

THE EIC BULLETIN

November 2020



This is the second 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 November which is going to be an unpredictable month for us all. We are prepared for in or out of school learning, and for a mix. In the past 6 months we have established protocols and routines, as well as different ways of teaching and learning, and we are confident that we are "ahead of the game", focusing on what happens in the classroom and our relationships as educators with the children.

Now is the time to consider adding different ways of learning to our repertoire, and different ways of assessing too. Remember that "new ways of learning should mean new ways of evaluating".

We see children growing and we see the progress - whether we are with one and two year olds learning the basics, or 18 year olds ready to travel off into their future as independent, thinking adults with relevant skills, a set of values, empathy and

an open outlook.

Student Councils are meeting from Primary 1 to BAT/IB2 - discussing how to improve the school from day to day, representing their classmates, and understanding how and why we make decisions - being part of the process too.

If we are in an environment where we spend our time talking about children, education and learning, that shows that we are winning the long campaign over the pandemic.

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



Senior Student Council meeting.



Reading in the Forum.



ESO 3 boys in PE kit.

Calendar dates

SCHOOL CALENDAR: November 2020

November

*Individual tutorial meetings will be running with class tutors.

2nd - School continues after Long Weekend.

2nd - 12th - IB resits running.

16th - 20th - Science Week.

20th - ESO 1 & ESO 3 vaccinations.

December

4th - Non Uniform Day for charity.

7th & 8th - School closed, long weekend.

Life in school



The Olive Trees First Annual Festival in Primary

October 15th was the first "Olive Tree Festival". The aim of this event is to raise awareness of the importance of the olive tree, not only in our community, but also in our school.

As you all have noticed, a marvellous olive tree welcomes you to school every day, and it's not the only one that you have seen in our facilities, can you think where you have seen more?

Olive trees symbolise peace, wisdom, prosperity, health, luck and victory. Moreover, the olive tree symbolises the eternal link between man and the community.

We had a special guest, Eva Oriol, her family runs a business and her knowledge and expertise in the field are invaluable. She gave a presentation about the topic, including the history of the olive tree, different types of trees and olives, and traditional and modern harvest machinery. She showed us how to preserve the olives and she walked us through the whole process of the fermentation. The last, but no least part of her visit was the tasting of her own made olive oil, which was an incredible enjoyment for our students.

Cecilia Albo

Halloween music video

Here is a link to a Halloween music video on YouTube from Mr. Forés: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KclZifR7hIk&feature=youtu.be>

Dining Hall

Dear families,

We want to share with you the celebration we had in the dining room on October 16th for International Food Day. The message spread this year is "Cultivate, nurture and preserve together as our actions are our future." For this day we tasted a healthy, seasonal and local menu. The menu consisted of green salad, stewed vegetable lentils and fruit salad. The students thoroughly enjoyed healthy eating.

Sara Sánchez



Practical information

- **Wellbeing:**

It is important to look after all aspects of our children's wellbeing and how they feel. You may try out some of these activities with your children after school or at the weekend...

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/coronavirus-wellbeing-activity-ideas-for-families/>

or this site suggests an idea for managing anxiety:

https://www.booktrust.org.uk/globalassets/resources/blogs/2020/worry_box_activity-sheet.pdf

- **Mind your Spanglish Pronunciation:**

Are you worried about your pronunciation in English or do you just want to improve it? Well, here are some links to videos, Apps and exercises to help you. Remember, pronunciation is not 'accent'. Your accent is unique, keep it.

- Videos:

- How to Improve your English: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5l-fo-d0gt8>

- 10 Pronunciation Mistakes Spanish Speakers Make: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cwk24w8Qsy8>

- Exercises:

- <https://www.fluentu.com/blog/english/how-to-improve-english-pronunciation/>

- <https://learningenglish.voanews.com/a/improve-your-pronunciation-by-training-your-ears/3853284.html>

- <https://learningenglish.voanews.com/a/ask-a-teacher-how-can-i-improve-my-english-pronunciation-part-1/5276104.html>

- Apps:

- <https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/apps/learnenglish-sounds-right>

- **Extra Curricular Activities:**

October is over and extra curricular activities are running smoothly. It is nice to see how, in these difficult times, our students are so motivated to learn other languages, do individual sports, play instruments, work on science and arts and so on; always with safety measures. We would like to say thank you to all families who are trusting EIC in this respect. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any questions. Contact Núria Gómez: ngomez@escolainternacional.org.

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.

Is there an App for Alexia?

Yes, you can see attendance, reports, school emails, curriculum information, newsletters, etc on your mobile phone if you download "Alexia Familia" - it is quick and user friendly!

Does the school decide about quarantine dates?

No, the Health Department (CAP Salou) makes these decisions and informs us in each case.

When the school takes temperatures, how many are at 37.0 C or above?

Less than 5 in the whole school, including all students and staff, since August. Parents are doing a good job.