



# BCG Bulletin

October 8th 2021



## Welcome to our bulletin

### A very busy week!

This week has seen a lot of activity as we continue our journey back to normality. Yesterday the Year 6 children

went swimming in Gava, something we have not been able to do for over a year. We have had meetings about possible overseas trips, discussed residential as well as the introduction of surfing to the Secondary PE Curriculum. Mr Steadman gave parents a presentation on the Duke of Edinburgh Award and we decided to form a musical quintet as part of our gifted and talented programme.

### **New Prefect Team**

This week we also held interviews for our new prefect team. We were very impressed with the candidates and am very confident that Andrea and Sasha have a strong team of prefects to support them. Whilst all prefects will help with school activities, Open Doors, parents meetings etc, they also each have a particular aspect of school life that will be their focus. In the next Bulletin we will introduce the prefects individually.

### **School - Parent partnership**

My continued thanks to our Parent reps who meet with us each Wednesday. I am very appreciative of the important role they play in the Parent-School partnership. These meetings are designed for us to discuss those important questions that parents have. Of course from time to time I would imagine parents may not have any questions - there is certainly no need to find questions for the sake of it!

### **Business teaching**

I am very pleased to say that a wonderful new Business teacher has started teaching online this week. Ms Carmen Locke has already made a big impact on the students and I am delighted with this appointment.

### **Our friends in Tarragona**

This week the Head and her colleagues from the British School of Costa Daurada in Tarragona visited BCG to see our campus and facilities. They are a growing school and have heard of the wonderful things we are doing. It was lovely to meet them and share ideas.

### **University advice for Year 13s**

I have been meeting individually with all Year 13 students to organise their university applications. Last Sunday a number of them attended an online University Fair specifically for Dutch Universities and found it extremely useful. Applications for the UK and US are underway and we also have a number of students applying to local Universities. An exciting next step for these students!

### **Important - Parking**

A number of parents have been parking dangerously outside the white gate while waiting to pick their children up. On numerous occasions cars have been parked ON the crossing and also on the corner opposite the gate. With 400 children now leaving school each day it is very important that parents respect road safety so that we do not have any accidents. The police are aware and asked us to mention this to you. You will also have received a letter from them this week. Thank you all for your cooperation.

*Simon Mower*



# SIXTH FORM

## ● **Lanterna Education**

Last week the Year 12s received a visit from Finn Ford at Lanterna Education, an association run by ex IB students who gained top grades in the Diploma Programme. Finn spoke to our students about tackling procrastination, creating healthy study and lifestyle habits and gave them plenty of advice on how to face the challenges of the IBDP. We look forward to welcoming him back next year!



## ● **IBDP Theatre**

In the IBDP Theatre course, students must conduct a research presentation about a theatre tradition from another part of the world. This is an eye opening project which can be somewhat daunting as students must choose a particular performance convention from the tradition and teach it to their peers. To help them understand the process, today we welcomed Josephine Grundy to school to run a practical workshop with them in Butoh -Japanese dance theatre. Josephine is a professional theatre practitioner with over 15 years experience in Butoh- her session was intriguing and exciting and served as a model for our students to use in their own work.



## ● **Prefect interviews**

We wish our sixth form prefects all the best. It has been a pleasure to read their statements and discuss their vision of our school.

*Rachel Fenton*



## ● **DATE REMINDERS**

### • **11th-15th October**

Year 13 Project-based Learning week

### • **18th-22nd October**

Year 12 IBDP Progress Point

### • **22nd October**

Year 13 reports

### • **2nd November**

Year 12 parents evening

# SECONDARY

Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a good 2 weeks and your children are back into the swing of school life.

We have continued to reinforce the values and skills that come with mindfulness over the past 2 weeks. Mr Russell has been running his morning meditation sessions every morning from 8.30am and they have been very popular. Mr Russell ran a PSHE session this week on gratitude and the power of being grateful. Did you know showing or giving gratitude to a friend or family member can increase happiness by 18%! The feedback we are receiving from students about the mindfulness work they are doing is really powerful and we are seeing a much more calm and happy student body because of the work we are doing.

As I write this article the Sixth Form Team is organising Prefect interviews for our sixth form students. We have had 9 applications and the team is excited to talk to these candidates and hear their ideas on how they can help the student body, improve the school experience for their peers and be role models for the younger year groups. These prefect roles will be spread throughout the whole school. Some examples of the prefect roles on offer are Sports Prefect, EYFS Prefect and Library Prefect. This is yet another example of how we are giving your children the necessary life skills they will need to enter into university and into adult life.

We hosted the Year 10-13 parents this week to introduce the DofE programme. Thank you to those parents who attended the meeting, I hope the course is clear now and you have a better understanding on how your child can achieve the Bronze and Silver Awards. If you have any questions

regarding the DofE please contact me at [danny.steadman@bcgava.com](mailto:danny.steadman@bcgava.com).

A reminder that all academic dates for Secondary can be found via the website on the [school calendar page](#). Secondary students will begin their project learning week next week in which they will receive two targets, an achievement and effort grade by the end of term. These progress reports will be sent to parents on Friday the 22nd October.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Mr Steadman**

## SPORTS NEWS

It is with great excitement that I can confirm BCG's first sporting fixture against our local rivals the BSB. The year 11 & 12 basketball team will take on BSB on Wednesday the 13th October at 15.00pm. The match will be played in our new Sports Hall and promises to be a great event. We hope to see some Year 11 and 12 parents there to watch from the viewing balcony to cheer their child on!

Samantha Mendoza, Year 10 has been selected to represent Catalunya in softball. She has a European League match on the weekend, we wish her the best of luck and celebrate this incredible achievement of being selected to represent Catalunya.





# PRIMARY

Dear Parents,

I am very pleased to bring you an update of the hive of activity that has taken place in EYFS and the Primary school, over the past fortnight. The change of season brings about my favourite time of year: Autumn. It has been lovely to see the children enjoy the changes too. Whether it be jumping in puddles brought by the recent rain or collecting the leaves fallen from the trees, as with all they do, they have really embraced it. This time of year also brings us many exciting events in school with the first being our celebration of 'Halloween' which will take place on the last day of term, **Friday 22nd October**.

This year we have decided to celebrate the traditions of British / American Halloween, the Mexican "Día de los Muertos" and the Catalan "La Castanyada". We have been busy planning a range of activities that include: staff and student fancy dress (prize awarded for effort in best costume for each phase), learning the La Castanyada song, making special bags to collect the roasted chestnuts that will be served by our Secondary pupils and a special viewing of the Mexican 'Day of the Dead' themed film, Coco. Each class will also be visited by the Castanyera herself. We kindly ask that each pupil brings in a 1 euro donation for a bag of roasted chestnuts. Mmmm, I can smell them now!

Over the past fortnight, we have been learning what it means to be a Communicator. Our teachers have been watching closely to see those children

who demonstrate the ability to listen well, share ideas and opinions and challenge each other in a positive way. I am delighted to announce the following pupils who received the BCG Values award for best Communicators. Congratulations to them all!

- **Reception Little Fish Class:** Platon and Hunter
- **Year 1 Dolphin Class:** Anabelle and James
- **Year 2 Starfish Class:** Max and Arnas
- **Year 2 Jellyfish Class:** Gabriela and German
- **Year 3 Crab Class:** Xavi and Izzy
- **Year 3 Lobster Class:** Jan and Queralt
- **Year 4 Orca Class:** Alessia and Shujah
- **Year 4 Narwal Class:** Mateo and Berta
- **Year 5 Octopus Class:** Connor and Mar
- **Year 5 Shark Class:** Nico and Ettore
- **Year 6 Stingray Class:** Manel and Alex
- **Year 6 Seahorse Class:** Julia and Joel

Our House system is up and running and I am absolutely astounded by the number of points each team has earned. Either our BCG teachers are super generous... or our pupils are super amazing (I have a sneaky suspicion it is the latter). Our Year 6 House Captains have done a great job counting the - not tens - but hundreds of housepoints. So with a very clear winner with a 127 point lead, the winners are the go getting GREENS! Very well done!



# PRIMARY

## DIARY DATES

Each term I will share with you key diary dates including: assessment weeks, report dates, parent meetings, special days and events. Please see below the dates for Autumn Term. We will not share dates beyond each term, as we anticipate changes to regulations due to Covid. Details of our Xmas events will be announced in the coming weeks.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support, and from our new families too. Have a wonderful weekend.

Un abrazo,

**Miss Wakelin**

Head of Primary

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<b>11.10.21</b>	Assessment Week (this is a Teacher Assessment Week and will not include formal testing)
<b>13.10.21</b>	Year 1 and 2 Reading Workshop for parents
<b>19.10.21</b>	Year 6 Road Safety Talk - Local Gava Police
<b>19 &amp; 20.10.21</b>	EYFS & Primary Christmas Photos (details to follow)
<b>22.10.21</b>	Half Term School Report sent to parents (this will include grades and targets for core subjects. You will receive the full term report at the end of the Autumn Term - December)  Halloween, Día de los Muertos and La Castanyada
<b>3.11.21</b>	Year 4 Road Safety Talk - Local Gava Police
<b>9.11.21</b>	Year 5 Self-Protection Talk - Local Gava Police
<b>9 &amp; 10.11.21</b>	Parent Meetings (these will take place in school)
<b>9.12.21</b>	Assessment Week (formal tests will take place)
<b>16.12.21</b>	EYFS Xmas Singing Performance/Santa's Grotto visit
<b>17.12.21</b>	Year 1 and 2 Xmas Singing Performance/Santa's Grotto visit
<b>22.12.21</b>	School report sent to parents  Primary Christmas Parties & non-uniform day

# ENRICHMENT

Dear parents and guardians,

The enrichment team brings you information regarding **RESIDENTIAL trips** in this week's edition of the newsletter. The trips below require authorisation before SUNDAY 17th OCTOBER 22.00hrs. Both these weeks are hosted by the Albergue La Bruna Hostel in Bellver de Cerdanya. The school has enjoyed many successful trips to this location. We encourage students' participation to maximise holistic learning potential and a true sense of community where we can all travel together to create wonderful memories.

We understand we are asking for an early commitment however, we are competing for spaces for these experiences and must confirm in the coming weeks with the hotel or risk losing out to other schools.

## **1. Ski Trip 28th Feb to 4th March 2022 for years 7 - 12**

Cost will be 550 for skiers, 600 for snowboarders.

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 5 days, 4 nights.

By authorising [here on the school booking system](#) you agree to a non-refundable deposit of 20% (110 euro for skiers, 130 euro for snowboarders) being deducted from your bank account between now and November.

The remaining costs will be split over 2 payments of 220 for skiers / 235 snowboarders. The first due in December and the second in January.

## **2. End of Year Celebration Trip 20th June - 23rd June for year 7 - 12**

This 4 day, 3 night experience will allow students to enjoy an end of year residential with their peers that will be jam-packed with activities; including mountain biking, climbing, rafting, canoeing, horse riding, aqua trekking, bumper ball and more! The activities available for each year group are weather dependent but we guarantee all activities are physically and challenging and 'really cool' (according to some happy students who attended last year!).

Cost will be 320 euro.

This cost includes accommodation, transport, food, equipment rental, ski pass, ski lessons (split by ability level beginner, intermediate or advanced) and evening activities.

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

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

Primary residential trips are still in the planning stages and we hope to inform parents of these after the October holiday.



# ENRICHMENT

Other Enrichment News this week includes:

## 1. New ECAP opportunity

- Climbing at the Sharma Centre Years 8 - 13.
- This will take place on Thursdays starting 4th November and ending 16th December.
- Please sign up [here on the school booking system](#) to authorise your child's participation.
- Please note, moving out of another club to join this new opportunity will not be permitted as invoices have already been generated. This activity will continue into the second term so your child can join then if climbing is on their wishlist.

## 2. British Halloween, the Spanish "Día de los Muertos" and the Catalan "La Castanyada" celebrations on Friday 22nd October

- All students and staff to attend school in fancy dress.
- Prizes for best costume!
- More information to follow but we give you notice to kick-start your imagination and creativity and get to work on those costume designs!

Any immediate questions or queries regarding ECAP should be emailed to [ecap@bcgava.com](mailto:ecap@bcgava.com) and regarding trips and visits to [trips@bcgava.com](mailto:trips@bcgava.com)

Thank you for your continued support of enrichment events at BCG.

Sincerely,

*The Enrichment Team*

# ECAP CLIMBING



This Tuesday 13 of our students started the much anticipated climbing lessons at Sharma Climbing BCN Gava and they did not dissapoint! Working with their new coaches, Ferran and Santi, the students were put through their paces on a variety of different climbing challenges. Throughout the lesson every student was transfixed on the task and gained an amazing amount of confidence and enjoyed every moment!

We hope to extend the classes to a Thursday for Year 8 to 11. Please visit SchoolCloud to register.





# TRIPS - RECEPTION AT THE BEACH

This week Little Fish class had a wonderful trip to Gava Mar Beach. The children were fantastic at listening carefully, taking care of their partner and walking sensibly all the way there!

Despite some rather grey clouds above us (and a fear of a huge downpour) we had a fantastic experience!

We really enjoyed putting our core strength and agility to the test with a great obstacle course, and a big thanks to Mr Pilcher who joined us for the first hour to support this.

We enjoyed games with the parachute and had our snack sitting on it! We then had a fantastic hour playing with the sand and chasing waves!

*Ms Bifani*





# TRIPS - NURSERY AT THE BEACH





# BORDAS TRIP - YEAR 1 & 2





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# LINGUISTS OF THE WEEK IN THE LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

## EYFS AND PRIMARY

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

### **Reception Spanish**

- Amelie Díaz

### **Year 1 Spanish**

- Gabriel Roda

### **Year 2 Catalan**

- Y2-A: Hendrix Taylor
- Y2-B: Helena Williams

### **Y3 Spanish**

- Olfa Hafaiedh
- Matthew Diaz

### **Y4 Catalan**

- Alessia Berthet
- Gala Martinez

### **Y5 French**

- Mar Ribas

### **Y6 French**

- Benicio Gimenez

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

### **French:**

- Eva Piris - Year 10

### **Spanish:**

- Noelia Villanueva - Year 8

### **Catalan:**

- Sawera Amanat Hussain - Year 10

*Congratulations to all of them!*

*Languages Department*



# LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH

During September and October we have enjoyed celebrating Polish as our language of the month. We began with assemblies, learning about the language and cultures of Poland. We learnt, for example, that Polish people love eating Pierogi and watching ski jumping, and that the world famous scientist Marie Curie was born in Poland. During the month we have recorded some of our Polish speakers introducing themselves and teaching some simple phrases, which we shared and tried to learn. 2 of our Polish families also

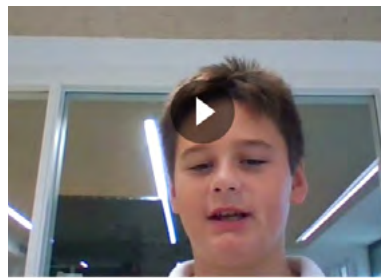
made a video of them preparing some traditional food that they were able to share with us. We will complete the month by trying some delicious food during a menu day! A really big thank you to Kalina, Hania, Jan, Mrs Lelek, Mrs Castañon, Marivi and all the catering team.

After half term we will be celebrating Dutch. If any of our Dutch families would like to get involved, or if you have any new ideas, please let us know!

*Mr Fassam*



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jan good morning (1).mp4



kalina good evenina (1).mp4



## 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.

Thanks for your cooperation.



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