



BCG Newsletter

October 25th 2021



Welcome to our Newsletter

Last week was one of the busiest in school since the start of term. Having had to close the Year 5 classes for precautionary reasons

due to Covid 19, this also meant that we had a number of staff off too which puts pressure on those teachers in school. I will take this opportunity to share with you my appreciation and gratitude to all staff. Their flexibility and willingness to step in and help when needed is essential to keep all aspects of school life running smoothly.

The local Police came in for their first visit as part of our PSHE programme. They came in to talk to Year 6 about road safety in a clear and engaging presentation. Over the year they will be talking to all students from Year 3 to Year 11 each term and will be covering many important topics such as safety on the beach, first aid, safety on scooters and for older children, the dangers of drinking, drugs and keeping safe at night.

It was wonderful to see us able to start our competitive sports programme again with a very experienced team from BSB coming to BCG and giving our Basketball team some excellent experience. Equally, our young footballers, both boys and girls teams visited BSB and all gave a very good account of themselves. All of our players enjoyed the various matches, and I certainly watched them all with pride.

We added to our Secondary Residential Trips offering with details of a very exciting trip to London. After lots of work and good negotiation we were able to reduce the price to 650 euros - but we need to book very soon. We also announced the Surfing trip for Year 11 and 12 students at the end of the year. Thank you to all the parents that came to our meeting last week, please ensure you have signed up to the various trips by the end of today, Monday

La Castañada, as well as Halloween and a bit of Día de Muertos were all celebrated on Friday with children and staff making a huge effort to dress up and enjoy the fun. There were lots of great activities for the children throughout the day and my thanks to all those staff involved in the preparations. There was a lovely atmosphere and it was a great way to end the first half of term

The mid term reports are now on the parent portal, please read through the targets with your sons and daughters and help them prepare for the second half of term.

A final word of congratulations to Stuart Fassam, Matt Prosser and Silvia Company de Castro for participating in the Barcelona Half Marathon last weekend - fabulous effort all round.

I hope you all have a relaxing week.

Simon Mower



EYFS AND PRIMARY

Dear Parents,

The saying 'never a dull moment' has never been more apt than these past two weeks at school. From Viking Day to our La Castanyera visit, Adventure Team Building Trips to our first quarantine of the school year, our days have been filled with many challenges as well as many joys and successes. Whether it be online provision for Year 5 or stepping in when unfortunately some staff have been sick, our fantastic team have shown wonderful support of each other. It is genuinely really nice to see. A huge thank you to all the EYFS and Primary team for your support in recent weeks. No matter the size of the obstacle, our pupils' experience at school lies at the heart of all we do and the team's commitment to this has never been so evident as in the last fortnight.

BCG Values

This week we celebrated the value of what it means to be an 'Inquirer'. I certainly agreed when the teachers told me it was so hard to choose from what appears to

be the vast number of Inquirers we have in the Primary School. I was very pleased to give out these certificates in this week's assembly. Congratulations to:

Housepoints

Due to the Year 6 trip and Year 5 being out this week, we will calculate the Housepoints in the first week back after half term.

I wish all of our families a safe and restful break. I look forward to seeing all of our pupils return on Tuesday 2nd November.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Kelly Wakelin
Head of Primary

*Please contact me in the first instance for any further information, queries, questions or feedback on kelly.wakelin@bcgava.com

● **Reception Little Fish Class:**
Claudia and Hector

● **Year 1 Dolphin Class:**
Julien and Sarah

● **Year 2 Starfish Class:**
Levi and Ricardo

● **Year 2 Jellyfish Class:**
Harry P and Kalyan

● **Year 3 Crab Class:**
Clara and Ava S

● **Year 3 Lobster Class:**
Hugo and Diego

● **Year 4 Orca Class:**
Sofia and Shujah

● **Year 4 Narwal Class:**
Gala and Marco

● **Year 5 Octopus Class:**
Alessandro and Mar

● **Year 5 Shark Class:**
Lara and Charlie

● **Year 6 Stingray Class:**
Ellie and Eve

● **Year 6 Seahorse Class:**
Clementine and Elias

WORKSHOPS

LOWER PRIMARY PHONICS AND READING PARENTS WORKSHOP

On Wednesday 13th October, Lower Primary teachers led a reading workshop in the Auditorium to parents about how we teach children to read at BCG. From single letter sounds, digraphs, trigraphs, (not to mention split digraphs) tricky sight words and not forgetting our reading buddy Fred the Frog, it was an informative session aimed at supporting parents to help their children read at home.

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the session and to those who bravely joined in with our flashcard recall of speedy sounds! We hope the glimpse of how we deliver phonics lessons in school was beneficial.

Nina Pilcher
Year 1 Teacher



YEAR 4 VIKINGS

Year 4 have been learning all about the Vikings this half term, culminating in an exciting Viking Day on Thursday – or ‘Thursday’ after the Viking God, Thor. We spent two days on an exciting Design and Technology project, researching, designing and making a Viking longboat. The children displayed excellent teamwork working together, sharing ideas and supporting each other. The children then dressed up as Vikings, using the Viking shields they designed as part of their homework project, and solved a Viking themed treasure hunt mystery. They had to follow the clues, find the answers and crack the code using their knowledge of Viking runes - the Viking

alphabet. The hidden message led them to the gold which they raided from a dragon (Mr Mower!) hiding in the Forest area!

A fantastic day was had by all.



YEAR 6 TRIPS

Year 6 visited Ocio Aventura centre in Sitges where they took part in lots of team building games. These activities support students to learn valuable skills such as cooperation and communication. We also had a lot of fun, please see the pictures on Google Classroom.



YEAR 8 TO YEAR 13 - CLIMBING CLUB

Thursday 4th November is the first class for our much anticipated secondary climbing club.

many students attending as climbing really is an activity for everyone.

I enjoyed introducing this to all classes during form time this week and expect

Please visit school cloud for more information

HALLOWEEN CLIMBING CAMP

Sharma Climbing Gava have offered a special discounted camp for BCG students during half term next week.

Students are not only lucky enough to experience the climbing facilities but included in the week they will take part in musical activities and arts and crafts.

Please see the PDF for more information and booking details.

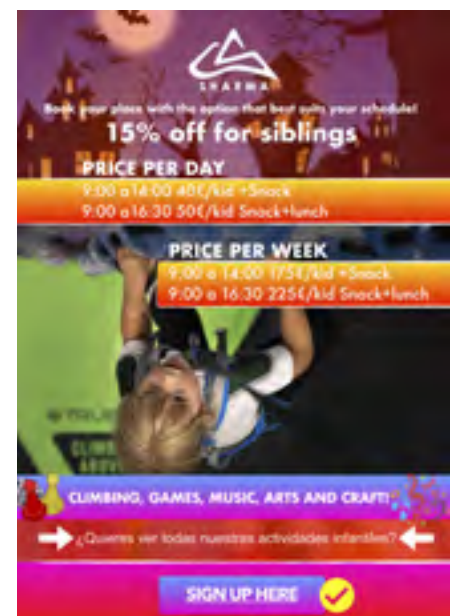
[LINK PDF](#)



A promotional poster for Sharma Climbing Camp. It features a photo of a child climbing a wall with an instructor. The text includes: 'A DAY OF FUN STARTS RIGHT HERE!', 'SCHEDULE: 9:00 a 14:00, 9:00 a 16:30', 'GROUPS AGES: groups of 5-6 years old, groups of 9-12 years old, groups of 13-16 years old', 'OUR DOORS ARE OPEN TO WELCOME YOU', and 'SIGN UP HERE' with a checkmark icon.



A promotional poster for Sharma Climbing Camp. It features a photo of a child holding a bat. The text includes: 'SHARMA CLIMBING CAMP', 'From 25 to 29 October', 'Climbing, games, music, arts and crafts, and much more!', and contact information: '© Sharma Climbing Gava (Sharma)', 'Tel. +34 937 224 783', and 'E-mail: info@sharmaclimbinggava.com'.



A promotional poster for Sharma Climbing Camp. It features a photo of a child climbing. The text includes: 'Book your place with the option that best suits your schedule!', '15% off for siblings', 'PRICE PER DAY: 9:00 a 14:00 40€/kid +Snack, 9:00 a 16:30 50€/kid Snack+lunch', 'PRICE PER WEEK: 9:00 a 14:00 175€/kid +Snack, 9:00 a 16:30 225€/kid Snack+lunch', 'CLIMBING, GAMES, MUSIC, ARTS AND CRAFTS', and '¿Quieres ver todas nuestras actividades infantiles?' with arrows. It also includes 'SIGN UP HERE' with a checkmark icon.

ENRICHMENT

Dear parents and guardians,

This week, the enrichment team brings you news regarding the year 5 and 6 residential trips.

Year 5 & 6 Residential Activities Week Term 3

We are happy to announce that a residential week has been reserved for students in years 5 & 6. From **Tuesday 17th May - Friday 20th May** the pupils will visit Campus Cerdanya for an activity-packed week of canoeing, horse riding, trekking, archery, aerial climbing and much more (activities are dependent on the weather and number of participants).

The cost of this trip will be **320 euro** which includes all transport, accommodation, food, activity instruction, staffing costs and equipment rental required for specific activities.

By authorising [here on the school booking system](#) you agree to a non-refundable deposit of 20% (64 euro) being deducted from your bank account between now and December.

The remaining costs will be split over 2 installments of 128 euro. The first due in January and the second in February.

We understand that we are asking for an early commitment but this is essential if we are to secure places. As COVID restrictions lessen across Spain, schools are increasing their trips and visits programmes for all pupils and therefore, there is high competition for such opportunities. We hope all pupils are authorised to attend this experience and enjoy end of year celebrations with their classmates and teachers.

Possible Year 5 & 6 Ski Week in Term 2

In addition to the Term 3 residential, we have inquired about adding a ski experience for our upper primary students. At present, this is simply **a request for information** to parents allowing us an indication of whether or not to proceed with this opportunity.

The trip we are looking to organise would cost in the region of 400-450 euro. This cost includes accommodation, transport, food, equipment rental, accident insurance, ski pass, ski lessons (split by ability level beginner, intermediate or advanced) and evening activities over 3 days, 2 nights. We require a minimum of 8 students per ability level for this trip to move forward. It would take place in La Molina where the secondary

ENRICHMENT

have enjoyed successful ski trips for many years now.

Please indicate [here](#), using the school booking system, if you would be interested in your child participating in this proposed ski trip and also give us an indication of their existing ski ability level so we may ascertain whether attending is feasible. Those not interested should ignore the link. When indication of interest has been received, we will inform parents of the decision about whether or not we move forward with this. The deadline for indication of interest is **Monday 1st November 2021, 23.59hrs**. We must inform the ski company no later than 2nd November of our intention.

If this looks likely to go ahead, a 20% non-refundable deposit would be due by mid-November with the remaining costs being made in 2 installments over December and January. With this in mind, we would request that Camp Cerdanya allow us to make these remaining payments across March and April to spread the overall cost for families attending both experiences.

Any initial questions should be sent to trips@bcgava.com

Sincerely,

The Enrichment Team

REMINDERS AND NOTES

LOST & FOUND

Dear parents,

This is a reminder of the importance of naming uniforms and all of your children's personal belongings.

Every week we have a lot of lost items in the reception, if they are clearly labeled we can return them to the children, but we are accumulating clothes and items that do not have names.

Soon we will organize a charity sale.

Thanks for your cooperation.

LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

FRENCH Project - Y7 to Y11

Last week was Project Based Learning week in Secondary and the French department decided to turn it into a competition. Depending on their ability in the language and the year they are in, students had to complete different tasks, based on revision/topics recently covered.

All classes from Y7 to Y11 have practised one or more of the traditional Attitude to Learning skills at the heart of the IBDP program:

- **Research skills.** Ex: Y11 students had to research French idiomatic expressions to use in their essay on family.
- **Communication skills.** Ex: some Y8 FL students presented their projects to their peers, making a real effort to communicate in French.
- **Thinking skills.** Ex: Y7 and Y10 classes focused on French grammar and verbs and had to understand the rules before applying them.
- **Self-management skills.** Ex: Y8 and Y9 native students had to organise their time to complete a multi-task project, including researching, writing and recording, keeping in mind the iCGSE criteria.
- **Social skills.** Ex: Y9 FL students had to work in groups to create an engaging and challenging activity for their peers to complete.

Throughout the week, students have shown a great engagement and an impressive dose of creativity! It has not been easy to decide between them. It means those who arrived in first place have clearly gone above and beyond expectations!

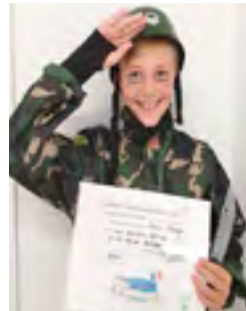
Félicitations à:

Ms. Kruse:

- Y7A FL: Ellie Mous
- Y7B FL: Sabrina Lopez Lozano
- Y8 FL: Danny Jim
- Y10: Sawera Amanat Hussain

Ms. Delmet:

- Y8 FL: Yaroslav Khmelev
- Y8 Native: Alvis Marigo
- Y9 FL: Ivan Saprykin, Arseniy Bazuyeu, Daniil Lunev
- Y9 Native: Leah Foreman
- Y11: Thibault Torrellas



Alvis Marigo - Y8 Native



Danny Jim - Y8 FL



Ellie Mous - 7A



Ivan Saprykin - Y9 FL



Leah Foreman - Y9



Sabrina Lopez Lozano - 7B



Thibault Torrellas - Y11

If absent, the students will receive their certificate after half-term.

Bravo à eux!

The MFL
French Department

LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

WELCOME TO THE EDUCATION PERFECT....

... 2021 INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES CHAMPIONSHIPS! Y7 TO Y9



app called 'EP Student' they will easily find on the Play store. All classes have been explained how to access the platform and earn points. All students have an account ready to go.

Education Perfect will award personalized certificates &

We are delighted to announce that all KS3 students have been entered for the International Languages Championships that will take place online during half-term from Tuesday 26 October (6am) - Thursday 28 October (6am) 2021.

The main idea of this initiative is to promote languages to young learners who will be competing against students from more than 300 schools all over the world.

Even though we would like our students to practise French and Spanish on this occasion, many languages are available to students on the Education Perfect platform (including English as a foreign language, Italian, Russian, Portuguese, German, Japanese...). Therefore, students could also decide to start learning a new language whilst having fun!

Students can use either the website <https://www.educationperfect.com> or the

student prizes to the top-scoring students internationally:

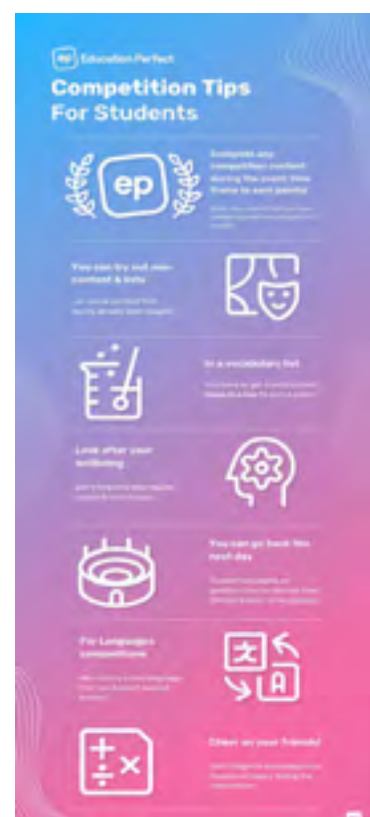
- **1st Place: \$100 Amazon Voucher**
- **2nd Place: \$75 Amazon Voucher**
- **3rd Place: \$50 Amazon Voucher**

and we will also publish the BCG top 5 in the next newsletter.

Please find below some tips.

We hope it goes well!

The MFL Department -
French and Spanish



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