



# BCG Newsletter

April 8th 2022



## Welcome to our Newsletter

Finally it looks like the good weather has arrived in Gavà and we can make great

use of our wonderful outdoors spaces again. The last few weeks have seen lots of exciting trips with the Year 5s going to the Olympic Museum, the Year 4s had a great time at the zoo and the Year 5s to Year 9s went to a Musical Theatre trip with the music and drama students in Secondary.

While I am on the subject, I would strongly encourage you to [get your tickets for 'Annie the Musical'](#) which promises to be a fantastic occasion. So much hard work has gone into the production and I would like to wish everyone involved all the very best for the final weeks running up to this exciting show. Details can be found in the newsletter.

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The Enrichment Activities programme has now been shared. Please [sign up early](#) to ensure you can reserve your places!

Students have been very busy with **assessments and mock exams**, while teachers have been busy preparing and marking them. Reports will be going out over the coming days and I would encourage you to spend some time with your children to discuss them and help them prepare for the summer term. I would like to congratulate the Year 11 and 13 students on taking the recent mock examinations very seriously. The exam etiquette was exemplary and I am sure the whole experience will prove to have been extremely beneficial to them.

The **IBDP students** have been on a different timetable since Monday as it has been their **'Reflection Week'**. One of the many activities they have done was their Group 4 Science Project which they have clearly all found great fun and very rewarding.

It has been so good to have the **teachers back from the UK** as well as the arrival of the excellent Miss O'Connor (yes, another Miss O'Connor) to teach in Year 6. The children have been so happy to see their teachers and have had an excellent week.

We took advantage of the sunshine to take the Yearbook photos this week. If anyone missed it there will be one last chance after the school break.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Ukrainian families and hope that they can already feel the warmth and caring nature of the BCG Community. Thank you all for your continued support and wish you all a very peaceful Easter holiday.

**Mr Simon Mower**  
*Principal*

# PRIMARY NEWS

Dear Parents and Families,

I am pleased to include in this week's newsletter the main diary dates for the Summer Term. As you can see, that even though we are heading towards the end of the school year, we are still extremely busy in the Early Years and Primary School. Great to see the range of activities and experiences we have planned. Thank you teachers!

A few key dates not included yet as we are still busy planning these events are: Year 6 Transition Meeting, Summer Fair, Sports Day and the Year 6 School Sleepover.

Lastly, but certainly by no means least, it was wonderful to welcome back our teachers who have finally completed their visas in the UK. A challenge for us all but one we have overcome together. Lovely to have the Primary 'family' complete. Stability, calm and great learning is our path going forward into our final term of this year.

Wishing you all a great Easter holiday!

Best wishes and a hug

**Miss Wakelin**



## SEND Workshop for Primary Teachers

Last Monday, March 28th, teachers of the primary school and early years had a workshop on SEND (Special educational needs and disabilities) strategies. We talked about the most common difficulties that students show at school and how to best help students through lesson planning. These sessions of professional training provide excellent opportunities to expand knowledge and awareness of individual needs in the classroom and how to support these on a daily basis.



***Do you have a question about SEND?  
[Email our Educational Psychologist Ms Rosas.](#)***

## Diary dates

Please see below the dates for Summer Term.

19.4.22	First day back to school – Summer Term begins
20-21.4.22	EYFS & Primary Parent Meetings (these will take place in school)
20.4.22	Year 2 Trip to Las Trementinaires – Dinosaurs
21.4.22	Year 3 Swimming begins (every Thursday)
22.4.22	Year 2 Swimming begins (every Friday)
23.4.22	St Jordi Celebrations
27.4.22	Year 3 Music Trip
28.4.22	Year 4 Music Trip
2.5.22	Year 6 Trip to Parc Infantil de Trànsit de Viladecans
3.5.22	Whole School Inspection
4.5.22	Nursery & Reception Music Trip
7.5.22	BCG Musical Theatre Performance: Annie
10.5.22	Year 1 & 2 Music Trip
11.5.22	Year 6 Barcelona Zoo Trip
13.5.22	Year 4 Sociales Trip to Gava Mines
17-20.5.22	Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip
19.5.22	Year 3 Sleepover at the Aquarium
23-25.5.22	Year 4 Residential Trip
24.5.22	Yr 1 Trip to La Granja
30.5.22	Assessment Fortnight (formal tests will take place)
31.5.22	Year 6 Desert Topic Trip
2.6.22	Year 2 & 3 Strings Music Concert – Parents invited
3.6.22	INSET Day – school closed
6.6.22	Bank Holiday – school closed
9.6.22	Upper Primary Choir & Orchestra Performance – Parents invited Year 5 & 6 Sociales Trip
15.6.22	Year 2 Trip to Cim d'Àligues – Birds of Prey
17.6.22	Nursery & Reception Class Bee Farm Trip
21.6.22	End of Year School report sent to parents
23.6.22	End of Year EYFS & Primary Parties & Non-Uniform Day

# SECONDARY NEWS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been an extremely busy term but your children have done so well over the past 12 weeks. Our Key Stage 3 students have really matured and will be getting ready next term to move into the next year group with the Year 9s poised to start their **GCSE journey**. Our Year 11s and 13s are making the final preparations for their GCSE and A level official **examinations** that start in May. The year 12s just have just completed a very interesting reflection week within the IBDP programme.

You will receive your **children's reports** earlier next week. Year 7 & 10 will receive full written reports with effort and progress grades. Year 8 & 9 will receive targets and grades due to the parents evening taking place this half term. Year 11 and 13 will receive specific targets depending on their performance in their mock exam and their mock exam grades and predicted grade. Year 12s will receive targets and grades.

Looking forward to the Summer term I would like to announce a few items and remind parents of some **exciting events**:

- **Year 7, 8 & 9 surf lessons start** on the 25th April. Year 7 starts on the 25th, Year 8 on the 26th and Year 9 on the 27th of April. Students only need to bring a towel, water and sun cream, all other equipment will be provided for them. A reminder that students will need to be picked up from Port Ginesta between 5.15pm-5.30pm
- **Year 11 DofE expedition** begins on April 29th through to April 30th, any questions please email me. Thank you to the parents who came to information evening last week
- **Year 10 DofE expedition** date has been changed and will occur in early September due to a large number of students who could not attend on the 29th April
- **Year 10 first aid workshop** - May 9th
- **Year 12 mock exams** - May 23rd - June 2nd
- May 12th & 13th **U14 girls basketball tournament**
- **Annie the Musical** - May 7th (tickets are on sale)

Have a lovely Easter and I hope the sun shines wherever you are!

**Mr Steadman**

# INTRODUCING NEW STAFF



## Alejandra Bongiorno

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*Teacher Assistant*

I was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina. I have been teaching English for a very long time and I have always enjoyed my job as a Teacher.

I am delighted to be part of this school. I had a very warm welcome from all the staff which made me feel at home.



## Gemma O'Connor

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*Teacher Year 6*

I am Gemma O'Connor and I am very excited to be the new year 6 teacher at BCG. I have been a teacher in Barcelona for eight years and I have qualifications in Primary Education, Psychology and Childhood and Youth studies, which I believe to be a great combination for a teacher.

Before moving to Barcelona, I toured the world as a professional Irish dancer and this remains a big passion of mine. As a very active person, I enjoy filling my time with running, playing padel and spending time with friends and family.

It has been great getting to know the team and fantastic children over the last few days and I am looking forward to my future here at BCG.



## Montse Figueredo

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*Teacher Assistant*

My name is Montse, and I am very excited to join BCG. I was born and raised in Gavà but after finishing my degree in Primary Education I moved to the UK where I worked in education for over 5 years. My experience in education includes Special Needs and behaviour.

My first days working at BCG have been a pleasure and I am very lucky to work with such a magnificent team and wonderful children.

Kind regards,  
*Montse*

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**Anna Kovalenko**

*EAL Teacher*

My name is Anna and I'm honored to be a new EAL teacher here at BCG. Teaching English is really my passion and I've been doing it as my main job for the last 7 years, though, according to my degree I was supposed to be a simultaneous interpreter. During these years I worked with groups face-to-face, online with adults from EU countries, online with kids from China and I've given individual classes to long-term students from all over the world. I'm quite open-minded and friendly, based in Spain for the last 3 years, speak Spanish, and originally come from Russia. In my spare time, I enjoy dancing bachata, going to the gym and just relaxing at the beachside and, of course, traveling.

These first days at BCG have been exciting and joyful. I'm pleased to meet everyone and be part of this amazing college and its above-word, team of professionals. Thank you everyone for your help and such a welcoming atmosphere, it makes me feel at home. See you all around.

Regards,  
*Anna*

## Staff back from UK



# ENRICHMENT NEWS

Dear parents,

## ECAP & Trips

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As the spring term comes to an end, and we reflect on the past few months, we certainly have lots of enrichment activities to celebrate! In fact, there are too many to mention individually! We encourage all parents to flick through our previous newsletters (you can access these [via our website](#)) and browse the photo gallery sections. There is no doubt that our students are loving the extended learning opportunities that our enrichment programme provides at BCG. Big smiles all around!

Students across the whole school have certainly enjoyed another term of trips and visits accessing off-site learning and developing essential, holistic life skills. ECAP numbers increased this term and students are enjoying the balance and break from academic pursuits that our after school activities provide.

Our term 3 ECAP schedule has been shared and we encourage all parents to sign up their child to at least one activity per week. Please see the full ECAP letter sent last week by [clicking this link](#). **You can see many pictures and important information such as dates, times and ages of all the clubs on our school webpage.** Moreover, in this [link](#) you will be able to find different videos and pictures from all the ECAP activities. We will extend the sign up period to **Monday 11th April at 09.00** to maximise numbers. Access the school booking system [here](#). Our apologies that **KS3 Football** was missing from the booking system originally. This has now been rectified and you can sign your child up now! Remember that all ECAP clubs are mixed gender and open to all ability levels. Remember that all ECAP clubs are mixed gender and open to all ability levels.

Regarding Term 3 trips, we will email you shortly when the itinerary has been finalised. We are still waiting for some companies and agencies to confirm our places.

## BCA Hosting

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Unfortunately, we did not generate as many host homes as we had hoped for, for this initiative to take off. Instead, our sister school community will stay in a nearby hotel. Their schedule of activities remains the same and we look forward to welcoming them on Monday 23rd May for an afternoon of sport on our campus. A huge THANKS must go to all parents of students in years 7, 8, 9 and 10 who opened their homes. Your generosity and willingness to be involved is very much appreciated and your children remain top of the list should Andorra run a similar programme for our students next year.

## Netball

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# ENRICHMENT NEWS

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## Year 4 & 5 Team

1. Mar
2. Lola
3. Niragh
4. Muen
5. Nico
6. Charlie
7. Jorge
8. Valentina (year 4)
9. Andrii (year 4)
10. Raffi (year 4)
11. Alba (year)
12. Diego (year 4)



## Year 6 Team

1. Vera
2. Noa Carro
3. Noa Cedillo
4. Wolf
5. Jessica
6. Chiara
7. Manel



Let's not forget that our teams had only 3 lunchtime sessions to prepare for this event and BSB have been training weekly since the start of the year. Gooooooooooooooooo BCG!!! We are delighted that Coach Nina Pilcher has agreed to continue netball training sessions on Wednesday lunch times between 13.00 - 13.00hrs. This club is open to all in years 4 to 6 and any primary staff member that also wishes to join in the fun.

# LEGALLY BLONDE MUSICAL THEATRE PRODUCTION

Last Friday all of Years 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and Year 10 and 11 Music and Drama students attended the incredibly engaging musical theatre production of Legally Blonde at the Institute of Arts in Sitges. The cast consisted of second year university students studying a BA in Musical Theatre at the IAB. Their professionalism and talent in acting, singing and dancing was inspiring to say the least! Our BCG students were impeccably behaved from start to finish, and it was lovely to hear their enthusiastic applause and positive comments afterwards. Some pupils were even able to get autographs!

After the show, our very own BCG cast of our upcoming show "Annie" (sixteen Year 7 - 11 students) were invited backstage to meet the actors and get a glimpse of what goes on behind the scenes. They asked questions about costume changes, microphones, props, dancing, and other things on their minds as they got ready and prepared to put on their own production in May, which you are all invited to attend.

[Get your tickets now before they sell out!](#)



# CAS CORNER

*"Hello, my name is Mark! You might recognise me as I'm doing video recordings of our school newsletter in Russian as part of my CAS programme. This particular project helps a lot of parents, especially if they don't understand English or Spanish. Now, in their native language Russian, they're more able to access information about the school.*

*Through CAS, I'm learning more about life. CAS is a very interesting programme where you can do a lot of things to help others, such as translating the school newsletter to a short video allowing our achievements to be accessible and celebrated amongst more people in our community! You learn a lot of interesting ways to develop new skills and make the school a better place by being part of a CAS team. You definitely become more creative. Please check out our BCG social media pages and watch our newsletter summaries shared in Spanish, English and Russian!"*

**Mark Horbach, Year 12 CAS Language Ambassadors Group**

Sincerely,

**The Enrichment Team**

## SANT JORDI 2022 CELEBRATIONS

This year, although we will celebrate it on **Friday 22nd of April** because the 23rd will be a Saturday, at The British College of Gavà we don't want to miss this special and important Catalan celebration. We would like to open our doors to EYFS and Upper Primary families to share these celebrations with us.

### Important information:

- **19th to 21st of April:** Students to collect books that are no longer read at home (the tutor will collect them in each class)
- **Friday 22nd of April:** Students from Nursery to Year 2 should come dressed as dragons (we encourage you to make your costumes from recycled materials).  
Students from Y3 to Y6 can come dressed as knights, princes or princesses (we encourage families to make their own costumes from recycled materials).

For Secondary students it will be a Non-Uniform Day.

- All students will have the opportunity to participate in the activity "A message and a rose" by sending them anonymously to a classmate.
- Arrival of EYFS and Upper Primary families at 2.45 pm -3.00 pm through the EYFS gate. Please, we would appreciate it if you could confirm your attendance and number of people, by sending an email to [attendance@bcgava.com](mailto:attendance@bcgava.com) before April 19th.
- There will be roses and bookmarks sale (5€), second-hand books (between 2€-3€-5€ and 10€ depending on the use), hot chocolate and cake for EYFS families (4€).

## Year 12 - Reflection Week

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This term's reflection week has been principally dedicated to the IB Group 4 project although our Year 12 students have also participated in academic writing and careers workshops as well as consolidating CAS proposal and reflection, catching up on some HL subjects and helping to plan the school's Sant Jordi celebrations.

Once again I would like to thank the DP staff for going above and beyond to plan and execute exciting and useful activities to support our students through their IB education.

Next term is a busy one for Year 12 students. The first full draft of the Extended Essay is due on 20th May, the first round of mocks will take place and Group 6 students (Visual Arts and Theatre) will be completing official IB components. To minimise stress and avoid the accumulation of work, we advise all students to devise a home learning schedule and remind them that they should be studying for at least 2 hours every evening and longer at the weekends. Year 12 tutors are more than happy to help students create an effective home learning timetable.

Year 12 academic reports will be issued through the parent portal. We encourage students to reflect on the targets they have been set by their teachers ready for next term.

## Year 11 options

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We now have subject choices for all of our Year 11 students and these are currently being checked by teachers. Over the summer term, students and parents will be invited to meet with the IB Coordinator to formalise options and sign the IB Learning Agreement.

We look forward to seeing you back in school after Easter.

**Ms Fenton**

*IB Coordinator*

# INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE / SCIENCE

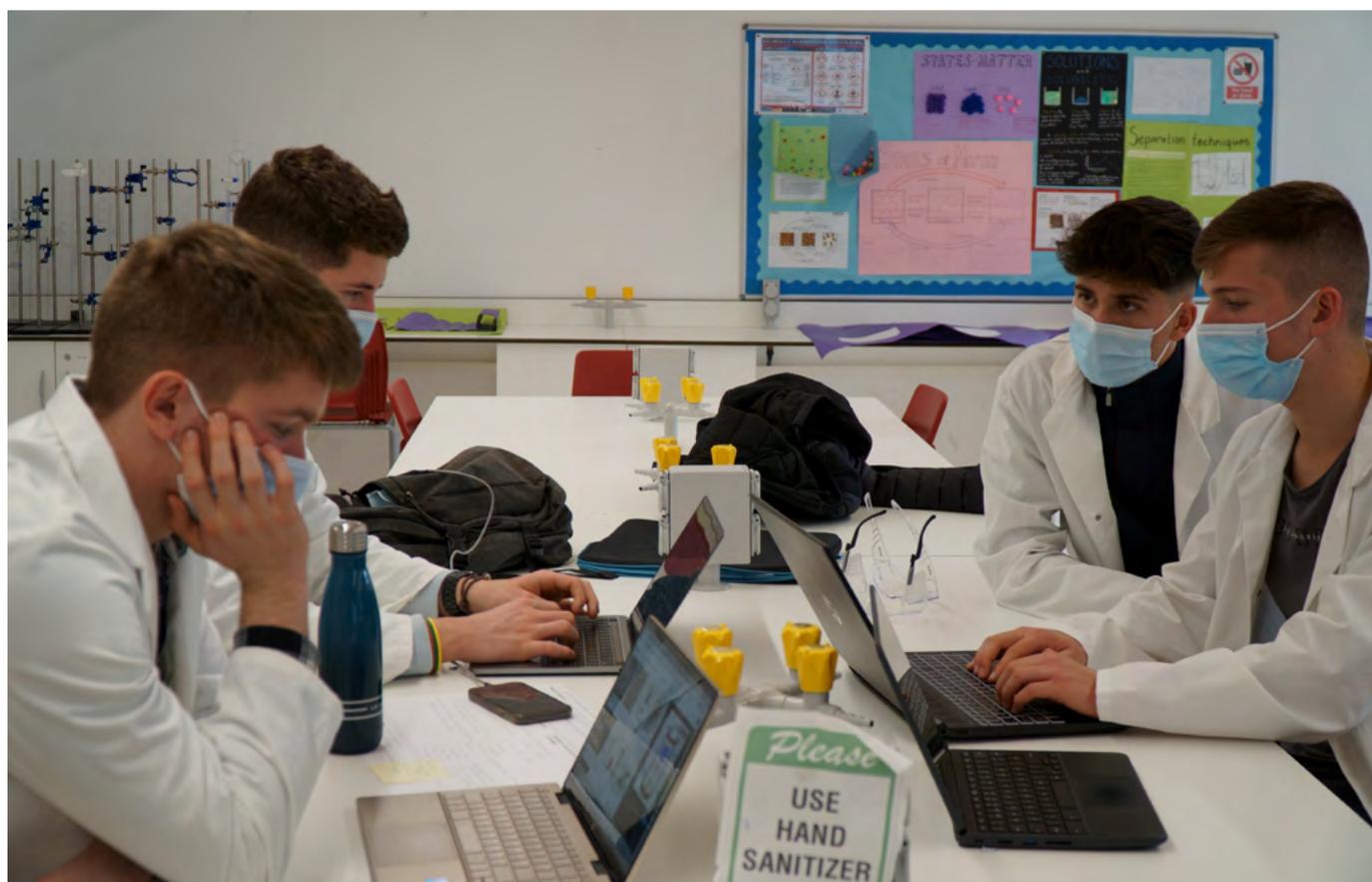
## Group 4 Project 2022

This week the **Year 12 students** have been immersing themselves in the world of scientific discovery through the Group 4 project. This **collaborative research task** has been a huge undertaking, and the students have excelled themselves in their professional attitude and scientific conduct. In this project, **students have to work with one another to answer a research question**, from the angle of all four of the science subjects we offer in the DP - Biology, Chemistry, Physics and ESS.

With the general **theme of sustainability** students were given the opportunity to be creative and answer a question that they themselves were personally interested in, and the results have been outstanding. With topics ranging from the energy and protein output of different meat sources compared to the input, to whether it is more efficient to pasteurise milk using a traditional heater and fossil fuel or a microwave, to the possibility of replacing synthetic materials in clothing with natural fibres, the students have to be commended for their imagination and creativity. They are truly **tackling some of the most serious problems of the world today and they are working together to build towards a more sustainable future.**

**We would like to invite all parents of Year 12s in for an exhibition of their work on Wednesday 20th April** so that they can see exactly what they have been doing, and explore their chosen topics and the future possibilities with them.

More information will be sent out shortly.



# FUN YEARBOOK PHOTOSHOOT AT BCG!

This week we had two fun photo sessions for our students, teachers and staff! We enjoyed seeing everyone really excited about this initiative and now we are looking forward to having the Yearbook 2021/2022 in our hands.



We are sure it would be worth the wait and the effort the community put into bringing this BCG tradition back!

If your child/children missed the photoshoot, [please let us know if you haven't yet](#). We will be having another photoshoot after the Easter Break for those students who couldn't attend on the assigned day this week.



# BCG PRESENTS: ANNIE - THE MUSICAL

The BCG Senior Musical Theatre Club would like to invite you to their performance of the musical "Annie". Set in 1930s New York during The Great Depression, brave young Annie is forced to live a life of misery at Miss Hannigan's orphanage. Her luck soon changes when she's chosen to spend a fairytale Christmas with famous billionaire, Oliver Warbucks. Meanwhile, spiteful Miss Hannigan has other ideas and hatches a plan to spoil Annie's search for her true family.

The performance will take place at Espai Maragall, Gava performing arts center and last 1.5 hours. It includes songs, dances, and acting.

Please come and support the students in years 7 - 11 who have worked hard all year to put on this production.

There are two shows: the first starts at 4:00 p.m. and the second at 7:30 p.m.

Language: English

You can get your ticket [here](#).



**The British College of Gavà  
Senior Musical Theatre Club**

Presents

# Annie

THE MUSICAL

**Saturday 7th May**

**First show: 16h  
Second show: 19.30h**

Tickets can be purchased online at [entrapolis.com](http://entrapolis.com)

**Adults: €4 Under 18s: €2**

Venue:  
Espai Maragall,  
Passeig de Joan Maragall, 11.  
08850 Gavà

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# UPCOMING OPEN DAYS

We have now confirmed our new Open Days for the upcoming months and we would like to ask for your support in spreading the word within your circle so other families can visit our campus and learn more about our great school and amazing BCG community.

More information about Open Days [here](#).

Thank you so much for all your support.



## UPCOMING OPEN DAYS



### JOIN US & VISIT OUR CAMPUS

<b>IGCSE and IB students</b>	April	27th	6.00 pm
<b>All students</b>	April	29th	2.30 pm
<b>IGCSE and IB students</b>	May	25th	6.00 pm
<b>All students</b>	May	27th	2.30 pm

# FUNDAMENTALES EASTER CAMP

Next week, from 11th to 14th April, Mr Pilcher and Mr Sales will be running their first ever FUNdamentales Easter Camp here at BCG.

Each morning will be full of different sporting and exercise activities, an optional creative area and even an inflatable obstacle course!



## EASTER CAMP

11th April to 14th April  
09:00 to 12:00



### AGE 5 TO 12

Different sporting and exercise activities every day.

Class instructions in English with monitors speaking   

### FUN Inflatables!!!

€95 - 4 days

€22.50 - 1 morning pass

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# A GLIMPSE OF THE WEEKS

## Communicators Certificates

### Values Certificate Winners Communicators

- Yr1 Dolphins: Melissa and Sarah
- Yr 2 Starfish: German and Dafne
- Yr 2 Jellyfish: Harry and German
- Yr 3 Crabs: Kostya and Samuel
- Yr 3 Lobsters: Queralt and Antoine
- Yr 4 Orcas: Andrea and Sofia
- Yr 4 Narwals: Anastasia and Max
- Yr 5 Sharks: Zlata and Jordi
- Yr 5 Octopus: Lola and Jorge
- Yr 6 Seahorses: Jessica and Nora
- Yr 6 Stingrays: Maite and Peter



### Primary Reading Superstar Awards

- Yr 3 Crabs: Thomas
- Yr 3 Lobsters: Maia
- Yr 4 Orcas: Coco
- Yr 4 Narwals: Karina
- YR 5 Sharks: Alejandro
- Yr 6 Seahorses: Stefania
- Yr 6 Stingrays: Julia



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## Primary Netball Evening against BSB

### Netball-tastic!

Thanks to our coaching dream, that is Mr. and Mrs. Pilcher, our pupils had a really wonderful afternoon at BSB last Wednesday March 30th. Our Year 6 team were drawing 2-2 until the final 2 minutes of play when an extremely tall opposition player snuck in 3 goals to end the match 5-2.

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Gooooooooooooooooo BCG!!!



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## Trip to the Zoo

Last Wednesday, Year 4 had a fantastic trip to Barcelona zoo. The children were so excited to be surrounded by many different exotic and varied animals. We took a tour of the zoo, with the instructor explaining all about the lives of the different animals and how they are cared for, from elephants, zebras and flamingos in the Africa area, to the wolves from Europe and the tiger and monkeys from Asia. We were very excited to meet the penguins, who we discovered were from South America, so didn't need the cold or ice.

Of course, one of our favourites on our journey were the meerkats, who stood up to attention to say hello.

We had interesting conversations about the role of zoos and how they are important to protect animals and to ensure the continuation of the different species.



## Year 5 trip to Olympic Park



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