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WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Dear BCG parents,

We are living an uncertain moment that we must overcome together.

At BCG, with our Principal leading a magnificent and committed team, we try to ensure that your children suffer as little as possible in their learning process.

I would like to thank you all for your understanding and support, and ask you to continue as you have been doing, giving support and care to your children's school.

Any reduction in direct or indirect costs, which this situation generates in the functioning of the school, will be discounted in the next monthly fees with proportional criteria.

I remain at your disposal if you need any clarification or assistance,

Kind regards,

Rafael Valverde

Well clearly it has been another eventful week! More than anything over the last seven days I have discovered just what a fantastic group of teachers and support staff we have here at BCG. Everyday seems to throw us new challenges but they have not been phased continue to work professionally, creatively and always with a smile.

The weeks ahead take us into new territory but if parents can support our teachers as much as possible but encouraging their children to follow the instructions they receive from Form tutors and teachers then it will go smoothly.

Once we reopen we will be stronger for this experience. I hope that you and your family all remain safe at this difficult time.

Simon Mower

Principal

Dear Secondary Parents,

The Secondary teachers are teaching online following the normal timetables for lessons. Lessons are being adapted to the new context on a case by case basis according to the specific needs of the subject, year group and topic. Learning will be supported by a variety of activities, including video conferencing via Google Meet, interactive shared documents in Google Classroom/Google Docs with pupils and teachers collaborating in real time, and various forms of project based learning. We are fortunate in that pupils and teachers are familiar with Google applications and we are able to move relatively seamlessly into this form of teaching and learning.

I am able to see learning happening in real time as pupils share and contribute to documents and the results are impressive. More details of specific topics and activities are in the document you see **here** and if you are looking to improve your fitness of body and mind I invite you all to look at Sport and follow the appropriate exercises. These could be activities to do with your children if you have time.

Students can remain in contact with their Form Teacher via Google Classroom or other electronic methods such as email and as always we are here for any parent questions.

Kind Regards,
John Prince
Acting Head of Secondary

Dear parents,

For Upper Primary (Years 3 to 6), all individual classes have had lessons prepared for the forthcoming week. ALL information will be uploaded electronically, including resources and explanations of lessons and expectations of learning. We do not expect parents to print work off so we have prepared resources for each lesson. These have been made into packs, which can be collected from school. However, if you would prefer to print them yourself you may. The lessons cover all of the curriculum subjects that we teach, as per your child's timetable. They do not need to rigidly stick to lesson times but the expectation is that they will complete all of the work set.

Please be aware that there may be some changes and that the lessons have been adapted for working at home. We have endeavoured to provide a broad range of activities that promote creativity and high level of engagement. We thank you in advance for your support as we do fully recognise the additional pressures put onto parents and families at this difficult time. We look forward to strengthening our home-school partnership with you and are here during normal school hours to answer any of your queries or concerns.

Upper Primary pupils will also be completing a special Olympics Project in line with this year's Tokyo 2020 Olympics in Japan. The classes will be focusing their research as follows -

Year 6 Swallow Class - Japan
Year 6 Kiwi Class - China
Year 5 Flamingo Class - Spain
Year 4 Owl Class - Jamaica
Year 3 Robins and Eagles Classes - All countries

All work will be displayed in our new building upon our return to school. We are really excited to see what the children produce.

Kelly Wakelin
Head of Upper primary

Dear EYFS and Lower Primary parents,

Our class teachers will be providing everything you need to support your child through their 'normal' routine. We will be posting daily messages on Google Classroom, including an overview of the lessons each day, suggested activities and tips to help. Where appropriate we will share videos, website links, power point presentations and even the odd video from ourselves! Each child has been equipped with a learning pack that they took home yesterday. The pack contains a class timetable, a variety of lesson activities and for some classes, a few small resources for the next week. Given the exceptional circumstances that we find ourselves in, you will see that there are a lot of learning worksheets. This is not our usual preference but practical for the current situation. Given the age and abilities of our EYFS and KS1 children, a large part of our classroom learning experience is 'hands-on. Teachers model tasks, encourage collaborative working, paired talk and each lesson ends with sharing learning and looking at achievements and success in relation to the learning objective. The children are very motivated to learn and particularly like to earn house points. You could have a little fun at home and keep a record of house points given by you to your child for super effort with their tasks at home.

Learning materials for Year 1 and 2, that they will need for the week beginning 22nd March will be ready for collection at the school reception desk by this Tuesday 17th March.

Nina Pilcher
Year 1 Class Teacher
Head of EYFS and Lower Primary

Year 6 Oral presentations about the school in Spanish lessons

Since the beginning of this second term, the Year 6 Spanish for Foreigners group has been receiving the help of Miss. Lopez in the lessons, who acts as an assistant and allows a more personalised approach according to the level of each student. This has improved the performance of students who are making great progress in this area. An evident example of this improvement has been the oral presentations in Spanish class, where some students talked about BCG. They talked about their school, their teachers, the subjects, etc. We are confident in their continued progress in the coming months.

Ms Pou
Head of Spanish/Catalan

Ms Delmet
Y6 SpanishFL Teacher



Primary Assembly

"In assembly this week primary celebrated International Women's Day. We discussed why there is a need for Women's Day and Women's History Month. The children were very engaged and shared their fantastic thoughts and ideas. We learnt about pioneering women throughout history, including Amelia Earhart, Marie Curie, Rosa Parks, Serena Williams. Most interesting for the children was hearing the story of Malala Yousafzai, who continued to fight for the rights of all children, especially girls to have an education all over the world- despite an attempt on her life. The children left inspired and enthused that they can all work to achieve their dreams!"

Ms Osivwemu
Year 3 teacher

Summer Camp 2020

Movement to the Future!

This year's summer camp promises to be an exciting one. Not only is it a great way of improving English language and having a fun time with your friends but also this year the added excursions and projects in technology, sport and the environment will be focused on our theme, Movement to the Future. With this in mind our teachers and summer camp staff in partnership with the **MOTI Foundation** are certain to inspire the children to be active in the world around us. During an exciting time for our school we will have use of the brand new, state of the art facilities and technology whilst also still including the more traditional elements of sport, art and music. To be the first know when booking is open and early price reductions are available please register an interest at summercamp@bcgava.com

Mr. Pilcher

e-athlete coordinator



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SUMMER CAMP

Movement to the Future

Learn or Improve English in workshops and projects

The Environment
The Beach
Sport
Technology

29th June - 31st July
Monday to Friday
08:30 to 16:30

Early drop off available from 8 am

Age 3 - 14

Half day or full day booking

Regular Price - 225,00€ (full day) - 175,00€ (Half Day)

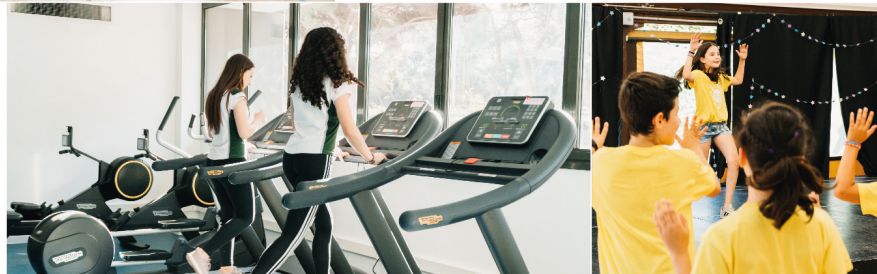
Early Bird 10% discount before March 31st

Be the first to know when our camp is launched

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42nd Annual Nabbs Conference



Last weekend, staff members at BCG attended the 42nd Annual Nabbs Conference in Sitges. It was a jam-packed two days full of inspiring workshops, collaboration with like-minded educators and making connections to other schools in Spain. Myself, Ms. Wakelin, Miss Osivwemu and Miss Plummer attended a variety of different courses and are all very excited to be able to feedback, up-to-date good practice in a variety of areas to our colleagues in the coming months.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) of our teachers is a priority for us as a school, not only to primarily support our teachers to improve in their profession, but more excitingly to be able to action this knowledge, strategies and ideas into the classroom which will benefit the children's learning.

As Head of EYFS I was thrilled to invite a key speaker from my course, 'EYFS Improving Continuous Provision' to school on Monday, (just in time before she flew back to the UK!) who visited our classrooms and garden area. As a leading trainer of teaching assistants worldwide, Eva Cartwright has visited thousands of schools across the globe so it was an invaluable opportunity to get her thoughts on our EYFS provision.

Mrs Pilcher

Head of EYFS & Lower Primary

Teacher of the Week

Back at school this week, our Primary staff teachers have had their Spring cycle lesson observations—a supportive system aimed to benefit teaching and learning. We observed some wonderful lessons and agree we have a very strong team of teachers across the school. Our Teacher of the Week award this week is Miss Rebecca Plummer. Miss Plummer teaches our littlest learners in EYFS as class teacher for Nursery and Reception. She is always full of energy and enthusiasm and has the skills and subject knowledge to match. She not only gave up her weekend to learn more (and has already implemented some teaching ideas from the workshop) but was graded 'Outstanding' in her lesson observation on Monday. Well done, Miss Plummer!



Year 7 - History

This week Year 7 were learning about medicine in the Middle Ages. They began a new topic on the Black Death, how it spread and measure that were taken to prevent the spread (very topical!). In Thursday's lesson Mrs. Foreman invited a "medieval physician" to visit the class, to tell them all about what it was like to be a doctor back then, how they were "trained", and what skills were required. Our "visitor" demonstrated how illness was diagnosed and explained what treatment was given, much to the disgust of his audience. One member of the class, Miguel, was a sporting "victim" who allowed himself to be questioned and "tested". However, he ran away before any blood could be drawn! The best way to learn history is to experience it!

Mrs Foreman
Music & History teacher



As dictated by the authorities, all schools in Catalonia must be closed. Our school will remain closed from March 13th to 27th (both included).

BCG continues to closely following guidelines and recommendations as the authorities issue these.

Como lo han determinado las autoridades, todos los colegios de Cataluña han cerrado. Nuestro colegio permanecerá cerrado desde el 13 al 27 de marzo (ambos incluidos).

BCG continúa siguiendo de cerca las pautas y recomendaciones a medida que las autoridades las emiten.

More information on our website:
www.britishcollegegava.com

We have switched our teaching and learning to our on-line platform and will continue to provide outstanding education to our students each day.