



Weekly Bulletin

April 23rd 2021



Feliç diada de Sant Jordi a tothom!

Sant Jordi, or St George as he is known in the UK has been a very busy patron saint since he got the nod in 1456. His geographical portfolio includes Catalonia, alongside England, Georgia, Bulgaria and Aragon. He is also the protector of farmers, the scout movement, chivalry and horses. Whoever is responsible for allocating appropriate saints to things in need of protection decided he was also the best suited for sheep and skin diseases too, although there is no record of him agreeing to the last one.

The myth says that our noble Sant Jordi rescued a princess from certain doom at the paws (claws?) of a dragon by arriving just in time on his white horse and slaying the beast with his lance. The dragon's blood spilled over the ground and a rose bush grew in its place. The prince plucked a rose and handed it to the grateful princess.

23rd April is also World Book day, and by coincidence both Miguel de Cervantes and William Shakespeare died on this day in 1616 ([see Mr Foreman's excellent piece about this on BCG Online, our new blog](#)) - if we ignore inaccurate accounts, differing calendars and allow for poetic license then we can assume this is true.

And so this week we celebrated Sant Jordi in all its splendour! So much work and preparation have gone into making this special day one to remember at BCG. After such a tough year the students have clearly enjoyed creating, hanging, painting, selling and presenting their ideas- The school looked wonderful, please do take time to look through the photos! A huge thank you to Ms Pou and her team, Mrs Hall and her enterprising students and everyone else that gave up so much time.

This week we also celebrated Earth Day 2021. As you know at BCG we have brought education for sustainable development into the curriculum at all ages and our wonderful partners at MOTI created this beautiful video for us to show the world what we are doing.



We launched the [BCG Online blog](#) too and I would like to encourage you to visit now and subscribe by email (on the homepage). The site is easily translated into Spanish if you prefer - choose spanish from the drop down menu. The blog will cover a wide range of topics but all linked to the Arts, language, literature, learning, sustainability, wellbeing etc - all the things that we feel are part of the schools DNA

We are so excited at the way in which the school is moving forward that we would like your help to promote all the good work. Can we ask that you follow us on as many of these social media platforms that you use, share them with your friends and help us increase followers on all of these platforms so that more people see what great things are happening at BCG!



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WELCOME TO BCG ALBA ROSAS



Hello, as a new member of the fantastic team at BCG, I'd like to say hello to everyone. I'm Alba Rosas, originally from Barcelona, where I gained a Masters in Psychology, qualified as a teacher and accredited as an Educational Psychologist. I've also worked in the UK, where I was awarded Qualified Teacher Status and the National Award for Special Educational Needs Co-ordination. Now I've returned to the area after nine years in China, working at the top international school of Wellington College Shanghai and the Harrow group of schools.

I'll be standing in for Laia during her maternity leave, looking after her SENCo responsibilities. From my background you can see that I love to work in multi-cultural settings and you'll get to know that I'm passionate about developing to the optimum each child with whom I work, making sure that learning is tailored to give them maximum personal growth.

I've only been here a week but already my daughter Julia (Y5) and I feel happy and settled in BCG. We are tired, still a little bit jet-lagged, getting used to the new routines, finding our way around and really grateful for the warm welcome we have received from everyone. I am really looking forward to getting to grips with the new challenges and to come to know all the children so that I can be a major asset to the school and to you all. There's a great team-spirit here and a fantastic sense of purpose throughout the school, it's very exciting to join such a passionate team with its determination to give the best teaching and learning for all the children. I'm always happy to talk with parents, staff or children so if you have anything to ask, do feel free to talk with me. Thank you for inviting me to be part of the community!

IMPORTANT DATES - SECONDARY

**Year 11 Parents Evening - 27th April 4.45pm - 6.45pm
(unless agreed otherwise with teacher)**

Year 11 GCSE PE Moderation - 27th April

Year 7 trip to the Zoo - 27th April

Staff Inset Day - No school for students - 4th May

Year 9 DofE trip - 14th/15th May

Year 11 final Exams - 17th - 28th May

Year 10 DofE - 18th/19th June

Year 11 DofE - 4th/5th June

Year 7 - 10 Residential - 7th - 10th June



HAPPY SANT JORDI FROM BCG!

“Books are mirrors: you only see in them what you already have inside” - Carlos Ruiz Zafón.

What a fantastic Sant Jordi's Day we have experienced today at BCG. From Primary to Secondary, students have been able to enjoy a full and dynamic programme of workshops and activities in which they have been able to make the most of their creative and witty side.

We share with you some of the moments we captured today so that you can enjoy them.

Finally, from the Spanish and Catalan Department we would like, of course, to congratulate all the winners of this literary contest “Jocs Florals de Sant Jordi, 2021”, but we would also like to highlight the effort of all the participants who, by sending their works, have made it very difficult for the jury to make a final decision.

Congratulations to all of them!



LIST OF WINNERS “Jocs Florals de Sant Jordi, 2021”

Category A (Year 3 - Year 4) Pictogram with stories:

Winner: David Tudor (Year 4)

Finalist: Valentina Leal (Year 3)

Category B (Year 5 - Year 6) Calligrams

Winner: Victoria Stolbova (Year 6)

Runner-up: Noa Carro (Year 5)

Category C (Year 5 - 6) Calligrammes - foreign category

Winner: Ellie Jim (Year 5)

Runner-up: Kalina Lelek (Year 5)

Category D (Year 7-8-9): Poetry or Narration

Winner: Ariadna Rey (Year 9)

Runner-up: Yaroslav Khmelev (Year 7)

Category E (Year 7-8): poetry or short story - foreign category

Winner: Ema Zaneve (Year 8)

Runner-up: Yulia Kolchenko (Year 7)

Category E (Year 9) poetry or narrative - foreign category:

Winner: Carolina Dos Santos (Year 9)

Runner-up: Benjamin Tennent (Year 9)

Category F (Year 10-11) poetry or narrative - Spanish language category

Winner: Alicia Pala (Year 11)

Runner-up: Lidia villanueva (Year 10)

Category F (Year 10-11) Catalan poetry or narrative

Winner: Judith Rey (Year 11)

Finalist: Thibault Torrellas (Year 10)

*no ens espantin
i puguem mirar-nos als ulls
i convertir-nos en el
nostre propi cavaller.*

The Catalan and Spanish department wishes you a happy Sant Jordi 2021!

WINNERS

“Jocs Florals de Sant Jordi, 2021”



EYFS LP IMPORTANT DAYS AND REMINDERS

Here are a few dates for your diaries for some important events for the remainder of the Summer term. More information will be sent via Google Classroom for particular class events. Unless otherwise noted, all events are for students only. Photographs and videos will be taken of assemblies and shows and shared with parents. Class trip letters with further details will be sent in due time.

April

Friday 30th - Reception class assembly

May

Monday 3rd - Bank holiday school closed

Tuesday 4th - INSET day for staff-school closed for children

Wednesday 5th to Friday 7th - House Team Activities Week

Wednesday 5th - EYFS LP Sports Day

Thursday 6th - Year 2 trip to SaT Theatre

Thursday 6th - Nursery Parent class rep forest school visit

Friday 7th - Reception parent class rep visit to the forest school

Monday 10th May-Online parent meetings

Wednesday 12th May-Online parent meetings

Monday 24th-Year 1 class trip to La Granja

Friday 28th - Nursery class assembly

June

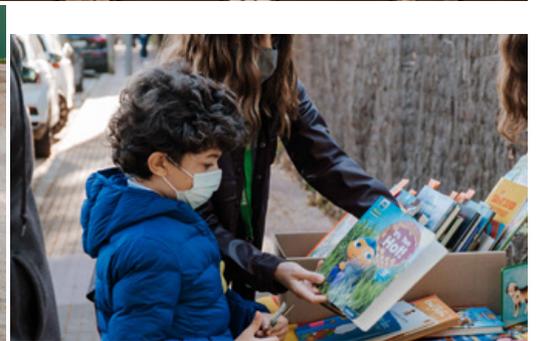
EYFS Nursery and Reception class trip to CRAM turtle sanctuary-date to be confirmed

Thursday 17th-Year 2 end of year show

Friday 18th June-Move up morning (new classes for following academic year)

Friday 18th- End of Summer term reports to parents

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