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Dear parents,

The half term break come at the end of a week bursting with life, energy and enthusiasm. Year 3 finished the topic on Ancient Egypt with a visit to a local museum to see mummies and artefacts, Year 5 have researched the Spartans, the Minotaur and Medusa whilst delving into Ancient Greece, three Secondary pupils have started rehearsals with Barcelona Youth Orchestra and the sporting calendar continues to expand. BCG hosted BSB for a Year 9 boys football match, cheered on by crowds of pupils and parents and BSB hosted BCG for boys and girls rugby matches. Thank you to all who came to cheer us on, it really makes a difference. In Year 9, the multi-tasking Mrs Foreman has been teaching World War 2 and hosting a presentation from a visiting actor at secondary assembly.

The secondary school will soon be watching a production of Hamlet in a local theatre and our visiting speaker plays the role of the King. He was originally a drama student in a local school and he gave an inspiring speech to our pupils regarding the importance of finding your passion in life.

Secondary students also received certificates of recognition in the weekly assembly. Those demonstrating values or acting in accord with the BCG learner profile received public recognition. Celebration of positive values and actions is an important aspect of the holistic development of pupils here at BCG and in this case it also forms part of the ongoing development of IB values which is part of our accreditation process leading on to teaching the IB Diploma from September 2021.

The primary school have introduced a weekly teacher award, and this week the inspirational Jude Timothy (Year 6) is the recipient. Green team are currently house point champions in primary, carnival hair day was an inspiration, silly sock day was as silly as could be and a special mention goes to Noa Cedrillo in Year 4 Owls. Her hand stitched pink feather socks deserve a special mention.

Wishing you all a pleasant half term break.

John Prince

Secondary Assembly

I am delighted to be writing that on Tuesday morning during the secondary school assembly, the first BCG Learner Profile recognition certificates were awarded to students in all year groups. The BCG Learner Profile recognition certificates will be awarded to students each month for demonstrating acts and behaviour in line with the values and characteristics of the Learner Profile.

Students demonstrating that they are knowledgeable, caring, principled, inquirers, risk takers, thinkers, open minded, reflective, balanced and communicators are being validated and recognised in front of their peers. This might be achieved, for example, by sustaining a principled position during a class debate, with sophistication and poise, or by displaying thoughtful acts of care by helping others in the wider school environment.

Well done this month to: Y7 Neils Torrellas Storm Van Leeuwen, Y8 Samantha Mendoza Grima, Y9 Natasha Worthington Zapata, Y10 Yuvgen Zinchenko and Y11 Alexandr Grechman. I look forward to recognising a group of students each month during morning assembly.

Warm regards,
Steven Lockwood



This week we welcomed Tasio Martinez, an actor by profession, to talk to us in our Secondary assembly about his career and to answer questions from the students. Tasio is one of the actors in the Shakespeare play, Hamlet, that the Secondary school will be attending on March 13th. Tasio talked about his background (he grew up in the UK and Barcelona where he attended international schools), how insightful and fun it is pretending to be someone else, and how he first got into acting by choosing the GCSE Drama option. He explained that many actors, including himself, are shy people who discover a freedom of expression on stage, and that the skills learnt in acting are life skills that are useful in all kinds of careers and social situations. Tasio answered some excellent questions about how it feels to be on stage, the process of portraying certain emotions and acting in different types of scenes, and about his favourite actors and directors. Finally, he had us all laughing hard when he demonstrated a variety of accents he has mastered. Many of the pupils approached Tasio afterwards with more questions, and he even inspired more pupils to take the GCSE Drama option!

Mrs Foreman



History

Year 9 have been studying the fascinating subject of World War 2 in History this term. This month they each chose a topic of interest to research and present to their class. Each presentation was ten minutes long, and they have assigned imaginative homework pieces for the rest of the class to complete. Topics included The Battle of Stalingrad, the Seige of Leningrad, the Battle of China, the Pacific War, The North African Campaign, The Blitz, The Battle of Britain, D-Day, Hitler's Death, Weapons and Technology, The Role of Women, and the list goes on. The presentations were impressive in content and layout, but most notable was the maturity of the students in their presenting skills. Many of the pupils proved to be natural speakers, making eye-contact with their audience, and engaging us with anecdotes, fun facts, and clear, knowledgeable explanations. A huge well done to Years 9A and B!

Mrs Foreman



Year 8 & 9 A

Year 8 Science have been studying the lungs and made working models to investigate the function of the diaphragm and the chest cavity. This was the first time we used the new laboratory and look forward to doing many more investigations in the future.

Year 9a conducted an investigation into how temperature affects enzyme activity. We used liver and potato as a source of catalase to breakdown hydrogen peroxide. The height of the foam produced indicates the activity of the catalase. We had to be careful with our quantities as some of us made too much foam! We very much enjoyed using the new laboratory and hope to conduct many more experiments.

Dr Jim - Science & ICT Teacher

Sports Fixtures



It has been another exciting week within the PE department.

On Monday we hosted the 2nd ever home fixture in BCG's history. Year 9 boys played against BSB's year 9 boys, it was a great game with an ever better atmosphere. Many year groups were able to come outside and watch the action unfold and their cheers really helped the boys play with spirit. Unfortunately we lost 2-3 but the boys played some beautiful football and I am sure with a little more time we would have tied or won the match.

On Wednesday our lower secondary boys and girls rugby teams travelled to BSB for BCG's first ever rugby fixture. Both teams played some exciting rugby and did BCG proud. The girls team won by a huge margin 90-40 whilst the boys showed real heart and courage but were unfortunately defeated.

I would like to thank all the parents who take the time out of their busy day to come and watch the matches, it really does make a huge difference having parents supporting the fixtures here at BCG and cheering on their child. We hope to see more of you at other matches after half term.

Mr Steadman

BCG Carnival 2020



Year 1 Trip

Last week Year One went to the Lego Exhibition in Barcelona to consolidate the learning they have been doing over the past half term. Parrot and Hummingbird classes have been learning about 'Toys' and this topic has covered all aspects of the curriculum for the past six weeks. From learning about the toys of the past to making their own doll houses, the children have been fully immersed in the topic and have loved every second of it! The Lego Exhibition was the perfect trip for the topic and so both classes set off last Thursday to see what amazing things could be made from one of their favourite toys. The children spent their time at the exhibition constructing figures and structures in the play area which was equipped with more lego bricks than any of us had ever seen! They also explored the lego wall where they could write their names and create their own mosaics. The children loved exploring the exhibition where they saw some amazing models of Batman, The Smurf Village and the Titanic, to mention but a few. It was a trip filled with excitement, learning and sheer fun! Inspired by the trip, back at school this week we have used the trip as stimulus for writing. The children have designed lego characters and turned their ideas into adventures, all captured in a comic strip. A huge thank you to Sofia, Ava's mum who accompanied us on our trip. We are always very grateful to parents and guardians for volunteering to support the class for educational visits.

Ms. O'Connor



Orchestra

On Wednesday evening three of our secondary students began their rehearsals with the Barcelona Youth Orchestra. In June they will accompany a children's choir in four concerts in the Teatro Poliorama, Barcelona, which will be open to the public. We hope that next year more pupils will sign up for this exciting opportunity if they have been learning an instrument for more than 2 years!

Mrs Foreman



Year 5 Homework Projects

In Year 5 we have been studying Ancient Greece. We have had lots of fun finding out about the many famous battles; learning about Greek Pottery and writing our own Greek Myths. For homework the children were asked to complete a project on any aspect of Ancient Greece, of their choice. Once again, I am blown away by the immense effort the Year 5 Flamingos have put into their projects. From marvellous models of Parthenons to creative replicas of Medusa - to expertly drawn mythical goddesses to digital presentations about Gods - a challenging 'Minotaur and the Maze game' to a fantastically recreation of the Trojan Horse, it is clear for all to see what a talented bunch Year 5 truly are. As a result, they are becoming more motivated and focused with their homework and learning the value of independent study. A huge well done to my fabulous Flamingos,

Miss Wakelin

Teachers Awards

This term we have introduced a special 'Teacher Award' in the Primary School. We feel it is really important that our wonderful team of teachers are celebrated and revered for the fantastic team that they are. It really is such a pleasure to work alongside such a talented and professional team. I am very proud to announce that the winner of this week's Teacher Award goes to our amazing Year 6 Teacher, Mr Timothy. He is absolutely the most deserving winner. His teaching style is inspirational, thought provoking and he knows how to get the very best out of his pupils. Congratulations!

Miss Wakelin





Year 3

"Year 3 concluded their History topic on the Ancient Egyptians, by getting up close and personal to real life mummies! The black and brown withered bandages and bones weren't quite what they imagined of the 3000 year old mummies! But they had a great time looking at the Egyptian shrine, mummies, coffins, canopic jars and learning about all the powers of the amulets. They learned in the Late Kingdom, the Ancient Greeks and Romans began mixing with the Egyptians and changing the processes of mummification. Year 3 really impressed the Museum guide with all their knowledge and enthusiasm in the topic.

Miss Osivwemu.

Year 3 A & B Residential Trip

March 2nd to 3rd

Year 4 & 5 Residential Trip

March 3rd to 6th

Year 9 trip to Aquarium

March 9th

Year 8 trip to Aquarium

March 10th

Year 4 & 5 Olympic Museum

March 12

UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 8 & 9 Residential Ski Trip

March 2 to 6

Science Week

March 16 to 20

We kindly ask parents cooperation, to bring in empty 2 litre plastic bottles.