

# THE EIC BULLETIN

## October 2019



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,

The School Year 2019/20 is now well under way and we have established routines in a much bigger school. Our intake was over 95 new students and we are again noticing the difference with last year. The school has a fuller feel, but better organisational systems and stronger teamwork mean that it is running very smoothly and calmly.

The aim of this Bulletin is to share some of our priorities this year.

We are now aiming to consolidate good routines and continue to insist on punctuality, tidiness of classrooms, good personal organisation and being ready to learn. Your child in Primary or Secondary has received a new School Planner which will help personal organisation.

For parents of students in ESO and BAT/IB, you will probably have heard that teachers continue to be strict about punctuality to classes and that there are consequences.

It is important for children to learn about individual responsibility and to realise that being on time is also a matter of respect for others. The EIC School Planner is a very important tool for your child. In Primary and Secondary, they should record homework and other tasks, messages and other information. It is also one way to communicate with your child's tutor - ask the to show a written message and get it signed, for example. Our particular themes this year are Sustainability and Courtesy - you will find them referred to in the Planner - these themes permeate the curriculum and the school, inside and outside the classroom, helping our children to develop as rounded, sociable and thinking citizens of the future.

One aspect of both these themes is the respect of property - we do not tolerate damage to school or personal property, and if you hear of cases of damage, please pass on the information.

We are a school which is different, so we will soon be celebrating Grandparents and Older People - please talk about the activities the children have been doing (the younger classes in particular), and we will be pleased to see many grandparents in school in the week beginning October 7th.

The Senior Student Council has begun its meetings and is electing new members for the new year, having played an important part in school life last year, and having initiated a number of changes and improvements. The level of debate is impressively mature - we should be proud of what they achieve including the event to raise awareness of Climate Crisis - see also the message below from a student in ESO 4.

Watch out for events in the Calendar and put them in your diary - Science Week will be the next big one, so contact the school if you want to participate.

The Extra Curricular Activities

are running, but there still may be time to find a place if you have not yet signed up - contact Reception.

Finally, please do not double park outside the school. The area marked "BUS" is for taxis, disabled or infirm students, grandparents and parents as is a drop-off zone. You also risk a fine from the Local

Police.

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: October 2018 / CALENDARI ESCOLAR: Octubre 2018

### October / Octubre

1st - Primary 1 & 2 Parents' Information Meeting, 4.45pm / Reunió de pares de Primària 1 i 2, 16.45h

2nd - Primary 3 & 4 Parents' Information Meeting 4.45pm / Reunió de pares de Primària 3 i 4, 16.45h

2nd - BAT 1 & 2 Parents' Information Meeting 4.45pm / Reunió de pares de BAT 1 i 2, 16.45h

3rd - Primary 5 & 6 Parents' Information Meeting 4.45pm / Reunió de pares de Primària 5 i 6, 16.45h

7th - 11th - Grandparents' Week / Setmana dels avis

11th - Grandparents invited in to school, 3.15pm in the Forum / Els avis estan convidats a l'escola, 15.15h al Fòrum

15th - Alexia for families / ICT in EIC for families meeting, 5pm / Reunió per a les famílies sobre Alèxia i TIC a l'EIC, 17h

18th - UK Universities Fair - British Council, Barcelona (BAT 1 & 2) / Fira d'Universitats del Regne Unit, Consulat britànic, Barcelona (BAT 1 i 2)

23rd - Tarragona Universities Fair / Fira d'Universitats de Tarragona

28th - Halloween / Halloween

29th - Castanyada / Castanyada

30th, 31st, and November 1st - Local & Bank Holidays - School closed (long weekend) / Festa local- escola tancada (cap de setmana llarg)

### Novembre / November

5th - Autumn IB Exams start / Comencen els exàmens de tardor d'IB

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

8th - Pri 1 & 2 Trip to Montserrat / Excursió a Montserrat, Primària 1 i 2

## Life in School



### Climate Crisis

Hugo Fanjul, ESO 4

Climate change is not a myth, climate change is a fact. The earth has been experiencing a lot of alarming changes during this last century. The UN (United Nations) has already announced that climate change will reach an irreversible point at the year 2050. As a school, we encourage everybody to change our habits to a more ecological way of doing things. On Friday 26th we asked you to help the environment by using a more sustainable means of transport and here are some ideas: people who live near can come by bike, scooter or skateboard (or on foot) and people who live farther away can car share to save pollution levels. And finally, the environment would improve much more if we try to make this one day travel by ecologic transport, a habit during the rest of the school year.



### Primary 4 Mystery Visitor

This week in Primary Four we had a mystery visitor who left a suitcase and a letter in our corridor. We discovered that it was Tintin who had left the item. We have since been working hard to investigate the contents of the suitcase and are composing letters using figurative language to reply to Tintin.

## Secondary English

Welcome from the new Secondary English teachers - we are a department which has grown, is ambitious and is working hard for success for all students - from the new arrivals to the who are aiming at Cambridge PET, First, Advanced or even Proficiency and onwards. If you wish to contact us, you can speak to Mr Darren Rogers or Ms Zoey Mee - and Mr Day also teaches English.

We have two more English teachers, Ms Caoimhe Guilfoyle and Ms Rebecca Parker who are working with a big EIC/SEERA international sports project - more about that later.

## Premio Dret i Societat del despacho Roca Junyent Advocats

Las alumnas de 4º de ESO han quedado finalistas del Premio Dret i Societat del despacho Roca Junyent Advocats con dos trabajos combinados bajo el título "Todo por una historia". El trabajo nos habla de un juicio entre dos amigas enfrentadas por descubrir quién es el propietario real de una obra de éxito. El trabajo, redactado por Laura Belmonte y ilustrado per Montserrat Rodríguez, nos acerca al mundo actual que vivimos con las nuevas tecnologías. El acto de entrega de premios se celebrará el día 2 de octubre a las 19 horas en el Ilustrísimo Colegio de Abogados de Barcelona. Muchas felicidades a las participantes y finalistas por el trabajo hecho. ¡Y mucha suerte el próximo 2 de octubre!

# Practical information

- **Sustainability - Cycling to school**

We installed a bike park so that you can ride or even scoot to school. The cycle path from Vilaseca to Salou goes right past our door. Your bike will be parked inside the school, through the side gate and will be safe during the daytime and under cover. You must wear a helmet and bring a bike lock.

- **Early arrivals Primary / Secondary**

If your children arrive at school early, they should wait at the Main Entrance. The doors open at 8.20am.

If your child is travelling a long distance and needs to enter early, for example due to train times, please notify Administration.

- **No chewing gum, adults or students, so that we can keep our floors immaculate.**

## 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 OCTOBER

The daily menus for October 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.