



# BCG Newsletter

May 17th 2022



## Welcome to our Newsletter

### Showtime!

Anyone that came to see "Annie" at the Espai Maragall theatre in Gavà will have had an amazing experience. The energy and excitement that ran through the theatre throughout the

performance was palpable. I think it is fair to say that many people bought tickets as a show of support to either their own children or BCG generally but came out afterwards realising that they had seen a wonderfully polished piece of musical theatre.

I have always been an avid supporter of the performing arts and believe that it has a very significant role to play in schools, but especially international schools. It helps with language skills, communication, confidence and helps form strong friendships, respect and understanding between

students that might not normally spend time with each other. Older children look after the younger ones and everyone supports each other.

If you were not able to come, there are videos and photos aplenty which you will have seen but all I will say is that the bar has been set very high and we look forward to welcoming you next year!

### **Away Days**

There is a lot of excitement in Upper Primary as the children start to think about the upcoming residential. These are such important events and are very much enjoyed by the children. They are extremely important socially and allow children to bond. The activities are fun but always have elements of learning too. I would like to express my sincere thanks to the staff for running these trips and giving up their precious time to look after the children.

### **Exam season is here**

After years of hard work the IGCSE and A level examinations have started. I would strongly encourage all students who have examinations this summer to use the revision sessions offered by your teachers as much as possible. When revising at home it should be done in an appropriate place - on a desk, without distractions and you should have a clear revision plan that you need to stick to. If you need help with this contact your tutor now!

I would like to wish all students the very best of luck with their examinations and hope that they get the results they thoroughly deserve in the summer.

### **NABSS Inspection**

A few days ago we had our inspection from NABSS. It went well and initial feedback is that whilst we have a number of areas we need to continue improving on we are heading in the right direction! What was reassuring was that the areas mentioned are all ones that we have identified ourselves and we're already working on for September. Once I have the final report I will share it with you.

### **Gavà's Mayor visit**

Last week the Mayor of Gava, Ilma. Sra. Gemma Badia, visited the school with some colleagues from the Town Hall. She spent an hour looking around and discussing how we can further improve the links between the school and the local community. She was extremely impressed with what she saw and told me so in her excellent English! The links we have with the Town Hall and the community in general are so important to us and it seemed to have been a very successful step in furthering our partnership.

**Mr Simon Mower**  
*Principal*

# PRIMARY VALUE CERTIFICATE - RISK-TAKER



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# SECONDARY NEWS

Dear parents and guardians,

I hope you all have been enjoying the sunshine this week, summer is here at last!

Firstly I would like to say a massive congratulations to all the cast of Annie and to Mrs Foreman and her team for the huge success of the summer production. It was such an incredible show, it is by far the best show I have seen put on by a school and I think it belongs on the West End in London. The students were so professional and took everything in their stride, even the fame that comes after an excellent show! Plans are already under way for next year's musical!

We had some sporting success this week. Our U15 and U18 volleyball teams traveled to SEK school for a tournament. The boys played incredibly well and our U15s won the tournament, taking home the cup with the U18s teams finishing 2nd and 3rd. A huge achievement so well done to the boys. Our U14 girls had a basketball tournament today but as I write this I am not sure of the result, I am sure they will bring home the trophy as well.

We are busy planning the Year 11 and 13 graduation evening which will be hosted at BCG on June the 17th. Tickets will go on sale and more information will be released early next week. A reminder that upper primary and secondary sports day will be on June the 16th at the athletics track in Gava. All the parents are invited to cheer the students on. More information on this event soon.

Have a lovely week,

**Mr Steadman**

*Head of Secondary & Head of PE*



# INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

*“Dear School Community,*

*Oriol Martínez of the year 12 CAS Programme with the support of the ECAP Team will host the inaugural whole school BCG Chess Tournament on Monday 13th June.*

*This event is open to everyone in our BCG community: students from years 1 to 13, staff, parents and guardians. In order for us to create the competition format, we must initially gather names of interested players. For this reason, we ask that you [complete this google entry form](#) before Friday 13th May 16.30hrs.*

*This will be a house event with the overall winner taking home a special chess trophy and the honor of being the first name to be engraved on this!*

*Don't forget to sign up for this fun event!”*

**ECAP Team  
& Oriol Martínez**



# ENRICHMENT NEWS

Dear parents,

We are finalising preparations, ready to welcome students from our sister school, The British College of Andorra, to Gava!

Almost all the secondary school students and staff from BCA will join us on Monday 23rd May and will start the week's fun with a fabulous school lunch followed by an afternoon of sport with our year 7 to 10 students.

Over the rest of the week BCA will visit top tourist attractions in Barcelona and reconvene with us again on campus on Friday for a morning at the beach before they head back up north.

The following week we host again, this time we welcome 60 students from year 8 and 9 (and their staff!) from Impington International College. This is an IB world school with an excellent reputation based in Cambridge, UK.

IIC will follow a similar programme to BCA with the intention of both visits being that students experience a culture different from their own, meet other students and develop communication skills and new friends for life and for the students and staff from BCG, BCA and IIC to mix, mingle and have a wonderful week of holistic learning.

By the time you read this, our very excited year 5 and 6 students will be on their way to La Molina for a fun-filled week of activities. We had an additional 7 sign up requests for this trip at the last minute which, thankfully, we were able to accommodate. We hope that the 57 students and their staff have an excellent time making memories!

Please read the CAS news section of this newsletter for details on the upcoming Chess Tournament. So far, we have 9 students, 4 parents and 5 teachers signed up to play but we need more to make this a success! We can extend the deadline to Friday 20th May.

Finally, external agencies and the ECAP team are still in discussion regarding next year's schedule. The release date for this (and to sign up for Term 1 2022-2023) is aimed for Friday 10th June. If for any reason you require information before then, please send requests to [carolynne.bell@bcgava.com](mailto:carolynne.bell@bcgava.com)

Have a wonderful week,

**Ms Bell**  
*Head of Enrichment*

## LINGUISTS OF THE WEEK

### EYFS and Primary

The linguists of the week in primary for being excellent communicators in one of the 3 languages are:

- **Reception: Spanish**  
Amaia Rodríguez
- **Year 1: Spanish**  
Lola Roca
- **Year 2: Spanish**  
Marcos Chacón (A)  
Ayden Moussaoui (B)
- **Year 3: Catalan**  
Julia d'Hooghe  
Queralt Romero
- **Year 4: French**  
Miguel Borges de Araujo (A)  
Noah Bukowsky (B)
- **Year 5: Spanish**  
Celia Pérez  
Adriana Martínez
- **Year 6: Spanish**  
Stefaniia Snizhko  
Nicole Bouquet



### Secondary

The linguists of the week for our second value, BALANCED, are:

- **French**  
Biel Valle Y7
- **Spanish**  
Julia Rashed Y9
- **Catalan**  
Philippe Boquet Y8



Congratulations to all of them!  
*Languages Department*

# NEW UNIFORM NOW AVAILABLE

Dear parents,

As previously communicated via email, our new uniform is finally available for sale. You can purchase it [online](#) or at our new supplier's store.

There's a 10% discount for purchases done physically at the store during the month of June.

## **Uniformes Mítime:**

Website: <https://www.uniformesminime.com/en/catalogo/british-college-gava>

C/ Duquesa Orleans 60

08034 Barcelona España

Tel.: (+34) 936 675 230

[info@uniformesminime.com](mailto:info@uniformesminime.com)

Additionally, [our updated Uniform Policy has been uploaded to our website](#). There you will find out more information about the items from previous school years that can be used until January 9th, when we will fully transition onto the new uniform.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.



# EYFS & LOWER PRIMARY MUSIC TRIPS!



## Nursery & Reception

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Nursery and Reception classes went all the way to Barcelona city to see a performance of “Twinkle Twinkle Baby’s Star” in Palau de la Musica. The concert was performed by five amazing musicians who sang in three-part harmonies, played instruments, rapped and danced for an entire 45 minute show! The children watched as the musicians played the cello, double bass, ukulele, drums, chime bars, marimba, piano, violin, gong...and many more!

The concert covered Catalan and English nursery rhymes and songs. Among these were En Joan Petit, Dalt del cotxe, A Sailor went to sea, It’s raining, it’s pouring. The concert featured 28 different pieces which were performed in a seamless and engaging way for children aged 0-5 years. The children loved watching the light effects and thoroughly enjoyed watching the musicians move around the floor while performing. It was a big day out for the tiniest children of BCG and it is no wonder that we had a lot of children taking a nap on the bus back to school in the afternoon!

## Year 1 & 2

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Year 1 & 2 had the pleasure of attending a concert in L’Auditori, Barcelona. The concert, Els Colors del Metal, featured primarily instruments from the brass and woodwind families - trumpet, french horn, trombone, tuba and saxophone.

The show, which is designed for children in lower primary, was interactive and energetic which kept the children entertained for the full 45 minute performance!

After the concert the children enjoyed lunch at Parc Ciutadella where they had fun playing games before coming back to the school. It was a wonderful experience and one we look forward to recreating again next year when we plan our next music trip!

# EYFS & LOWER PRIMARY MUSIC TRIPS!

## Primary Trips and Concerts

This term we have had a music trip for each year group:

- Nursery & Reception - Twinkle, Twinkle Baby's Star at Palau de la Musica
- Year 1 & Year 2 - Els Colors del Metal at L'Auditori
- Year 3 & Year 4 - Maaambo at L'Auditori
- Year 5 & Year 6 - Legally Blond in Sitges

I want to take this opportunity to thank Moniek and Carolynne who have organised each and everyone of these trips for the children. Without the amazing staff in the trips department these trips would not have been possible. Thank you Moniek and Carolynne!

With everything opening up again after two years of restrictions, we are so happy to be able to give the children of BCG these wonderful musical experiences again!

Unfortunately that is all for our music trips this year but please do join us for our two music concerts in June to end a spectacular year of music in BCG!



- **Year 1 & Year 2 Strings Concert - Thursday, 2nd June 2022 @ 3pm**
- **Primary Orchestra & Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Choir Concert - Tuesday, 7th June 2022 @ 3pm**

Until then,

**Ms. O' Connor**



# ANNIE THE MUSICAL - AN AMAZING SHOW!



## An amazing show!

On Saturday, May 7th, the BCG Musical Theatre Club put on their final performance of “Annie” at Espai Maragall in Gava. The cast consisted of students from Years 7 - 11, who have been meeting every Thursday night since September to rehearse the scenes, songs, and dances of this classic musical.

Their impressive performances were enjoyed by all (over 200 people attended each show, matinee and evening), and have inspired many to join the club next year. I have watched these young actors grow in confidence and ability over the past few months, and they really outdid themselves on Saturday, both in their professionalism and the high quality of their acting skills. The maturity and dedication they displayed both during the shows and in the rehearsals leading up to it, was particularly admirable.

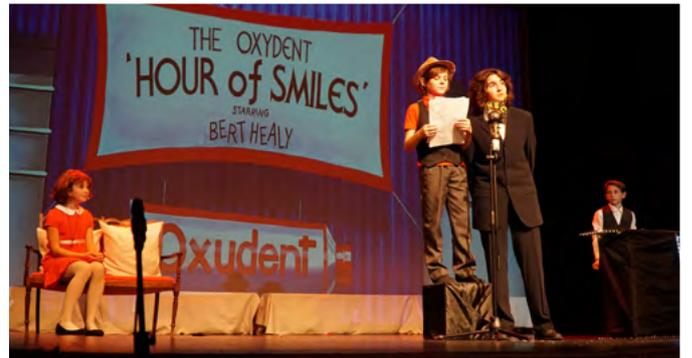
We are all extremely proud of them. I am sure that none of us will ever forget this experience, and the wonderful and nerve-wracking feeling of entertaining an entire theatre packed full.

I wish all the actors of Annie the best of luck in future productions. I will certainly miss their enthusiasm and sense of humour in rehearsals. I will look out for their names in lights in Broadway or the West End. Congratulations to all!

**Ms Foreman**

*Head of Arts Faculty and Secondary Teacher of Music and History*

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# SUMMER CAMP

## Ready for fun? Discover our Summer Camps!

We are happy to announce that you can now sign up for our summer camps.

Discover our summer camps in Barcelona. This is the best opportunity for children of all ages to practice English whilst having fun, discovering new interests and meeting new friends from all over the world.

### 1) SUMMER CAMP - Building a New World

3 to 10 years old

### 2) SUMMER CAMP - Leading the Change

11 to 14 years old

### 3) ENGLISH CAMP - Emerging Global Citizens

13 to 17 years old

For more information visit [our dedicated webpage](#) or contact us at [summercamp@bcgava.com](mailto:summercamp@bcgava.com) or via WhatsApp at +34 676931380.



The poster features a young girl in a white t-shirt holding a blue sign that says "14 LIFE BELOW WATER" with a fish icon. The background is a collage of water-themed drawings, including a pink jellyfish and a shark. The text on the poster includes "LIFE BELOW WATER", "JUNE 27TH - JULY 29TH", "SUMMER CAMP", and a list of activities: "UK Trained Teachers", "Active, inclusive and project-based activities", "Sports and climbing", "The great outdoors", "Improve your english", and "Water games and inflatables". The BCG logo and "The British College of Gavà Education in Excellence" are at the bottom.

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