

THE EIC BULLETIN

February 2020



This is the fifth 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,

January has been a calm month without too many big events, it is important to re-establish a good working routine after the Christmas holiday. The 5th EIC Universities' Fair was a highlight, and we consider that guiding children towards their future career is an essential part of our educational provision. There is so much choice that decisions can be difficult, and there are many interdisciplinary courses that the best options are not always obvious for one individual. Choosing your future path motivates you in school and in life! We have enjoyed our Chinese New Year activities around the school - have you seen the decorations?

February will be busier with visits to the theatre, incoming speakers and exchanges to Germany and Belgium as well as Japan, the Universities Fair, Carnival time too of course, and also academic testing with

"Competències Bàsiques" and "Proves Diagnòstiques" which are basic skills tests enabling us to analyse academic progress in a detailed way and in comparison with other schools in Catalonia.

Your children will benefit from good routines - daily reading, a quiet place to do homework - and of course, time shared with their parents every day - don't underestimate the value of this and do make space for it. In conjunction with the Clubs, we invite you to the "Calçotada" which is a typical Catalan winter barbecue and is not only tasty, but sociable and in a really friendly open atmosphere, for parents and children. This is a specially important event for new families - the chance to meet other families in a friendly environment and to make good friends. With 100 new students this year, it is important to make them and their families feel at home in all respects, because they makes happier children and happier families. This will be

on Saturday 15th February and you will receive an email invitation with details of the day and of tickets.

Open Days for prospective families are running and the first one will be on Saturday March 7th (Pre School ages) at 10.00 as we are now taking registrations for September 2020 - don't delay because the available spaces are being filled already and last year we had a huge demand. Now is the time to sign up for Cambridge English exams in EIC, and where groups are large enough, students will be able to sit the exams in school. We also have candidates for the official French exams (Institut Français) and soon Chinese (Confucius Institute) and German (Goethe Institut).

It's also the time of year where our BAT/IB students are beginning to receive offers from international universities - so far they have interviews and offers from Hult Business School, London, University of Stirling (Scotland), Universities of Sheffield,

Falmouth, Loughborough, Liverpool, Oxford Brookes, Southampton, Birmingham and Rotterdam (+...), and applying for courses as varied as Architecture, Automotive/Motorsport Engineering, Aerospace Engineering, Sports Management, Marketing and International Business Management. Good luck to

everyone!

As always, you can catch me at the start and end of School if you wish to ask further questions or make comments,

Kind regards,

Jonathan Day
Headteacher



Calendar dates / Calendari

SCHOOL CALENDAR: November 2019 / CALENDARI ESCOLAR: Novembre 2019

February / Febrer

ESO 3B away on German Exchange until 6th / ESO 3B està fora a l'intercanvi amb Alemanya fins el dia 6

1 - IB Mock Exams continue / Continuen els exàmens de prova d'IB

3 - Reception Assistants ESO 2A / Assistents de Recepció ESO 2A

3 - Crèdit de Síntesi Parents' Information Meeting (ESO 1 & 2), 4.45pm / Reunió de pares sobre el Crèdit de Síntesi (ESO 1 i 2), 15.45h.

5 - ESO 3A Depart for Belgian Exchange until 12th / ESO 3A marxa a l'intercanvi amb Bèlgica fins el dia 12

10 - Reception Assistants ESO 2A / Assistents de Recepció ESO 2A

10 - ESO 4 Financial Education Talk / Xerrada educativa financera per a ESO 4

12 & 13 - Competències Bàsiques ESO 4 - Basic Skills Tests / Competències Bàsiques ESO 4- Prova de competències

12 - Open Meeting for Parents (Pri 5&6, ESO 1&2) - Internet Segura - Mossos, 3.15pm / Reunió oberta als pares (Primària 5 i 6 i ESO 1 i 2)- Internet Segur- Mossos, 15.15h.

12 - ESO 4 Parents' Meeting, 4.45pm / Reunió de pares d'ESO 4, 16.45h.

14 - Cultural Outing ESO 4 - Barcelona Zoo (Biology) / Sortida cultural ESO 4- Zoo de Barcelona (Biologia)

15 - Calçotada / Calçotada

17-20 - ESO 1 & 2 Crèdit de Síntesis Trip (Cerdanya) / Viatge de Crèdit de Síntesi (Cerdanya) ESO 1 i 2

17 - Carnival Week / Setmana de Carnaval

18 - Preschool 1&2 Parents' Meeting / Reunió de pares de P1 i P2

19 - Internet Safety talk - Sharing in the Media, ESO 4A (Mossos) / Xerrada sobre seguretat a Internet - Compartir als mitjans, ESO 4A (Mossos)

19 - Preschool 3, 4&5 Parents' Meeting / Reunió de pares de P3, P4 i P5

20 - Carnival / Carnaval

21 - School Closed, Teacher Training Day / Escola tancada, dia de formació per als professors

24 - School Closed, Bank Holiday / Escola tancada. Festa.

26 - BAT 2 Theatre visit, Mirall Trencat / Visita al teatre de BAT 2, Mirall Trencat

26 - Internet Safety talk - Sharing in the Media, ESO 4B (Mossos) / Xerrada sobre seguretat a Internet - Compartir als mitjans, ESO 4B (Mossos)

26 - BAT 1 & BAT 2 Parents' Meeting / Reunió de pares de BAT 1 i BAT 2

27 - Open Meeting - Living with Teenagers 3.15pm / Reunió oberta- Viure amb adolescents, 15.15h.

March / Març

2 - Reception Assistants ESO 2B / Assistents de Recepció ESO 2B

4 - BAT 1 Japan Exchange departs / BAT 1. Marxa l'intercanvi amb Japó

7 - (Saturday) Pre School Open Day for prospective families / (Dissabte) Jornada de portes obertes de Preescolar

9 - 13 Maths Week / Setmana de les Matemàtiques

Life in School

Maths in IB 1

Sometimes maths can be really abstract and students might lose the perspective of its applications. It is always good to include some hands on activities to keep up students' curiosity toward the subject. During this activity that we ran just before Christmas, IB1 students used M&Ms and ICT to explore probability and to model exponentially decreasing functions.

Cycle park

We have opened a new, bigger, more secure cycle park for students. There are places outside in a cycle rack as well as the original covered spaces. We have installed a security camera and an extra gate. Now you can be more sustainable and cycle or skate to school. Don't forget your lock and your helmet!





Problemes a l'esprint

We would like to highlight the great job that Primary 5 and 6 students did in Problemes a l'Esprint on January 22nd. Every year, our school takes part in this mathematical contest and this time we worked together in teams and solved all the 10 reasoning questions very well. Congratulations!



Vóleibol

Los equipos cadete y juvenil femenino que puntúan de manera conjunta en la 3ª Liga Catalana, han quedado primeros en la fase de grupos y pasan a una segunda fase donde competirán por el ascenso directo a la 2ª Catalana. Hay que destacar que, aún participando en las categorías cadete y juvenil, la mayoría de las jugadoras están en edad infantil y doblan en ambos partidos. ¡Enhorabuena chicas!



Calçotada EIC

El próximo sábado 15 de febrero celebramos nuestra tradicional Calçotada EIC. A partir de las 12h se iniciarán las actividades para niños y niñas, con castillo hinchable para los más pequeños. Una hora más tarde empezará la calçotada, que durará hasta las 17h. Se trata de un acto con finalidad benéfica. El dinero sobrante, una vez pagado todo lo necesario, se destinará a la Bolsa de Becas y Ayudas de la FEIC. Los tickets pueden adquirirse en la recepción y la cafetería de la escuela. ¡No os la podéis perder!



Sailing

On the weekend of the 18th-19th January, Iker Mugica came 1st in his category at "V TROFEU PRESIDENT OPTIMIST" in Garraf. And now Iker has reached first place in the Catalonia ranking. Well done!



Critical thinking

We have been working on our critical thinking skills in Primary Four recently to learn more about the work of Martin Luther King Jr. We have researched his life and the key events and successes in his career and debated the fundamentals of his campaigns. The children considered how his efforts may have impacted our world today and how we can continue his legacy of peace, equality and kindness. We made our own doves of peace and decorated them with vocabulary generated from our discussions.



Jornades de portes obertes

L'escola organitza enguany tres jornades de portes obertes per a que les famílies puguin venir a conèixer el nostre model educatiu, el nostre centre i la nostra manera de fer. La primera està previst per al dissabte 7 de març i està dirigida als pares i mares dels alumnes d'Infantil. El dia 28 del mateix mes es duran a terme les segones, dirigides a Primària, ESO i BAT. Per acabar, el dissabte 9 de maig, s'organitzen les darreres jornades de portes obertes, aquestes dirigides a tots els nivells, de P1 fins a Batxillerat (Nacional i Internacional).



Practical information

ESO students - must sign out for lunch before 10am if parents have requested them to eat off the premises.

- Uniform: No buffs or scarves are to be worn in class during the cold weather. Teachers should not have to ask students to remove them. Our heating system is good, but it can be cold outside. Please ensure that your child wears the correct shoes.
- If you need to take your children out of school before the end of the day, please give us plenty of warning (not 5 minutes!) and preferably wait until 4.30 as it can cause disruption by taking a teacher out of a classroom activity. Do not ask them to leave during class, but at a lesson changeover - it causes less disruption to learning.

MIND YOUR SPANGLISH

We have **Open Days; Open Doors** is Spanglish!

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 FEBRUARY

The daily menus for February can be found in Alexia.

The Behaviour Code can be found in your child's planner (Primary/Secondary) and in Alexia.

If you have problems logging into Alexia, contact Reception.