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Well we have finally reached the end of an extraordinary term and everyone is ready for a long holiday! We were very busy right to the very end with a fantastic project week as part of our excellent collaboration with MOTI. We have also seen children of all ages joining the various daily classes in school, it really has been lively here at BCG.

Parents will receive the reports on Monday, I would urge you to sit down and read these with your children so that you can have a discussion about the learning they have been doing and what they could do over the holiday to prepare for September. All children should be reading in both their mother tongue and in English. Older children should be taking an interest in current affairs, the world news for example.

Last Friday we were finally able to hold our Open Day and it was fantastic to see many new parents and students so impressed by the school and our facilities. I would like to thank you all for the very warm welcome you have given me over the last three months and look forward to seeing you all in person in September.

Simon Mower



Dear Parents,

The past two weeks have seen the arrival of Secondary classes back in school with each class coming in for two mornings. It has been a pleasure to see how happy they have been back at the school, seeing their friends, and yes, even meeting their teachers again. These days had real significance, as it was important to renew social bonds and connections and to share experiences of 'lockdown' before the start of the summer holidays.

As we arrive at the end of the academic year a chapter is closing. Looking back, there have been ups and down and bumps in the road and I am sure that no one will ever forget the springtime of 2020. However, the path has been one of progress and development as we strengthen the school, improve our structures and processes whilst our sense of community and togetherness has deepened markedly. We have a committed and dedicated teaching team clearly focussed on the education of your children, a clear sense of purpose and direction and real confidence about the future.

It has been a pleasure getting to know you and as this year ends I wish you all a wonderful summer. I look forward to reconvening again in September.

John Prince



To our BCG Family,

We are here, the finish line in sight and the 'new' normal in reach. What a journey! For some it has been a challenging ride, for others an adventure. It has been a long, hard road; there is no doubting that. There have been too many defining moments during this period of distance learning to note down but the most resounding has to be the resilience demonstrated by not just our pupils, but our entire BCG community: our pupils, parents and teachers; our maintenance and IT teams; our admin and support staff, everyone single person that makes our school the special place it is.

Amidst the many difficulties experienced by families managing lockdown and their own businesses, children managing distance learning and teachers managing online teaching, we have made it - together. We have all been on a journey of sorts: made personal discoveries; developed positive habits; reflected on how we can be better people; thought about changes to our lives and how life looks going forward. From a brand new pupil joining our school online to Mr Smith taking over a class with a week's notice to Mr Mower beginning his new position as Principal having arrived on the brink of a global pandemic - what has been achieved has been monumental.

At BCG we are made of sterner stuff. We embrace challenge; we grow from challenge and we excel from challenge. Never has that been more evident than now. Resilience is not just a buzz word at our school. It is what we practice. It is what we do. Our pupils have exceeded all of our expectations online. Children 'wow' me on a daily basis. They exhibit courage and kindness in abundance; they remind us adults that we too can do it. Whether being at home with their families or being part of their 'online' classroom, they have reminded us to laugh and smile in the face of this crisis. They have achieved so much. They have become more reflective, more insightful and more resilient. At BCG we strive for that for our pupils every day.

I want to extend my gratitude to you all for supporting us. Some of us have children of our own that we have had to guide through this, some of us are alone and some of us are far away from our homes, friends and families. The continuous flow of messages, emails, kind words that we have received in these last few months has lifted us more than you could know. I thank you wholeheartedly for that.

I wish you all a wonderful summer and very much look forward to seeing you all in September to embark on our next journey: the best year at BCG ever.

Miss Wakelin

The academic year 2019-20 has been eventful in many ways! We started the term with our new and improved Early Years garden allowing the children a wonderful new green space to play, complete with adventure balance line and the very popular water wall and mud kitchen! It meant for a fresh and exciting start to the year for outside learning.

October Sports' Day was a highlight, with children showing team spirit and good sportsmanship competing for their house team. As always, with our supportive BCG community, this was not without the help of mums, dads, grandma and grandpas, younger siblings and older BCG students helping around the course. Our Christmas Show saw the children sing a variety of songs in English and Spanish and the children even learnt British Sign Language for Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer!

As learning took a twist and we began to work from home for the remainder of the Spring and Summer term, the children showed true resilience and adaptability in their learning. I would like to say a very big WELL DONE to all of our youngest learners for managing this experience so well. It has been a unique year and I am incredibly proud of you all! I very much look forward to the year ahead when we can reunite to make memories, build upon friendships and continue to learn and grow as a BCG family.

Mrs Pilcher



Hi everyone!

I think we all have to send a massive thank you to our wonderful partners at the MOTI foundation. The project was wonderful! It was great to see our students so engaged with the theme of getting in touch with the nature around them. Well done for the truly wonderful work that you have all created!

On Monday we studied Biodiversity, and a big shout out has to go to everyone who successfully managed to get a full house on the biodiversity bingo! On Tuesday the topic was Observing Nature - we looked at how we can spot nature around us, and looked at a citizen science project on the dawn chorus that we could contribute to.

It was truly inspiring to see such hard work going into the poster campaigns designed to help protect the biodiversity of our planet that were completed on Wednesday, on our 'Protect Nature' day, and the nature-based art that was sent in during our Thursday session looking at 'Restoring Nature' was fantastic! Finally Friday - the last day of the project, and focussing on how we can 'Learn from Nature'. We looked at biomimicry, before finally looking at ways in which we could look after nature in our BCG community... apparently, turning a plastic bottle into a bird feeder is really easy!

I hope you had fun, enjoyed all of the activities, and learnt some key information about the importance of nature and why we have to make time for it. Hopefully you can spend some of your well earned summer vacation enjoying the nature around you. You can always try the activities you enjoyed the most again, or even the ones you didn't have time for, and see if you get something different!

Have a lovely summer, and see you in September!

Miss Lane

Upper Primary Graduation Speeches

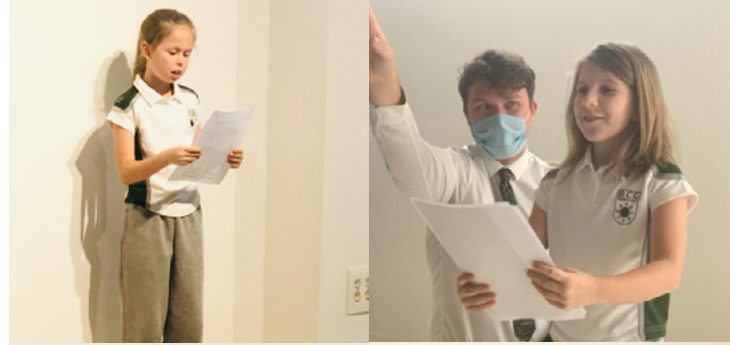
This week in Upper Primary was our final week in school. We have practised social distancing, we have worked in bubbles and we have loved being back in our 'second home'.

To celebrate the end of the year, we asked our pupils to write graduation speeches. We were totally overcome with emotion as they shared beautiful insights of the school experience. The speeches took place in our new auditorium. It was exciting to use this wonderful space and the children felt really special. As the lights dimmed, some children took to the shiny, new grand piano to entertain us at the start.

We talked about the importance of speaking clearly and projecting our voices to the back of the room, which was even quite difficult for us while wearing our masks. The children then delivered their excellent speeches, which we had been, preparing during our English and PSHE lessons last week.

We must say what a fantastic job everybody did. You were all clear, confident and made some really interesting, reflections about your time as a learner. We think you have all done a great job this year and we can't wait to see you progress along your learning journey with the creativity and enthusiasm as you have this year.

Miss Wakelin and Mr Smith



"Year 3 Robins, have had a fantastic year on the journey of learning and each and every one of them has come such a long way. They have experienced life as a Roman at Tarroca, constructed Egyptian mummies in Barcelona and celebrated carnival in Brazil. They have moulded Ancient Egyptian canopic jars and Celtic artefacts, and written in hieroglyphics on papyrus paper. They have laughed at the entertaining rhymes of Dr Seuss and felt empathy at the plight of migrating Robins flying home through the winter. They have grown their own plants, tested magnetic fields and learnt to make wild bird feeders from pine cones. They have shown respect and cultural appreciation whilst sharing and celebrating the contributions of people from different cultures in our class assembly. They have danced, sang, painted, solved, mastered, presented, created and imagined; taking their learning to new levels. I am so proud of them all and so excited to continue on the journey of learning with them next year. Stay safe and have fun this summer.

Miss Osivwemu."



I must say how deeply proud I am of all of the children in the Year 4 Owls class. You have all worked so hard this year and especially during these challenging times as online learners. I must say that I am amazed by the amount of adaptability, independence and good humour that you have all shown when faced with this challenge and I am sure that you will take these three core learning skills with you throughout your time at the school. It has been a great pleasure to teach the class and my only wish was that we would have had more time in the class together. I look forward to seeing you all next year in Year 5 and I wish you all a wonderful, restful Summer Holidays. Well done!

Mr Smith

What a year!

I would firstly like to say how great it has been to have different year groups back into school over the last 2 weeks. We have enjoyed some socially distanced PE and it was amazing to see the students running around with huge smiles on their faces enjoying some exercise and games. Thank you to all the students who came to school and gave 100% effort in the PE lessons.

I would like to thank all the students from EYFS to year 11 for an outstanding year of PE and sport. We saw records smashed at sports day back in October, we saw our year 10,11 and sixth form football team win their first game, we saw the school's first ever boys and girls rugby fixtures, the schools first ever Primary School football fixture, we had volleyball matches and tournaments and the schools 2nd ever home football match. What an amazing year.

The PE department will continue to grow and improve as each student continues to work hard on their skills. We now have incredible facilities to choose from and we can invite different schools in to play us in a wide variety of sports.

As always we would like to invite parents to come along and support the school's sports fixtures. Thank you to all those parents who came and supported the different teams this year, it makes a huge difference to have your support in the crowd. I would also like to thank the kitchen staff for always providing our players with lunch and water, this also helps fuel our energy levels!

Thank you again and I will see you in September to enjoy another year of PE and sports fixtures.

Mr Steadman



BACK TO SCHOOL



The year book 2019- 2020 is here! We have one for each family. If you don't have it yet, you can come and collect it at the school's reception on Monday or Tuesday from 9:00 until 10:00.



IMPORTANT: The academic year will finish on Tuesday, June 23rd. **We will have normal online lessons on Monday and Tuesday but this final day lessons will finish at 13:00**

REMINDER: The discount for yearly payment is a 6% of the total annual fee, and must be made before July 15th. **If you wish to use this formula, please contact finance@bcgava.com.**