

# THE EIC BULLETIN

November 2019



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,

As an international school in the turbulent 21st Century, we are working hard to develop and broaden out children's education, to enable them to think critically and to open their minds to the needs of the community and the issues facing our society. October's Grandparents' Week and the Castanyada are cultural events which promote specific values and shared activities, so we celebrated and enjoyed these occasions, adding fun, culture and understanding to our daily life. We are international but we strongly believe in recognising and maintaining local traditions, because if not we would risk losing our identity in an unidentifiable mix.

With the same idea, parents are warmly invited to join the activities of the EIC. Happy and integrated parents mean happy and integrated children - we all need to be part of that process, especially families who are

settled, local and haven't experienced the culture shock and stress of moving home, school, country and culture - you can help new families make a successful landing. Have you tried the Volleyball for Adults?

November will be a month for working hard and consolidating as we work towards both the end of term assessments and the festive season. It is the longest term and we will cover a significant part of the curriculum during this time. If you have any concerns, social or academic, don't hesitate to email your child's teacher or Tutor at the School: [initial.surname@escolainternacional.org](mailto:initial.surname@escolainternacional.org)

For us it is the time to consolidate good habits too, such as wearing the correct uniform, following the right routines (punctually), and showing respect for other people and property.

We are working behind the scenes to improve all aspects of the Lunchtime experience, from menus, to individual dietary

needs, to organisation, playground supervision and the children's attitudes to food and eating. To this end, we will be organising information meetings for families in the coming weeks, as well as for students. We will focus on healthy eating, an open minded approach to food (children can be very fussy about their food "likes" and "dislikes", as you know, but we believe that they should try everything) and the way to behave at the mealtable, taking your time, socialising, being courteous and enjoying the convivial experience.

Below are some practical and down to earth points about school life: please read them.

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



Grandparents' Week.



Halloween.

# Calendar dates /Calendari

## SCHOOL CALENDAR: November 2019 / CALENDARI ESCOLAR: Novembre 2019

### November / Novembre

1st - Bank Holiday, School Closed / Festa local, escola tancada

4th - Reception Assistants ESO 4 / Assistents de Recepció ESO 4

6th - ESO 1 & 2 La Marató Talk / Xerrada sobre La Marató, ESO 1 i 2

6th - ESO 2 Parents' Evening, 4.45pm / Reunió de pares d'ESO 2, 16.45h.

7th - ESO 3 & 4, BAT 1 & 2 La Marató Talk / Xerrada sobre La Marató, ESO 3 i 4 i BAT 1 i 2

8th - Pri 3&4 trip to Catalunya en Miniatura / Excursió a Catalunya en Miniatura, Primària 3 i 4

8th - Pri 5&6 Trip to Montserrat / Excursió a Montserrat, Primària 5 i 6

11th - Reception Assistants ESO 4 / Assistents de Recepció ESO 4

11th - 15th - Science Week / Setmana de la Ciència

13th - Cambridge Exams Information Meeting 4.45 / Reunió informativa sobre exàmens de Cambridge, 16.45h.

15th - Vaccinations Pri 6 Girls HPV & Hepatitis A / Vacunes Papil·loma noia (VPH) Hepatitis A (VHA), Primària 6

15th - Science Week Closing Ceremony 3.15pm / Cerimònia de clausura de la Setmana de la Ciència, 15.15h.

18th - Reception Assistants ESO 4 / Assistents de Recepció ESO 4

20th - BAT 2 URV Lab Trip am / Excursió al laboratori de la URV, BAT 2, matí

20th - Theatre Visit - BAT2 Terra Baixa TGN / Visita al teatre: Terra Baixa, TGN, BAT 2

20th - ESO3 Parents' Evening, 4.45pm / Reunió de pares ESO 3, 16.45h.

22nd - Sta Cecília, Music Day / Santa Cecília, Dia de la Música

22nd - Primary 1 & 2 Trip to Cosmocaixa BCN / Excursió al Cosmocaixa BCN, Primària 1 i 2

22nd - ESO2 Trip to Poblet & Santes Creus / Excursió a Poblet i Santes Creus, ESO 2

22nd - ESO 3 Trip to Montserrat / Viatge a Montserrat, ESO 3

22nd - ESO 4 Trip to Delta de l'Ebro / Excursió al Delta de l'Ebre, ESO 4

25th - Reception Assistants ESO 3 / Assistents de Recepció ESO 3

25th - ESO1 Trip to Espanyol Stadium & Museu de Matemàtiques / Excursió a l'estadi de l'Espanyol i al Museu de les Matemàtiques, ESO 1

27th - Open Meeting - Children, Technology and Screens 3.15pm / Reunió oberta- Nens, tecnologia i pantalles, 15.15h.

27th - Pre School Open Afternoon, 4pm / Tarda oberta Prescolar, 16h.

### December / Desembre

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

4th - Parents' Evening, IB 1 & 2 / Reunió de pares, IB 1 i 2

6th - Bank Holiday, School Closed / Dia de festa, escola tancada

## Life in School

### A World Champion at EIC

Did you know that we have a World Champion at EIC? Albert Amores from ESO 2A won his category at the recent Pole Sport World Championships in Montreal, Canada. Well done Albert!

### El Gran Recapte d'Aliments

"El Gran Recapte" (the Banc dels Aliments) will be held on 22nd and 23rd November - some of our IB students will take part in it as part of their CAS (Creativity-Action-Service) project. Here is the link <https://www.granrecapte.com/>.



### Climate Change presentations in ESO 2B

Here are ESO 2B after doing their Climate Change presentations in Social Science.



### "El Día de los Muertos" from Mexico

In Primary 4 as part of our Around the World topic, we have been focusing on Mexico, learning all about the country and its traditions, in particular El Día de los Muertos. This has been particularly apt as Halloween and Castanyada approaches. We have used the iPads to research geographical facts about the country, we looked at symmetry in maths to design sugar skulls and make our own Papel Picado and also watched a short animation



in English to inspire some superbly, spooky story writing. We have also learnt a Mexican song and have researched the Mayans and their alphabet, as well as studying the work of Frida Kahlo.

### Premios 30 de Octubre

El martes 22 de octubre se celebró la XVIII edición de los Premios 30 de Octubre de Salou a la creatividad infantil y juvenil, en la que participaron unos cuatrocientos niños y niñas del municipio de entre 6 y 21 años. En el transcurso del acto, al cual asistió el alcalde de Salou, se dieron a conocer los ganadores y ganadoras de las cuatro modalidades que concurren: literatura -lengua catalana y castellana, y lengua inglesa-; artes plásticas, fotografía



y audiovisuales, en varias categorías. Felicitar a todos los participantes de la EIC y, en particular, a Clara Fernández, Nadia Mesaglio, Victor Farrés, Hugo Martin Martos, Laura Belmonte, Javier Vaquer Vic y Marcos Ortiz Martínez

## Practical information

- **Sustainability and safety:**

Car parking is becoming more difficult. 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).

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. Please do not use the staff car park.

- **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.

- **Leaving school early**

If your child needs to leave school early, please inform the tutor with an email or note in the planner, signed.

In the afternoons, children should leave at 3 or 4.30 in Primary, and 3.45 in Secondary (lesson break) because there is too much disruption in lessons when students want to leave at 3.30, 4.00 or even 4.15.

- **Smoking**

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 for October onwards:

Tuesdays 16.30-18.30

Wednesdays 8.30-10.00

Thursdays 16.30-18.30

email: [store@escolainternacional.org](mailto:store@escolainternacional.org)

### MENUS FOR NOVEMBER

The daily menus for November 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.