



WEEKLY BULLETIN

September 26

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are now fully into the rhythm of school life and every week brings new events.



On Wednesday evening we hosted the first parent focus group of class representatives and we had an opportunity to visit the new wing of the school, presently under construction. As we can see in the photographs, everyone enjoyed the sense of adventure in wearing a hard hat and stepping into a construction site. I have been involved in several new construction projects and I think it is important to point out that this new building has a serious focus not only on classrooms but on specialist facilities. The building should be finished around mid-December and will be likely start to use it in a progressive manner as we equip the new spaces. We have planned the laboratories this week with the teachers and we will start with the Arts Departments next. Everyone is very excited about the potential of the new spaces and we will keep you updated.



On Tuesday we had a film crew making the first part of an institutional film of school life and the children loved being the voice of the school.

The extra-curricular activities programme has already started and some of these activities are highlighted in the photographs here. We already have over twenty pupils signed up for programmes in music, singing or theatre so watch this space for details of a school production in the year ahead. We still have places in many of the activities so please contact the Reception if you are interested in finding out more.



Work on the new database and communications system (ISAMs) is progressing behind the scenes and we ask for patience before we start to use it fully. We also have two new staff members joining us on the Reception desk, Marijn Van Kalken and Moniek Knot. They speak Spanish, English and Dutch and are working as a job share. This should greatly improve our efficiency and provide better service for you at reception alongside our super team led by Gabriela.

Finally, please check the calendar for upcoming events and get in touch if you have any queries.

Thank you for the positive feedback and support we have been receiving so far. We are all working flat out to give our students the kind of school we all aspire to.

Have a great weekend!

John Prince

COMMUNICATORS AT BCG

Over the past two weeks, Primary and EYFS children have been learning about being 'Communicators'. Through circle times and PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education) lessons, classes have shared their understanding of this attribute as well as learning about its impact in our day to day life. They have learned we do not communicate through just words but also actions, attitudes and learning behaviours.

On Tuesday morning, we had the privilege of celebrating our first Values Certificate Assembly where a number of children who have demonstrated being 'Communicators' were recognised. We are very proud of each of them. Our next value is 'Well Balanced', so please have discussions at home as to what this means to you and your family.

Aine Mooney
Head of Primary BCG



ECAP EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

It has been another good week in our extra-curricular activities programme and exciting start for new classes this year. Musical Theatre has had great interest and each student is already working on their part in the show.

It is now time to commit fully to your club choices for this term. I encourage you to sign up as soon as possible to make the most of the opportunities offered. There are still spaces for Mugendo, Robotics, My Gran Chef and Yoga.

It has taken time for some clubs to settle down and we apologise that the first weeks are always a bit tricky! We are continuously working to provide you with this service and strive towards not only fun and informative clubs for students but a more professional and reliable programme all round. For more information and the schedule please visit https://www.britishcollegewa.com/es_ES/ecap

Dan Pilcher
ECAP Coordinator



Instrument Lessons at the British College of Gavá!!

Did you know that BCG now offers a wide variety of instrument lessons, during school and after school with the following instruments: Violin, Viola, Cello, Piano, Guitar, Flute, Saxophone, Drums, Ukulele and Voice.

There are huge benefits to learning a musical instrument! It helps:

- Reduce stress
- Increase academic performance
- Boost brain power
- Develop confidence
- Improve communication skills
- Open your mind to new cultures
- Help you make new friends and lots more!!!

We have had fantastic interest in instrument lessons, and there are still a few remaining slots, so please SIGN UP TODAY if your child is interested. The timetable is filling up so be sure to sign up quickly to avoid disappointment!

We will offer two options for instrumental lessons:

1. 30-minute lessons during the school day on a rota system for PRIMARY children (children will be taken out of a different class every week).
2. 30-minute lessons before and after school, and during lunchtime for SECONDARY pupils.

We will also offer Grade 5 Music Theory in preparation for ABRSM exam, in addition to the ABRSM practical music

30-minute lessons are 18 euros per individual lesson. All teachers are highly qualified and experienced musicians and teachers.

One term's commitment is necessary, and parents must give one month's notice in writing before stopping lessons.

If you would like more information, please contact Claire.foreman@bcgava.com

Claire Foreman

Music and History Teacher



Theatre Club

This is your last chance to sign up for our fabulous Musical Theatre club! We will be putting on a production of High School Musical at the end of the year. Would you like to be a part of this special experience? Can you sing? Can you dance? Can you act?

Year 6 and Secondary pupils will be given priority in acting roles, while younger pupils will have ensemble and chorus roles.

We will rehearse every Thursday from 4.30 - 6.30pm, and even though it's two hours, you won't notice because the time will FLY BY because we will have so much fun working hard as a team to produce a great musical in May.

So sign up now and come along to our first rehearsal this Thursday!

Mrs Fenton and Mrs Foreman

Testimonial



Dear families,

I have recently joined the BCG community and feel very enthusiastic regarding my role in this inspiring and special school.

When coordinating the SEND department I will be supporting the teachers to identify learning support needs of children, plan the provisions of the support, make referrals to outside agencies if needed and design inclusive educational environments.

I will also coordinate and oversee the implementation of Individual Education Plans (IEPs) and offer guidance and advice to families of students who may need it. I am looking forward to getting started and in sharing my passion for Education with all staff, parents and children.

Laia Boix Fuentes
SEND Coordinator

Open Doors Day

**Tuesday 01
October**

**PRIMARY &
SECONDARY
ONLY**

PRIMARY (Y2-Y6)

9:00 to 11:00

Coffe break at
dining room
11:00 to 11:30

SECONDARY (Y7-Y13)

10:00 to 12:00

Upcoming events

02 -03 October
Food Caravan
visiting BCG



**Wednesday 02
October**

EYFS & Year 1
Sports Day
10:00-11:30

**Friday 04
October**

Year 2-13
Sports day

Municipal Stadium of Gava

07-11 October

Year 6 Residential Trip

**Tuesday 08
October**
17:00-18:00

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program information session - Mr Atkinson, our Director General, will hold an information session for Year 10 and other interested parents.