



# BCG Newsletter

November 12th 2021



## Welcome to our Newsletter

### We Will Remember Them

This week the whole school came together to remember those that lost

their lives in war. The Primary students have been learning about this in class and making their own poppies which they have been proudly wearing. On Tuesday there was a moving Remembrance assembly for the whole secondary school. With poems read by one of our Senior Prefects, Sasha Grechman and Julia Rodriguez Rosas from Year 6

and a very moving account about life in the trenches from Mr Matt Prosser.

On Thursday at 11am the whole school gathered in the Sport Hall to hear Julia read again before we all fell silent as the Last Post echoed eerily around the hall.

The students were exceptionally respectful and it was a very special moment. Nursery and Reception classes also had quiet time in their classroom at that time.

### **EYFS and Lower Primary Coordinator**

Helen Stevens has now started her role as academic coordinator for Nursery to Year 2. Helen has a lot of experience and we are delighted that she will be working to support our excellent team in this very important part of the school. Of course Helen will continue to teach her Year 3 Lobsters!

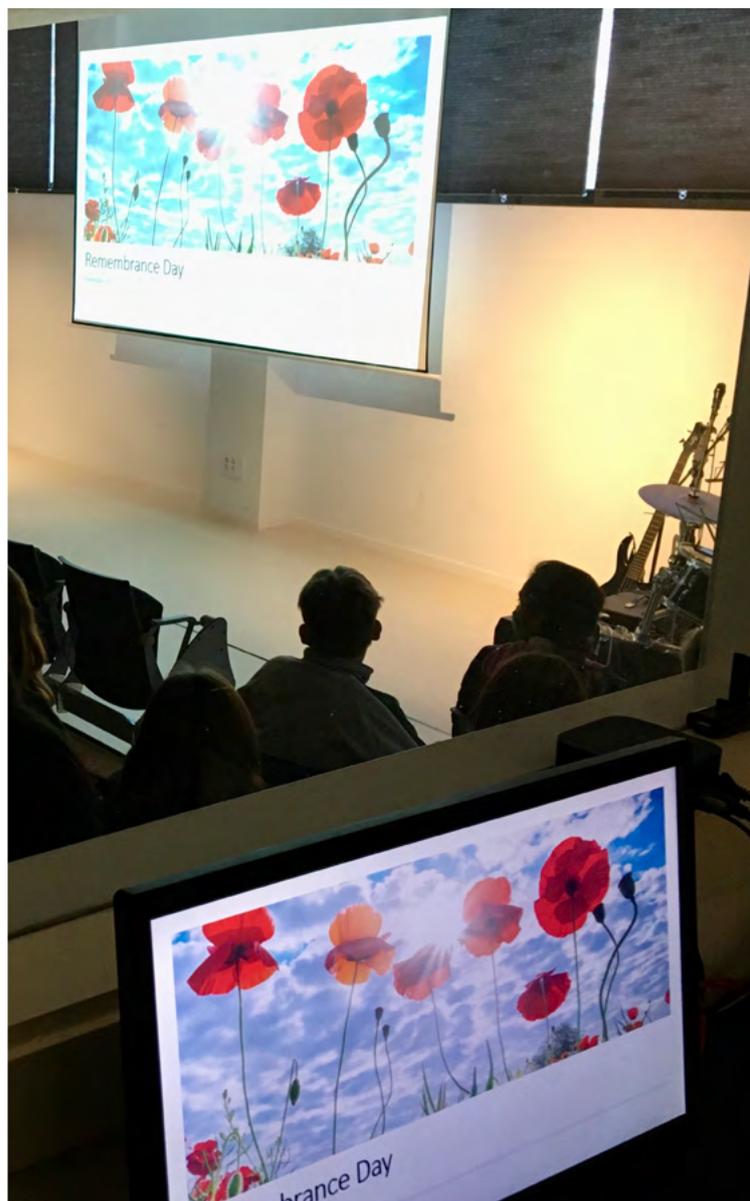
### **Parents Meetings**

Staff and Parents have been busy over the last two weeks with Parent meetings.

Some of these have been online and others in person.

Feedback I have had when talking to parents over the last few days has been extremely positive and I would like to express my gratitude to all the staff involved and also the parents too for their important contributions to these conversations.

*Simon Mower*



# REMEMBRANCE DAY



## SECONDARY

Dear Parents,

Year 9 had an exciting talk with Cafe de Finca today. Johnathan (owner of the cafe) brought his coffee producer from Honduras into school to talk about environmentally friendly coffee production. This was part of the year 9s ESD subject, learning with practice.

The students got to try some organic coffee and organic chocolate.

This presentation and experience is another example of our growing partnership with cafe de finca and our environmentally minded students.

A huge thank you to the cafe de finca team for coming into school sharing their passion with our students.

*Mr Steadman*



## REMINDERS AND NOTES

### SURF TRIP

- For who: Years 10, 11, 12 & 13
- When: June 20th - June 23rd
- Where: Playa de Somo, Cantabria
- Price: 480 Euros (dependent on numbers)
- Questions: [danny.steadman@bcgava.com](mailto:danny.steadman@bcgava.com)
- Booking: Online with the School Cloud booking system
- Lead teacher: Mr Steadman

### COVID IMPORTANT REMINDER

- Students must wear masks in classes, in the library etc. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR SON/ DAUGHTER HAS AN EXTRA MASK IN THEIR BAG.
- SECONDARY: If vaccinated, please send the certificate to [attendance@bcgava.com](mailto:attendance@bcgava.com), if we have a case in secondary indications of protocols will take very long if we don't have any proof of a vaccinated student.

Thanks for your support.

# EYFS & PRIMARY

Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to see so many of you in school and finally face-to-face for parents' evening. I know our new teachers really enjoyed meeting you in person. Thank you for all the positive feedback. We really appreciate your kind words.

## Housepoints

It was a clear race to the top of the House point leader board, however, a new winner has emerged.....drum roll.....yippee for the Yellow Team! Very well done to every single one of you for impressing your teachers so much and earning so many points.

## Trips

Next week, our Year 5s and 6s will be out to see an exciting performance of 'All Together Now', a new Musical Theatre production by the Institute of the Arts Barcelona. Sitges. The show is a vibrant and dynamic

celebration of the magic of Musical Theatre. I have no doubt many of our pupils will come away feeling more than inspired. We also have our Year 2 children out on a trip to the Chocolate Museum in Barcelona as part of their topic. I can't wait to hear about how chocolate is made. Finally, our Year 3s will be celebrating a very special Roman Day. I will be taking part in this so I am super excited to hear all of the many things the children have learned through this topic.

## BCG Values Certificates

Over the past fortnight our teachers have been looking out for our pupils who demonstrate the important quality of being a risk-taker. We had a special assembly about what it means to be a risk-taker in terms of learning. They shared lots of thoughtful and interesting ideas.

Our Values certificate winners for this week are:

### **EYFS & Lower Primary**

● **Reception Little Fish Class:**  
Amaia and Iñaki

● **Year 1 Dolphin Class:**  
Pablo and Melissa

● **Year 2 Starfish Class:**  
German and Yaroslav

● **Year 2 Jellyfish Class:**  
Cesar and Ayden

### **Upper Primary**

● **Year 3 Crab Class:**  
Thomas and Ava

● **Year 3 Lobster Class:**  
Vega and Julia

● **Year 4 Orca Class:**  
Andrea and Isabel

● **Year 4 Narwal Class:**  
Victor and Victoria

● **Year 5 Octopus Class:**  
Adria and Claudia

● **Year 5 Shark Class:**  
Valentina and Alex

● **Year 6 Stingray Class:**  
Luca

● **Year 6 Seahorse Class:**  
Kalina and Nikita

In the next newsletter, I will be announcing full details of our school Christmas celebrations. Just to let you know we have finalised the date for our Christmas Fair which will take place on Friday 17th December.

Thank you for your continued support in all we do. Have a lovely weekend.

Un abrazo,

**Miss Wakelin**

# EYFS AND LP COORDINATOR

It is really lovely to be able to introduce myself to you all and express my excitement at beginning the role of EYFS and LP Coordinator here at BCG.

My name is Miss Helen Stevens and I have been teaching for over 16 years. During this time, I have taught both abroad and in the United Kingdom.

Before living in Spain, I was living in Romania for 7 fantastic years, working at a very successful British school, where I began as a Year 1 class teacher and left as the Deputy Head of the EYFS and Primary school.

Since starting at BCG in September, I have been thoroughly enjoying getting to know my Year 3 class, the EYFS and LP stage, and the school as a whole. As a teacher who has loved working within the EYFS and LP setting, I am excited to be able to bring some of my experience to the school and

I am looking forward to working alongside the teachers, yourselves, and of course, with our wonderful students.

**Helen Stevens**

Year 3 teacher  
EYFS and LP Coordinator



**HELEN  
STEVENS**

Year 3 teacher, Lower  
Primary Phase Leader

## **Background:**

I am originally from the South East of England and I grew up in a town called Maidstone. I graduated from university in 2001 and have been teaching on and off since then. I have taught in various places across England, as well as Bucharest in Romania and now, here in Barcelona, Spain. When not teaching, I have been travelling and snowboarding around the world. I absolutely love to travel and have done since I was very little.

## **Teaching style:**

My Year 6 teacher was called Mr Edwards and it was because of him that I wanted to become a teacher. He was an inspirational teacher and helped to make my final year at Primary school an absolutely wonderful one. I try to be like Mr Edwards and make all learning fun in my classrooms, even the tricky stuff. I hope I am the kind of teacher that my students will remember 20 years from now. In my classrooms, my students are the centre of it all. I aim to create a mutually respectful classroom where everyone feels safe, secure, supported and prepared for learning.

## **Piece of advice:**

Keep going even when it is tough and that mistakes can be frustrating, upsetting and annoying, but they help us to improve.

**FUN  
FACT**

I have cycled the length of New Zealand  
(North Island to South Island)

# ENRICHMENT - ECAP

## ECAP TERM 2 PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE 2022

Dear Parents and guardians,

The enrichment team has sent out the [provisional schedule for ECAP](#) after school activities in Term 2. These will start on 10th January and end on 30th March.

Please check your emails and look at the activities on offer. Sign up is open from Friday morning (12th November) and the activities for your child can be authorised on the [school booking system](#).

We ask that you sign up before 3rd December so that we may make a final decision as to whether or not the listed clubs go ahead. For individual activities we require a minimum of 5 students and for team activities we should have a minimum of 10.

If there are any immediate questions or queries, please email [ecap@bcgava.com](mailto:ecap@bcgava.com)

Many thanks,

***The Enrichment Team***



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