



BCG Newsletter

2 May 2023



Our first ever IBDP exams have started!

I write to you as our first ever IB examination has just finished! It has been a long journey but it was really very pleasing to hear the students leave the exam hall happy and pleased with the paper. They felt prepared and ready for the rest of their exams. Talking to them after the exam made me realise just how much work goes into preparing them for this moment. There are students in this Year 13 cohort who have been at BCG since primary school and that too is an important reminder of just how vital their education is right through school. It is these key formative years that sets the standards for them, those all important skills they learn at a young age which gives them the confidence to tackle the challenges of the exam years. On behalf of these and future Year 13s I would like to thank you all, Early Years, Primary and Secondary teachers, support staff and parents, for all you have done to get them ready for this moment.

They are now on study leave and only need to come in for examinations. However, they can come in and see teachers for help of course. GCSE students are finishing their revision courses and will soon be on study leave themselves - things have got very serious here at BCG!

I wish all students taking public examinations the very best of luck.

San Jordi

San Jordi was such a wonderful experience, I loved it, I always do but this year seemed even better. There was so much going on around school and as you will read in the newsletter, it was a huge success. A particular thank you to Ester Pou and the entire language team, Louise Baron and the other teachers that helped out on the day.

Summer Fair 2023

We are looking forward to our Summer Fair on the 20 May - if you would like to be an exhibitor then please see details in the newsletter. It promises to be a fantastic event and I would encourage everyone to come along!

Simon Mower
School Principal

EYFS AND PRIMARY NEWS

RECEPTION - STARFISH

In Starfish Class the children have had a wonderful time exploring growing. We have been looking at the lifecycle of a sunflower and planting our own strawberries, courgettes and peppers which you can see in our lovely little garden.

The children have made some beautiful flower ornaments and windmills to go in the planters and scare off any birds. Last week we made mini greenhouses with broad beans and hung them in our window so we could watch them germinate. The children have learned all about the different parts of a flower and are now able to tell you what the function of each part is.

Next week we will be writing seed diaries for our broad beans and replanting them outside in the garden. The children will be responsible for watering them each

day. Next week we will also be starting work on our sensory garden which will involve growing different scented herbs. Hopefully we will be able to try some of the lovely foods we have grown soon.



Ms Franckeiss



YEAR 3 to 6

This term I am running a Forest School lunchtime club, every Friday for anyone in Year 3 to 6. In our first week we talked about the rules for keeping safe in Forest School and also about how we must respect and take care of our Forest School area. We then thought about what we would like to do in the club over the rest of the term. The children had many ideas including making “parkour” assault courses and dens and doing crafts with natural materials in the forest. So, I am really looking forward to letting the children explore the space and carry out some fun activities over the rest of the term.

Miss Baker

SECONDARY NEWS

Dear parents,

Here we are in marvellous May. Since I last wrote to you we've had activities aplenty, and in the near future we have the promise of many more. Key Stage 3 students have been busy revising for the upcoming assessments which start this week. Most external exam students have either started their study leave, or will do so in the not too distant future.

Attendance

I'd like to remind you that attendance remains of paramount importance until the end of the term. Revision sessions, social interactions, finishing off work and contributing to the whole class dynamic are all key reasons why we must insist on the highest attendance percentages possible. We have invested in a new school system which will aid in the tracking of attendance; I will be giving assemblies to some of the year groups, and we will continue to follow up on individual cases of poor attendance.

Sant Jordi

Oh, what a lovely event that was! On Friday 21st of April, we celebrated St Jordi - roses and books galore, as well as poetry reading competitions and Castellers. It was truly wonderful seeing the whole school involved. Early Years students were interacting with Sixth formers, primary and secondary all came together for a wonderful event. Thank you to Miss Pou and the whole language department for putting on this special event.

International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace

Last Monday, the students and teachers supported the International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace and awareness by wearing white. There was also a lunchtime concert which involved many secondary students performing. It was great to see them in their element.

IB and IGCSE Exams

The IB exams started last Friday and we are now coming up to the Intensive exam period with the IB exams running, followed by the GCSE's (running from 15th of May). There will be a one week crossover which will be an especially busy few days. The students will be equipped with a lot of information on expectations and what to do and what not to do for the exams. They have also been doing some mental health work with Mr Russell to better equip themselves ahead of this busy period.

This week, we have the art exams: the art students have been working hard to prepare the boards which will inform their final GCSE piece, created within a 10-hour exam. The last day or timetabled lesson is Friday 12th of May - after this time students are encouraged to make appointments with the teachers who will be very happy to see them.

All the fun of the Summer Fair

A reminder that our Summer Fair will be held on Saturday 20th of May between 12 and 4 pm. It will be a vibrant, fun-filled afternoon with music, art, food, a bouncy castle, and much, much more. We want to get the whole school community involved as much as possible. Supporting your child's endeavours in person would be fantastic, and we would like as many of the parent community as possible to attend. Please note that one of the major music and drama events for summer term will take place during the school Fair.

Secondary Dates

- 2- 12th May - KS3 assessments
- 3rd May - 9 - 10 am - Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Meeting
- 8th May - 9 to 11 am - Y12 - Adidas - A Professional Case (Auditorium)
- 9th May - Y8 Trip to Cosmo Caixa
- 15th May - Y11 GCSE Study Leave
- 15th-19th May - Y12 Group 4 Project Week
- 16th May - Newsletter
- 16th May - Y12 Garraf Climbing Trip
- 17th May - World Telecommunication and Information Society Day - Everyone in (meta) BLUE
- 19th May - 9 to 10:30 am - Y12 - Professor Joaquim Minguella from UPC - "The role of Industrial Engineering in our Society"
- 20th May - 12 pm to 4 pm - Summer Fair
- 22nd - 26th May - Y9 and Y10 (some students) International Trip to Rome
- 24th May - 9 am to 10 am - Parent Rep Meeting Key Stage 3 & 4
- 24th May - (morning) Y8 to Y10 - Trip to Ocio Adventure (Sitges)
- 24th May (afternoon) Y7 to Y10 - Trip to the Beach - World Ocean Day
- 26th May - 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm - Open Day
- 29th May - 9th June Y10 & Y12 End of Year Assessments (Mock 1)
- 30th May - Newsletter

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE NEWS

CAS (creativity, activity, service) and TOK (theory of knowledge) across THE WHOLE SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who is supporting the year 12 students with their CAS themed day charity initiative. This month everyone wore white to celebrate the international day of peace. The the BIG QUESTION of the month is:

How does our perspective shape our knowledge of the world?

IB Mission Statement

The International Baccalaureate aims to develop **inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring** young people who help to create a better and more **peaceful world** through **intercultural understanding and respect**.

The IB programmes encourage students across the world to become **active, compassionate, and lifelong learners** who understand that other people, with their **differences**, can also be right.

The IB mission statement (above) states that '*other people, with their differences, can also be right*'. Also, our BCG Core Value statement regarding 'the world beyond' says '*with the aim of building bridges culturally, we encourage knowledgeable and enquiring students who engage with global affairs by developing practical skills and strategic thinking required to face 21st century challenges and opportunities, who strive for principled and open-minded perspectives, and who appreciate their own culture and that of others, and in doing so grow from their experience*'.

Please consider these extremely important statements that heavily influence our community ethos and sense of shared responsibility here at BGC.

Here are some conversation starters to TOK/TALK about at home:

- Is there such a thing as right and wrong? Who decides what is right or wrong?
- Why do some people find some things funny and others not? Is humour universal?
- What factors may influence our perspective and subsequent choices?
 - Age?
 - Gender?
 - Culture?
 - Social affluence?
 - Peer pressure?
 - Past experiences (traumatic and euphoric ones)?
 - Religion?
 - History?
- Why do governments in different countries disagree? How do government/political decisions affect us?
- If you have 'the right', what are your responsibilities?
- Will world peace ever be achievable?

Miss Bell

MUSIC NEWS

International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace is observed annually on April 24. During this day, students at BCG wore white as a symbol of peace and took part in a lunchtime music concert. This concert included some beautiful performances such as Imagine by John Lennon, choir performances, piano solos as well as rap to help spread a message of hope & togetherness.

"I really liked the Peace Day Concert, I enjoyed it because all of the people that performed tried their best on stage and helped spread this important message about Peace. There were students represented from year 2 to 12 and the audience were so supportive especially the younger students. It was great to listen to everyone singing and playing different musical instruments!"

Noa Cedillo, Year 7



Music Trip Y5 and 6

On Thursday 27th April, our year 5 and 6 class attended the 'Colors I Mes Colors' Concert in Petit Palau in Barcelona.

The music concert was based around the architectural and musical universe of one of the great intellectuals of Catalan Modernism, we took a tour of the history of music, recreated through mapping projections several emblematic spaces present in the life of Lluís Domènech i Montaner. Pupils really enjoyed this experience and had the chance to listen to live music featuring a variety of instruments including violin, cello, harpsichord, lute, piano, drums and many others.

Ms McDonald



LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Happy Sant Jordi's Day 2023 from BCG!

And with this one, we add another fantastic Sant Jordi at BCG. Last Friday, April 21st, our students were able to enjoy a complete and dynamic program of workshops and activities in which their most creative and witty side was squeezed to the maximum. So, undoubtedly, the star activity this year was the visit of the Castellers of Gavà to our campus who taught us the different positions of the participants and how to make a tower of up to three floors! In addition, the bravest students had the opportunity to get actively involved in this activity.

We share with you some of the moments we captured so that you can live it and enjoy it (from a distance) with us:

Finally, from the Spanish and Catalan section we want, of course, to congratulate all the winners in this literary contest Jocs Florals de Sant Jordi, 2023, but we would also like to highlight the effort of all the participants who, by sending their works, have made it very difficult for the jury to make a final decision.

Congratulations to all of them!

Ms Pou



AWARD WINNERS IN THE JOCS FLORALS 2023

EYFS (DRAWING ON THE LEGEND OF SANT JORDI)

Nursery

- Finalist: Abril Cabanillas
- Winner: Ciara Caceres

Reception

- Finalist: Anna Pilcher
- Winner: Jimena Cobo

Year 1

- Finalist: Anna Pilcher
- Winner: Jimena Cobo

Year 2

- Finalist: Pola Lelek
- Winner: Mar Menegón

PRIMARY (POETRY OR NARRATION ABOUT EMOTIONS)

Category D

- Finalist: Martín Broomfield González, Year 3
- Winner: Maia Carro Coca, Year 4

Category E

- Finalist: Gabriel Broomfield González, Year 5
- Winner: Lola Chacón Ruz, Year 6

Category F

- Finalist: Martina García Tirado, Year 6
- Winner: Hanna Lelek, Year 5

SECONDARY (POETRY OR NARRATIVE)

Category G

- Finalists: Laia Gaisser, Year 8 and Paula Yuste, Year 7
- Winner: Noelia Villanueva, Year 9

Category H

- Finalists: Nikita Kravtsov, Year 8
- Winner: Amelia Kosim, Year 7

Category I

- Finalists: Sara Lozano, Year 10 and Ariadna Rey, Year 11
- Winner: Axel Gonzalez, Year 11

Category J

- Finalist: Guy Robinson, Year 12
- Winner: Gabriel Bakker Herrera, Year 12

You can see the Jocs Florals from the students [using this link](#).

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: Jimena C. and Alika S. (SPANISH)
- Y1: Hector A. (SPANISH)
- Y2: James F. and Alana S. (CATALAN)
- Y3: Arnas U. and Karys D. (SPANISH)
- Y4: Daniel V. and Alexandr M. (SPANISH)
- Y5: Ruth F. and Grace W. (ENGLISH)

SECONDARY AND SIXTH FORM

- KS3: Joris d' H., Year 9 (FRENCH)
- KS4: Eric P., Year 10 (CATALAN)
- KS5: Max B., Year 12 (FRENCH)

Ms Pou

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*

And so much more!

***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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