

THE EIC BULLETIN

March 2020



This is the sixth 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,

We are well into the second half of the year and pleased with the range, variety and quality of different activities in school, from traditional celebrations such as the Chinese New Year to a hugely successful Universities Fair and all the regular meetings, Parents' Evenings and of course the Calçotada, bigger and better again with around 250 participants who enjoyed a very peasant day with good food and company as well as sports and fun for the children. This year we are continuing to develop our international links and I will mention some:

In Secondary, ESO 3A travelled to Bruges, Belgium this year for a very successful exchange with our partner school Sint Lodewijkscollege our students and staff staying with families, attending school to work on a joint curriculum-project and making local visits, such as to Brussels, The European Parliament and Bruges. ESO 3B travelled for the

German Exchange to the Saxony International School which is in Leipzig in the east of Germany. Their partners will return here soon in the spring. This year, 10 of our students are spending a year abroad and our partnership with British Summer is offering a term in Canada next year as well as a year abroad in various countries. Ask in Reception if you want more information.

I have to say that we have had many proud moments in the last month, and here are just a few: the First Lego League team who did very well at the recent tournament - they didn't win but it's taking part that counts! Our girls' volleyball team goes from strength to strength; Open Days in Pre School & Primary, hands-on parents; little moments with Pre School children speaking spontaneously in authentic English; ESO Receptionists as great ambassadors - - - and many more.

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. There will be a meeting at 4.45 on March 5th for parents. We also have candidates for the official French exams (Institut Français) and soon Chinese (Confucius Institute) and German (Goethe Institut).

Pick up a leaflet about our summer programmes at the school and abroad and the opportunity to spend a term or a year in another country too, as mentioned above.

Now is the time when we are planning for next year - transition meetings will be happening at the start of April so that families, children and teachers can begin to plan for the next step up - Pre School to Primary, Primary to Secondary, ESO to BAT/IB and BAT/IB to universities, colleges and other training or employment. Please take time to talk to teachers and children about these changes so that they can adapt to them smoothly. Open days for the next school year will be on March 7th, 28th and May 9th.

The term has been long and mainly cold so far, and there have been plenty of absences through sickness and for example the flu epidemic, and well done to everyone for keeping going. We do cover all absences for illness, trips and other reasons, so unless you hear differently, every day is a "normal" day.

Please also remind your children to follow the normal hygiene procedures in order not to transmit bugs and viruses - you can find advice from the WHO at <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/>

advice-for-public

Don't forget that school starts at 8.30 - it is not the time when you should arrive, but the time when you should be starting classes - in the classroom. We look forward to the spring weather, the Easter holidays and the summer term!

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: March 2020 / CALENDARI ESCOLAR: Març 2020

March / Març

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

4th - ESO 4 Workshop "Share" / ESO 4 Taller de trabajo "Compartir"

5th - 4.45 - Meeting for parents of students interested in Cambridge English Exams / 16.45h Reunió per a pares d'estudiants interessats en els examens d'anglès de Cambridge

6th - Pri 3 & 4 trip to the Delta de l'Ebre / Primària 3 i 4 Excursió al Delta de l'Ebre

7th - (Saturday) Pre School Open Day for prospective families / (Dissabte) Portes obertes Prescolar

9th - 13 Maths Week / Setmana de les Matemàtiques

9th - ESO 2B Reception Assistants / Assistents de Recepció ESO 2B

13th - Maths Week Closing Ceremony, 3.15 / Cerimònia de clausura de la Setmana de les Matemàtiques, 15,15h

13th - Last day of Second Academic Term / Últim dia del segons trimestre

16th - ESO 2B Reception Assistants / Assistents de Recepció ESO 2B

16th - ESO 2 Vaccinations Diphtheria-tetanus, Meningitis ACWY / ESO 2 Vacunes Diftèria-tetanus, Meningitis ACWY

17th - BAT 2 Theatre visit, *Lucas de Bohemia* / BAT 2 Visita al teatre, *Lucas de Bohemia*

18th - German Exchange visitors arrive / Arriben els visitants de l'intercanvi d'Alemanya

18th - Pri 6 Trip to Alcover / Primària 6 Sortida a Alcover

18th - Talk by the nurses: RCP to ESO4A and ESO4B / Xerrada d'infermeres: RCP a ESO 4A i ESO 4B

19th - Proves Cangur - International Maths Contest / Proves Cangur - Concurs internacional de Matemàtiques

20th - Pri 5 Trip to Capafonts / Primària 5 Sortida a Capafonts

20th - Pri 6 "Has begut oli?" workshop / Primària 6 Taller de treball "Has begut oli?"

23th - ESO 2B Reception Assistants / Assistents de Recepció ESO 2B

24th & 25 - School photos / Fotos individuals dels alumnes de l'escola

25th - German Exchange visitors depart / Els visitants de l'intercanvi amb Alemanya marxen

28th - Open Day Pri / ESO / BAT / IB (Saturday) / Portes obertes Primària / ESO / BAT / IB (Dissabte)

30th - ESO 2B Reception Assistants / Assistents de Recepció ESO 2B

30th - ESO 4 Financial Education talk / ESO 4 Xerrada d'educació financera

April / Abril

1st - P5 to Pri 1 Transition Meeting, 4.45pm / Reunió de transició de P5 a Primària 1, 16.45h

2nd - End of Term Reports published / Publicació de les notes de final de trimestre

2nd - Pri 6 to ESO 1 Transition Meeting, 4.45pm / Reunió de transició Primària 6 a ESO 1, 16.45h

3th - Last Day of Term / Últim dia del trimestre

4th - 14 Easter Holidays / Vacances de Setmana Santa

15th - Summer Term begins / Comença l'últim trimestre

Life in School



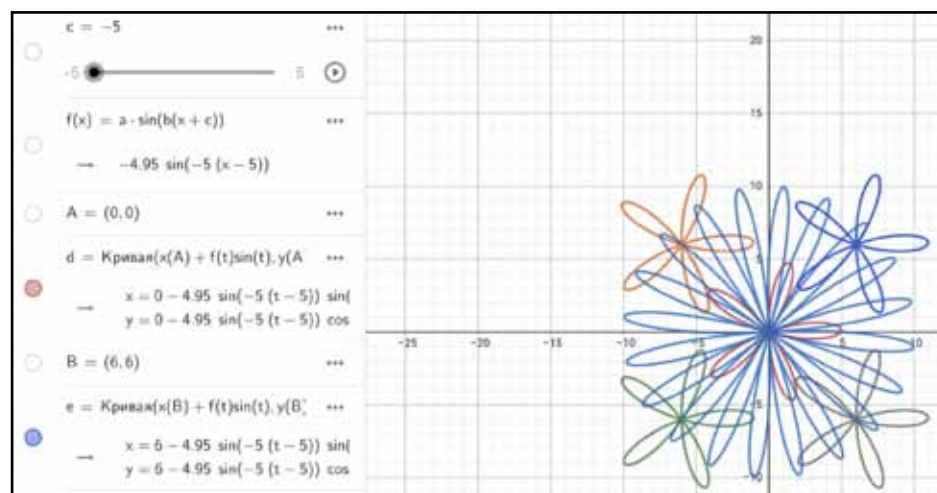
Book Collection

Many thanks to everyone who contributed books for our Library Collection. We collected over 300 books which will be sorted and added to the Library for the benefit of the whole community. Well done to Christina Pablo and her team!



Preserving our smiles

In Primary 4 we have been learning about the importance of dental hygiene. We have undertaken several experiments in science to look at the effect that different substances have on our teeth as well as investigating and recreating our own dental formulas. We were also lucky enough to receive a visit from Susana, a dentist who told us the facts about daily hygiene and the secrets to preserving our smiles for as long as possible!



Spring is coming to our IB/Bat1 Maths Class

Students have used their mathematical knowledge to create a two variable function which shape recalls the one of a flower. This activity allowed them to investigate trigonometric functions and their transformations, thanks to the support of technology (Geogebra). The photo is from Denis and Dimitry.

Why we want to help

- SSC commitment to the environment
 - Fridays for future 27/09/19
 - Sustainable Mobility campaigns
 - Programming Beach cleaning activities
 - Use of recycling at school and efficient garbage disposal management.
- SSC solidarity.
- Make a difference!




The Senior Student Council - Non Uniform Day thanks

Thank you everybody for supporting our Sustainability and Community missions! The SSC is passionate about preserving the environment, all the way from Salou to Australia. Here is a slide from our presentation to younger students. We raised over €1000, which is amazing!



La comunidad EIC se reúne en la VI Calçotada EIC

La VI Calçotada EIC fue, un año más, un éxito de asistencia. El pasado día 15 de febrero, la comunidad EIC se reunió para disfrutar de un día donde la tradición local, el deporte y el ocio fueron los protagonistas. Alumnado, familias y staff de la EIC colaboraron para volver a celebrar una iniciativa que sirve para encontrarse y compartir un rato con otras familias y con los profesores que día a día están con sus hijos. Durante la jornada se celebraron actividades deportivas, además de poner a disposición de los más pequeños un castillo hinchable.

Cabe destacar que, después de pagar toda la jornada, el sobrante de los tickets vendidos se destinará íntegramente a la fila cero de la Nit del Mecenatge de la Fundació EIC, que se celebrará el 12 de junio en la misma escuela. Esta donación irá a la bolsa de becas y ayudas para estudiantes.



Go green!

If you travel to school by e-bike or scooter, you can now charge whilst you are working or studying in EIC. We have installed e-chargers both for staff and for students in the safe parking areas. Now you have no excuse!



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

Don't forget for your diary:

- Nit del Mecenatge - June 12th - a fundraising evening with great entertainment and food as well as the presentation of Socrates Educe Scholarships, 'Becas' for students and teachers.
- The Second Jornades Pedagògiques - June 5th - a forum with inspiring and thought provoking speakers from the world of education, helping us develop a view of the future.

IMPORTANT: ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL- use the App!

If your child is absent from school, you must justify it on Alexia. The process is quick and you can add text in the App. Select "Incidents" and click on "view all". You can justify after your child has been marked absent by a teacher - not before, but all registers for the day will be finished by 5pm. You will also see how often he / she has been late.

General:

- ESO students - must sign out for lunch before 10am if parents have requested them to eat off the premises, with
- 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 **snacks** at school; **breakfast** is only used for what you have before you go to work/school, if not it is **Spanglish**!

Mr Day's Green Tip:

Share your car to travel to work / school. Reduce congestion and pollution.

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 MARCH

- The daily menus for March 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.