DRESS DAY





YEAR 8 RECEPTION READING



RECEPTION AMERICAN TALK



RECEPTION A PIXIE'S CLASS ASSEMBLY

The children in Pixie's class were very honoured to invite their grown ups in to come and watch their class assembly. As part of their Expressive arts and design curriculum, one of their early learning goals is to recount and adapt narratives with their peers and teacher; we absolutely loved working on the story 'We're going on a bear hunt' during the first term and decided this would be the perfect story to work on as a performance!

The children worked very hard during the weeks beforehand to practise and learn their parts, make their costumes and become used to being on 'stage' in front of an audience in the auditorium! The children did a fantastic job and should be incredibly proud of this short and sweet storytelling of one of our class favourite books!

Jessica Bifani
Reception Class Teacher



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