



Weekly Bulletin

May 21st 2021



Welcome to our bulletin

Musical Note

It has been a very musical week! We had the Summer Concert in the auditorium where a whole host of students performed solos on the violin, piano, voice, cello, oboe and drums and this wonderful show

was kicked off by the Band straight back from their Sunday gig in Sitges. It was such a pleasure to see the fruits of so much hard work, and whilst some of the performers were a little nervous, it was an extremely good experience for them. I would like to say that the students in the audience were very receptive too.

On my way to Nursery earlier in the week I passed the Tent and was able to see the Junior Orchestra rehearsals. I am so pleased that as the lockdown eases off slightly we are now able to gather students together more often for these musicals events

Drop Off Scheme - Important information

Next Tuesday 25th May we will be trialing our new Morning Drop Off scheme.

1. ALL parents bringing Primary and early years students to school by car should drive into school through the WHITE gate and follow the traffic round to the left.
2. Your sons and daughters should remain in the car until you arrive alongside the tent where you will see staff.
3. Children should exit the car through the right hand car door (so they do not have to walk around the car).
4. All bags and belongings should be inside the car with your children so that you do not need to open the car boot.
5. Once your children are safely out of the car you drive out through the GREEN gate and carefully turn left back into Carrer Josep Lluís Sert.
6. ALL secondary parents are requested to drop the students in the corner of Carrer de l'Alba.
7. Bicycles and pedestrians will access through the white gate
8. Thank you for supporting us - if everyone follows these guidelines it is sure to be much better for all!

We will send a reminder on Monday

Little people and their big dinosaurs

This week I have joined the Early Years and Foundation classes. It must be said that I have learned quite a lot about dinosaurs! I have seen some great play rehearsals. It has been an absolute delight to spend some quality time with these lovely children. I have always had huge admiration for the teachers and teaching assistants that work with our very youngest children. It is such a demanding job but so very rewarding too - please show your appreciation when you next have the opportunity.

Our flexible friends

Rhythmic Gymnastics is not something I knew very much about until this week. Building stronger links with the local community is something we are all very committed to doing and we have just started a partnership with our friends in Gava Local Council where they are using our amazing Sport Hall 6pm - 8pm each evening for the local rhythmic gymnastics clubs. I am so excited that we are able to build upon an already good relationship and share our facilities with others. The teenagers I saw were all highly skilled and I was amazed at how disciplined they were in their routines. The flexibility was astonishing and made me feel very guilty about my lack of fitness! In exchange for the use of our hall we hope to use facilities in Gava such as the swimming pool and possibly even the theatre too. Please see the video here:

<http://www.gavatv.cat/elmarcador/capitol/el-club-ritmica-gava-entrena-al-british>

SECONDARY

Dear Parents,

I hope you have enjoyed the sunshine and have been enjoying a coffee, dinner or a glass of something cold outside in a cafe or restaurant in these recent weeks. It has been another exciting, busy week at school. The students are coming to the end of their courses and will start to be preparing for their final assessments (dates below).

I would like to thank the Year 9 pupils with the help of Mr Hooley and many other teachers for organising the sustainability paper project. As a school we are trying to limit the amount of paper wastage we have. This is a hard task as we write our homework, classwork, exams, notes etc. on paper. The students created some great fun games using waste paper so it was not just thrown into the bin.

The Secondary team have been busy planning trips/concerts and residentials for your children. I really hope everyone signs up to these incredible experiences as the memories, skills learnt and friendships made will last a lifetime. The closing date to book onto the Year 7-10 residential trip is today. If you haven't already booked on please do so ASAP. If you decide you would like your child to come over the weekend please email me or the trips team so we can sign your child up. The letters have also gone out for the surf taster session. This is another great opportunity for the students to embrace the environment around us and learn new skills and have a huge amount of fun with their friends. Your children will also get to see the teachers fall off of a surfboard!

I would like to thank Mrs Foreman for organising a trip to the theatre to watch the production CATS. As I write this the students will be returning, I can't wait to hear how the show was! I would also like to thank the Secondary students involved in the Secondary School Concert. I was blown away by the amount of talent our pupils possess. I had goosebumps listening to our performers wow me with pieces played by violins, chellos, pianos and rocking out to our school band! Thank you Mrs Foreman and team for organising.

Mr Steadman



IMPORTANT DATES

Year 10 parents evening - 25th May

Year 7 - 10 formal assessment week 31st May - 4th June

Year 11 surf lesson - 3rd June

Year 11 DofE - 4th June

Year 7 - 10 residential - 7th - 10th June

Year 7 surf lesson - 14th June

Year 8 surf lesson - 15th June

Year 9 surf lesson - 16th June

Year 10 surf lesson - 17th June

Year 10 DofE - 18th June

RECYCLE

Recycle your Paper Day

On Monday 17th we celebrated Recycle your Paper Day at BCG, which is part of our school's Sustainability approach.

Year 9 students delivered a short assembly to Upper Primary in the morning, explaining the day. During the primary break times, the year 9 students prepared different origami and crafts activities for the Upper Primary children, which they really enjoyed.

In the year 3 classroom, we used all the scrap paper we collected during the year and made paper clothes with it. We used different techniques so as to use the paper in different ways, we pleated it, made paper cones and crumpled it. We then made a pleated skirt and a paper cone skirt, as well as paper bags, funky paper hats and even body armour with a helmet, sword and shield. The children used their creativity to come up with these ideas and really enjoyed the day.

Alexandra Straton



On Monday this week the Year 9 Environmental Studies group demonstrated how recycling paper can be a fun and enjoyable experience through delivering a variety of fun activities at break and lunch time. Events included origami, making paper hearts, arts and crafts with paper and the "score the paper goal" competition. The purpose of these events was to not only help raise the awareness of what fun things can be done with recycled paper, but to also help maintain the excellent interaction between our secondary and primary students. This was a great event to organise and we will look forward to making this an even bigger event next year.

Mark Hooley

RECEPTION

We have had a fantastic learning experience all about Chefs this week in Reception class. We kicked off the week with a very special visit to the school kitchens. We interviewed the chef and looked around to see what goes on behind the scenes with all the food that we eat everyday. A BIG, BIG thank you to Miss Yaiza and Marivi for organising this for us. This trip stimulated some amazing instructional and label writing on how to make a sandwich.

We made our chef hats and then followed our instructions to make our own sandwich snack and really enjoyed eating it! In forest school we continued our Chef theme by making tea and fruit kebabs. It's been a wonderful week. Well done Penguins for your continued enthusiasm for learning.

Mrs Bifani



Year 1

This week year one have been very busy practising for our class assembly! This was a chance for us to show our families the wonderful things we have been learning. The performance was a huge success on Friday and it was our best performance yet! Some children even had to pick up some extra lines to learn in the morning and they did so well! We also had fun at forest school finding natural objects with different textures and describing them! In our spare time, we had fun learning a new dance to replace the cha cha slide!

What a great week- well done to you all!

Miss Plummer and Miss Jenny



Year 2

In Year Two this week we have been continuing exploring playscripts as part of our topic - Lights, Camera, Action! The children have enjoyed learning about props, costumes and settings this term and are now having great fun putting it all into practise! From clapper boards and stethoscopes to rafts and green bones, the children are loving all the fuss and pomp of a play set! One play this week was set in the Doctor's Office with Doctor Woof trying to cure Dot of a case of read spots.

The characters in our second play were all dinosaurs and the play detailed a lot of commotion when one dinosaur fell into a tar pit. The children loved rescuing each other from the tar pit and acting out the triumphant ending. It has been a week of great fun and there is more to come! Next week we will choose, innovate and begin rehearsing our final plays of the term which will be performed at the end of the year to the wonderful BCG community. Here's to the theatre and here's to the Final Show!

Caitriona O'Connor



Year 4

Year 4 have been experiencing West African culture firsthand through afrobeat dance workshops. The sessions have highlighted the importance of music and dance in Ancient Sub-Saharan Africa and the modern day and have been incredibly fun!

All the children put huge amounts of energy and effort into learning some new moves, like the Shaku Shaku and Zanku. It was a great way to bring our History topic of Ancient Benin to life and share in the cultures of our teacher Javi (Equatorial Guinea) and Miss Osiwemu (Nigeria).

Omena Osiwemu



Year 5

This week, Year 5 have jumped straight back into their learning after such a super fun week last week on their residential trip. On Monday, we started off by writing persuasive letters to our chairs after they decided to go on strike! The poor chairs were fed up with being taken for granted by the Year 5s...we managed to persuade them to come back quickly thanks to our excellent letters. We then had an afternoon of fun, designing items of clothing made entirely out of recycled paper. A great effort by all, especially Chiara, whose Nike shoe was particularly impressive!

On Tuesday, Sami went around the school with Mr Fassam to talk about his home language, Urdu. He talked to us all about where Urdu is spoken, with a particular focus on his home, Pakistan. We even had the chance to learn some Urdu phrases from him. *شکریہ* (Thank you), Sami!

We also had the opportunity to watch our fantastic school orchestra rehearse outside on Wednesday afternoon. It was so great to be able to see what they have been up to for the last 8 months! We can't wait to see them in concert. Well done to Noa Martinez, Noa Carro, Noa Cerdillo, Chiara, Maite, Eve, Kalina and Masha for showing excellent commitment throughout the entire year. We are all very proud of you and impressed by your skills!

Jessica Miurhead

Year 6

We kick started this week with our 'Recycle Your Paper' day. What a great begin the week! Year 6, you never cease to amaze me with your creativity. Your special creations demonstrated your unique personalities and great sense of fun. Move over Gucci, there is a new designer in town! Special congratulations to Victoria Stolbova for her outstanding fashion designing skills and to Sophia too. What an incredible dress! The day was a good reminder of how wasteful we can sometimes be with paper and has certainly made us think more consciously about how much we use/waste. Incredible class effort.

Kelly Wakelin



Sports

Dear Parents,

I would like to celebrate more sporting success with you. Arnau Masclans in Year 10 went on tour with his field hockey team in the Spanish and Catalan championships. His team won the bronze medal in both the competitions and Arnau was his team's top goal scorer, a great achievement. Well done Arnau, we hope to see you in the Spanish National team in a few years!

I would like to announce the Sports Performer of Week will now move to a monthly award as it is very difficult to pick only 3 performers a week. The talent and the effort is too much! I hope this will make the award more coveted and the students get to keep the trophy for a whole month! The first Sports Performer of the Month will be awarded next week!

Have lovely weekend sports fans.

PE Team



IBDP Information

Year 11 - Update

Our first IBDP cohort have submitted their final Diploma Programme option choices and we have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure that every student has the opportunity to study the subjects they are passionate about. We have spoken to each student individually to ensure that their subject combination is sufficiently challenging and offers them a clear pathway for the future. We are satisfied that we have managed to cater for all needs. We wish Year 11 the best of luck in their GCSE examinations - the final hurdle before they embark on this new adventure!

Year 11 parents will receive information on how to book a face to face meeting with Ms Fenton to finalise subject choices, sign IBDP rules and regulations and discuss the expectations for sixth form. The meetings will be held during the final weeks of term. If you would like to discuss your child's subject choices before then, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Fenton (rachel.fenton@bcgava.com)

Year 11 Pre DP Course / 2nd - 21st June

Once the GCSE examinations are over, Year 11 will start their obligatory 3-week Pre Diploma Programme course. This is an intensive, practical and fun induction to the IB Diploma Programme.

Students will be introduced to:

- Some of the subjects they have chosen to study at DP
- The DP core curriculum (TOK, EE & CAS)
- The IB approaches to learning skills (research, communication, self management, thinking and social skills) and reflection
- The concept of service learning within our community
- The IB philosophy and the concept of academic honesty

Under the guidance of their teachers, students will participate in a variety of projects throughout the school:

- **BCG Arts Festival Project** - using a success criteria developed by our Arts and Business departments, students will organise our first Arts Festival to be held on June 21st.
- **CAS Service Learning Project** - our CAS Coordinator will work closely with the students as they come up with some solutions for an outdoor play dilemma in Early Years. This project will mirror CAS procedures and prepare students for starting their own CAS initiatives in September.
- **Mini Research Project** - our EE Coordinator, Librarian and Head of Humanities will introduce students to the concept of academic honesty, citing and referencing and advise them on research tools and strategies. Students will undertake an independent research task.
- **Project 1 1 1** - BCG Principal Mr Mower will explore what makes an effective, visual presentation and students will practise their public speaking skills with our English and Drama teachers. This project will culminate in a public speaking competition judged by the school's Senior Leadership Team.
- **Group 4 Project** - Students will spend a full day with our science team working on a mini version of the DP Group 4 Project. This will include off-site activities, practical lab work and scientific report writing practice.

There will also be plenty of opportunities for students to participate in outdoor activities such as:

- The Duke of Edinburgh excursion
- Surf lesson
- Life-saving
- Watersports
- Wellbeing and mindfulness

Information about offsite activities has been sent out by email. Please ensure you authorise your child to take part through your school cloud account.

Year 10 Introduction to the IB Diploma Programme

We would like to thank those Year 10 parents and students who attended the IBDP introductory presentation last week - it was great to have you in school, we hope we gave you lots to talk about. This was the first in a series of presentations and meetings that will take place between parents, students and the school as we prepare Year 10 for the IB Diploma Programme. The presentation was sent out to all Year 10 parents by email but please do not hesitate to contact us if you did not receive it.

Next Tuesday 25th May, we will be talking our Year 10 students through the process of choosing their preliminary DP subjects. This is not binding - we understand that students will change their minds - but it will nonetheless be useful as we plan ahead.

Rachel Fenton



Welcome back Mrs Baron!

Mrs Louise Baron has rejoined our Primary staff team after returning from her maternity leave, after having her baby girl, Amelia.

It's been wonderful to have Mrs Baron's positivity and enthusiasm in school as she has been supporting in all classes from Nursery to Year 6 in her role as teaching assistant.

It's great to have you back in the team!

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"I was inspired to create this drawing when I saw students rolling their suitcases into school for their residential trip. My style is influenced by Japanese culture and Anime. I included a Sakura tree with it's blossom falling to reference this and enjoyed creating it using alcohol markers and fine liner pens."

Angelina Pereira Dos Santos - Year 9A