



# BCG Newsletter

May 31st 2022



## Welcome to our Newsletter

### What a busy end of term!!

We look forward to a busy end of the academic year with summer concerts, sports days and the graduation ceremony. The examination season is in full flow with the GCSE and A Level students

busy taking the public examinations and the rest of the school doing their end of year exams. For the teachers it is a very busy period with marking and report writing so everyone is being kept busy here in school!

### Summer Camp

Remember to book the summer camp for your sons and daughters (and tell your friends too). This wonderful camp gets better year on year and from the preparations I have seen, this year looks to be the best ever! Registration is available on the website.

## **School partnerships**

Last week we have had the secondary school students from our sister school BC Andorra visiting us for a cultural and sports trip. They had visited the sights in the city, had a sports day with our students and enjoyed sports on the beach! It has been so good for the staff and students to finally spend time together in such an exciting programme.

This week we have a very similar series of events but this time with our friends from Impington Village College in Cambridge, UK. They too are going to be doing a range of sea, sand and city activities throughout the week. Huge thanks to Miss Bell and the team for organizing such great events.

## **Uniform**

Thank you to the few of you that have written regarding the new uniform. An email has been sent out with the latest information.

## **Inspection report**

This week we received the NABSS Inspection report. We were awarded the maximum 4 years of authorisation which is fantastic news. The inspectors made recommendations for us to focus on over the coming year, all of which were areas we had already identified.

These areas were: further stretching and challenging of the more able students, Continuing to prioritize the recruitment of great teachers, being more consistent in the marking and feedback of student work and continuing to raise the standards of teaching.

The whole staff will be focussing on these very areas next Friday at our training day and i will update you in the new term on how we are working on these important themes. My congratulations to all the staff for achieving the excellent outcome. The full report can be found on the school website.

## **We have made the news again!**

Many of you will have noticed another article in this weeks 'el Periodico'. In this interview I explain the benefits of the new programe we hope to be launching in September. The International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme is designed for students who prefer a more vocational approach to their studies. BCG has partnered with the EU Business School in Barcelona to create a Business Option leading to entry to the degree courses at EUBS. This si avery exciting partnership and provides an excellent option for students wishing to study Business and remain in the Barcelona area after they leave BCG. Having said that, they could also go to Geneva, Munich or Montreux too!

**Mr Simon Mower**  
*Principal*



# RECEPTION - READY STEADY GROW

The children in reception class have really been enjoying their 'Ready Steady Grow' topic over the first half of this term! We started off our project exploring different fruit and vegetables and extracting their seeds! We discovered how seeds are all so different - different sizes and shapes and colours - we have made a fantastic display and continue to add to it with all the different seeds we find!

We have sprouted seeds in bags on our class window, waiting and watching them grow - we saw the white roots growing down, and the stems growing up. When they got their first leaves we planted them out into pots. We have grown all kinds of different seeds in forest school - our sunflowers and pumpkins are doing especially well and now we have a fabulous mini garden outside our class!

We are observing them every day and learning all about how to care for them! We need to water every day unless it rains and make sure they have enough sun!

We have been learning all about plant lifecycles and have acted out and drawn pictures and written about what we know! The children have recorded the changes they have observed in their own fact books!

Well done reception class on this fantastic project - it is not only the plants that have been growing!

**Ms Bifani**

*Reception Class Teacher*



# PRIMARY NEWS - CONCERTS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to join us in BCG for the upcoming String Concert and Primary Summer Concert! After more than two years of virtual performances, it is exciting to welcome you all back to the school to enjoy two musical performances from the talented primary children.

String Concert	
Performers	All Year 2 & Year 3 students
<b>Date</b>	<b>Thursday, 9th June 2022</b> (was originally scheduled for June 2nd)
Time	Gates open at 15:00 Concert begins at 15:10
Location	The Tent (outside)
Information	The students of Year 2 and Year 3 have been learning to play the violin and cello since Christmas. These classes were led by our wonderful string teacher Ms. Montse. Over the course of the term the children have learned to play an instrument, follow a conductor, read music, and play as part of an ensemble. This concert will showcase their learning.

Primary Summer Concert	
Performers	All students in Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 All members of the primary orchestra
Date	Tuesday, 7th June 2022
Time	Gates open at 15:00 Concert begins at 15:10
Location	The Tent (outside)
Information	September 2021 saw the beginning of a new addition to the music programme in BCG. All children from Year 3 to Year 6 now have a music lesson each week and a choir lesson each week. This has resulted in a fabulous primary choir with more than 130 children. This concert will showcase pop songs, songs in harmony, rounds and songs from other

Please do join us for our two music concerts in June to end a spectacular year of music in BCG!

Until then,

**Ms. O'Connor**



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## EYFS & Lower Primary Annual Sports Day

Dear Parents,

Thursday 2nd June is our annual sports day for the early years, year 1 and year 2 students. This will take place from 0930h Thursday morning and children will take part in a variety of different activities that we have learned throughout the school year. They will be representing their house team.

Parents are invited to attend from 1030h to watch the children compete in races and the final presentation.

**\*\*Important\*\*** Each child should wear sports clothes in house colours.

I look forward to seeing you there,

Have a lovely week,

**Mr Pilcher**





## Year 1 - Trip to L'Granja 24th May 2022

Last week, Year 1 visited L'Granja Ability Training Centre in Barcelona. The focus of the day was overcoming fears. The children enjoyed various activities which required communication, teamwork and self confidence.

One of our favourite activities was the bridge of truth! Each child walked to the middle of the bridge and met their partner in the middle. Here they listened to each other carefully as they exchanged positive comments about each other. This was a lovely activity.

The children learnt that to overcome fear you need a little bit of bravery and love from those around you, plus (of course) a little bit of magic which we got from the purple rock!

We finished our day exploring the farm, showing bravery by entering some of the animal enclosures and where we were lucky to see a one day old baby goat! It was a wonderful trip indeed. Thank you, Year 1, for a super day!

**Mrs Pilcher**





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## Year 1 - Science

As part of learning about our bodies and senses, Year 1 took part in a very exciting taste challenge last week. We had such fun trying a wide variety of different foods such as sardines, dark chocolate, lemons, crackers and even vinegar! The children worked in groups to see if they could categorise the different foods into salt, sweet, bitter or sour.

*Mrs Pilcher*



## Year 3 Night at the Aquarium

What a wonderful way to spend the night, sleeping with the sharks! This was an incredible trip and all of the Year 3's that came had an amazing time. Being able to fall to sleep looking at the large aquarium tank and seeing the fish and sharks swim by was beautiful.

We arrived at the aquarium and were met by our friendly guides who looked after us for the whole night. We started off with our own personal, private tour of the aquarium after hours. Everyone loved seeing all the different fish and learning more about them. It was then time for dinner, not fish and chips but pizza. It was yummy and we all ate lots of slices. After dinner, we got to play which was fun and felt exciting, knowing no one else was





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there. We played in the submarine and got to look at some more fish close up in the bubble observation. It was amazing seeing the fish start to go to sleep, with their eyes open!

Even though it was late, we were ready to start the treasure hunt. It was Crabs vs Lobsters to see who could answer all the questions first. It was close and, in the end, both classes completed it at the same time so it was down to a game of Sharks vs Fish. It was a lot of fun and laughter but afterward, everyone was ready to get their pyjamas on and get to bed. Once we had rolled out our mats and zipped ourselves into our sleeping bags we were able to fall asleep along with the sharks and fishes.

The best part of the trip was waking up to a bright fish tank with lots of energetic fish waiting for their breakfast. It was amazing to see them all swimming around and to be so close. After our breakfast and the final part of the trip, going behind the scenes of the aquarium, we boarded our bus and headed back for school.

The Year 3's behaved brilliantly throughout and were all fantastic role models for the school.

What a great night and well done to all of you.





## Year 4 residential trip

What a start to the week with a three-day trip full of laughter, fun, food and excitement in La Molina. As we rode the bus up to the mountains the excitement was building and everyone was ready to see their rooms, get their bags unpacked, and start the activities. With the rooms sorted and everyone's bags packed away, we were ready to get going. We met our instructors, Ot and Paula, and the fun began.

Over the three days, we were lucky to complete a variety of fun activities: cooperative games, net volleyball, and orienteering to name a few. The Year 4's had to work together and listen well to the instructions to complete many of the games and a lot of fun was had by everyone including the teachers who joined in too. On the first night, dressed in their best, sparkly clothes everyone looked very smart and ready to dance the night away at the disco, and, even though the rain started falling on the second night, and the nighttime hide and seek had to take place inside, everyone still loved using their torches to try and find their friends hiding somewhere in the hostel.

Our last morning was a real highlight and one of the best parts of the trip - the high ropes. There were some nerves but everyone was amazing and really tried their best, even with the chilly hands that they had to cope with. It was such great fun swinging through the trees, and we were all incredibly impressed with the attitude of all the students.

What a great few days! Well done Year 4's.







## Year 4 visits the Gavà mines

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Last Friday, May 13, Year 4 visited the Gavà mines with their tutors and Social Studies teachers. Throughout this year, Year 4 has been working very hard on the Gavà project: What is our school environment like and what can we do to improve it?

Thus, the visit to the mines was presented as a culmination of the work carried out in the Social Studies classrooms. The students not only had the opportunity to live and understand the concepts explained in class weeks before, but also, from the explanations of our friendly guide, for a few hours they became authentic archaeologists!

An exciting as well as educational experience!



## Years 5 and 6 - Residential

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Last week, Years 5 and 6 had a fantastic time away on Residential.

We enjoyed sharing bunk-beds with our friends and playing pingpong, table football, football and board games in our free time with an amazing view of the pyrenees in the background.

The friendly dogs that live there also quickly became our friends. We attended a fabulous disco and showed off all our best moves and enjoyed watching each other perform



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in the end of trip talent show. Well done again to the 'Natural Gases' for achieving first place. Also well done to room 29 who scooped the award for tidiest room after our regular room inspections.

The food was delicious and there was lots of it! We especially liked the hot chocolate machine, the desserts and pizza. The salads, pastas and meat dishes were also very tasty!

The highlight of the trip was definitely the activities. Canoeing, horse riding, swimming, climbing, orienteering and completing the tree-top trail challenged us but we supported each other, gained new skills and grew in confidence and independence.

It really was a fantastic experience and the staff were very proud of how the children adapted to their new surroundings and threw themselves enthusiastically into each new challenge.

# SECONDARY NEWS

Dear parents and guardians,

I hope everyone has survived the extremely hot temperatures we have had over the last two weeks.

We have kicked off the IGCSE and A level exam season and the students have conducted themselves incredibly. They are all so focussed and have obviously been preparing for their formal examinations. I wish them the best of luck for their future exams.

Time is flying by and we only have 4 weeks left of the academic year. A reminder that the Secondary Assessment Week starts on Monday the 30th May and will last for 2 weeks. Mr Hooley made the decision to extend the assessment week to two weeks to give your children some breathing room between exams and allow them more time for revision, a great idea. When the assessment weeks are over the teachers will be busy marking the exams and writing your childrens final reports. These will be available on the last day of term.

A reminder to Year 7,8 & 9 parents that next week is that last week of surf classes. The course has been incredible and we were blessed with great waves this week!

Sports Day will take place on Thursday June 16th at athletics track in Gava. Parents are invited to watch their children compete and Cafe de Finca will be providing fresh organic coffee and snacks for supporters.

Have a lovely day.

**Mr Steadman**  
*Head of Secondary*

## Y11 - History

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History Project "History Lessons: Tell Me!" in which the students had to, based on the guidelines given in class, plan a script, interview someone who had lived through the Franco time (directly or indirectly).

Here is the final result of the students: <https://silviacompany.wixsite.com/year11bcgava>

The goal of the project:

The historical memory of the Second Republic, the Spanish Civil War and the Franco regime is becoming smaller and will disappear. With this project we try to collect as many testimonies as possible and make their experiences known in a didactic way through an online blog.

To do this, in the first phase, we established working groups and studied the historical context through small exercises and/or mini research projects. This first phase allowed students not only to better understand the events that took place



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during that time, but also to reflect on their causes and consequences.

Once this first part was completed, each group had to locate witnesses who had directly or indirectly lived through the Franco era. The next step was to write a script for each witness and thus be able to interview them. Finally, each group wrote an article with the main conclusions of their interviews and made a short documentary with the aspects they considered most important.

## Sitges Has Talent show

Julia Rashed, Nuria Foreman and Aureli Foreman, otherwise known as “The Tritones” participated in the Sitges Has Talent show last Saturday. Over 200 people attended the outdoor event in the Retiro Gardens during the evening. They performed the song Happier by Olivia Rodrigo, with beautiful vocal harmonies, bass guitar, piano and cello, all provided by the performers themselves. Aureli also performed a Chopin piece on the piano and won second place! Everyone performed superbly, and it was lovely to see all the support from their BCG friends at the event. Well done!



# ENRICHMENT NEWS

Dear parents / guardians,

What an amazing week this has been with our friends from Andorra! We welcomed the secondary students and staff on Monday from our sister school who visited us for a week of social and cultural learning. We literally kick started the week with an afternoon of football, basketball and volleyball. BCA students were allocated to a house group and it was the BCG-BCA YELLOW team that reigned victorious! Thanks to all staff who supported this afternoon and a very special thanks to Joel and Ariadna from year 10 and Leah from year 9 who refereed for us to ensure a safe, fair and friendly competition was had by all!

On Tuesday we ventured to Barcelona for guided tours of the wonderful Sagrada Familia and relaxing Parc Guell where students and staff enjoyed learning the history of two of our cities iconic attractions. Wednesday was a surf-tastic day at Port Ginesta where BCA students swapped their usual mountain surroundings for a day in the sea. Thursday we learned the differences in Spanish architecture and culture and key influences affecting lifestyles and society across the different regions of Spain whilst wandering the streets of Poble Espanyol. Students also participated in a glass painting workshop and created a personalised souvenir of their time here. Thursday early evening was spent at the Sitges Ocio Adventure Park working on team building skills as students navigated the many obstacles and water-based challenges whilst hysterically laughing at the many epic falls, slips and slides that each other had.

On Friday morning the BCA staff and students mixed and mingled with our year 7 and 10 students and form teachers at Gava beach. Living in such a wonderful environment, we often take simple pleasures for granted. Our BCG community is really privileged to live where we are surrounded by sun, sea and sand. Would you believe it was snowing this week in Andorra??? Wow.

By all accounts and as our photo gallery shows, the students and staff from BCA had a fabulous time exploring Sitges, Gava and Barcelona. Connections were made and relationships formed that will undoubtedly benefit both school communities and we hope this successful, inaugural event is the first of many, many more to come.

Sincerely,

***The Trips Team***

## **Chess reminder**

The community is kindly reminded that this is the final week to register for the chess event planned for Monday 13th June. This is open to the whole school community including our wonderful parents! When we gather final numbers we will be able to release specific details of the tournament. To enter, [click this link](#) and fill out the form before Thursday 2nd June.



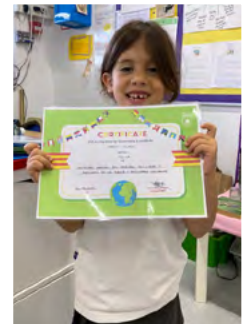
# LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

## LINGUISTS OF THE WEEK

### EYFS and Primary

The linguists of the week in primary for being excellent communicators in one of the 3 languages are:

- **Reception: Spanish**  
Carolina Rahmatollahi
- **Year 1: Spanish**  
Eugenio Juliá
- **Year 2: Catalan**  
Dafna Volfin (A)  
Alex Cruz (B)
- **Year 3: French**  
Olfa Hafaiedh (A)  
Aida Gasanova (B)
- **Year 4: Spanish**  
Diego Garcia  
Sofia Sadovaya (FL)
- **Year 5: French**  
Connor Wells (A)  
Nicolás Navarro García (B)
- **Year 6: Catalan**  
Noa Martínez  
Amaia Garcia (FL)



### Secondary

The linguists of the week for our second value, BALANCED, are:

- **French**  
Jan Premuda Y7
- **Spanish**  
Martin Matejka Y8
- **Catalan**  
Zach Foreman Y7

Congratulations to all of them!  
*Languages Department*

# INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE NEWS

## IB Cohort DP23 (Year 12)

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Our first year IBDP students are currently sitting their mock examinations - we wish them all the best of luck. **Full reports** will be issued by subject and core teachers on **23rd June** and if we have any concerns about individual students we will contact you beforehand.

Mr Mower has asked students to complete a careers form so that we can plan students' careers provision from September. We encourage families to speak to their sons and daughters about their future as it can sometimes be overwhelming to 'make a decision' about further education - talking through options in a supportive environment can be very helpful to students. Please don't hesitate to contact us for any advice you may need.

We would like to remind you that students' TOK Exhibition will take place on **Friday 10th June at 15:00**. Students will exhibit their TOK projects for parents, staff and students and Mr Foreman will give a short presentation about this unique, flagship IBDP core subject.

## IB Cohort DP24 (Year 11)

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From 6th - 10th June, our next cohort of IB students and their families will receive an email confirming their options for next year and inviting you to an **IB Admissions Meeting on 13th June at 16:45**.

This meeting will outline expectations for IB students and include important information on assessment calendars and deadlines.

We will also be explaining how the **IB Preparation Google Classroom** will work and what students should be doing to get ready for the IB Diploma or Career related Programme in September.

We look forward to seeing you there, but if you can't make it, the presentation will be recorded for you.

## IB Cohort DP25 (Year 10)

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We would like to invite our Year 10 students and their families to attend an **IB Programmes presentation on 8th June at 16:45**.

The aim of this presentation is to help students and their families understand what an IB education is. We will outline the structure of both the Diploma Programme and Career-related Programme and talk through the various subjects currently on offer at BCG. We will briefly explain university entrance to Spain, Europe, UK and USA and will outline the next steps we will take with our Year 10 students to prepare them for their IB journey.



# SUMMER CONCERT

## End of Summer Term Concert

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BCG would like to invite parents of Secondary students (Years 7, 8 and 9 only) to attend our Summer Concert the upcoming Wednesday 15th of June at 3 pm.

Join us for a fun afternoon of music and dancing!

A promotional poster for the BCG Summer Concert 2022. The background is a light beige color with abstract, darker beige shapes. In the top right corner is the BCG logo, which consists of a shield containing a sun icon, followed by the text 'The British College of Gava' and 'Education in Excellence' below it. The main text is centered on the left side: 'BCG Presents' in a dark blue font, followed by 'Summer Concert 2022' in a large, bold, black font. Below this, it lists 'Special Performances' including 'Secondary Choir', 'Junior Band', and 'Senior Band "Paradis"'. A smaller line of text states they are 'performing a range of songs from World and Traditional songs to Pop and Rock!'. The date and time are listed as 'WEDNESDAY 15TH JUNE, 2022' and 'At 3 pm | Location: BCG Campus'. On the right side, there are illustrations of two musical notes (one large, one small) and two maracas. At the bottom, there is a partial illustration of an acoustic guitar. The overall design is clean and modern with a warm color palette.

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# SUMMER CAMP 22

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**WEEK 1 - WATER WEEK: JUNE 27TH TO JULY 1ST**  
**WEEK 2 - LIFE ON LAND WEEK: JULY 4TH TO JULY 8TH**  
**WEEK 3 - ENERGY WEEK: JULY 11TH TO JULY 15TH**  
**WEEK 4 - INNOVATION WEEK: JULY 18TH TO JULY 22ND**  
**WEEK 5 - FOOD WEEK: JULY 25TH TO JULY 29TH**

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