



**The British College
of Gavà**
Education in Excellence

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Dear BCG families,

After the Communication on Wednesday, we have received several requests to reduce or remove the monthly fees for the education that BCG provides to your children.

BCG Management is very sensitive to these unprecedented circumstances and we want to cooperate as much as possible. Obviously, we do not want any student from our school to leave due to a temporary difficulty in the family economy. If this is your case, please contact us to the following email address: **finance@bcgava.com** and we will individually analyse your case.

Parents from other schools praise the on-line education that is currently being taught in BCG's Early Years, Primary and Secondary and we also constantly receive positive comments from our parents. The teachers and SLT are working tremendously hard to maintain the quality of teaching during these difficult circumstances.

Our Principal, Mr Simon Mower and his team are working on a different educational programme for Early Years and Lower Primary. This will be available after the Easter holiday and we will send precise details next week.

I want to highlight that the School is a company that started its project just five years ago, and that this year has made a huge investment to have our new facilities that today are a reference for all schools in the area.

Signing collective letters to increase the pressure that the school is already suffering does not help. I ask that you please reflect very carefully on the consequences of signing these petitions.

We have an experienced team of top-level managers and teachers with the commitment to bring the College to the standards of excellence that we set from the start.

Ask for responsibility and commitment to your school.

We will inform you about the measures that we will be implementing shortly, as due to the state of alert we can't make any quick decision.

Kind regards,

Rafael Valverde

Thank you for all the positive support

Given the challenges and difficulties facing everyone in our community and beyond I am so proud of our school to maintain such a cohesive and positive bond. We have received so many positive emails and messages thanking us for providing such an excellent online education. Children are engaged, excited and developing. These positive messages are important to us so please do keep writing with examples of the great ways in which our super teachers are supporting your wonderful children through this period.

To illustrate the success of our programmes i will share some extraordinary data with you - average attendance of the children in each of the Primary year groups. I calculated this on Wednesday and looked back over ten days.

Reception 90%

Year 1 - 88%

Year 2 - 82%

Year 3 - 80%

Year 4 - 76%

Year 5 - 86%

Year 6 - 94%

This is a fantastic response from students and I know the teachers are so very proud of their classes for being so involved in this educational adventure. I would find it hard to believe that children in other schools are getting a better experience.

Next week we are going to be doing something slightly different in the afternoons -for Priary and KS3, we will be running exciting creative projects that the whole family can join in - something that will be great fun and will provide a welcome change of routine for the children. Each project has been carefully designed to cover a variety of learning objectives and we are really looking forward to seeing what the students and families create for our four projects!

I would like to end with some great news Mr Colin Link our mathematics teacher is starting on Monday and will be introducing himself to his classes very soon - he is highly qualified and will also be teaching Physics. He will be focussing initially on the Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students.

Remember that all upper secondary students MUST remain in class as the predicted grades have not been done yet. This is crucial for their grades in the summer.

Have a healthy weekend

Simon Mower

Dear Parents,

Well here we are, our second week of distance learning complete. As a community, I feel we have adapted and continued to grow with this new way of learning. It has not been without its challenges, but how they have been addressed and overcome has been very reassuring from all corners of our community.

This week, we began small group teaching via Google Meet. This has worked extremely well and the feedback from pupils and parents has been overwhelmingly positive. This is a big leap from last week. A real learning curve for us all. Google Meet is proving a success and in our 'virtual' staff meetings we are sharing and discussing ways to improve this even more as we go forward. We are excited by this as we learn to adapt all we have ever known about our careers to a digital format. Teaching in a classroom setting is a completely different experience for both pupils and teachers. We continue to ask for your patience with this.

There have been many 'learning' highlights throughout the week and the range of work across Upper Primary is truly fantastic (I also had the pleasure of meeting many pets online too). I am regularly checking children's work across the school and the effort that they are putting in is heartwarming to say the least. To see children care about their learning in this way is exactly what we strive for at BCG.

We are continually reviewing, adapting and improving how we are working. We, our BCG community (and globally), are all adapting to the different course life has taken within this crisis. We will continue to work hard to find the right balance for all our BCG pupils and their families.

Finally, an enormous and heartfelt thank you to all the families who have emailed me personally, and the school, their love and support. It means more to us teachers than you could ever know.

Have a great weekend together

See you like this: **VIDEO** on Monday at 9:00 am!

Miss Wakelin

This week we have continued a range of creative online lessons across the phase. Our Nursery and Reception children have been busy playing phonics bingo, going on Mr Steadman's jungle walk in PE, having a maths workout, learning about the signs of Spring which has included videos from Miss Plummer's family chickens in Somerset, UK. They have also listened to the story of Underpants for Aliens to finish up their Space topic and have been busy designing pants! Just a snippet of the fun and games in Ducking Class. Year 1 have been on geography season challenge and a musical journey with Miss O'Connor, singing and using their homemade instruments to accompany the song, 'We have peace like a river'. See the video below.



We have also started our online teaching inputs and it has been wonderful to see the children for some quick fire spelling and maths tests. Next week, the children will sign up for small group teaching sessions to accompany their usual range of resources and teacher video inputs. Year 2 have continued their learning on 3D shapes and non chronological reports and have been guided step by step by Ms. Bernardo in how to write each section. From chameleons to crocodiles, the children have researched and planned some interesting facts on their chosen animal. The finished reports will be shared among the class on Google Classroom for some friendly, constructive peer assessment!

I hope you all have a pleasant weekend and look forward to joining you all on Monday for Week 3 Online learning but with a twist!

Mrs Pilcher

Instrumental lessons

During these days of isolation, many of us turn to music to escape the confines of our living spaces. We may sing along to our favourite tunes on Youtube, compose pieces of music on our instruments or online programmes, or we may practise or simply have some fun playing our instruments. Students at BCG have been doing all three! Pupils of all ages have been making TicToc and instagram videos of themselves singing and dancing; year 8 pupils have been composing film music on the online programme Soundtrap and playing movie theme tunes on virtual pianos; and our pupils who play an instrument are finding their music practice a welcome break from sitting at their desks. Furthermore, our dedicated music teachers who teach cello, violin, piano, guitar, and flute are continuing to teach our pupils via online classes. **We encourage your children to keep up their lessons from a distance, which will help to both focus their practice and keep their interest alive. Please get in touch with their teachers who are all very happy to continue teaching your children.**

Next week's drama and music projects will be an opportunity for your children to act, compose and perform without ever leaving the house. We hope that some parents and siblings will also join the projects. Creativity is balm for the soul at times like these. It can bring us together as a community despite the distance between us.

Mrs Claire Foreman



Catalan Reading on-line Club

The Catalan Reading Club that Year 5 students were going to experience with Mr. Sales has not been interrupted despite the home confinement due to the Coronavirus. Valentina comments in this video, in an excellent Catalan, the book El Zoo d'en Pitus. Valentina talks about her favourite character and recommends this book even if it is not an easy one to read. And confirms in an extraordinary reflection how we can learn that difficulty is an opportunity.



Letters of support, affection and encouragement for healthcare workers and those affected by the coronavirus

The Spanish and Catalan department wanted to join the many expressions of affection, support and encouragement that our healthcare workers and those affected by the coronavirus at Catalan hospitals, are receiving. We are promoting through on-line learning, that the entire BCG community supports two very important solidarity initiatives.

The Spanish students from Y9, Y10 and Y11 have participated, in a project promoted by some health professionals who are taking care of patients affected by coronavirus. They suffer isolation, they can only receive one doctor's visit per day and they are in their rooms without being able to contact anyone. Our students have written letters addressed to patients who are at the 'Hospital del Mar' in Barcelona. The letters will be read to patients by a doctor and will give them hope during these difficult times. We want to share with you two letters written by Y9 students.

Soy consciente de lo mal que lo estáis pasando y que es un momento muy duro para vosotros. Los ciudadanos nos preocupamos por vosotros y lo mínimo que podemos hacer es escribir una carta para expresar lo bien que estáis aguantando y que nunca os rindáis.

Seguid luchando!! es lo que tenéis que hacer. A lo mejor ahora toca sufrir, pero lo que tenéis que intentar es pensar lo fuertes que sois y que seréis cuando paséis por esto, que seguro que pasáis, con mucha motivación y pensando en lo bonita que es la vida. Pensad en vuestra familia, cuando salgáis y estéis curados, estarán ahí y la sonrisa que tendrán en la cara no tendrá precio. Pensad en la suerte que tenéis, la vida bonita que tenéis por delante y que ha pasado. Pensad en el buen cuidado que os están dando las/os enfermeras/os arriesgando sus vidas para salvar las vuestras, curaos por ellos. Pensad en las cosas bonitas, no en lo que estáis pasando, que así estaréis felices porque tendréis una mente positiva y os curaréis más rápido.

Muchas gracias a todos que estáis luchando contra el virus.

Muchas gracias a las enfermeras y médicos que arriesgan sus vidas para salvar a los afectados.

Muchos ánimos!!!

Querido lector,



Espero que estés bien. Recupérate pronto para que puedas contar historias de cómo sobreviviste al coronavirus. Sé que esto es difícil y muy aburrido. Hay que tener fe y esperar. Solo recuerda que no estás solo y que hay alguien pensando en usted. Mucha suerte,

**No te rindas
tu puedes!
vamos!**

Primary school students will also participate in a similar activity. Y2 to Y7 students will draw and write messages of support and appreciation in Spanish and Catalan, for doctors, nurses and cleaning staff at hospitals, for the incredible work that all of them are doing throughout these weeks. These messages will also reach hospitals in the area and throughout Catalonia. We will keep you informed.

Mrs. Pou

PE Department

Hello everyone,

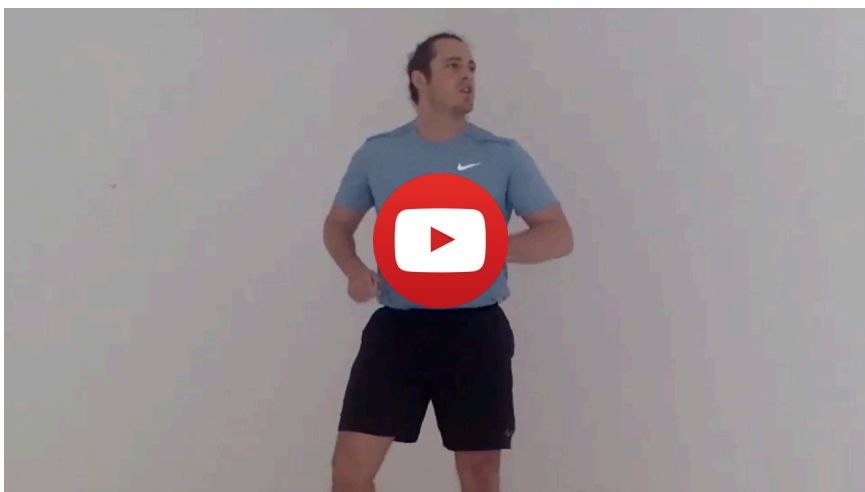
The PE department have an exciting announcement. I will be doing a live PE session over Google Meet next Friday 03/04/2020, this means we can all take part in PE at the same time which is going to be an extremely cool experience. I will be hosting the Primary PE lesson at 9.00am and the Secondary PE lesson at 10.00am! I invite the whole community to take part, this includes parents, brothers and sisters, grandparents and pets! Make sure you keep checking the Google Classrooms for my fitness videos and updates. I will see you LIVE next Friday!

Mr Steadman



For our young BCG students!

I managed to escape my house this week and take a walk in FITNESS JUNGLE. It can be hard being inside all day but all you need for a great work out is some imagination and motivation. I hope you can join me on my jungle walk and try and complete the animals exercises. You could even make your own animal exercises up after the video is finished. Stay healthy and safe everyone!



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