

THE EIC BULLETIN

December 2020



This is the third of our monthly bulletins to keep you up to date with life in the EIC.

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News from the Headteacher

Dear families,

This is the Bulletin for December. Things have changed for the better and we are in a good, safe environment with much normality.

You will see below pictures of day to day life including Science Week which involved everyone for Pre School upwards. We are confident that we will finish this term healthily, not only having covered our teaching programmes, but innovating and doing it well and with enthusiasm!

As Headteacher I am proud of what our teachers and students have achieved, despite the current circumstances. There are improvements to make (as always) and we are concentrating on those, because we have established good habits and routines in face of the pandemic, and that enables us to move forward with education and learning.

All our BAT and IB students work from home/online one

day per week (government regulation) and this has been a successful way to prepare for independent study as university students. BAT/IB2 students are already preparing their university applications if they wish to travel abroad - see our list of destinations below, showing where former EIC students have chosen to study.

Our COVID Committee meets every week to discuss, decide and refine our routines. This week, we included the Ventilation Policy (see below) and feedback from families about our online teaching when students were in quarantine.

Congratulations to Gunnar Montseny (BAT/IB2 last year) who received the Premi Extraordinari Batxillerat 2019-2020 as one of the highest performing students in Catalonia. Well done Gunnar!

The daily menus are also in Alexia in 4 languages too (that includes Chinese!) and by the way, when I speak to children in the Dining

Halls, the level of satisfaction is high. Feedback always goes to Sara Sánchez, our nutritionist and she is quick to respond, whether it is about having seconds, choice of dishes or quantities.

Please keep up your strict routines to keep your family and our school COVID free - it depends on all of us.

As always, if you have questions, the first point of contact is your child's tutor. You also know where you can find me at the start and end of each day.

Kind regards,

Jonathan Day
Headteacher



Calendar dates

SCHOOL CALENDAR: December 2020

December

*Individual tutorial meetings will be running with class tutors.

2nd - Economics Workshop, ESO 4

2nd - IB2 Mock Exams begin

4th - Non Uniform Day for charity (La Marató)

7th & 8th - School closed, long weekend (Bank Holiday)

9th - Economics Workshop, ESO 4

9th - Primary 1 A/B Winter Music Celebration 4.00-4.15

10th - Primary 2 A/B Winter Music Celebration 4.00-4.15

11th - Primary 3A Winter Music Celebration 4.00-4.15

14th - Primary 3B Winter Music Celebration 4.00-4.15

15th - Primary 4A Winter Music Celebration 4.00-4.15

15th - ESO 1 Salou Beach Excursion (Field Trip, weather dependent)

16th - ESO 2 Salou Beach Excursion (Field Trip, weather dependent)

16th - Primary 4B Winter Music Celebration 4.00-4.15

17th - Primary 5A Winter Music Celebration 4.00-4.15

17th - ESO 3 Salou Beach Excursion (Field Trip, weather dependent)

18th - ESO 4 Salou Beach Excursion (Field Trip, weather dependent)

18th - Primary 5B Winter Music Celebration 4.00-4.15

21st - Primary 6A Winter Music Celebration 4.00-4.15

22nd - Primary 6B Winter Music Celebration 4.00-4.15

January 2021

11th - New Term starts, normal time.

Life in school



Aloha Award

This month Núria Borràs received the Aloha Award, as she has already reached the highest level in the Aloha way of learning. Congratulations, Núria!



First Aid training

Students across the school had some First Aid training during Science Week. This is an important Life Skill which is valuable from the youngest age! Here are some pictures of Primary 2 in action.



Origami cranes for La Marató de TV3

In ESO 1 and 2 we have been making origami cranes for the La Marató de TV3 and we have done cross curricular reading comprehension by reading the Japanese Legend about Sadako Sasaki (1943-1955). Her story is one friendship and hope for world peace which made the paper cranes a symbol of good will and hope. We read her story in Catalan during our Community and Culture sessions and discussed it in English which made the activity a wonderful cross-cultural lesson in communication. I attach a photo of some of our cranes.

Amanda Moeller

La Marató



Solidarity with La Marató de TV3

Senior Student Council have planned the next Non-Uniform Day which will be on Friday December 4th. Students of all ages can wear their own clothes and the aim is to collect 1 €uro each (more if you want) for the solidarity fund organised by La Marató. Information will come out soon.



FUTURE LEADERS

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Model United Nations

Students from BAT/IB1 will be taking part for the first time in this year's Model United Nations. Mr Santiago Schmidt has organised the participation online since this year's event will be a virtual one. It takes place in Istanbul. Model United Nations, also known as Model UN or M.U.N., is an educational simulation and academic activity in which students can learn about diplomacy, international relations, and the United Nations, and it is an excellent opportunity for our students to learn debating skills with young people from around the world.



New Toys Campaign

More than ever, many children need toys to be able to enjoy playing and to develop happily. So this year we are again launching our New Toys Campaign. This year, we are participating in the Red Cross Toy Collection.

If students wish to participate, they can bring a toy to school before December 14th. The toys must be:

- New, not sexist or warlike.
- Preferably for children aged 0-3 and 9 to 14.
- Board games (the usual ones such as ludo, wild goose chase, chess, dominoes... or others).
- Stories (may be new or used but in good condition).



Students Break New Ground

Work has begun this week on the development of new study areas around the school to be used as outdoor learning resources in the sciences and also help connect EIC learners with the natural world.

Students from ESO4 & Batxillerat have volunteered to help turn some of the unused green spaces into more accessible areas to aid the study of Biology and Environmental Science. Initially, they will clean up the sites before laying pathways and constructing features that will include beehives, bug hotels, seating and small huts and domes for growing and storage.

As well as creating a place to study 'out in the field' the volunteers will also learn how to use garden and construction tools, learn how to design and build small insect and pollinator habitats, as well as develop core skills for their future such as a systems thinking approach to problem solving, planning, communication and organisation skills to deliver this project in response to the requirements of teachers and the curriculum.

The project will allow students to bring their own ideas of how the spaces can be developed and also, most importantly, give them the opportunity to pursue their personal interests while working alongside other professionals. (Headteacher Mr Day said, "This is a great opportunity for our students to work with experts from industry and environmental organisations. We are seeking support from anyone who has expertise in many areas from building garden ponds to knowledge of insects and flora").

"I want to use this opportunity to find out more about environmental sciences and ecology", explained Spojmay, a 1st year IB student. The natural environment is very important to me and I am considering my options for university. I am hoping that this project will help me find out if that is the career path for me."

Watch out for more news and opportunities to help!

Mr D Rogers



EIC students at 40 universities

You can find EIC students at over 40 universities around the world - here are some of them!



Dinar d'acció de gràcies

Benvolgudes famílies, volem compartir amb vostès el dinar d'acció de gràcies al menjador escolar de l'EIC. Els alumnes han degustat un menú tradicional per aquesta data que constava de bajoques saltejades amb bacó, rodó de gall dindi amb salsa de bolets i albergínia amb acompanyament de puré de patata i de postres fruita.

Un dia especial per agrair tot allò positiu que ens envolta.

Science Week in Primary 1

In Primary 1, during Science Week, we planted lots of vegetables and we learned lots about water and sustainability. Marcus in Primary 1a shared a wonderful presentation about Sir Issac Newton's third law. We did some follow up experiments to learn about action and opposite reaction. We had a great Science week well done boys and girls!

Janette Adams



Where in the world?

Opening a little window on the international world and to awaken children's curiosity about different cultures, Ms. Cecilia Albo, Primary Science Leader, has launched this new section, where you can read the clues and email us with your answer. You could be the next person writing this section, next month.

Where in the world?/ Guess which country this is!

- This country, is an island nation, consisting of more than 6800 islands and is the eleventh most populous country in the world.
- In this country, it's polite to slurp while eating since it shows the chef that you appreciate the food and at the same time, it enhances the flavours.
- This country suffers more than 1500 earthquakes every year. Luckily, the intensity of the earthquakes varies, most of them are just small shakes, but some reach more than 8 on the Richter Scale.
- It has the highest number of vending machines in the world, which is quite convenient as they are open 24/7.
- Traditionally in this country you bow instead of shaking hands. The lower you bow, the more respect you show toward the other person.
- Most schools contemplate "cleaning" as part of their curriculum. Not only do they save some money, but they also raise awareness with the students: can you imagine something like that in our school?

If you think you know the answer, please email us at whereintheworld@escolainternacional.org.



Daily life



Practical information

- **Lateness**

We are working hard on good punctuality in the school day, but there are many students arriving late in the mornings. Parents, please be sure to bring your children to school on time. They should be in the classroom at 8.30. That is when teachers start and it is very annoying to have to re-start a lesson when a student arrives late. Remember that 5 minutes per day is 25 minutes per week, which is more than 15 hours per year of lost education. That is nearly 3 days! It also affects others in the class, so it is a matter of courtesy too. Thank you.



- **Curriculum Information for Families:**

We are reaching the end of the assessment process for the First Term and your child's reports will be available soon through Alexia (web and app).

In the meantime, we have published all the Curriculum Information for Families in the Gallery of Alexia. You can find the information for your child's year group as well as the details for the following year, as some families like to look ahead.



- **Winter Music Celebration**

Primary students will be singing Christmas songs for our Winter Music Celebration. The event will be taking place at the Main Entrance at 4pm and all the families will be invited, taking into consideration all the covid protocols. See calendar for dates by class. Pre School students are preparing to celebrate the Winter Music Celebration with great enthusiasm and dedication. For reasons of COVID, this year we will record it and share it with families.

- **EIC Ventilation Protocol**

EIC VENTILATION PROTOCOL

- CROSS VENTILATION**

KEEP THE WINDOW OPEN
Keep at least two windows open for at least 5-10' every hour, inside and outside, so that there is cross ventilation.
- VENTILATION SYSTEM**

The EIC renews and cleans the air classrooms by means of a forced ventilation system during school hours.
- BREAK TIME**

KEEP THE WINDOW OPEN
Leave the windows open when you finish lessons before break and before lunch.
- EIC COVID FREE**
Ventilation protects us from COVID. Wear warm clothes, wear your mask properly, wash your hands constantly, disinfect your desk before you leave the classroom (before you go to break and lunch) and keep your distance from other people and social groups.

FAQs

Do I need 2 masks?

Yes, you should bring a spare because they sometimes break during the day.

Can I arrive at school at 8.30?

No, You should be ready to start the school day with your teacher inside the buildings at 8.30, in the classroom, forum or elsewhere. Punctuality is important as a life skill and it is a courtesy to others.

Will Brexit affect EIC teachers doing their job?

No. Those who are here will continue their normal lives. New arrivals will face more bureaucracy, not yet defined.

Where can I see the information about my child's curriculum?

It's in the Gallery for Alexia - a booklet for each class / curriculum area.

Can I wear black trainers for PE?

No, the PE kit specifies white trainers.