



# WEEKLY BULLETIN



November 15



**Dear Parents  
and Guardians,**

Some weeks ago I wrote about a secondary school science project, researched and planned by the students themselves. This week we have been treated to an on going festival of hatching and the science lab has never seen so many visitors! Each day the students have been watching eggs being slowly cracked from inside before seeing ducklings struggling out into the light, for freedom.... and a well earned sleep! This was a pleasant surprise, as after the power cut we experienced over the weekend and into Monday morning, the duckling eggs had been without heat for over 24 hours. We feared the worst but, happily, the ducklings survived. They will be source of study and investigation in curriculum topics such as 'Cells' and 'Reproduction' in the weeks ahead before being taken to a new home. Thank you to the Science Department for this fun and educational project.

The power cut which almost brought an unfortunate end to the egg project was caused by the theft of our main electricity cable over the weekend. The maintenance team performed miracles in rapidly sourcing and fitting a new cable on Monday morning. However, IT systems had been disrupted when the cable was cut and school administration systems were off line for the whole of Monday. Please accept our apologies for any disruption caused to learning.



On three evenings this week we hosted parents' evenings after school. These are important occasions and a chance to communicate with teachers regarding the progress of your children. However, please remember that the Leadership Team is always on hand to discuss any issues at parents' evenings, or indeed or at any other time after.

Finally, "friendship week" in Primary was a great success. Values education is on going each day throughout the school, but focussing on certain important themes early in the academic year sets the tone, provides guidelines, and establishes attitudes behavioural norms that influence the character of the school in so many positive ways. This builds, year on year, establishing the culture of the school we all aspire to. Tuesday was odd sock day and the pupils and staff took the oddness of their socks very seriously indeed, making a clear statement regarding acceptance of others, however 'different' they may be!

We wish you all a very pleasant weekend,

**John Prince**



## PARENT FOCUS GROUP

Since the last academic year we have been hosting meetings with class representatives so we can improve the communication and create a forum where parents can raise their questions or concerns directly with SLT members.

With your support, through internal messages via online class parent groups, some representatives have been elected. We are still, however, searching for representatives from Year 10 to 13, so please contact Maria Andrea in school if you would like to stand. We encourage you all, especially new families, to find the information about this among the class parents and make sure you know who represents the class of your child.

Please keep in mind you will always have a representative that can bring any comment straight to SLT during our termly meetings.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 26th at 16:30, please contact your representative or contact Maria Andrea with any further questions.

## FIRE DRILL

As the safety of children is our number one priority, it's crucial for the school to establish a clear, step-by-step evacuation plan that explains exactly what everyone should do in the event of a fire. We had today our first fire drill of this school year at BCG and we will have a couple more coming through the year. Doing so is not only important for checking that the plan actually works in practice, but also for familiarising everyone in the school - students in particular - with the evacuation process.



## FRIENDSHIP WEEK AT BCG

Small change. Big difference.  
Whether it is verbal, physical, online or in-person, bullying has a significant impact on a child's life well in to adulthood. By making small, simple changes, we can break this cycle and create a safe environment for everyone. Because together, we can challenge bullying. Change starts with a conversation. It starts with checking in. It starts with work together. Change starts here. Change starts now. Change starts with us.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Christmas Fair

This year, our traditional Christmas Family Fair will take place on **December 5th** from **15:30 to 17:30**

- Lightning of the Christmas tree
- Food stalls
- Games
- Tombola

**The help of all parents is more than welcome!**

### WINTER CONCERT

**December 13 at 15:00**

Whole school

**Musical Junior Theatre performance**

**December 19 at 18:00**