



# BCG Newsletter

November 26th 2021



## Welcome to our Newsletter

It was wonderful to see so many students get the opportunity to see some live theatre after so many

months. 150 students saw a fantastic performance of songs from musical theatre 'All together now' in the Institute of the Arts in Sitges. The cast spoke to the students afterwards and answered many excellent questions.

Our regular sporting fixtures with BSB continued with our volleyball teams in action last week and today our table tennis team will go head to head with them. Many congratulations to all the competitors and thanks to the PE department for making these great events happen.

It was Anti Bullying week and whilst this is something we talk to the students about regularly it is always helpful to have some focus on such an important subject. Recently, we have been dealing with a number of cases of bullying which was concerning, although students are quick to admit their mistakes and apologise. Many of the situations revolve around social media use outside school so I would encourage all parents to be very vigilant

and talk to their children about their use of social media. Do you know who your children talk to? What type of conversations are they having? I would be especially concerned if your children avoided such conversations - if they are open with you then it is highly likely they are using social media in a positive and constructive way.

Next Wednesday we are opening our doors again for an Open Day. We are currently doing daily tours of the school as interest is extremely high. We have started to close some year groups for the first time in our short history! If you know of any families that might like to visit the school please direct them to our website. Thank you

*Simon Mower*



# SECONDARY

Dear parents,

It has been a busy 2 weeks and we have had lots of exciting events in the Secondary School. We have had sports fixtures including volleyball and will be travelling to BSB today for a table tennis tournament. The BCG girls team beat BSB in straight sets, the BCG mixed team beat BSB 2-1 in sets and our boys team lost 2-1 but the final set's score was 28-26, a very exciting finish.

The Year 10, 11 and 12s have started their Duke of Edinburgh journey and have shown great maturity in planning their voluntary service. We have students who have created volleyball and football clubs for the younger students. We have students

who are reading to the Primary school children, mentoring younger children and litter picking in the local area. Our students are maturing before our eyes and the DofE really helps the students grow into well rounded individuals.

You may have noticed some older students helping open your car doors in the morning. These students are the prefects team, these students are ambassadors for the school and are giving up their time to make the school a better place. Please give them a smile and wave if they open your car door!

Have a great weekend!

***Danny Steadman***



# THE PRE-IB PERSONAL PROJECT

## Developing our research and writing skills in preparation for the IBDP...

The Pre-IB students have recently started their Personal Pre-IB Projects. This is an extended independent research task, modelled on the Extended Essay of the IBDP, designed to help the students develop their approaches to learning in terms of self-time management, research and independently working. The student had to choose their own research questions and with the help of myself and Mr. Fassam, focused these questions to ensure an effective piece of research could take place. Over the next few months the Pre-IB students, as well as sitting their mock examinations in January, will carry out their research to their questions, collate results, analyse them and provide their concluding thoughts to the hypothesis they originally suggested. This process will provide them with first hand experience of IBDP style work and will ensure the development of the key attributes they will need as they progress forward into the IB programme next year.

Below are some examples of the key questions the students are focusing on in their personal projects and their reasons for choosing that field of study.

**Mr. Hooley**

Head of Teaching and Learning



*Judith Perez: - year 11 Pre-IB student*

To what extent is mobile phone addiction among teenagers a problem?

"I am studying this project because I find it very interesting that there are many people who are still not aware of the time they spend using mobile phones and screens."

*Guy Robinson - year 11 Pre-IB student*

Should steroids be legalised in bodybuilding?

"I am studying this because I have a keen interest in sports and I have always found this key sporting debate a fascinating topic. This project will enable me to develop my research skills and extended writing skills".

*Amir Sarkulov - year 11 Pre-IB student*

To what extent have smartphones had an impact on lives.

"I am studying this because I am interested in computer engineering and I think smartphones have had a huge impact on human lives. People depend on them in many everyday activities. Therefore I want to research just how much smartphones have changed human lives."

*Vatslav Dmitriev - year 11 Pre-IB student*

To what extent can the modern Antifa movement be classed as a terrorist group?

"I've chosen Antifa as my topic due to the fact i am keen to research their actions and the key events they have been part of in order to come up with a conclusion as to whether or not its fair to suggest they are a terrorist group? I am looking forward to researching this project and developing my inquiry skills."

# SECONDARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The KS3 Winter Concert 2021 will be held in the sports hall on 21st December at 3pm. The programme will consist of pop, Christmas and world songs sung by the choir - accompanied by members of the band, Paradis - as well as pop, film and classical performances by Paradis, and our Secondary BCG Quintet. At the moment the event is open to all parents of KS3 students in the choir, plus the parents

of Paradis and Quintet members. If the COVID rules change, the event will be live-streamed. Every participant has the opportunity to buy a specially designed black Choir T shirt, which will be worn in the concert. Please send the form tutors the size of T shirt worn by your child, as well as whether your child will be able to attend the concert.

***Claire Foreman***

## PRIMARY

What a wonderful day we all had last Thursday when we were no longer BCG Year 3 students but instead Roman soldiers, Gods, and Goddesses. The outfits, costumes, and shields were all fantastic and everyone looked brilliant. A huge well done to all of the students and families who worked together on this project.

We started our Roman day with a photo fashion show of us in our amazing outfits and with our shields. We had learned about Roman banquets and how they loved to feast so we decided to make something that the Romans used to eat for our very own Roman banquet. We worked together to make some delicious (or so we found out later in the day) Roman honey biscuits. The ingredients were very simple but the taste was yummy.

The fun continued with a Roman Fact Hunt. The questions were hidden around our school grounds and we needed to work together to remember or find the answers on our fact file sheet. It was great fun. I think the highlight of our day was when we took to the battlefields and invaded our playground. We learned how to use our shields in battle and how to march

in formation just like the Roman army used to. All of this learning and fun was finished off with a hearty Roman biscuit banquet. Well done to all for a really fun day.

***The Year 3 Team***



# ANTIBULLYING WEEK



## YEAR 5

For anti-bullying week we made poems based on the one word that the children associated with anti-bullying such as 'kindness', 'supportive' and 'unity'. We then presented the poems to the class. They did a great job!

Last week we made a display board of odd socks to show that we are "all different and all equal".

## RECEPTION

In reception class this week we have been talking about being a kind friend, talking to each other and understanding that sometimes we make mistakes and can put this right by helping and saying sorry to each other. Our activity for anti-bullying week was thinking about when we need help - talking about things that keep happening that hurt us or make us feel sad. We spoke about all the different people that we can go to that can help us and made a poster for this.



# TRIP TO THE CHOCOLATE MUSEUM



Last week Year 2 visited the chocolate factory in Barcelona. We had so much fun, tasting chocolate and learning all about the making process of white, dark and milk

chocolate. We even got the chance to make our own chocolate animal and chocolate drawing. It was a fun filled day and it ended with lots of chocolatey, sticky and happy faces.



# PRIMARY CHRISTMAS CONCERTS!

With Christmas just around the corner I am delighted to announce the arrangements for the BCG Christmas Concerts 2021! In the spirit of Christmas, and in the interest of supporting parents with multiple children in the school, we have decided to stage two Christmas Concerts for all of EYFS and Primary. One performance for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 students and one performance for Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 students.

This year saw the beginning of not one, but two upper primary choirs and they are both very excited to share their first choir performance with you. Since September the children have had one choir lesson each week (as well as their weekly music lesson) where we explore vocal warm-ups, tonic solfa singing and songs from different genres. From pop songs and electronic music to Christmas carols and African songs, we have had a wonderful term learning together through the art of singing. In Ireland we have a phrase - "Ní neart go cur le chéile" which means "There's strength in numbers". This is never truer than when you hear a choir of children singing songs that they love together. For this reason, among others, we have decided to combine our two primary choirs for one magical Christmas performance. The performance will also feature our BCG Primary Orchestra full of young, enthusiastic musicians. The children of Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 and the Primary Orchestra will join together to sing, play and celebrate Christmas on Thursday, the 16th of December.

In accordance with Covid-19 measures the performance will take place in the Sports Hall with all windows and doors open for ventilation. All year groups will be socially distanced for the performance. Additionally, seating for parents/guardians will be separated into phases.



Our second performance will be for EYFS and Lower Primary children. This concert will have two parts. The Nursery and Reception children will open the show with their Christmas songs and then the Year 1 and Year 2 children will follow with their performance. The children are very excited about the show and I'm sure you'll enjoy some of the hilarious actions and dances we've added to the children's songs.

We are very hopeful that everything will go to plan but with Covid-19 cases in Spain increasing, there is a chance that things might change. For now, please keep your fingers crossed that we will be able to share our Christmas Concerts with you in BCG this Christmas and we will notify you if the regulations around these events change.

Here are the dates for your diary:

## **Upper Primary Concert**

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Thursday, 16th December 2021 - 3pm start

## **EYFS & Lower Primary Concert**

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Friday, 17th December 2021 - 3pm start

I look forward to welcoming you to our Christmas Performances in BCG very soon!

Until then,

**Ms. O' Connor**

# ENRICHMENT

Dear Parents / Guardians,

The enrichment team news this week contains many dates and deadlines that we also send to you in separate email reminders across next week.

## Clubs Term 1

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This current ECAP cycle ends on Thursday 16th December. Please be reminded that there are no clubs in the last week of term.

## Clubs Term 2

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The deadline to sign up for term 2 clubs is Friday 10th December 2021. It is really important that we have students allocated so that we can finalise contracts with external providers and teachers. Clubs with less than minimum numbers will be cancelled and those families require time to consider another club before we break for winter holidays.

Our Term 2 clubs will start immediately on the first week back, 10th January 2022 and end Thursday 31st March 2022.

## Using the School Booking System

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Parents can add their child to ECAP activities, Trips and Visits via the school booking system. However, you cannot remove your child. If you wish to change activities (or in recent cases, with some year 10 and 11 students changing from the Mountain Activity Residential to the Surf Trip Residential) you MUST inform the relevant admin team of the change. Then, we can manually remove your child's name from our invoice list. Email [trips@bcgava.com](mailto:trips@bcgava.com) to change trip or residential authorisation or [ecap@bcgava.com](mailto:ecap@bcgava.com) to make changes to after school clubs.

Sincerely,

*The Enrichment Team*



# LINGUISTS OF THE WEEK

## EYFS & Lower Primary

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

- **Reception: Spanish**  
Claudia Algara
- **Year 1: Spanish**  
Anabelle Clarke
- **Year 2: Catalan**  
Daniela García and César Reguilón
- **Year 3: Catalan**  
Julia d'Hooghe
- **Year 4: French**  
Alessia Berthet and Gala Martinez
- **Year 5: Catalan**  
Niragh Niraula
- **Year 6: Spanish**  
Sami Muhammad



## Secondary

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

- **French**  
Iris Pous Year 10
- **Spanish**  
Eyal Volfin Year 7
- **Catalan**  
Rafael Byrne Year 8

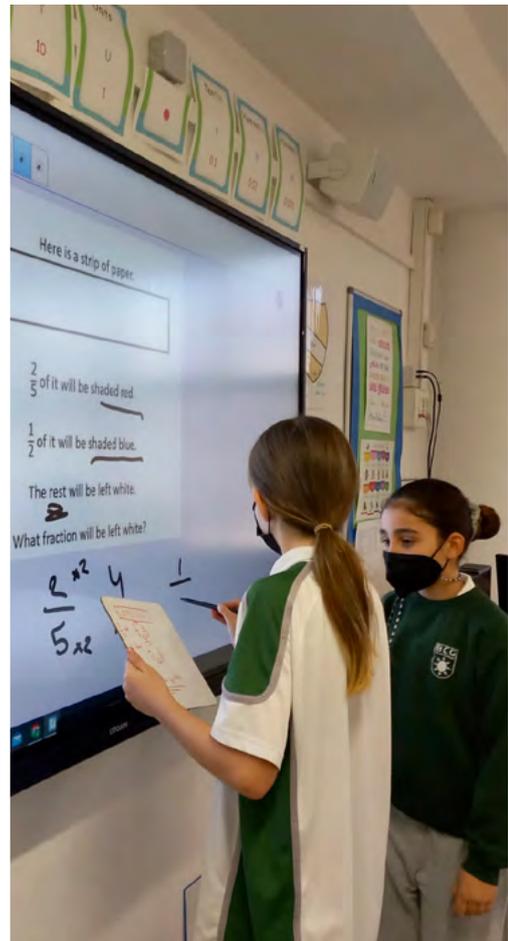
Congratulations to all of them!  
*Languages Department*



# SCHOOL TRIPS



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