



Weekly Bulletin

April 9th 2021



Welcome to our bulletin

It was great to see everyone back for the Summer Term, rested and raring to go. As we continue to wait for opportunities to get the children out on visits and trips, the news is mixed. While hearing that sports clubs and outdoor activities are allowed again we also hear of new travel restrictions. Having said this we are keen to keep planning trips just like the very successful Year 6 Volcano trip at the end of last term. Plans are underway for a D of E trek for the older secondary students who would then camp at school. We are also exploring the possibilities of run-

ning a COVID friendly joint residential for the younger secondary students. Further afield we are also looking at running a trip to London next Easter too.

We have revived the excellent IB Verification Visit report and are waiting for the final sign off letter so that we can formally announce our status as an IB World School. Please tell your friends about this very exciting news and encourage them to contact the school for a visit - we would be delighted to see them

Today we had our first formal Assessment Day for prospective students and welcomed ten children for a tour and testing in English and Maths. It is exciting to see so much positive interest in BCG!

Simon Mower

Dear parents,

Thanks for sharing your BCG experience. Please [click here](#) and write a review. Thank you very much for your continued support, your review will help BCG to keep growing!



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Llevamos en el colegio desde el principio y estamos muy satisfechos del esfuerzo que han llevado a cabo para conseguir los objetivos tanto a nivel educativo como de ambiente y valores que se han venido persiguiendo desde el inicio. Por supuesto que no ha sido un camino fácil, pero a día de hoy puedo decir que las familias que estamos en el colegio somos afortunados y nuestros hijos están disfrutando de una enseñanza top en un entorno privilegiado. Nuestros hijos siempre han ido contentos al cole y han recibido la atención individual que esperas de un colegio cercano y con sentido de comunidad y donde los niños se pueden desarrollar con confianza, creatividad y sentido de responsabilidad por su educación.

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Our daughter has been at BCG since 2017. She started at nursery and will start year 2 in September. When our daughter started school we were quite worried as she suffers various food allergies, we felt well listed to and her dietary requirements have always been met with much care.

In 2017 our daughter was a very shy girl and thanks to the effort of the entire team she has grown huge amounts in confidence and is making great progress, the best part is she is excited to go to school daily and comes home with a smile on her face!

I would also like to point out the amazing effort the entire school made during the confinement. Before lockdown we were given a folder with material to work from home, daily lesson plans were sent to us as well as a daily online session was planned for the kids. It was a wonderful experience for us teaching her from home and this is thanks to the great interest teacher put into teaching our kids and trying the best for each one as an individual.

We are truly happy at this school and are happy to be part of this community

Dear Parents,

It was great to see your children back at school on Tuesday after the Easter break. I hope all the families had a well earned rest and enjoyed their holidays. The students have come back to school refreshed and eager to learn, there has been an amazing energy in the secondary school. I would like to thank the students and parents for being far more conscientious regarding being on time. We only had 3 late students in the whole week, this is a huge improvement. Thank you all for help and support with this.

This term will be a busy one with the final assessment week, residentials, Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) taster sessions, final exams, parents evenings and a reporting cycle. I would like to explain how the DofE taster sessions will run. Next Year the DofE will be offered in Year 10,11 and 12. The Year 10 and 11 students will start to complete their bronze award with the Year 12s completing their silver award. To give the students a flavour of what is to come in the adventurous journey we are planning a hike in the Parc del Garraf, camping overnight in the school grounds, learning bushcraft skills such as building a fire and enjoying a BBQ in the evening. The hike will involve students navigating the route in small groups trying to get to the end point. There will of course be teachers at various checkpoints to check on students and we will be in contact the whole time to ensure the safety of your children. This expedition will require teamwork, hard work and it will be an experience the students never forget. Please see below the dates for these taster trips:

Year 9 - 11/06

Year 10 - 18/06

Year 11 - to be confirmed after final exam weeks are confirmed

We are in the process of organising a residential for other year groups, these details will be released shortly.

A reminder year 7A parents evening is on Tuesday 13th April and Year 7B parents evening on Wednesday 14th April. Please use the online booking system to book your appointments. An email was sent out with instructions and some small changes with certain teachers. If you cannot book with a certain teacher because their bookings are full please contact them directly to organise a separate meeting.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Steadman

UPPER PRIMARY

Dear parents and families,

Welcome back from the Easter break. A long rest, warm weather and no doubt lots of chocolate eggs have meant the children have returned to school happy, relaxed and prepared for their final term. Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal and new beginnings. I believe these sentiments fit perfectly with our start to this new term. We have students and teachers full of hope for their final term of learning, students returning to school with renewed energy and new arrivals beginning their learning journey here at BCG. We extend a very warm welcome to all of our new families. It is always so nice to see many new faces joining our community.

Thank you to all of those parents that attended our Upper Primary parent meetings online. We have acknowledged the technical difficulties that some of you encountered and are working hard to improve the system. If you were unable to connect to a meeting, please feel free to contact your child's teacher to make another appointment, if you haven't already.

As we have not completed a full week at school, we will add this week's Housepoints onto next week's total. Looking at the totals in each class, it looks like each team has made a flying start to earn points. Look out for next week's newsletter to see which team will be the winners for the start of this term.

Finally, please look out for the Summer Term Learning Overviews for each class and updated timetables (where applicable) on Google Classroom.

In next week's newsletter I will be sharing with you a curriculum update, details of the residential trips I am currently planning for each class and the final diary dates for the remainder of the term.

I wish you all a lovely weekend

Un abrazo

Ms Wakelin

EYFS & LOWER PRIMARY

Welcome to the Summer term! It's been great to see the children back in class this week enjoying being reunited with their friends and excited to start their new topics.

Learning Overviews

All classes should have now received the Summer term learning overviews on Google Classroom. It looks like we are set for another term of engaging lessons to look forward

EYFS: Journeys, People and Places

Year 1: Our Wonderful World

Year 2: Lights, Camera, Action!

Forest School

Our Forest School sessions are ever improving and I am happy to say that now ALL classes in the phase will have a dedicated morning or all day in the forest! With the warmer weather approaching and all staff eager to learn more outdoors, we are excited for the opportunities that will come.

A reminder of the Forest days for each class:

EYFS (Nursery and Reception)- Friday

Year 1- Tuesday (new day)

Year 2- Wednesday

All children should bring a spare pair of clothes on these days in case of wet weather. Unless it is severe weather, we will always still go outside. A big part of outdoor learning is that we enjoy and experience nature in all elements. (Children are resilient and will not blow away!) Hot chocolate is the favourite part of the session for most, and in time, Year 2 will make outdoor snacks to enjoy such as healthy flapjacks, sandwiches or fruit kebabs as part of Design Technology.

House Activities Week

We have an exciting event planned for EYFS LP, after the May bank holidays. Children will return to school on Wednesday 5th May and for the remainder of the week- Wednesday to Friday, we will be off timetable taking part in mini projects, trips, sports and STEM activities. All staff are already planning a fun filled week behind the scenes. We will kick start this on Wednesday 5th May with our House Sports Day. All children need to come to school in their sports kit but must wear a coloured t-shirt of their house colour. (Reminders of house teams and colours will be sent out nearer the time.) The House Activities week will be a chance for students to work more with children in their house team. Unfortunately, we will have to still keep in class bubbles but it is a chance for children across all classes to see who else is in their house team and begin to get an appreciation for the concept of Houses.

Trips

All class teachers are in the midst of planning an external trip/s for their classes before the end of the Summer term. We will let you know when these dates have been confirmed.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Pilcher

YEAR 5 - ARTWORK

In Y5 this week, we have started our new topic- ANIMALS! In Art, we used our amazing skills to draw a symmetrical picture of an animal. We had rabbits, tigers, foxes and many, many more. A fantastic effort from the whole class- you are all super artists!

Best wishes,

Ms Muirhead



IMPORTANT DATES

3rd, 4th May - Holidays

YEARBOOK PORTRAITS

EYFS & LOWER PRIMARY:

- a. NURSERY - Monday 12th 9:15
- b. RECEPTION - Monday 12th 9:45
- c. YEAR 1 - Monday 12th 10:30
- d. YEAR 2 - Monday 12th 11:00

UPPER PRIMARY:

- a. YEAR 3 - Tuesday 13th 9:15
- b. YEAR 4 - Tuesday 13th 9:45
- c. YEAR 5 - Tuesday 13th 11:15
- d. YEAR 6 - Tuesday 13th 11:45

SECONDARY:

- a. YEAR 7 - Thursday 15th 9:15
- b. YEAR 8 - Thursday 15th 9:45
- c. YEAR 9 - Thursday 15th 11:15
- d. YEAR 10 - Thursday 15th 12:00
- e. YEAR 11 - Monday 19th 9:15
- f. YEAR 12/13 - Monday 19th 9:45

PE DEPARTMENT

We have had an exciting week in PE. The students have started their Health Related Fitness topic (Secondary), hockey (Upper Primary) and basketball (Lower Primary & EYFS). The students have really impressed me with their enthusiasm for these new topics. The Sports Performers of the Week have really shown us some great effort and skills. In Secondary we have Joel Codinach Pou for getting the highest score in the beep test and beating Mr Steadman. In Upper Primary we have Anton Kaeshko for learning the basic hockey skills extremely quickly. In EYFS we have Raffi Bifani for a great start to basketball with excellent dribbling skills using both hands.

Next week the school will be taking part in The Race For Hunger. This is a sponsored event, one in which every student will run laps of a circuit on the field. The students will be sponsored per lap raising money for the Philippines Foundation. This is a great cause and we hope to raise lots of money for this charity and help to put an end to poverty in the Philippines. The students have sponsor forms so please dig deep into your pockets and find some spare change for your children.

I am again proud and very excited to tell you some sports news that has happened over the Easter break. Marc and Noa Cedillo (Year 10 & 5) travelled to take part in the last stage of the Cope de Espana for snowboarding. Marc had an incredible race winning by 2 seconds (a very large margin in his event). This final win meant Marc is the champion of Spain and is the best snowboarder in his age category, not only did Marc win the Under 15 event, his time was also the best in the under 17 category and the 3rd best in the U19 category. A remarkable achievement for a 14 year old boy. We are sure he will represent Spain in the next Winter Olympics. Unfortunately Noa's event was called off but she placed 3rd in the overall rankings for the U11s, another incredible achievement. We also have Eva Piris Font (Year 9) who travelled to Alicante to take part in the Copa de Espana for windsurfing. She did very well in the competition and loved every minute (her words not mine). It is great to have so many extreme athletes in the school and I hope you will join me in celebrating their achievements.

Thank you,

Mr Steadman



LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH

During April we are going to be celebrating our new language of the month, Portuguese!

We started off this week with assemblies for upper primary and years 7-10, learning a little about the language and cultures of Portuguese speaking countries. For example we learnt that Portuguese is an official language in ten countries and territories, Brazil, Mozambique, Angola, Portugal, Guinea-Bissau, East Timor, Equatorial Guinea, Macau, Cape Verde, and São Tomé and Príncipe. We also learnt that the Amazon rainforest is 23 times the size of the UK and that Cristiano Ronaldo gets paid 1 euro 3 cents every second!

During the month we will be recording some of our Portuguese speakers introducing themselves and saying some simple phrases, for all of us to share and try to learn. We will be doing lots of other activities, including having a food day, and sharing a recipe for a delicious Brazilian sweet you can make at home!

We are really enjoying continuing to celebrate the fantastic diversity of languages and cultures here at BCG and giving our children the opportunity to demonstrate the language skills they bring to school. Lastly, a really big thank you to Angelina, Ines and Carolina from year 9 and Kika from Year 10, who really enthusiastically and expertly taught all of us some Portuguese during the assemblies!

Mr Fassam



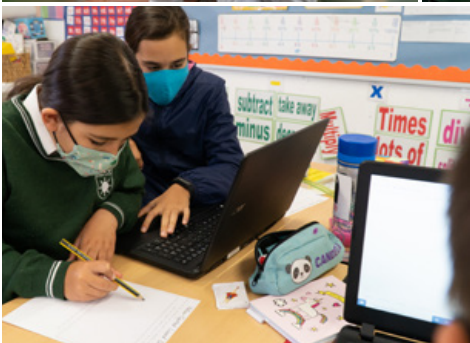
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EYFS & Lower Primary



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Upper Primary



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Secondary

