



BCG Newsletter

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At the end of every summer term we can't believe how quickly it has come - where did the year go? However, when we look back we realise how far we have come and how much the children and staff have achieved. This year saw the return of international trips, a bigger and better Christmas Fair and one of the best school events I have seen at BCG, the Summer Fair. It was so lovely to see the whole community enjoying the fun together.

The trips to Rome, London and Normandy were both a huge success and I really hope that more children can benefit from our excellent residential programme in the coming years. The last few weeks alone have seen a plethora of musical events, the summer fair, a primary concert on June 12 and Wednesday a very well attended Jukebox Concert, where our wonderful Primary choirs were joined by very talented musicians and actors from higher up the school.

So, so much work and planning goes into all of these events and my sincere thanks go to the class teachers, Arts department, trips organizers and trip leaders for making all of these experiences possible for the children.

All of the fun only happens after the hard work in the classrooms. We have the strongest and most gifted staff team we have ever had and the children will have benefitted from fantastic teaching throughout the year. We are proud of how the children respond to the challenges of a rigorous academic programme and next year we look forward to introducing some new key areas for our development.

The Yearbook has been sent out by email so you can download a digital copy for free. If you would like a lovely printed version please go to our booking system to order your copies

I really believe this has been BCGs best year yet and look forward to an even better one next year. Thank you all so very much for your support, as always, and I wish you all a very restful and enjoyable summer together.

Mr Mower

EYFS AND PRIMARY NEWS

NURSERY

Dear families,

It only remains for me to thank you for the great trust you have placed in us during this school year. During the adaptation it was not an easy task, but it has been worth it. Seeing the great evolution of your children and how they have grown during this time is more than gratifying. I have so many memories, so many that it would be too short to explain in a text. Together we have experienced exciting outings; like when we went to the beach to get to know each other better or how much fun we had at the Palau de la Música! How can we forget how well they performed at the Christmas performance! It's amazing how they have progressed and become more independent (I remember that some of them could hardly pull up their trousers at the beginning of the course).

We try to teach the best to the children, but it must be said that we also learn a lot from them. Due to different circumstances it has been a very special course for me and I will always carry them with me. Thank you again for all the warmth received and for doing your bit to form a big little family.

See you soon! Enjoy the summer.

Miss Raquel

RECEPTION

What an incredible year it has been, and it has flown so fast. As well as learning how to read, write, understand numbers and develop their social and emotional skills the children have had a lot of fun from going to the theatre to going to the beach. Take a look below at some of the amazing things we have done this year.





The children should be so proud of all that they have achieved this year, it has been such a pleasure to share a part of their learning journey with them and we can't wait to see you all in September refreshed and ready to learn. We hope you have a wonderful summer with your friends and loved ones.

Ms Franckeiss and Ms Biffani

YEAR 1 DOLPHIN GOODBYE

And so, we have come to the end of the year. Our little Dolphins who seemed so small in the beginning have grown, just like our sunflowers, a bit taller and wiser (and lost a few teeth along the way as well.)

The other day we were talking in class about our memories from the past year - our favourite events and activities and the moments we will bottle up and treasure forever. For some, it was playing in Forest School, building bamboo dens, going to the beach, visiting the bee farm and grooving to music in P.E. For others, it was reading their first words in English, getting better at writing or simply playing with their best friend outside on the see-saw.

This year has been filled with so many special moments and the children have put smiles on our faces every day. But now





the Dolphins are ready to move up into Year 2 and swim among the bigger fish in Primary. We will miss them a lot, but we know they will be in safe hands as they continue their learning journey, swimming off happily into the distance.

Ms. Kempner

YEAR 3

What a wonderful year we have had in Year 3 with the Lobsters and Crabs! As well as developing many new skills in English and Maths, the children have made new friends, worked on teamwork and enjoyed learning about a wide range of topics. They have taken several amazing trips including their first residential trip at the Aquarium. This was a fantastic experience, both for waking up next to the giant fish tank and seeing a shark swimming around it to celebrating some special birthdays. Everyone absolutely loved it and wanted to go back again.



The crustaceans have particularly loved finding out about the Romans, the Ancient Egyptians and the Tudors in History lessons. They were shocked to learn that Henry the 8th not only had 6 wives but chopped two of their heads off! They have explored the world starting with Europe then South America in Geography and loved learning about

the Rainforest in Brazil. The students were very keen to share how important Rainforests are and what we must do to protect them. Our Science highlights have been learning about rocks especially when we compared them to tasty-looking chocolate bars and about our bodies in our Animals including humans unit.

We will be sad to say goodbye to some of our classmates and we wish German, Dasha, Thomas and Kaine the best of luck in their new or old schools, as Thomas is returning to Australia. We will miss you all so much.

We are very proud of the children and wish them all the best of luck as they move into Year 4, they are going to be fantastic!

Have a lovely summer holiday and we will see you around school next year!

Miss Stevens and Miss Baker
The Crustaceans Crew

YEAR 4

The last few weeks of Year 4 have been just as fun packed and exciting as the rest of our year! We have been completing various collaborative projects such as creating a soundproof music studio in Science and putting the finishing touches

to our papier mache Benin masks and tie dye print bags! The children have impressed us with their original and creative designs, attention to detail and patience with these various pieces of learning and it has been a wonderful way to end what has been a fabulous year. The various group projects we have worked on have shown us how effective the children are at working collaboratively, listening well to each other's ideas and being supportive, all very good attributes to be taking into Year 5. Thank you very much Narwhals and Orcas, we have truly enjoyed teaching you all this year.



Mrs Pilcher and Miss Carter

YEAR 5

I hope you are all doing well and looking forward to the Summer break!

It has been a busy year and I am so very proud of all of the children - so much progress made and so many happy memories! I wish every one the very best as the children continue their learning journey through the school.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for welcoming me into the BCG, and it is with regret that I must share that I will sadly not be here in September when the children return. I must return to the UK to take care of my mother, who is unwell. I am sure you will all understand the importance of family, and it is now the moment where I must return the favour for all the love and care she has given me over the years.

I hope you all have a wonderful Summer and once again, thank you - it has been an honour to work with your children and watch them grow over the last year. They are all amazing!

Mr Ball

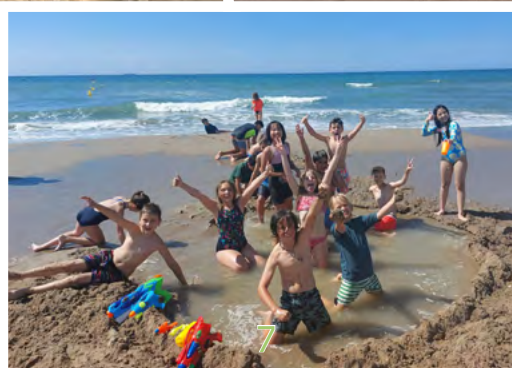
YEAR 5 DUGONGS

Dear Year 5 Dugongs,

I can't believe another year has passed. We have learned so many things together this year and made even closer friendships amongst the two year groups.

I am so proud of how each and everyone one of my Dugong class have advanced academically and matured as individuals. You have been a pleasure to teach and have made me laugh every single day. Continue to work hard please. Best of luck to everyone in Year 6!

Mrs Baron



YEAR 6

End of year message

As our last year of primary school comes to a close, we celebrated in style on Tuesday with our Year 6 graduation. There was laughter, tears and lots and lots of singing and dancing. It was wonderful to have your families there to celebrate with us and the sleepover was great fun too. It is simply incredible how much you have all learnt over the last 8 years and we hope this final year was one of the best for you.



We started with team building at Ocio Adventure, climbed a volcano together, travelled back in time to WW2 and journeyed to the heart of Madrid. You worked so hard and learnt so much. Congratulations again on reaching the end of primary school. We look forward to seeing what you get up to in Year 7.

Ms O'Connor and Ms Mellar

SPECIAL MENTION

Tennis competition

Last Saturday our Year 4 student Maia won the tennis final for her category Benjamin of the whole Gimeno Tennis Club. It is a federated competition and she won!

Congratulations champion!



Swimming Competition

Derek and Sasha competed in the Catalonia Territorial swimming final in Tarragona. They placed 22nd Sasha and 28th Derek in their categories. Derek has a record of 47'20 seconds in 50 meters freestyle. This Sunday 25th they will compete again in Reus in the relay final and we hope they do better than in Tarragona.

Congratulations for the great work and good luck for the next one.

SECONDARY NEWS

Dear Parents,

So, this brings us to the final newsletter of the year, and what a year it has been! We have enjoyed a plethora of activities that have all, in their own way, helped to strengthen the bonds we see forming between our students and their school.

The Year

It now seems a distant memory when we welcomed around 100 new students to the school on the last day of August. They soon settled into their classes and established themselves once they got into the rhythm. The big news of that month was the passing of Elizabeth I where the school came together to make a tribute to the late Queen.

October saw Halloween and La Castañada and we held competitions for dressing up at the school - we also held the sports day then which was a roaring success offsite. Our big Christmas Fair was the first return for a fair since COVID and laid the groundwork for the excellent Summer Fair later in the year. Post Christmas we held the mock exams for GCSE and IB which gave an indication of what the students needed to work on to be successful in their exams.

Spring brought with it the ability to use more outdoor spaces as well as kick off the summer surf trips. The seven weeks of exams for Years 11 and 13 capped off a successful year in the Secondary school.

The London and Normandy Trips

Since I last wrote to you, we have welcomed home the returning Year 12 trip to London, which, by all accounts, was an excellent trip and was hugely enjoyed by the students and accompanying staff alike. They had a gruelling schedule involving many key sites in London, as well as the Harry Potter experience and a trip to Cambridge. The Year 7 Normandy Trip was also warmly received, with a great itinerary and even better weather. Ms Edwards remarked that it was the best trip in her entire teaching career, and notable for the genuine enthusiasm shown by the students.

Year 11 Graduation

The Year 11 Graduation was an enjoyable evening where memories were made and long lasting friendships forged as the graduates exit Key Stage 4 for the International Baccalaureate programme, taking with them the skills that they have continued to hone including time management strategies, study skills and suchlike.

All that remains is for me to wish you all the very best for the summer holidays (wherever you might be spending them) and I look forward to seeing you back at school at the start of the new academic year.

Kindest regards, Mr Ruddin

YEAR 7

Normandy Residential Trip June 2023

The year 7 residential trip to Normandy between the 12th and 15th of June was an absolutely fantastic experience for all involved, due in the main to the enthusiasm and impeccable behaviour of our wonderful year 7 students!

They sang, danced, had fun, played volleyball, petted crabs, squelched through sand, took lots of pictures, made new friends, tried new foods, learnt some history (and some French), ate far too much sugar (and cheese), and generally had a lovely time!

We were blessed with perfect weather, excellent accommodation and a really lovely bus driver who helped and advised us on our visits to the Caen memorial, some of the Normandy landing beaches, an authentic, working “fromagerie”, the sands of Mont Saint Michel bay (which was the undoubted highlight of the trip for most of us) and, last but not least, the Bayeux tapestry. The trip went extremely smoothly; we even managed a surprise unscheduled sightseeing tour of Paris on the last day too!

We really had an unforgettable time; a big thank you to the students, who represented the school so well, and Miss Bell and Moniek for all the hard work they put into organising such a great trip.

Mr Fassam, Ms Edwards, Ms Darby



YEAR 12

International Trip to London

On Friday, June 9th, a group of 15 Year 12 students embarked on an exciting trip to the vibrant city of London and Mamma Mia! It was so much fun!

Friday kicked off with a visit to the iconic Big Ben. They then explored the sunny streets of London, before having a refreshing break at Covent Garden. We finished the day by taking memorable photographs of St James' Park and Buckingham Palace.



On Saturday, our super troupers continued their exploration of the city, enjoying the busy atmosphere of Camden Town and the sophisticated South Kensington. At night, they had the option to either embark on a thrilling Jack the Ripper hunt in East London or immerse themselves in the excitement of a football match at an English pub!

Sunday was a perfect cultural day as it provided the perfect opportunity for an immersion into the magical world of Harry Potter and the art of filmmaking. Gimme gimme more, it was truly mind-blowing! Students had the privilege of learning about special effects and artistic tricks before heading to Waterloo where they could enjoy beautiful views of London both on the London Eye and a cruise on the Thames.

On Monday, in the morning, BCG students went back to school for a short visit at Impington Village College where they had engaging discussions with DP and CP students about the Core subjects: CAS and Extended Essay. In the afternoon, they explored the city of Cambridge before getting ready for a very special night at the Novello Theatre watching the spectacular musical Mamma Mia! This is with no doubt the highlight of the trip with our students transforming into dancing (and singing) queens!



This trip was about learning more about British culture and discovering the city of London, but not only that. The Y12s have learnt to live together for five days, adapting to different personalities and cultures, and enjoyed a glimpse of what student life could be like on a university campus and in a big city abroad.

From what they told us, they really enjoyed the London experience and made memories they won't forget soon! So if the question is: Voulez-vous come back soon? For sure, they will say we do, we do, we do...

To conclude, as teachers, we just want to say a big thank you to this friendly crowd. There was never a need for a SOS at any point. We shared countless laughs and had an incredible time!

Enjoy a well-deserved summer break! See you in September!

Ms Delmet and Mr Hadjipavlou



YEAR 12

Group 4 project

Over the last two weeks, the Year 12s have been completing their Group 4 project. This is an IB requirement: an interdisciplinary scientific investigation that encourages creativity and collaboration between students studying the different sciences. Our students did not disappoint! Over the course of two days, students designed, carried out and wrote up a full scientific investigation, before presenting their work at an exhibition to the Year 11s (as part of their Pre-IB program) and the Year 10s.



Projects were varied. One group designed and built a solar oven to see if it could be used to heat pizza, another compared the efficiency of different types of fuels. Then there was the group who decided to investigate how many pringles it would take to make a cup of tea... and the answer surprised us all! In total 8 groups worked on 8 unique projects, and the results across the board were fantastic!

Ms Lane

THE LEAGUE OF LANGUAGES

This Wednesday, June 21st, the first edition of “La Liguilla de las lenguas” took place in the BCG auditorium. After a few weeks of exams for our Y10 students, Miss Delmet and Miss Silvia wanted to continue motivating our students with the creation of this league in which the main objective was to review the iGCSE concepts studied during this course in a fun and entertaining way. Thus, during the last sessions of Spanish and French, five teams have been collaboratively preparing questions of vocabulary, grammar and culture to be able to measure themselves in what has been “the great final battle”. As a result, we have had a competitive and full of laughter final, which puts an end to an excellent academic year.



We leave you below with the best moments lived today during the contest.

Have a great summer!

Miss Delmet and Miss Silvia



SPECIAL MENTION Institute of the Arts Barcelona

Three girls from Year 8 (Candela, Elie and Sophia) and Sade from Year 10 performed in the musical “Chicago” at The Institute of the Arts Barcelona in Sitges. Sade played the main role of Roxie.

It was a one-hour show filled with acting, many songs and complex choreography. The audience was very impressed by the hard work of the students! We are super proud of the girls.

Congratulations to our artists!



MUSIC PERFORMANCES - SUMMER FAIR

We hope you are still buzzing with the excitement from the recent Summer Fair held on 17th June at BCG. It was a day filled with joy, laughter, and most importantly, incredible music performances. Let's take a moment to review the outstanding musical acts that graced the stage, bringing the fair to life with their talent and passion.

The festivities began with the enchanting performances by our Mini Maestros, showcasing the musical abilities of our primary school children. From delightful solos to group performances, our young musicians took us on a mesmerizing journey through their talents. The sheer enthusiasm, enjoyment and dedication displayed by these young artists added a real energy to the Summer Fair.

As the afternoon continued, we transitioned to the secondary concert known as "Unplugged."

The stage was set for acoustic pieces giving a more tranquil feel to the fair. The soulful melodies, intimate vocals, and delicate instrumental arrangements captivated the audience, creating a real intimate atmosphere. The sheer talent and maturity demonstrated by our secondary students were remarkable, reminding us of the incredible potential within our school's music community.

To conclude, we had the privilege of witnessing the concert titled "Let the Music Take Control." The energy levels soared as the school pop band took the stage, belting out catchy tunes that had everyone moving to the rhythm. We were also treated to some impressive rapping skills that added an extra layer of excitement and showcased the diverse talents of our students.





The collective efforts of all the performers, the dedication of our music teachers, and the unwavering support from the BCG community made this musical extravaganza a resounding success. It was a day that celebrated the power of music to inspire, uplift, and connect people from all walks of life.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to all the students who shared their musical gifts with us, and to the teachers who nurtured and encouraged them along the way. The Summer Fair was a testament to the remarkable talent that thrives within our school, and we couldn't be prouder.

As we look forward to future musical events at BCG, let us continue to cherish and support the vibrant arts community within our school. Together, we can create a harmonious environment where creativity flourishes and the love for music continues to resonate within the hearts of our students.

Ms McDonald



LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

LINGUISTS OF THE YEAR

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 throughout this course.

- **Primary: Alessandro M. - Y6 Catalan**

For his excellent work, perseverance and achievement throughout the year in the subject of Catalan

- **KS3: Noelia V. - Y9 French**

For her excellent dedication and commitment to learning French in and out of school.

- **KS4: Sophia G. - Y10 Spanish**

For her work, perseverance and attitude in Spanish which has led her to improve a lot throughout the course.

Ester Pou



CONSELL D'INFANTS DE GAVÀ: LAST PLENARY SESSION



Last Monday June 12th the last plenary session of the Consell d'Infants of the year was held, where students from all participating schools had the opportunity to explain their extraordinary work and experience in the projects proposed during these months: The Mayor of Gavà, Gemma Badia, congratulated them all for their effort and dedication and said goodbye to those 'sexto de primaria' students who will no longer continue in the council as they start the secondary education.

At the end, they showed a video summarising the work sessions with photos and the families were invited for an aperitif in the vicinity of the town hall.

Ester Pou



ECAP & PE NEWS

Our two BCG football teams which play in the local school's league of Gavà said goodbye to this season with a last match which also had some parents play! We are really proud of their team work, effort, behaviour & the values they've shown in every match. We're all looking forward to next year!



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