



WEEKLY BULLETIN



November 8

Dear Parents
and Guardians,

Welcome to the Friday newsletter where we share information regarding events and activities and the educational projects we are developing at BCG.

From next Monday the Primary School is developing the theme of "friendship" and the week will be filled with activities helping pupils to bond in a fun way, understand the importance of friendship and to promote an atmosphere of respect and tolerance throughout the school.

In Social Studies within the Spanish/Catalan Department, Ester Pou and her team have planned a series of educational visits focussing on Spanish and Catalan art, culture and history and designed to bring the curriculum alive, support student engagement and, importantly, bring a sense of fun and joy to learning. There is extensive educational research demonstrating the benefits of learning outside the traditional classroom (often referred to as 'learning without walls') and this is an area we aim to develop further in the future. Expect more to come in weekly newsletters throughout the year.

In order to showcase our wonderful school, we recently engaged a small production team to spend a day filming students in their activities in school. The results are visible below and the diversity of activities, the smiles of students and beauty of the site here in Gava Mar are a joy to see.



Looking at personnel matters, as part of our ongoing effort to improve teaching and learning I am pleased to announce a new appointment. We have recruited an experienced Teaching Assistant in a full-time position and Silvia Campany joined us last Monday after working for many years in the UK. She is the new face your children may have already seen in classes as she is already fully engaged in support of lessons. We have also appointed Marta Benito as a full time teacher of Spanish to replace Julia Huelgas who left us at half term to join a public school. Marta is highly experienced and will join the Spanish/Catalan team from Monday.

We always regret changes of teacher but we have handled this transition as quickly and professionally as we could. As always, our aim is to improve the school and we are all working very hard towards this goal.

Please feel free to get in touch if you have any comments or suggestions.

Kind Regards,

John Prince

Project-based learning in the Spanish/Catalan department

The Spanish and Catalan department has designed a dynamic, progressive learning programme of their own for the Spanish Geography and History course, which involves students from Year 4 in Primary to Year 11 in Secondary. Throughout the course, the students will be learning through year-long projects.

The idea sparks from a profound analysis of the contents in the Spanish Geography and History curriculum, including content from other subject areas such as Catalan and Spanish literature, Science, Art and IT.

A broad range of methodologies enables us to prepare our students to engage with a great variety of both personal and professional goals. We aim at educating autonomous and forward-looking human beings with critical thinking skills, who are responsible and good team-workers. Besides providing them with knowledge, we want to push the learners towards being able to learn for themselves. Our goal is to boost a more meaningful, competence focussed way of learning, where the students are active owners of their own learning processes.



The projects that our learners will work on this year are the following:

Year 4 to Year 7:

Project to discover and explore the Town of Gavà and its surroundings. It is founded upon the question **¿What is the environment of the school like and what can we do to improve it?** Throughout the school year, the little ones in the school will be discovering their environment (neighbourhood, village, region), as well as investigating the city of Gavà, the Baix Llobregat region and its historic, natural and cultural heritage through dynamic activities, trips to museums, days out and workshops. During the last term, the students will design and improvement plan for the school environment. They will have to agree on the best plan collaborating with classmates, involving parents and contacting the local authorities to pass on their final project.



Year 8 y Year 9:

Project on the autonomous region of Catalunya, which is called **Catalunya: exploring our land**. The territorial distribution through "comarques", the patrimonial wealth of the four catalan provinces, the autonomous political system, Catalonia as a welcoming land for diverse populations and cultures, along with the artistic heritage from Dalí, Gaudí or Miró, are some of the content they will explore. The students will use technology (such as creating a blog) to prove not just their findings and learning, but their communication skills as well.

Year 10 y Year 11:

Two very different projects on Spain. The first one is rather within the humanitarian and cooperative areas, whilst the second is about the history of our country.

"Ojos que no ven, corazón que no siente" (Out of sight, out of mind). In this project, Year 10 students will investigate about situations of social injustice in the 21st century Spain. "Escaping poverty", "A forgotten childhood" and "The invisible woman" are the main prompts the students will use to carry out their investigation. In the final activity ("Feel and help") they will have to present and publicly present in an original way (such as the organisation of an event or a Youtube video...) the work they have been doing throughout the year.

Accounts of the 20th century. In this project, the students in Year 11 will discover and analyse the hostile past of Spain during the Spanish Civil War, and learn about the life of Spaniards during the post-war era and exile. In order to do it in a more transversal and attractive way, the students will record videos of the civilian population and some examples of artistic and cinematographic works which aroused during this dark historical period.

Tuesday,
November 12th



FRIENDSHIP WEEK

Next week, November 11- 15th, Primary will be celebrating something that makes everyone happy- friendship! In conjunction with Anti-bullying week in the UK, we will be celebrating Friendship Week. Throughout the week, children will be exploring the themes of what makes a good friend and how we can make our school a happy and enjoyable place for everyone. They will also consider what happens when people aren't nice to others and what we can do about it. One of the playground benches is getting a makeover, to become our Friendship Bench, where children can go if they are feeling low, alone or having trouble at playtime. Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils will be given the exciting new opportunity to become role models and sign up as Playground Friends for the rest of the primary school.

But most importantly, on Tuesday we will have ODD SOCKS DAY, where children and teachers can come in with whatever bright, colourful, sparkly, or plain odd socks that they want. This is to celebrate how we are all different, but together we all have a part to play.

Miss Omena Osivwemu

**STOP
BULLYING**

The word 'STOP' is written in large, bold, black, hand-drawn letters. A red handprint is placed over the letter 'O'. Below 'STOP' is the word 'BULLYING' in a similar bold, black, hand-drawn font.

THE MAKING OF BCG VIDEO



Please click to watch the video



'Once you are here you discover learning isn't about absorbing knowledge, it's about putting what you know into action, asking the right questions, discovering unbelievable answers and building resilience because at BCG, we also learn to overcome challenges and grow from failure, always giving your ALL to everything you undertake.'

Welcome to the British College of Gava

Year 3 trip To Tarragona National Archaeological Museum

Our students visited the Roman ruins to learn more about Romans in History .



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friendship week

November 11th -15th

Parent meetings

Primary:

**12th and 13th of November 2019
from 16:30 to 18:30**

Secondary:

**Year 7 to 9 (KS3): 13th of November
of 2019 from 16:30 to 18:30**

**Year 10 to 13 (KS4): 14th of
November of 2019 from 16:30 to
18:30**

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!

Please contact Maria Andrea for more information and prize donations.