

THE EIC BULLETIN

December 2019 / January 2020



This is the fourth 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 last Bulletin before Christmas. December is always exciting with the anticipation of the festive season. Pre School children will experience especially memorable times at the end of term - their festival and a special lunch, the Caga Tió and other traditions along with all the decorations and unique atmosphere, and Primary/ESO children love the Christmas season too.

Science Week was very successful - with the theme of Women in Science – thanks to teachers, the parent helpers, outside speakers including from the local university and of course the ESO and BAT students who worked really hard with the younger children.

Our Educational model, Sòcrates Educa, enables children to think, learn and make progress at different paces and in different ways and across the range of subjects, so teachers will increasingly evaluate a range of skills them through

observation, group work, homework tasks, projects, in and outside the traditional classroom. Please help us to reinforce this message, because it will develop better learners - and of course the IB philosophy offers “programmes of international education that develop the intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills needed to live, learn and work in a rapidly globalising world.”

Did you know that By 2020, instead of classes in Physics, Maths, Literature, History or Geography, Finland is going to introduce a different approach to life through education? And they are high up in the international PISA tables. It makes you think.

In 2019 we will have three exchanges running - ESO 3A will take part in the exchange with our partners in Bruges, Belgium; ESO 3B with an international school south of Berlin, Germany and some students from BAT 1 will be involved with an exchange to Kobe, Japan. It's great to

also have a non-European partnership and these will develop in the future.

Our Extra Curricular activities have increased this year - don't forget that there may be something new which your child would like to try next term. Contact Judit Pardos.

You will know that we have been running a campaign to ensure that students wear the correct uniform, including shoes and jackets. This is essential for the smooth running, cooperation and enjoyment of school. All organisations have some kind of code or structure and students need to learn how to live happily and successfully within norms. The Student Council is a forum for healthy discussion about school routines and regulations, so if students want to make changes, then they should bring their arguments to the School Council through their class representatives, just as they have their voice and vote in society as adults. But they still have to wear

the right uniform!

We have continued the Open Meetings for parents - the latest was on the subject of children and screens / technology - watch out for further termly meetings and please do join in. You can see the date for the Dining Hall meeting for families on the calendar - this is another major campaign, including promoting Healthy Eating through meetings with the nutritionist in Primary and Secondary.

We wish you a happy and peaceful winter break and New Year with family and friends; encourage your children to read, talk and

socialise as well as enjoying the traditional celebrations. Maybe it is the chance to leave the screens and electronic games behind for a few days or more... and of course that is another debate!!!!

If you have any concerns, don't hesitate to email your child's teacher or Tutor at the School: initial.surname@escolainternacional.org

As always, you know you will find me at the start and end of the day at the school entrance,

Kind regards,

Jonathan Day
Headteacher



Calendar dates / Calendari

SCHOOL CALENDAR: November 2019 / CALENDARI ESCOLAR: Novembre 2019

December / Desembre

2nd - Reception Assistants ESO 3 / [Assistents de Recepció ESO 3](#)

2nd - Healthy Eating Talks (Primary) this week / [Xerrada de menjar saludable \(Primària\) aquesta setmana](#)

3rd - Primary 1, 2 & 3 Glifing (reading scheme) Meeting in the Library at 3.30pm / [Primària 1, 2 i 3- Reunió sobre el Mètode Glifing d'aprenentatge a la lectura a la Biblioteca, 15.30h](#)

4th - Parents' Evening, IB 1 & 2 / [Reunió de pares, IB 1 i 2](#)

5th - Non Uniform Day for charity / [Dia sense uniforme per solidaritat](#)

6th - Bank Holiday, School Closed / [Dia de festa, escola tancada](#)

9th - Reception Assistants ESO 3 / [Assistents de Recepció ESO 3](#)

9th - Origami for the "Marató" this week / [Origami per la Marató aquesta setmana](#)

9th - ESO 4 Financial Talk / [ESO 4- Xerrada financera](#)

9th - ESO Healthy Eating talks this week / [ESO- Xerrades de menjar saludable](#)

12th - BAT 2 Theatre Visit El Lazarillo de Tormes TGN / [BAT 2 Visita al teatre- El Lazarillo de Tormes- TGN](#)

12th - Parents' Presentation ESO/Pri Healthy Eating, 3.15 / [Presentació als pares d'ESO i Primària de menjar saludable, 15.15h](#)

16th - Reception Assistants ESO 3 / [Assistents de Recepció ESO 3](#)

16th - ESO 4 Financial Education Talk / [ESO 4- Xerrada d'educació financera](#)

16th - Alumni Lunch and Talks / [Dinar d'Alumni i xerrades](#)

17th - Primary 1,2,3 Winter Festival, 3.15pm / [Festival d'hivern de Primària 1, 2 i 3, 15,15h](#)

18th - Pre School Winter Festival, 3.15pm / [Festival d'hivern de Prescolar, 15.15h](#)

19th - Primary 4,5,6 Winter Festival, 3.15pm / [Festival d'hivern de Primària 4, 5 i 6](#)

19th - Termly reports published / [Es publiquen les notes del trimestre](#)

20th - Caga Tió - Pre School & Pri 1,2,3 / [Caga Tió- Prescolar i Primària 1, 2 i 3](#)

20th - Last Day of Term / [Últim dia del trimestre](#)

21st - January 7th 2020 Christmas Holidays / [Vacances de Nadal](#)

January / Gener

8th (Weds) - School starts / [\(Dimecres\) Comença l'escola](#)

13th - Reception Assistants ESO 3 / [Assistents de Recepció ESO 3](#)

13th - ESO 4 Financial Education Talk / [ESO 4- Xerrada d'educació financera](#)

15th - ESO 1 Parents' Evening, 4.45pm / [Reunió de pares d'ESO 1, 16.45h](#)

20th - Reception Assistants ESO 2 / [Assistents de Recepció ESO 2](#)

22nd - Pri5 & 6 students - "Problemes Esprint" Maths Challenge / [Estudiants de Primària 5 i 6- Concurs de matemàtiques "Problemes Esprint"](#)

24th - Chinese New Year Celebration / [Celebració del Cap d'Any xinès](#)

27th - Reception Assistants ESO 2 / [Assistents de Recepció ESO 2](#)

29th - ESO 3B German Exchange departs / [ESO 3B- Marxen els estudiants d'intercanvi amb Alemanya](#)

29th - ESO 4 to BAT/IB Transition Meeting, 4.45pm / [Reunió de transició d'ESO 4 a BAT/IB, 16.45h](#)

30th - EIC University Fair / [Fira d'Universitats EIC](#)

30th - Pri 6 - A Raig d'Aixeta - Water Works visit / [Primària 6- A Raig d'Aixeta- Visita per conèixer com es purifica l'aigua](#)

Life in School

Mètoda Glifing d'aprenentatge a la lectura

El proper 3 de desembre, a les 15.30h, presentarem el Mètode d'aprenentatge de la lectura Glifing a les famílies de 1r, 2n i 3r de Primària. El mètode Glifing està enfocat al treball de les habilitats que intervenen en el procés lector, d'una manera lúdica i efectiva.

Science Week 2019

Science week came to a close with all the Primary classes demonstrating their Scientific projects to each other. It was quite incredible to hear the knowledgeable and eloquent presentations, as each class explained their learning to everyone else. Women scientists such as: Sara Seager (Primary 1), Rachel Carson (Primary 2), Jane Goodall (Primary 3), Inge Lehmann (Primary 4) Valentina Tereshkova (Primary 5), Tiera Guinn (Primary 6) and Mae C. Jemison (Primary 6) were described and presented by all the Primary classes in the closing ceremony. In addition, Primary 5 & 6 were chosen to research and carry out their own experiments throughout the week as part of the learning and mentoring program during Science week: ice experiments, walking rainbows, tornadoes in a bottle, volcanoes, earthquakes, dry erase, lava lamps... The enthusiasm of both the demonstrators and the observers was tangible and it was a testament to the teachers as the children showed just how much they had learned. It has been an extremely busy week for everyone!

Furthermore, upper primary also had the opportunity to join ESO students on Friday to observe some spectacular experiments performed by them and they even had a chance to exchange ideas and information about their experiments.

A huge thank you to everyone involved-the Science department team and staff in general, visitors, friends and management- who all helped to make the week such a success.



La EIC participa en el 'Gran Recapte d'Aliments 2019'

El pasado 21 de noviembre, un grupo de estudiantes de Bachillerato Internacional de la escuela pasaron una tarde en el supermercado Esclat de Salou para participar en la iniciativa solidaria "Gran Recapte d'Aliments 2019". Se trata de recolectar donaciones de los compradores para el Banco de Alimentos, por ejemplo, aceite, leche, alimentos enlatados y otros artículos. Como escuela, la EIC apoya esta y otras iniciativas similares, que se enmarcan en nuestro pilar de Comunidad. Los estudiantes enfocaron la iniciativa solidaria como parte de su Programa de Bachillerato Internacional (IB) como proyecto CAS (Creatividad – Acción – Servicio). ¡Bien hecho!



English Department News - Secondary

Earlier this term all ESO students were asked to write a horror story as part of their creative writing project. As you can expect, we had some very scary pieces of writing! After recovering from the shock, the teachers settled on the best stories. They were by Ekaterina Seliverstova in ESO4, Anna Nikolova and Elena Azagra Ruiz in ESO3, Nadia Kryuchkova, Nathalie Meganck in ESO2 and Aina Solano Fabra. So congratulations girls and an award will be presented to you soon.

After Christmas students will be looking at new themes and reading new books. ESO 1 will be reading Treasure Island, ESO 2 Billy Elliot and ESO 4 will look at the dark dystopian future of 1984. These books will be available to purchase from the school shop so please make sure students have a copy on their return to school after Christmas.

ESO 3 will be looking at a selection of modern poetry written by black and minority ethnic writers. Copies of these works will be handed out to the students by their teachers.

Finally, we are working hard to develop the learning skills of our students in English, and at times we enter debates about the value of technology (iPads) in learning. iPads have great value and role in the production of assessed work, for example, but should not be considered just as a tool to the easy answer found on the internet. Please feel free to discuss these issues with your children!

As always we remain available to talk to parents about any issues you may have.

Mind your Spanglish

Plates: you eat your food from a **plate**. The meal has a first **course**, main **course** and a dessert.

Practical information

- **Sustainability and safety:**

Parents please aim to reduce car journeys and air pollution by sharing, using the school bus service, cycling or scooting (the number of bikes and scooters has risen again this year).

Cyclists & those who scoot: Remember that common sense and the law say that you should wear a helmet.

- For parking, do not double park and think of safety - sometimes it is better to park further away and walk - give yourself extra time so that you can avoid rushing and still be punctual. The local police are doing their best and we don't want accidents.
- You must not use the bus / staff car park - it is for the school buses and staff. Children are not allowed in this area unless catching a bus, under the supervision of buss staff.

- **Colder weather:**

Children should wear the school jacket to school - not hoodies or PE hoodies which are for PE lessons and should not be worn for normal lessons, and the same for sports shoes.

Scarves and buffs must be taken off in the classroom, and should in any case be in school colours. Please respect the school uniform policy.

- **Smoking**

Parents: The entrance and surrounding areas are no smoking areas. It's the law here as in many countries.

- **Absence or lateness**

Please justify your child's absence or lateness using the Alexia app - it's quick and easy!

FAQs

EIC Shop times:

Tuesdays 16.30-18.30

Wednesdays 8.30-10.00

Thursdays 16.30-18.30

email: store@escolainternacional.org

MENUS FOR DECEMBER

The daily menus for December can be found in Alexia.

ALEXIA

Please check your child's Planner (Pri/ESO) each week. If you have problems logging into Alexia, contact Reception.