



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

October 18

Dear Parents  
and Guardians,

Welcome once again to the Friday Bulletin! Each week I would like to draw attention to different aspects of our approach to learning in school and this week I am highlighting some inspirational projects in Year 5 and Year 4.

At the school gate last week, I was intrigued by the variety of models and paintings being carried into school very proudly by the students from Year 5 and Year 4. In their variety, use of diverse materials, visual impact and the depth of subject knowledge and understanding they demonstrated, I thought they were exceptional! Upon following Year 5 into the classroom, the class were visibly enthused and animated by the topic of "the Solar System". As I asked them to explain their models, in all their faces the interest was genuine and palpable. Parents stood on, beaming proudly. This was learning with pupils engaged and interested and, crucially, really enjoying themselves.



Year 4 expressed a similar degree of engagement and delight with their Vikings project and, as can be seen in the photograph, parental involvement extended to the baking of a chocolate Viking longboat! The joy was extended as it sank without trace before the end of the day.

As an educator it was also great to see that Ms Wakelin and Mr Morrissey had used an approach that was personalised and self-directed, with all students free to choose the method by which they would demonstrate their learning. This facilitated the personal engagement, enjoyment and commitment to the task. Thank you to all the parents who supported the children in expressing and presenting their ideas through their work.



Next week we have the Halloween Fancy Dress day on Friday. Given the creativity I see in the school it will be interesting to see what transpires.

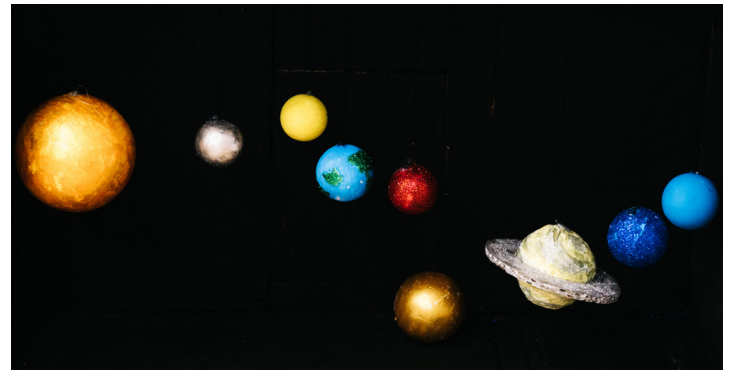
Once again, thank you for all the support as we strive to improve the school and please come to speak with me if you have any issues.

*With kind regards,*  
**John Prince**

## Year 4 - Vikings Topic

With great interest and excitement, the children in Year 4 Owls class this week presented their Viking projects that they have been working on at home. The children engaged in a 'personal project' for the past 6 weeks, choosing one aspect of the Vikings that interested them and from that they developed different crafts, models, pieces of art and poster presentations. As the children learned about the Vikings in their Topic lessons in class, they also learned research skills and how to find good information in books, on the Internet and by posing thoughtful questions. Year 4 also learned how to present their work orally by presenting themselves, speaking with a clear speaking voice, looking at the audience and speaking with confidence about their topic. Using all their new knowledge and research skills, the children were given the challenge of creating their own personal projects on the Vikings. And what a wonderful job they did! From Monday to Friday this week, each child had the opportunity to present their knowledge and understanding of the Vikings and, they certainly amazed each other with their creative and detailed projects. Model Viking boats made of clay and wood, Viking artwork, Viking bread; visual presentations and even a Viking long ship cake were shared with the class. Well done to all the Year 4 students for the enthusiastic way they have shared their learning this term!

**John Morrisey**



## Year 5 - Space Topic

We have kick-started the first term in Year 5 with our "Space" topic and in order to allow the children to really explore their creativity we adopted a project-based approach. The knowledge and skills gained, by working for a longer period of time to investigate or respond to an exciting question or challenge, are invaluable. Allowing the children a free choice to use any medium to complete their projects such as a: PowerPoint, picture, model, fact-file, a film, created a real ripple of excitement in the classroom.

'Over the moon!' was probably my first response when Flamingo Class excitedly arrived with their projects. I can honestly say I have never seen such dedication to homework. The exceptional standard of homework was 'out of this world' and clearly demonstrated just how much the children have learned through our Space topic. The children were asked to spend half an hour per week over three weeks but it was evident that they had devoted much more time than was expected. It was incredible to see such a fantastic range of work and I am immensely proud of all they have achieved.

To infinity and beyond!

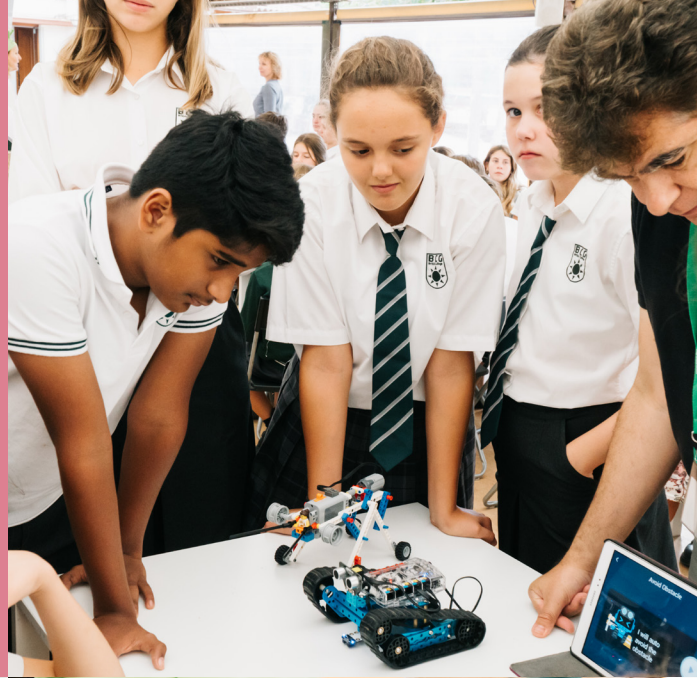
**Miss Wakelin**



## ECAP

Last Tuesday the whole school gathered in assembly for our Club Fair. Representatives from Robotics, My Gran Chef, French, Football, Yoga and Musical Theatre were on hand to talk to students about their club and answer any questions. After seeing all of the children leave inspired and full of energy they will, of course, have more questions. All information can be found on the website and registration will be open to add new activities over half term.

**Dan Pilcher**



### **EYFS and Year 1 Open Day**

Wednesday, 23rd October  
9.00am-10:30 am.

On this day you are all very welcome to join your child in the classroom from drop off time until approximately 10:30am. You are welcome to stay for as much or little as you are available.

We hope you enjoy a glimpse into your child's school day.

#### **A rough guide of the session is as follows:**

8.30-8.50 Drop off, self-registration, morning activities

8:50-9:00 Register and welcome

9:00-10:00 Focus group teaching and free-flow activities

10:00-10:30 Snack and outside play (There will be enough for adults too!)

10:30 Parents leave

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, 23rd October!

*Kind Regards,*

**EYFS and Year 1 Team**



## UNIVERSITY FAIR

Thursday afternoon marked the second visit to BCG from 'The Student World', which is a university fair roadshow that tours different countries throughout the world. There were 6 international universities that showcased their course offerings that included: St. Thomas University (Canada), Langara College (Canada), Hult International Business School (USA), Northeastern Illinois University (USA), Tio University of Applied Sciences (The Netherlands) and the University of Mississippi (USA). All students in years 10, 11, 12 and 13 were able to ask questions and inquire about the various higher education courses available. This was a brilliant occasion for students that sparked intrigue, whilst providing realistic possibilities upon graduation from BCG.



# Upcoming events

## HALLOWEEN

October 25

Fancy Dress (Non-uniform Secondary)  
All students are welcome to wear fancy dress or casual clothing on this day.

## DAY TRIP Gava Mar

October 21-23

Y4-Y7

*This initiative of the Spanish and Catalan Department will take our children from Year 4 to Year 7 for a route along the seafront of GavaMar*

## BCG UNIFORM SALE

October 22

4 to 5:15h

**CASH ONLY!**

